

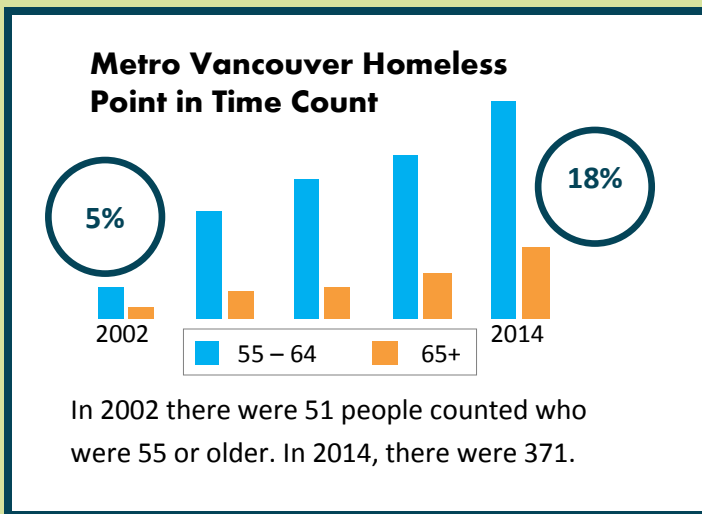
Homelessness is Increasing for Seniors in Metro Vancouver



{ Who are Homeless Seniors? }

Homeless seniors may be younger than you think—poverty and homelessness impact how we age. For people experiencing homelessness, seniors are often identified when they are 50 years of age. This reflects similarities with those up to 15 years older in areas such as health, mental health and job prospects.

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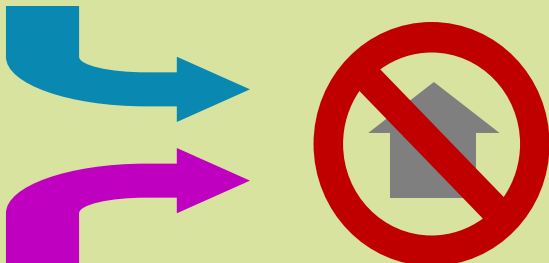
During Apr '11 to Mar '12 those 55 or older made up 11% of the stays in Metro Vancouver Emergency Shelters. In 13/14 they made up 16% of stays. If this continues, in 15/16 it could be as much as 23% -

that's almost one in four.



Causes of homelessness for seniors include

Aging while experiencing homelessness



Becoming newly homeless



Loss of spouse, carer, housemate



Loss of job, social status, fixed income



Family crisis including abuse



Eviction

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