

The Four Waves of Boomer Spirituality

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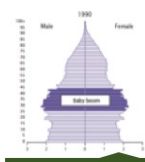
Quick Snapshot of Boomers



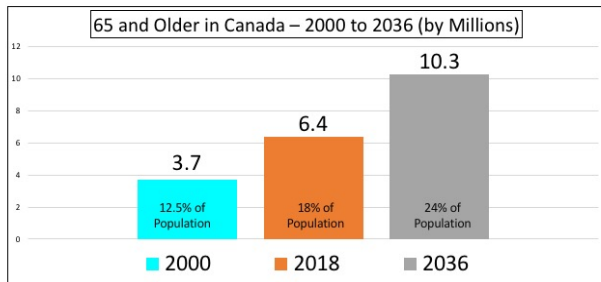
Born 1946-1964



Post WWII

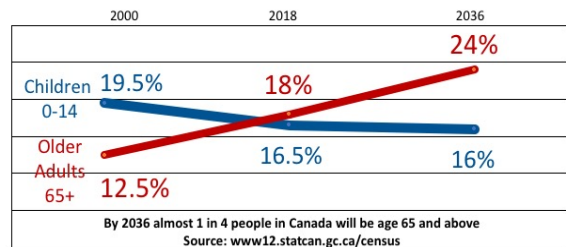


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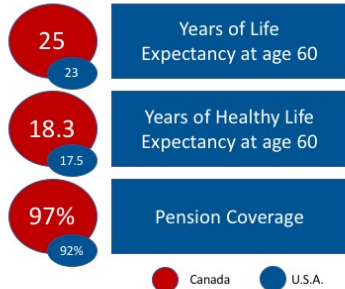
Source: www12.statcan.gc.ca/census

Percentage of Children and Older Adults in Canada



Global AgeWatch Ranking of Older Adult Populations – The Top Ten

- Switzerland
- Norway
- Sweden
- Germany
- Canada
- Netherlands
- Iceland
- Japan
- U.S.A.
- United Kingdom



<http://www.helpage.org/global-agewatch/about/global-agewatch-index-version-20/>

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HOW WILL YOU LIVE YOUR NEXT YEARS?

WHAT WE DO IN OUR HEALTHY YEARS WILL BEAR FRUIT IN THE DEPENDENT YEARS

Living in the Healthy Years

- L**earning: opening up to new ideas and innovation
- I**dentify: discovering God's call
- V**irtue: growth in spiritual disciplines and missional engagement
- E**xperiences: engaging with others in worship, prayer, and outreach

Living in the the Dependent Years

- L**oving: receiving the care and help of others
- I**dentify: joyful acceptance of God's grace
- V**irtue: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control
- E**xperiences: engaging with others in worship, prayer, and outreach

Today's Human Condition

• A feeling that the institutions of society have not kept their promises (work, government, education, church, family).

• A breakdown in relationships that leads to feelings of abandonment or loss.



• A feeling I have to make it on my own because I have lost trust in other people and in society as a whole.

• Feeling the changes in society have left you behind. Drifting through the world without a deep sense of connection.

Source: *Boomer Spirituality: Seven Values for the Second Half of Life*
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Actions that are morally acceptable (Gallup Poll, 2001 & 2016)

	2001	2016	% Change
Divorce	68	72	4%
Sex between an unmarried man and woman	53	67	14%
Having a baby outside of marriage	45	62	17%
Gay or lesbian relations	40	60	20%
Abortion	42	43	1%
Married men and women having an affair	7	10	3%

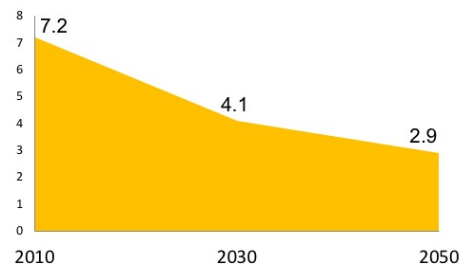
In 1969, Gallup found that premarital sex was frowned upon by two-thirds of Americans. That critical view dropped sharply by the early 1970s to 47%; and in 1985, Gallup found a majority of Americans on the other side, with 52% saying premarital sex was morally okay.

Source: www.Gallup.com

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Number of Potential Family Caregivers Per Person Over 80



http://www.aarp.org/working/older/assess/research/public_policy_institute/2013/baby-boom-and-the-growing-care-gap-insight-AARP-ppl-ttc.pdf

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Ministry priorities Results of ministry Human condition



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Ministry Priority	Results of Ministry	Human Condition	LIVE
Apostles' Teaching	How are you equipping people for service to others?	Where do you see self-seeking in your community?	Learn
Prayers	How are you helping people discover God's call for their lives?	Where do you see rootlessness in your community?	Identity
Breaking Bread	How are you offering the grace of Jesus Christ?	Where do you see brokenness in your community?	Virtue
Fellowship	How are you including new people in your faith community?	Where do you see loneliness in your community?	Experiences

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