Understanding the Landscape of Housing for Seniors in Calgary

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- Calgary's Housing
 Situation for Seniors
- Housing options for Seniors in Transition
- Making an informed decision



Calgary's Growing Seniors Population

Increasing senior population combined with rising rents has fueled the demand for seniors housing.

Long-Term Population Growth



Seniors Housing: A Critical Need



CMHC Average Market Rent increased **32%** for one bedrooms in just the past two years.

An annual income of **\$59,000**/ year is needed to afford average market rent of \$1,463/ month





Seniors Benefit Incomes are Falling Behind Rents 5 SILVERA

While rents have increased **32%** over the past two years, seniors' maximum benefit income has not kept pace:

11% for 65 to 74-year-olds **15%** for 75+ year olds

Seniors Benefit Income Increases vs Calgary One Bedroom Rent Increases (2022 - 2024)



The Continuum of Housing

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The Continuum of Care

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Silvera is a non-profit housing provider delivering a diverse selection of housing options - both affordable, low-to-middle income, and market, middle to upper middle income, for independent seniors in Calgary.

We are:

- A trusted Not-For-Profit organization providing housing and support services for over 60 years
- We work with all levels of government to provide seniors housing
- Proud to serve Calgary seniors with differing levels of income
- Located in all four quadrants of the city over 1,800 units in 28 supportive living and independent living communities

Where are Silvera locations in Calgary?

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Affordable Rental Housing

Independent Living / Accommodations Only ➤ RGI & % Below

Supportive Living / Accommodations Plus Services RGI + Service Package Fees

Mid - Market Rental Housing

** Independent Living / Accommodations Only (Mixed Market)
 > Competitive Market Rent & % Below



Silvera's Affordable Housing

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Non-market Rental Housing (IL)

Rental accommodations only with rates indexed to 30% of resident annual income

Low to Modest Income Seniors

<\$49K/year



Below-market Rental Housing (IL)

Rental accommodations only with rates indexed below annual market benchmarks established by CMHC *Modest to Moderate Income Seniors*

\$36K - \$65K/year



Subsidized Housing w/ Full Services (SL)

Accommodations with full services, rent indexed to 30% of annual income plus a service package fee

(includes operating subsidies and residual income requirements)

SUBSIDIZED/AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Silvera Residents (affordable)

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Average age: 76



61% Females | 39% Males



Avg annual income: \$23,435





Average age: 80



63% Females | 37% Males



Avg annual income: \$26,837



Affordable Independent Living Apartments (IL)

Rent Geared to Income

- Residents must access all eligible income benefits
- Rent calculated at 30% gross monthly income

Income eligibility:

Studio < \$39,500/ year One Bedroom <\$49,000/year Two Bedroom <\$59,000/year **Opening May 1, 2024** Silvera's Newest Independent Living Location

Livingston Terrace Apartments

- Rent Geared to Income and Percentage Below Market
- Pet Friendly



Affordable Independent Living Apartments (IL)

Percentage Below Market

Rent calculated as a percentage below the annual CMHC average market rent.

One Bedroom:

- Gilchrist North (NE) \$1,228 \$1,448
- Livingston Terrace Apartments (NE) \$814, \$1,228 and \$1,263 (+ den)
- Willow Park on the Bow (Central) \$1,228
- Westview Residence West (SW) \$1,090

Two Bedroom:

• Livingston Terrace Apartments (NE) \$1,674

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Affordable Supportive Living (SL)

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Rent Geared to Income + Service Package

Rent of the Suite: Rent Geared to Income (30% of gross monthly income) PLUS...

A monthly service package that includes:

- 3 meals per day
- Weekly housekeeping
- Life, learning and leisure programs
- 24/7 staff onsite

A *maximum* of \$1,075 or \$1,155, adjusted based on each person's income, to ensure they are left with a *minimum* of \$357 after rent and service package payment.



Silvera's Market Rental Housing

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Mid-market Rental Housing

Mid-market Housing w/ Full Services

COMPETITIVE MARKET HOUSING Moderate (\$53K) to Upper-middle Income (\$100K+) Silvera provides market housing units to upper-middle-income independent seniors to meet this population need and to support and grow Silvera's affordable units on a portfolio basis.

Market Rental Housing – Independent living

Market Rental Independent Living Apartments

Regular market rent with no income eligibility requirements

One-Bedroom:

- Willow Park on the Bow starting at \$1,596 / month
- Westview Residence West starting at \$1,790 / month

Two-Bedroom:

- Willow Park on the Bow starting at \$2,147 / month
- Westview Residence West starting at \$2,008 / month



Market Rental Housing – Supportive Living

Market Rental Supportive Living

Regular market rent with no income eligibility requirements

Westview Town Suites

Studios	starting at \$2,900
Studios walkouts	\$3,375
One bedrooms	starting at \$4,100
Two bedrooms	starting at \$4,800



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Silvera Application Process







Questions about the application process?

Contact the Community Living Coordinator Team 403.567.5301 communityliving@silvera.ca

Want to learn more?

View our complete offerings and phone to book a tour directly at any of our Market or Supportive Living communities by visiting our website: www.silvera.ca



