Aging in British Columbia

Dashboard Overview

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Objective

 Sustaining the provincial economy with insights on the population aging and future recommendations for the government.

Definition

Dependency:

"the state of relying on or being controlled by someone or something else"

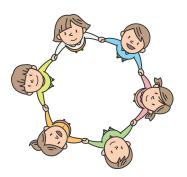
Demographically, <u>dependency ratio</u> is the proportion of the dependant population (non-earning) to the independent (earning population)

Significance

Dependency ratio is a influential factor in the economic health of province

Children dependants

- An Investment for the future
- Need expenditure on resources Education, Healthcare.

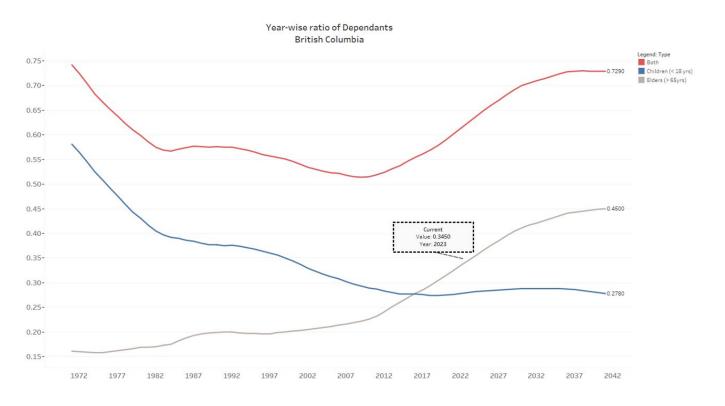


Elderly dependants

- Wisdom for the present
- A declining resource for future
- Need expenditure on resources Healthcare,
 Pension



Dependency ratio in British Columbia (B.C.)



The ratio of Elderly dependents exceeds the the ratio of Children dependents.

 Nearly 73% of B.C. population will be dependent by 2041.

 45% of population will be elderly

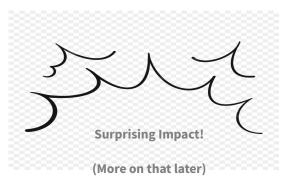
Impact of high elderly dependency ratio



Decrease in tax income to provincial government



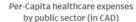
Increase in Healthcare expenses

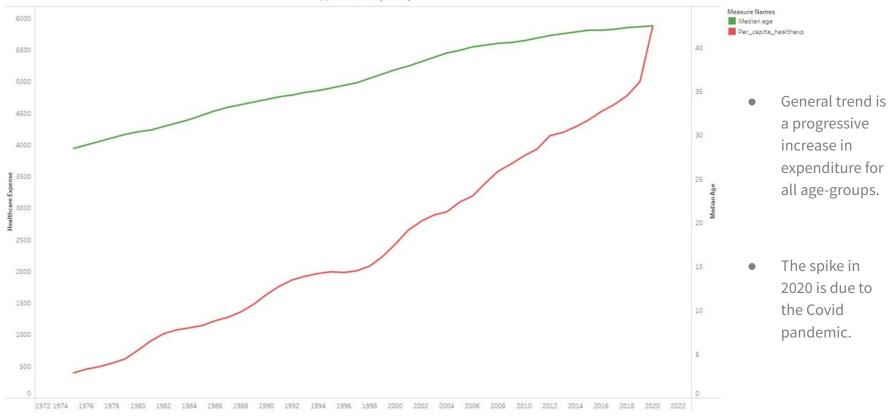




Stagnation of cultural and economic change

Healthcare in B.C.



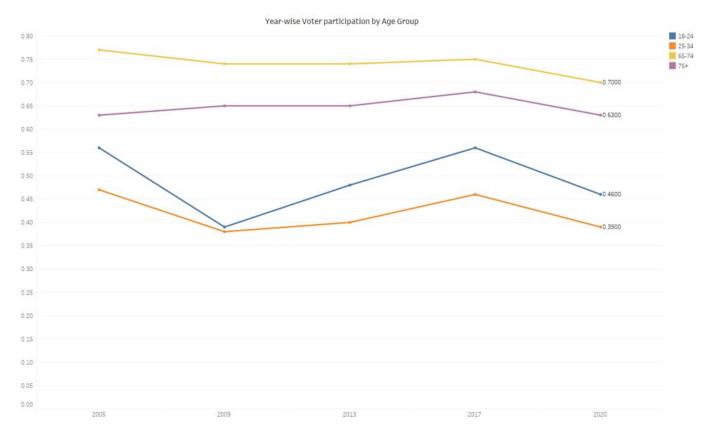


Surprising Impact

Voter turnout, often overlooked factor is be influenced heavily by dependency ratio!



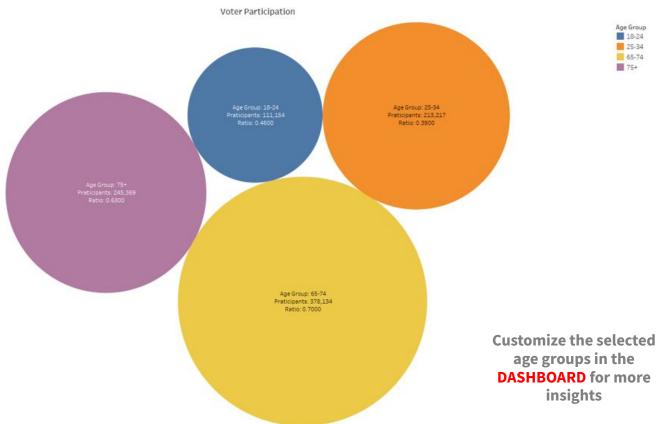
Voter Participation



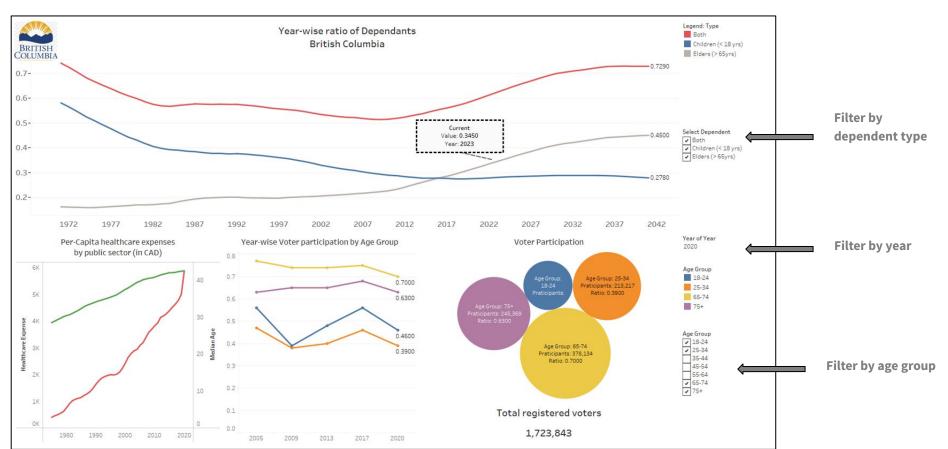
 63% of 75+ yrs registered elders, participated in 2020 General Elections

46% of 18-24 yrs registered persons, participated in 2020 General Elections.

Voter Participation in 2020



Dashboard



Key Takeaways

• 73% of the population in B.C. will be dependent by 2041. 45% of the population will be elderly of age 65+ yrs.

- Per-capita Public Healthcare expenditure in 2020 was nearly 6000 CAD. It will increase with increasing elderly dependency ratio.
- Children promise a future of continuous revenue. Income from taxes in future, will decrease with a decreasing Children dependency ratio.

• Elders participation in general elections in high, future government mandates and popular decision might revolve around the interests of the Elders.

• There is a risk of averseness to change, with a dominance of elderly population in future.

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