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Fall-Related Hospitalizations in Seniors

Canada and B.C., 2007–2008

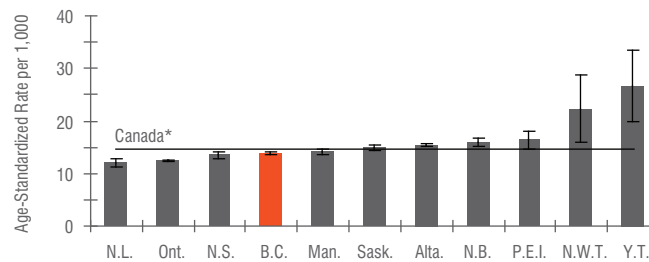
In 2007–2008, seniors in Canada (excluding Quebec) accounted for **13%** of the total population.

Among this group . . .

39% of fall-related hospitalizations involved a hip fracture.

The average acute length of stay for fall-related hospitalizations was **15 days**, compared to **9 days** for all other hospitalizations.

Age-Standardized Fall-Related Hospitalization Rate for Seniors in 2007–2008



Note

* Excluding Quebec residents; Nunavut data suppressed due to small cell size.

Source

Discharge Abstract Database, 2007–2008, Canadian Institute for Health Information.

There were over **50,000** hospitalizations related to unintentional falls.

Fall-related hospitalizations involving a hip fracture accounted for **95%** of all hip fractures.

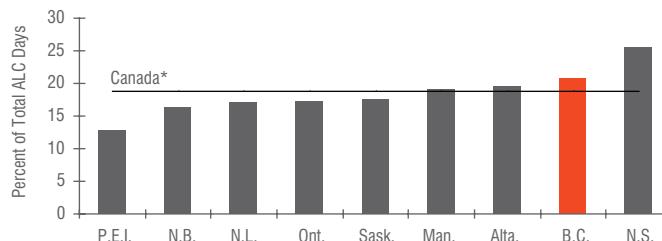
In 2007–2008, seniors accounted for **14%** of British Columbia's total population.

Among this group . . .

The fall-related hospitalization rate for residential care was **3.6 times** higher than the hospitalization rate for falls occurring outside residential care.

20% of non-residential care patients were transferred into a residential care facility after their hospital stay.

Percent of Total ALC Days for Seniors Involving a Fall-Related Hospitalization in 2007–2008



Note

* Excluding Quebec residents; Nunavut, Yukon and Northwest Territories data suppressed due to small cell size.

Source

Discharge Abstract Database, 2007–2008, Canadian Institute for Health Information.

Almost **60%** of the ALC days related to hospitalization for an unintentional fall were for seniors waiting to be transferred into residential care.

Nearly **1 in 10** hospitalizations were related to a fall.

8% of seniors experiencing a fall-related hospitalization died before leaving the hospital.

The difference **data** makes