

## FACTSHEET

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Office of the Premier  
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### **SHELTER AID FOR ELDERLY RENTERS**

The Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) program helps make rents affordable for BC seniors with low to moderate incomes. SAFER provides monthly cash payments to eligible BC residents who are age 60 or over and who pay rent for their homes in the private market.

The number of seniors' households receiving SAFER has increased from 12,380 in 2001 to approximately 15,300 today. The following is a breakdown of SAFER recipients by region, and a number of selected cities within each region.

#### **Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley: 8,403 recipient households**

<b>Selected Cities</b>	<b>Recipient households</b>
Vancouver	2,322
Richmond	417
City of North Vancouver	291
West Vancouver	211
Burnaby	675
Surrey	1,126
Abbotsford	497
Langley (City and DM)	350
Chilliwack	406

#### **Vancouver Island: 2,913 recipient households**

<b>Selected Cities</b>	<b>Recipient households</b>
Victoria	834
Saanich	234
Esquimalt	101
Nanaimo	458
Campbell River	134
Port Alberni	94

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### **Interior and Kootenays: 3,324 recipient households**

<b>Selected Cities</b>	<b>Recipient households</b>
Kamloops	468
Kelowna	740
Penticton	414
Salmon Arm	149
Vernon	499
Williams Lake	63
Nelson	41
Cranbrook	127

### **North: 560 recipient households**

<b>Selected Cities</b>	<b>Recipient households</b>
Prince George	269
Quesnel	52
Prince Rupert	15
Dawson Creek	70
Terrace	12