# Demographic Trends: What are the Implications for Alberta's Beef Industry?

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# Demographic Analysis

#### **Overview**

- Study of human populations
- Key factors of analysis:
  - » Sex
  - » Ethnicity/race
  - » Marital status and family structure
  - » Births and deaths
  - » Migration
  - » AGE

# Demographic Analysis Overview

To become an amateur demographer you must understand:

- Two assumptions
- Template of "cohorts"

# **Demographic Analysis Assumptions**

# Assumption #1

Every year you get a year older

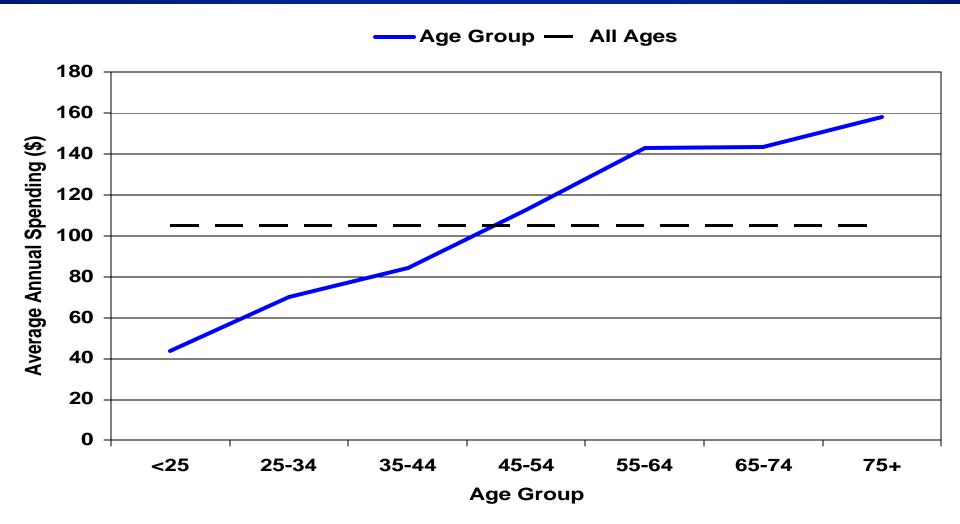
# **Demographic Analysis Assumptions**

## Assumption #2

You tend to act your age

# **Garden Supplies and Services**

Canada, 2005 (\$ per person)



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# **Demographic Analysis Assumptions**

#### • Acting your age:

- "Two-thirds of everything" (David K. Foot, Boom, Bust & Echo 2000)
- » Life cycle analysis of economic behaviour: how you spend your time and money
- » Strategic and long-term (10-20 years)
- » Baseline analysis (don't forget the survey research, economic forecasting, policy analysis, etc.)

#### **Demographic Analysis**

#### **Cohorts**

- Boom: 1947-1966
  - » 42-61 in 2008
  - » 30 percent of Canada's population (Alberta, 29 percent)
- Bust. 1967-1979
  - » 29-41 in 2008
  - » 18 percent of Canada's population (Alberta, 20 percent)
- *Echo*: 1980-1995
  - » 13-28 in 2008
  - » 22 percent of Canada's population (Alberta, 24 percent)

# **Demographic Analysis**

- Today's presentation:
  - » Major demographic trends in Alberta, Canada, and selected countries:
    - Historical
    - Projected
  - » What the trends mean for the beef industry:
    - Potential product demand ("demographic pressure")
    - Labour force ("demographic footprint")
    - Marketing

## Demographic Trends - Alberta

1991-2006

## **Demographic Trends – Alberta**

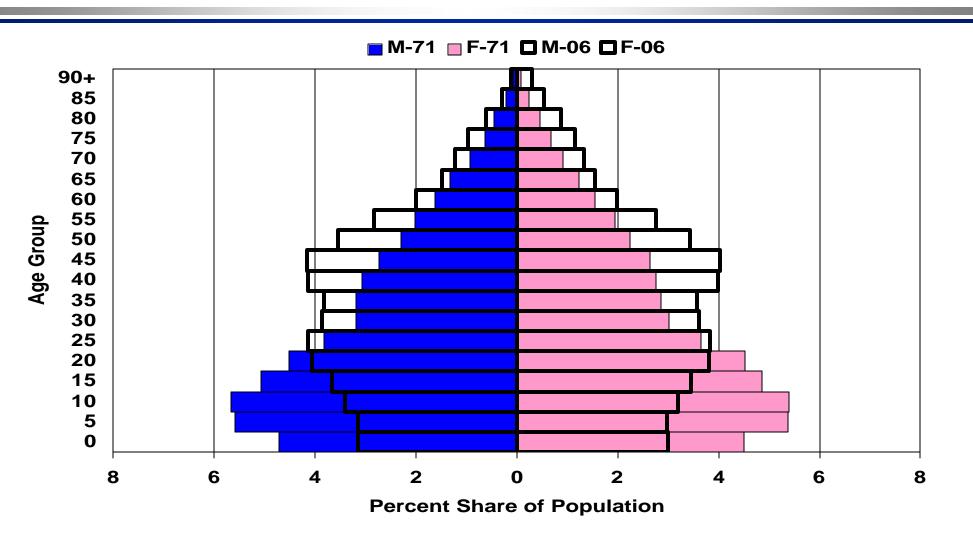
- Between 1991 and 2006, Alberta's population increased by 30 percent
- Alberta's growth was second only to that of British Columbia and well above the national average
- Alberta accounted for about 10 percent of Canada's population in 2006
- Between 2001 and 2006, Alberta's population growth (10.6 percent) was twice that of Canada (5.4 percent)
- In 2006, about two-thirds (64 percent) of Alberta's population lived in either the Calgary or Edmonton CMA's

# **Demographic Trends – Alberta**

Alberta's population has not only been increasing but it has also been aging. In 1971, 24 percent of Albertans were 45-plus; by 2006, 35 percent.

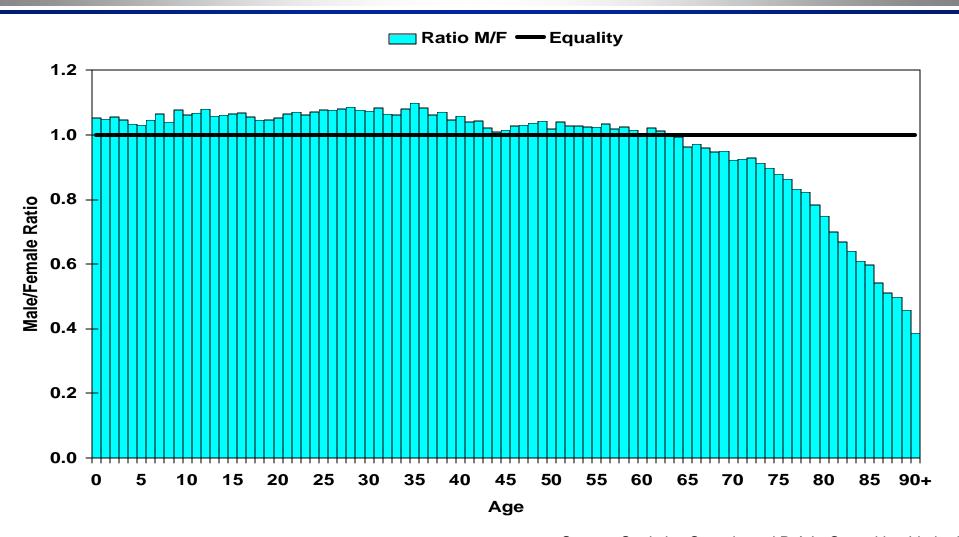
**Alberta** 

#### Population Pyramid, 1971 (colour) versus 2006 (outline)



**Alberta** 

#### Male/Female Ratio by Age, 2006

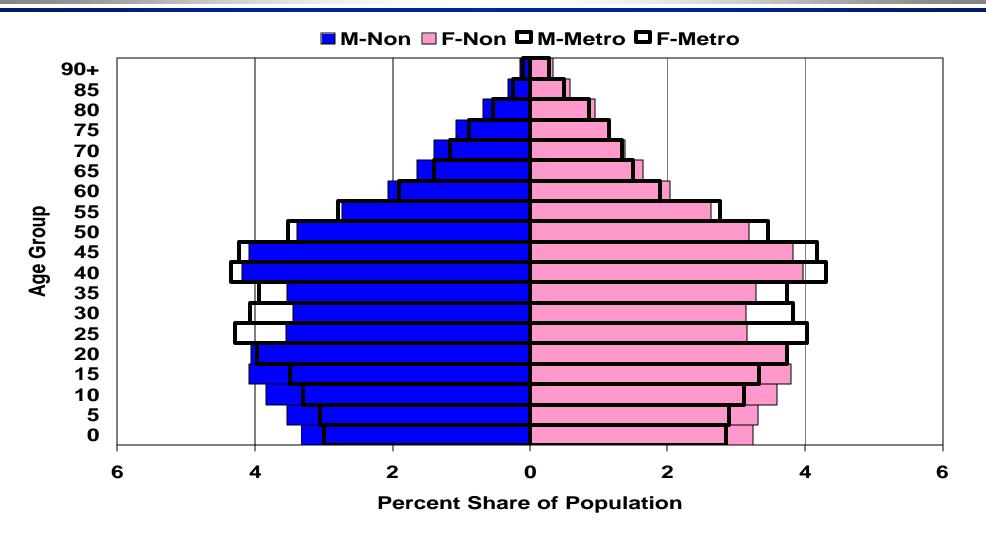


# **Demographic Trends – Alberta**

The aging trend in Alberta is more pronounced in the non-metropolitan areas.

**Alberta** 

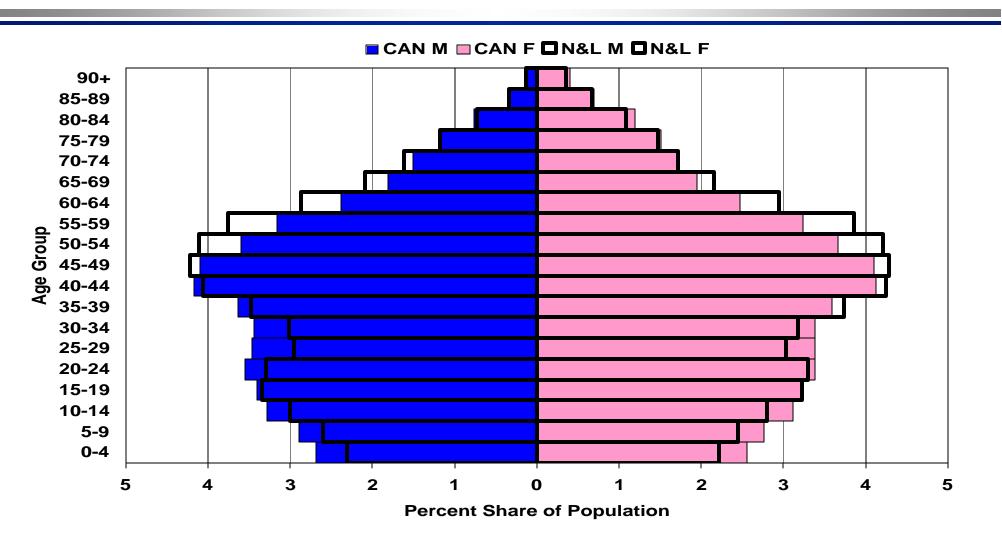
#### Population Pyramid, Non-CMA (colour) versus CMA (outline), 2005



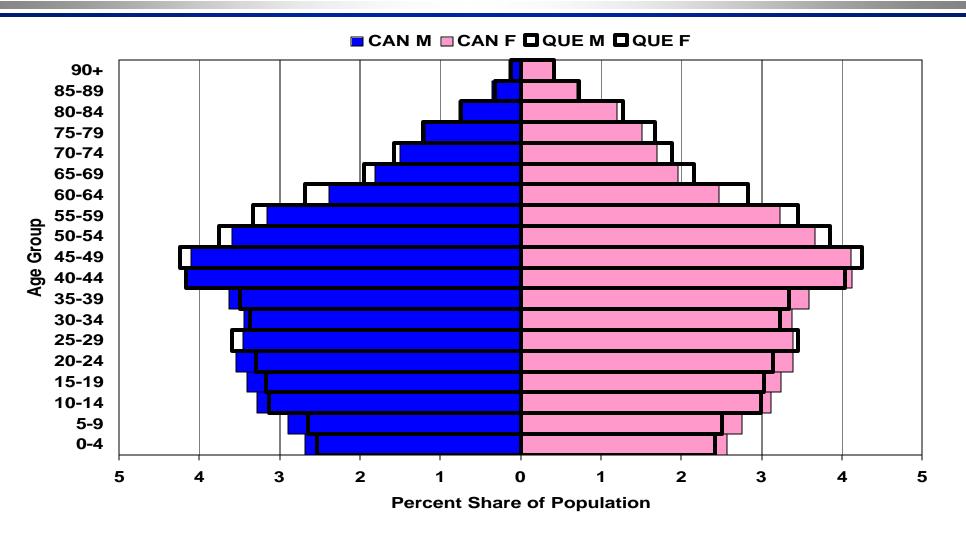
# Demographic Trends - Canada

However, Alberta looks young compared to the rest of the provinces.

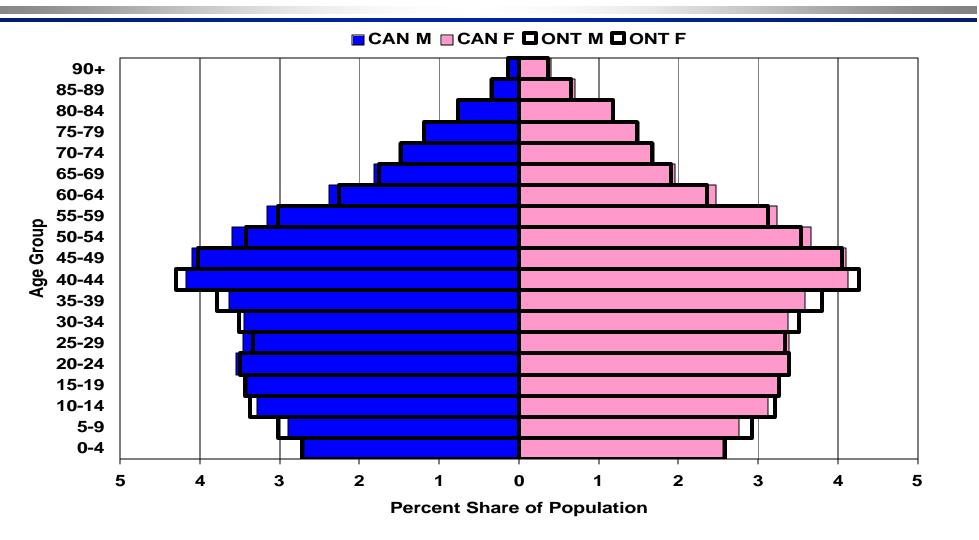
Newfoundland & Labrador (outline) versus Canada (colour), 2006 (percent)



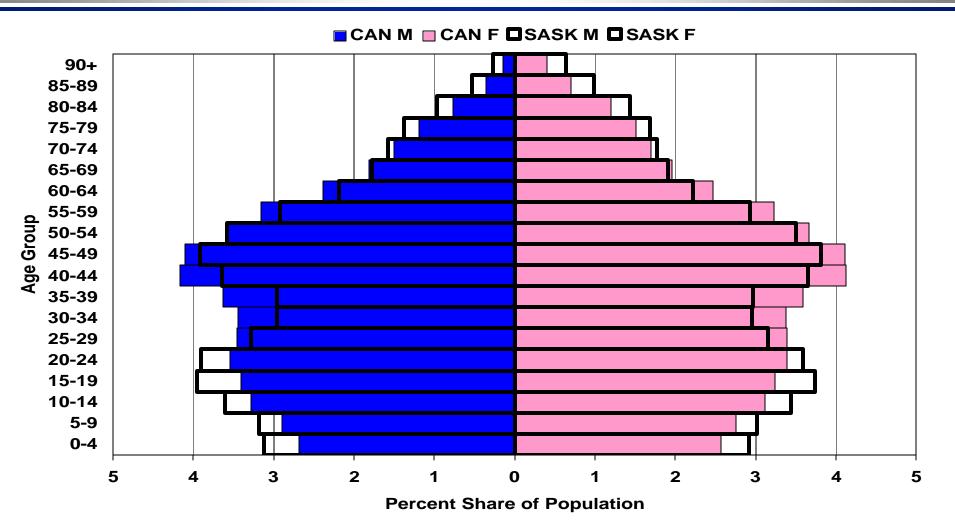
Québec (outline) versus Canada (colour), 2006 (percent)



Ontario (outline) versus Canada (colour), 2006 (percent)

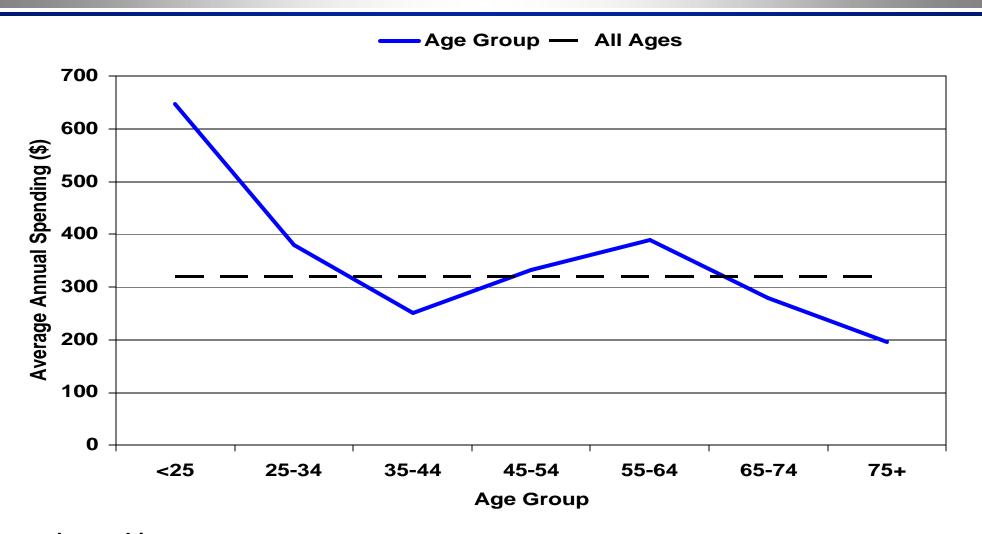


Saskatchewan (outline) versus Canada (colour), 2006 (percent)

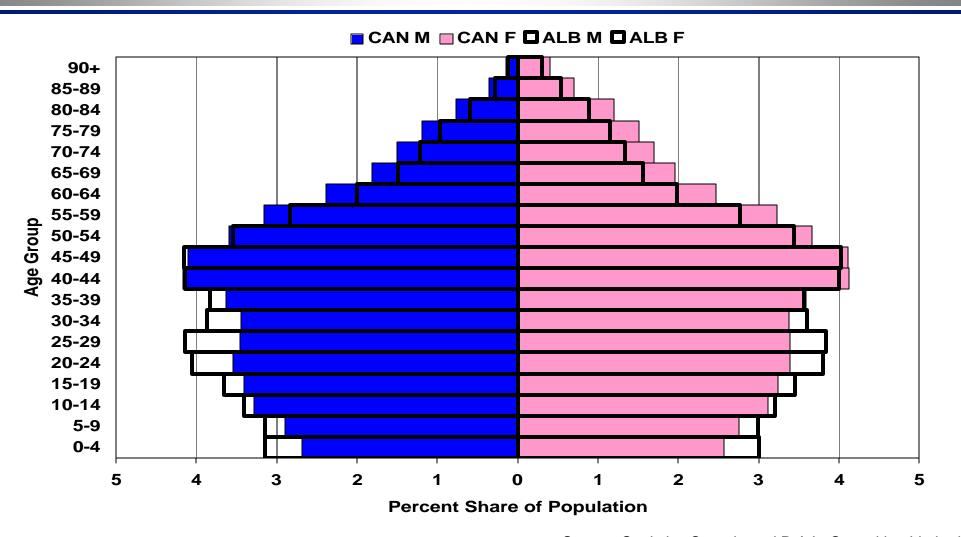


#### **Household Spending – Canada**

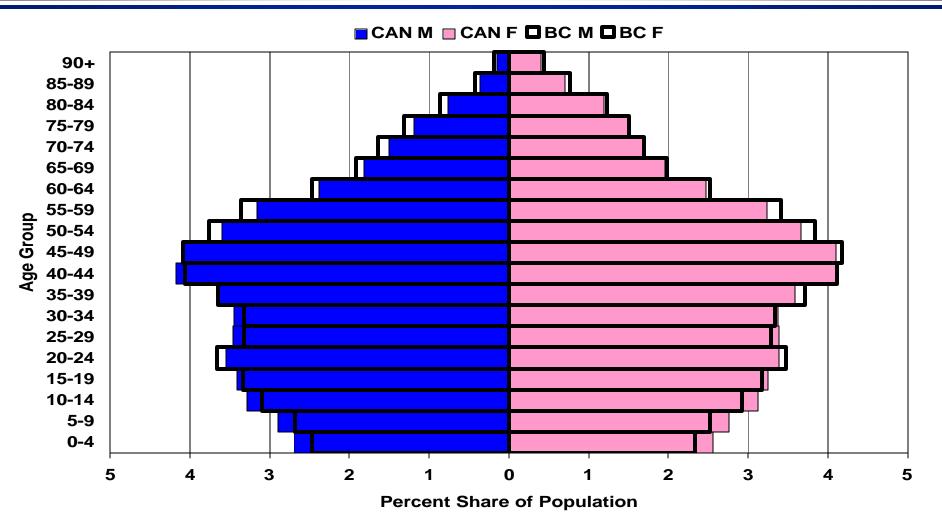
Alcoholic Beverages (\$ per person), 2005



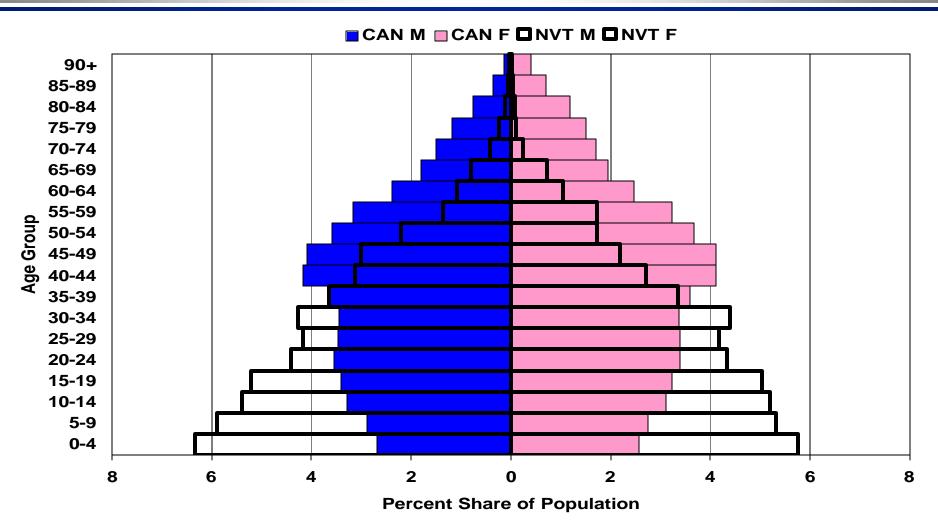
Alberta (outline) versus Canada (colour), 2006 (percent)



British Columbia (outline) versus Canada (colour), 2006 (percent)



Nunavut (outline) versus Canada (colour), 2006 (percent)

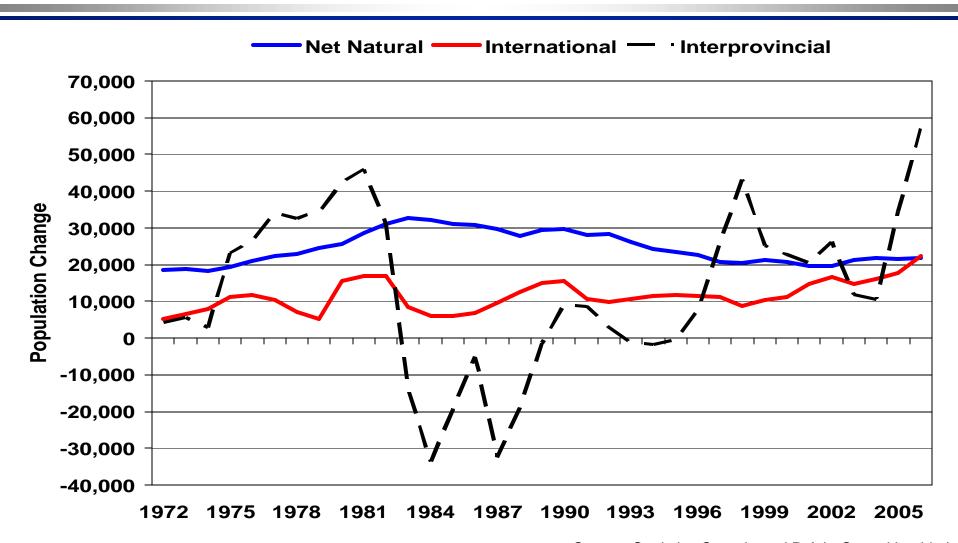


## Demographic Trends - Alberta

On average between 1996 and 2006, annual population growth through migration exceeded growth through net natural increase.

#### **Alberta**

#### Population Change by Source, 1972-2006

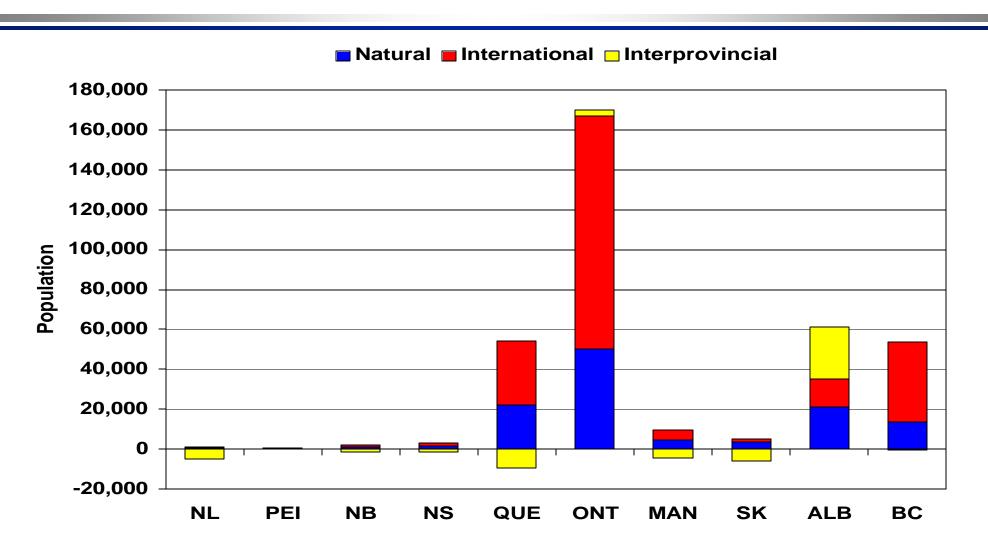


### Demographic Trends - Alberta

# And where are Alberta's migrants coming from?

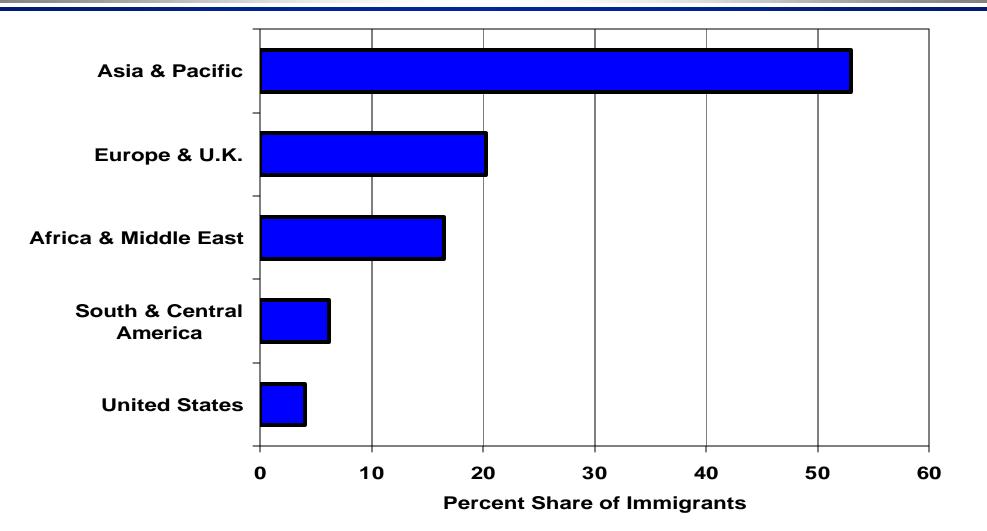
#### **Canada's Provinces**

#### Population Change by Source, 1996-2006 (annual average)



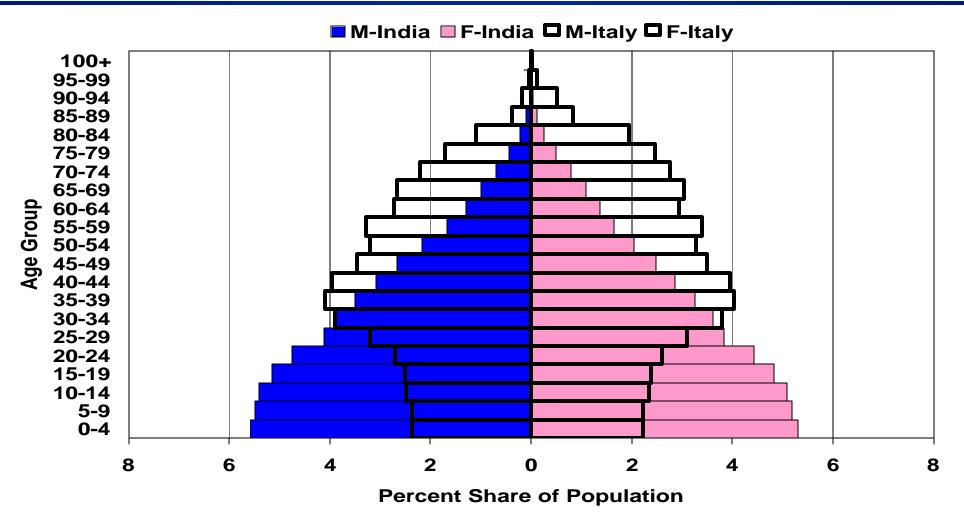
#### **Alberta**

#### Average Share of Immigrants by Source Region, 1997-2006



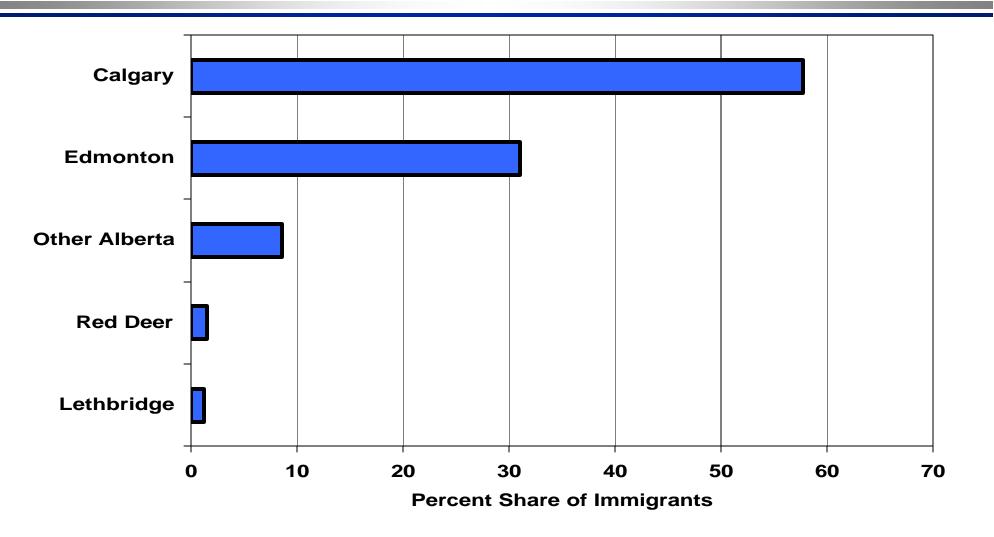
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Italy versus India, 2005 (percent)



#### **Alberta**

#### Average Share of Immigrants by Destination, 1997-2006



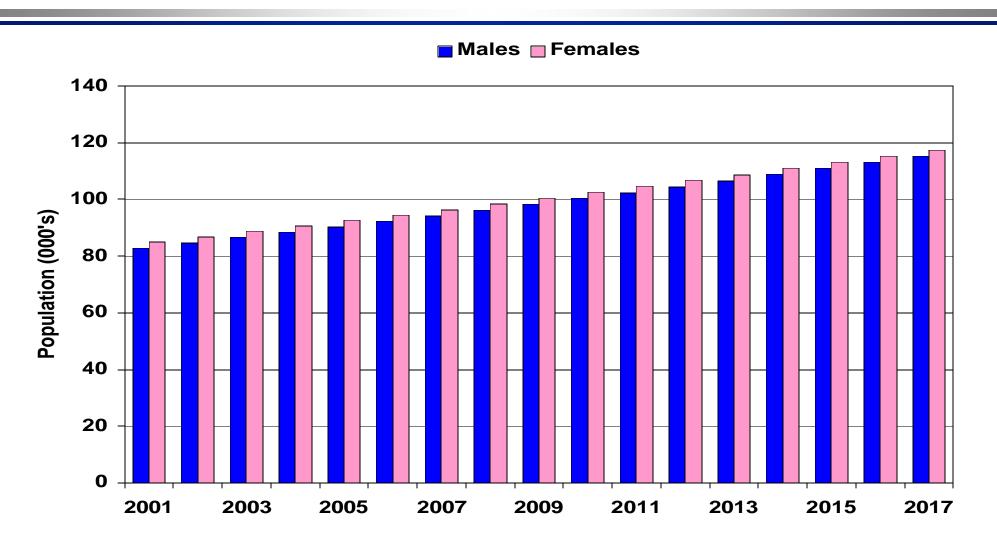
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## Demographic Trends - Alberta

# Alberta's Aboriginal Identity Population: An Island of Youth in an Aging Population

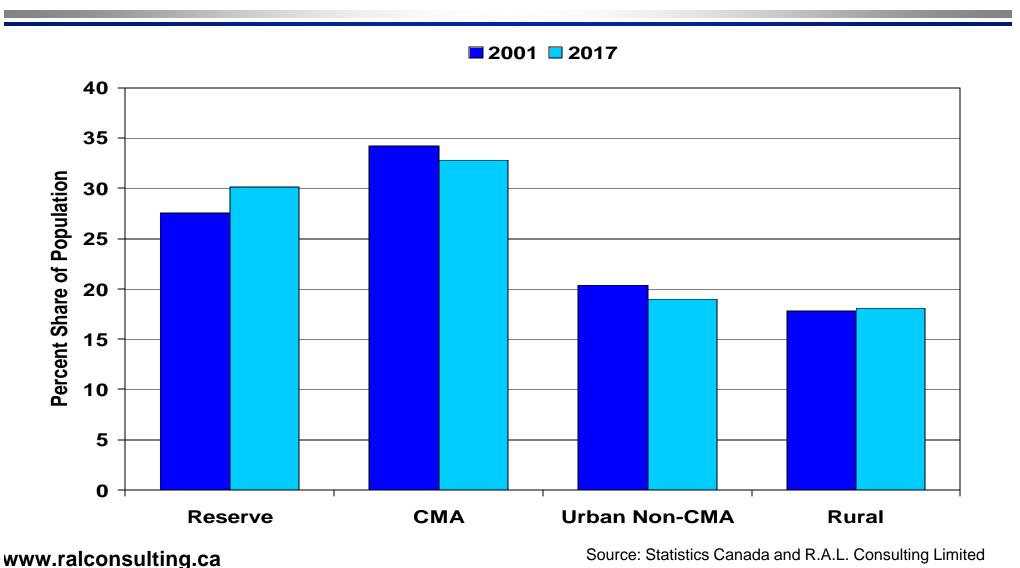
### **Alberta – Aboriginal Identity**

Projected Population by Sex, 2001-2017 (000's)

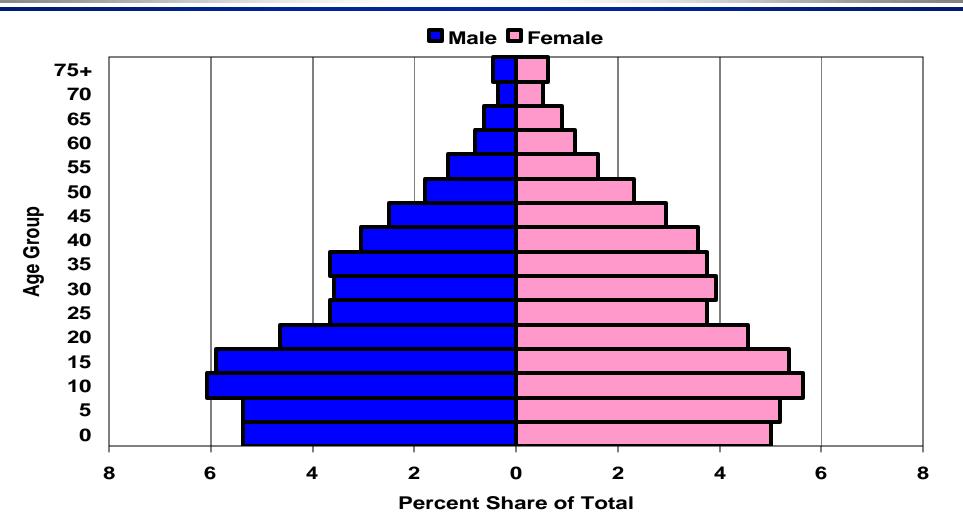


## **Alberta – Aboriginal Identity**

Distribution by Residence, 2001 versus 2017 (percent)



North American Indian, Alberta, 2007

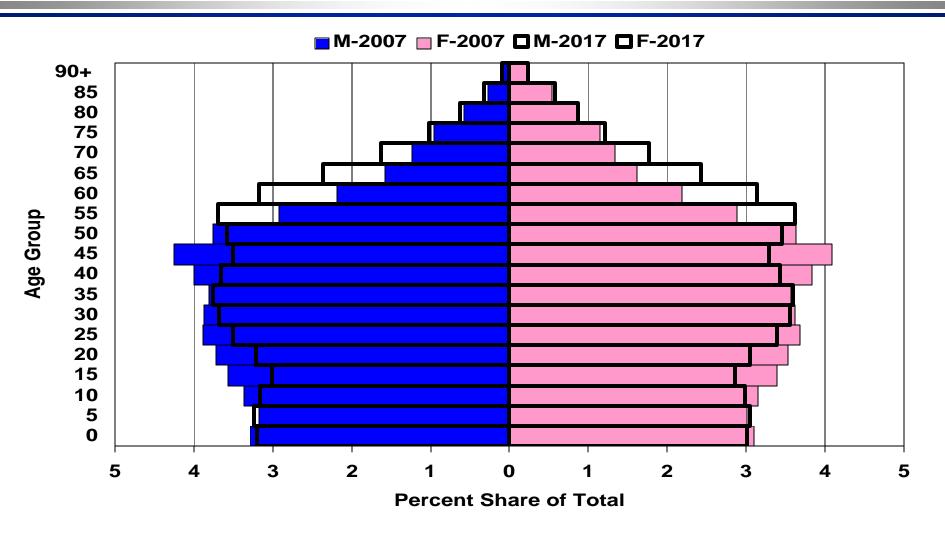


## Demographic Projections - Alberta

2007-2017

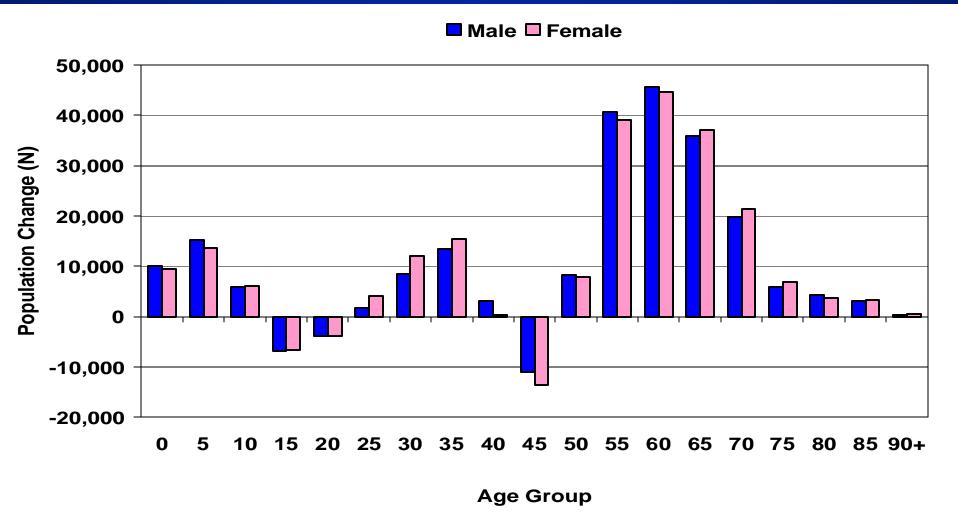
**Alberta** 

#### Population Pyramid, 2007 (colour) versus 2017 (outline)

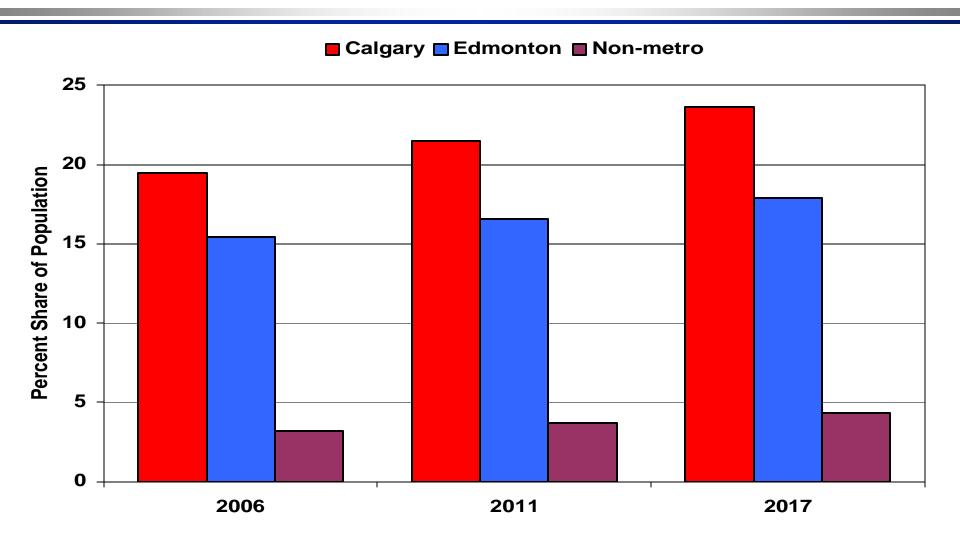


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#### Population Change by Age Group and Sex, 2007-2017

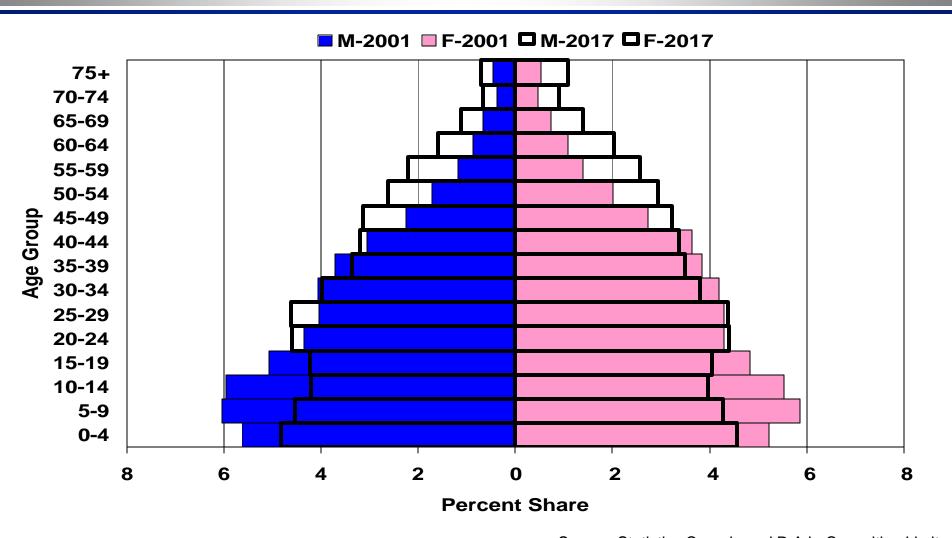


**Alberta**Visible Minority Population Share by Area, 2006-2017 (projected)



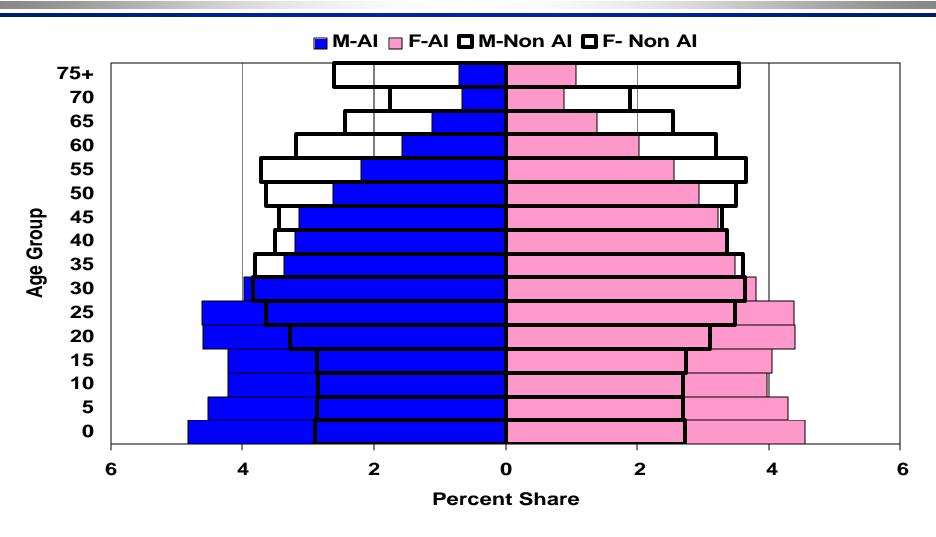
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Population Pyramid, 2001 (colour) versus 2017 (outline)



#### Alberta Population Projection

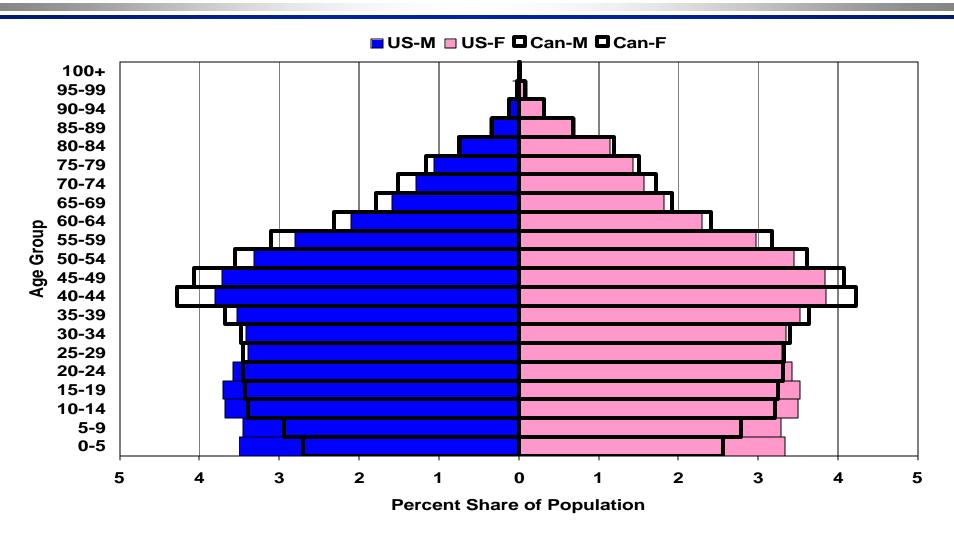
Aboriginal Identity (colour) vs. Non-Aboriginal, 2017



### **Demographic Trends – United States**

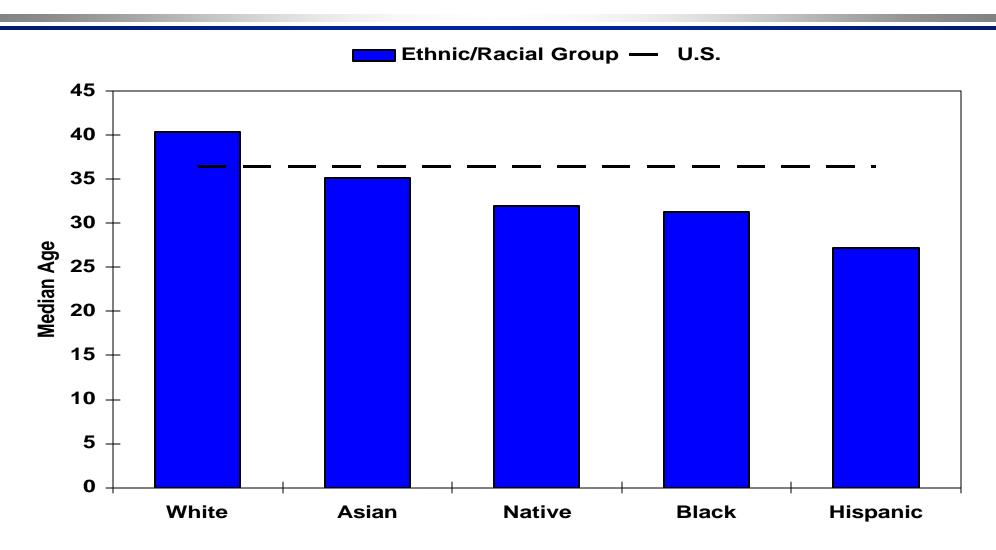
The U.S. is somewhat younger than Canada but its age structure varies significantly by ethnic/racial group and region.

Canada (outline) versus U.S. (colour), 2005 (percent)



#### U.S. Ethnic and Racial Groups

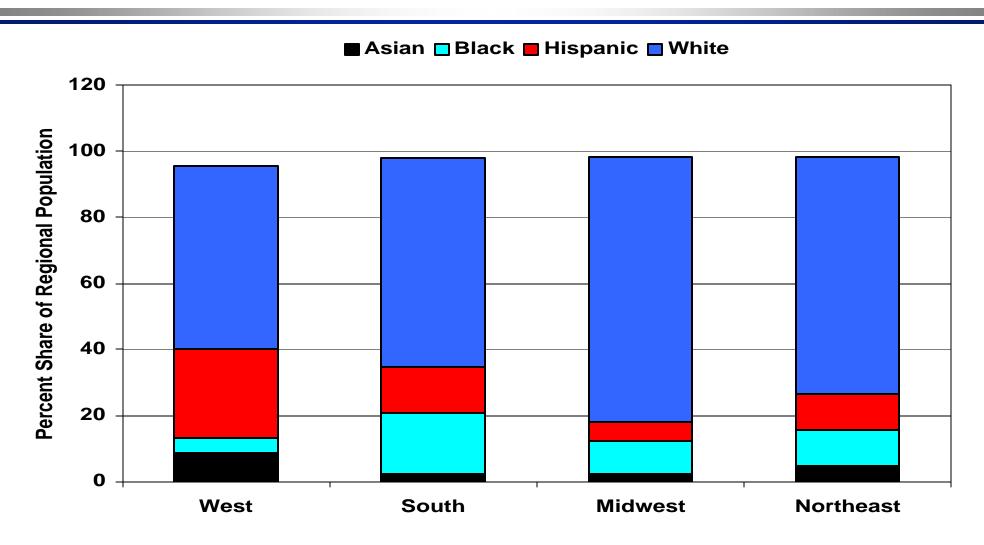
Median Age, 2005



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau

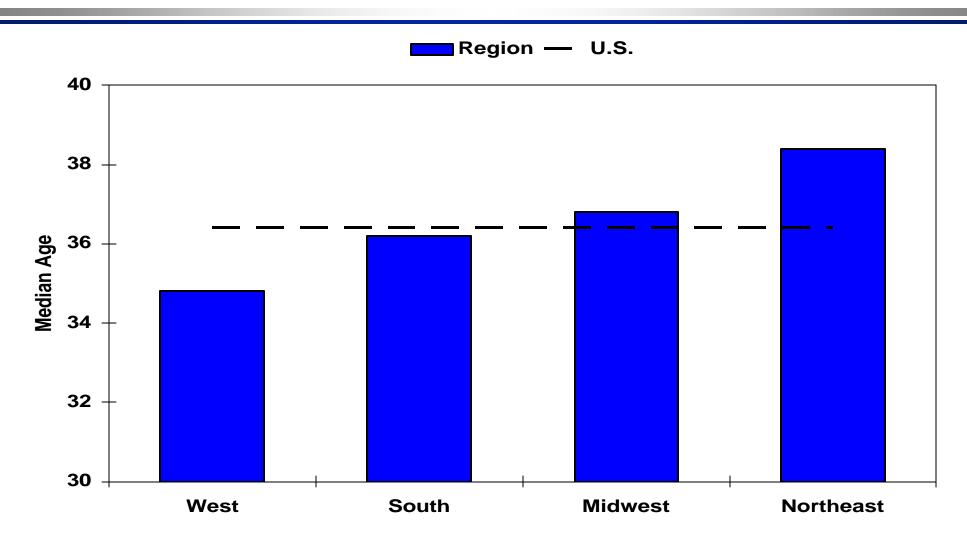
U.S. Regions
Ethnic and Racial Groups, 2005 (percent share of population)



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau

U.S. Regions Median Age, 2005

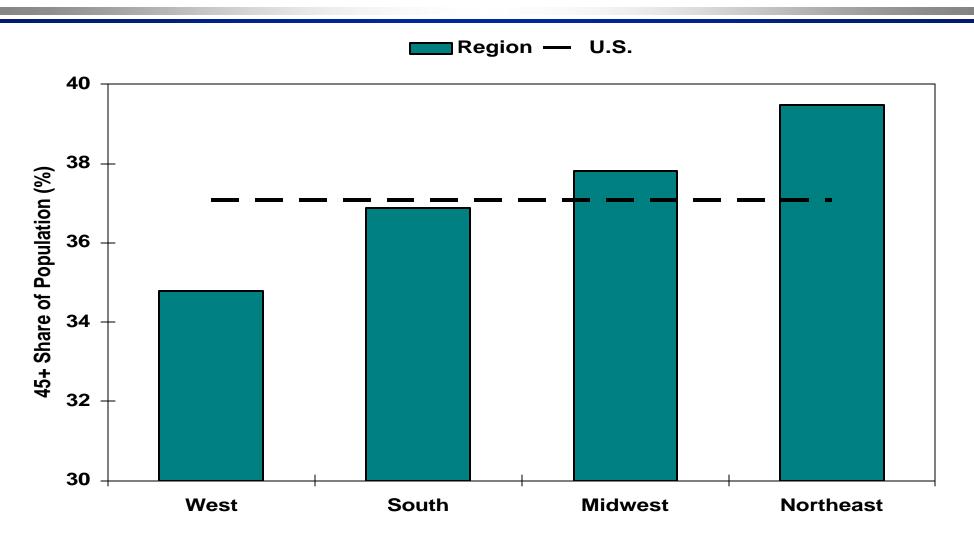


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#### 45-plus Share of Population, 2005 (percent)



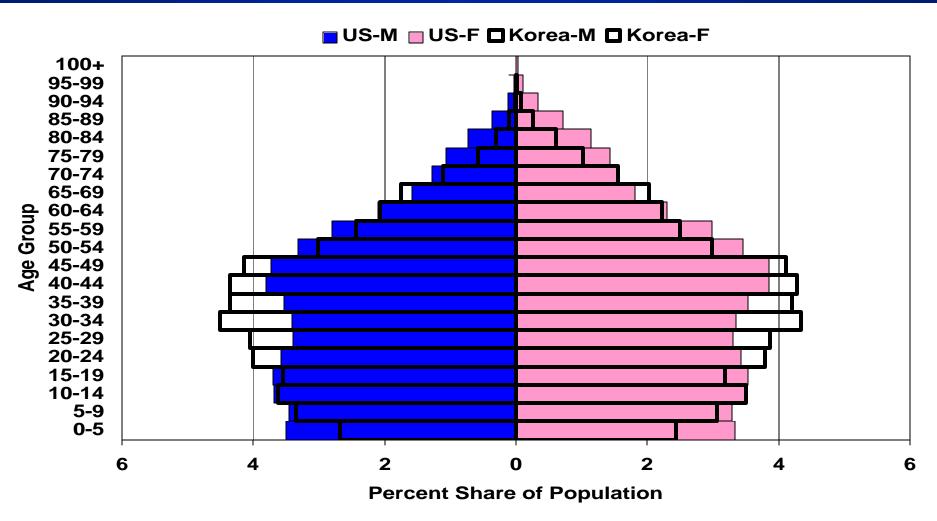
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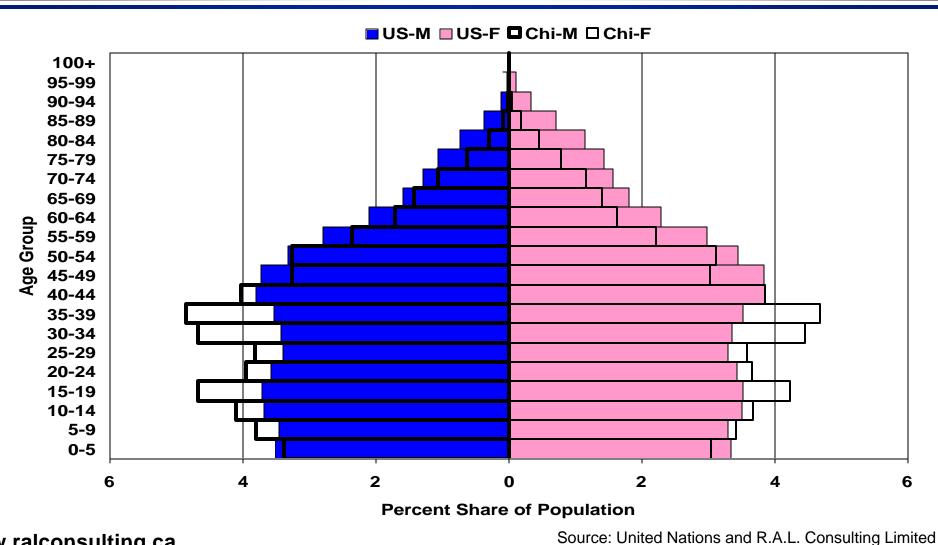
### **Demographic Trends – Global**

## What are the demographic profiles of Alberta's global markets?

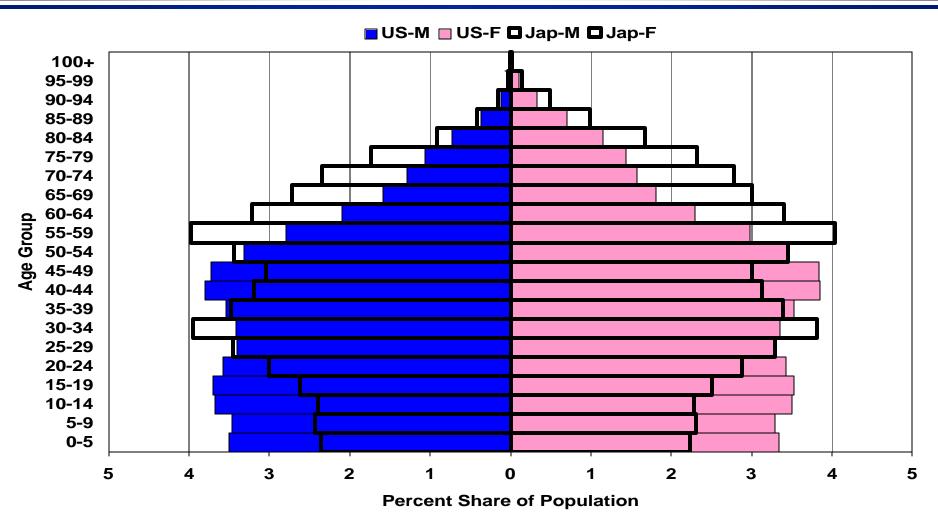
Korea (outline) versus U.S. (colour), 2005 (percent)



China (outline) versus U.S. (colour), 2005 (percent)



Japan (outline) versus U.S. (colour), 2005 (percent)



## **Demographic Trends – Key Points**

#### Alberta's population is:

- Growing relatively faster than the rest of Canada
- Highly dependent on migration, especially inter-provincial, for growth
- Increasing skewed towards Calgary and Edmonton
- Aging (but less so than other provinces)
- Diversifying in ethnic/racial terms (particularly in Calgary and Edmonton)

#### Alberta's Aboriginal Identity population is:

- Growing at a faster rate than the rest of the province
- Aging at a slower rate than the rest of the province
- Growing faster on reserves and in rural areas (majority still reside in urban areas, particularly CMA's)

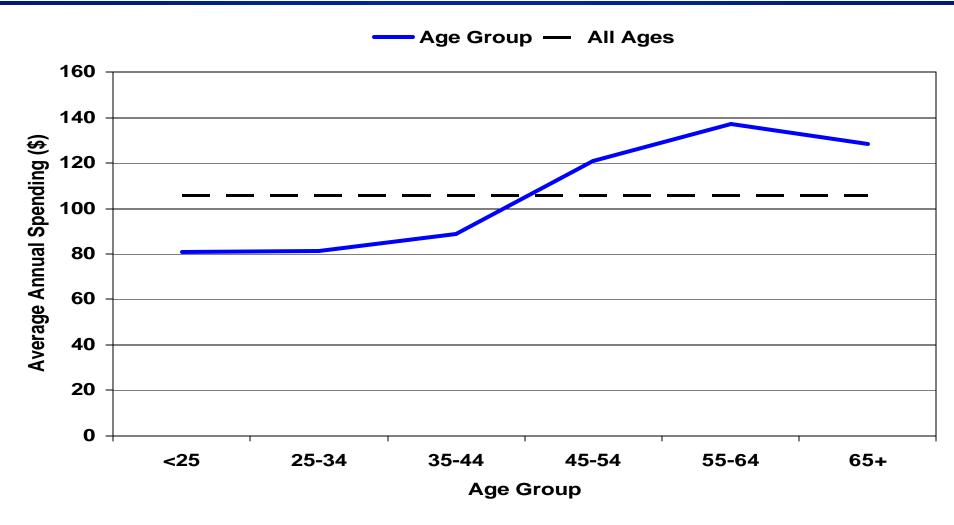
## **Demographic Trends – Key Points**

- The U.S., Alberta's main export market, has a population that is:
  - Younger than Canada's
  - Increasingly diverse in ethnic/racial terms
  - Exhibits different regional demographic profiles
- Korea and China have younger population profiles than the U.S.
- Japan's age profile is the oldest among the major export markets of Alberta's beef industry.

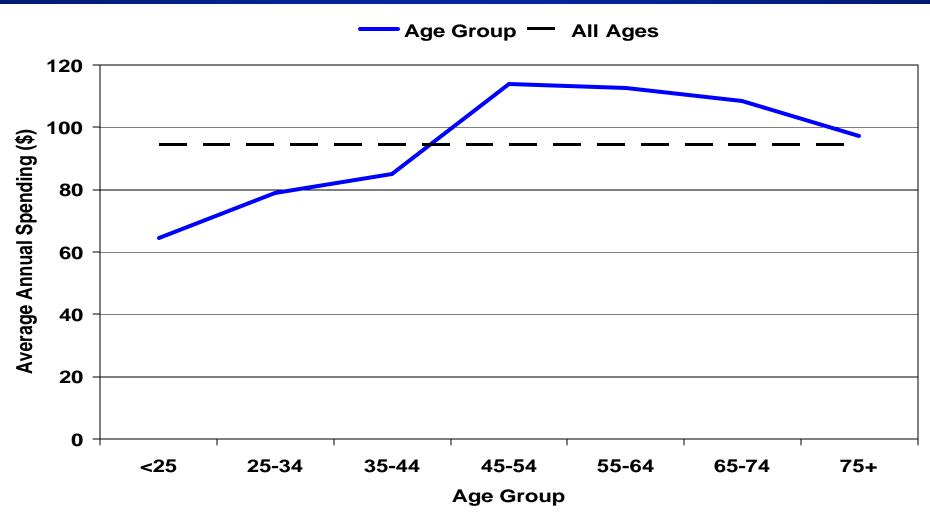
## **Demographic Analysis**

# "Acting Your Age": Who Buys Beef?

**Beef**Canada, 2001 (\$ per person)



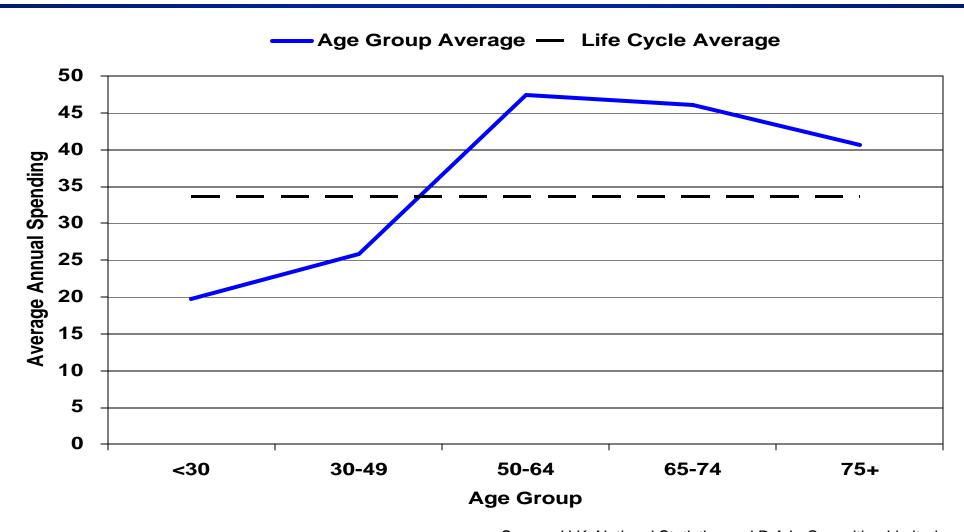
**Beef**United States, 2006 (U.S. \$ per person)



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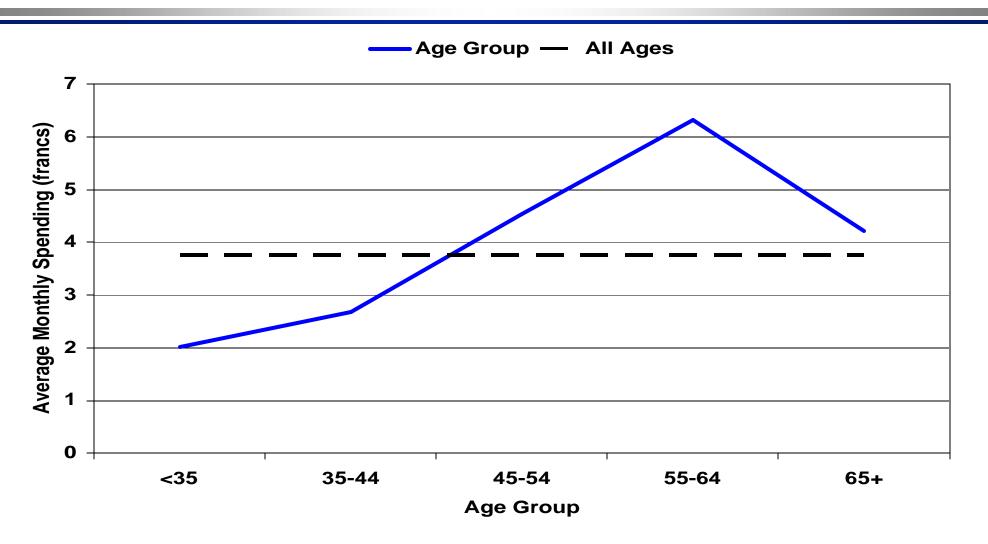
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and R.A.L. Consulting Limited

**Beef**United Kingdom, 2005-2006 (£ per person)



#### Grilling Beef (e.g., steak)

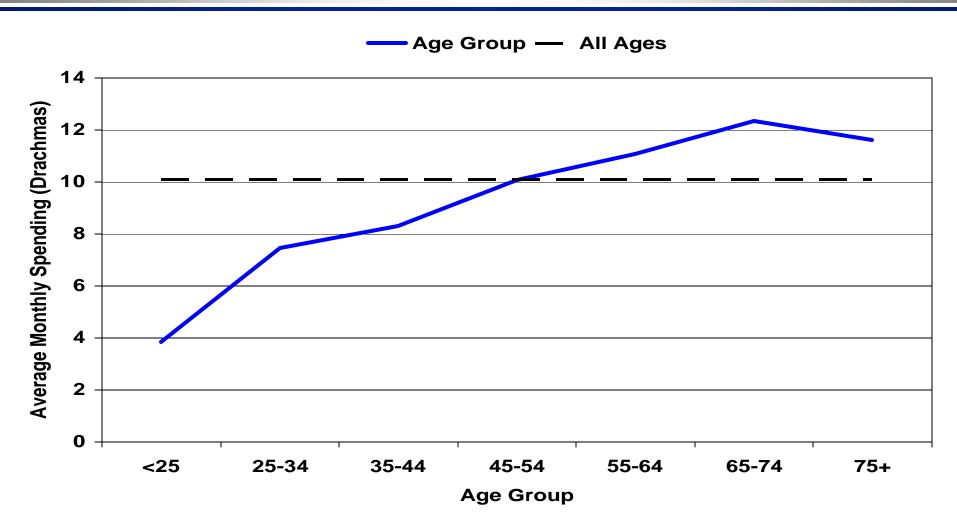
Switzerland, 2003 (monthly per person in francs)



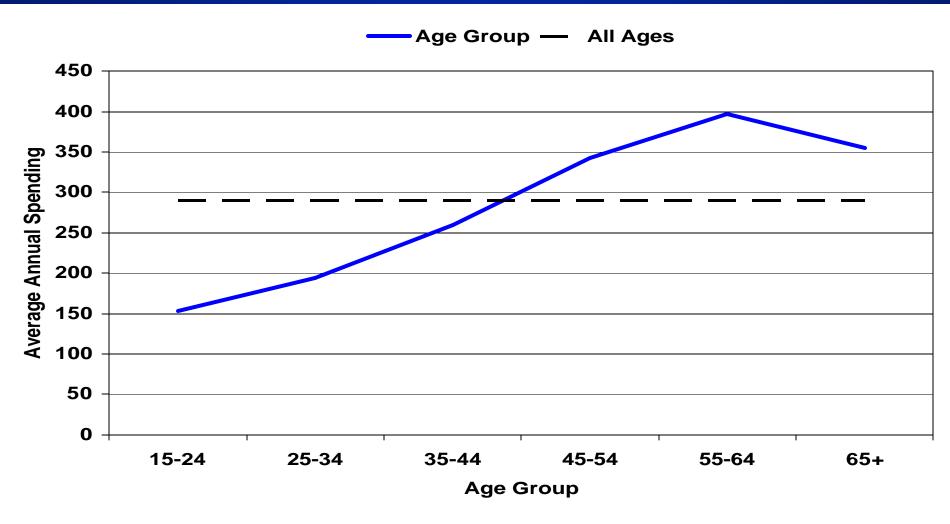
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Source: Office fédéral de la statistique and R.A.L. Consulting Limited

**Beef**Greece, 2005 (monthly per person in drachmas)



**Meat**New Zealand, 2004 (New Zealand \$ per person)



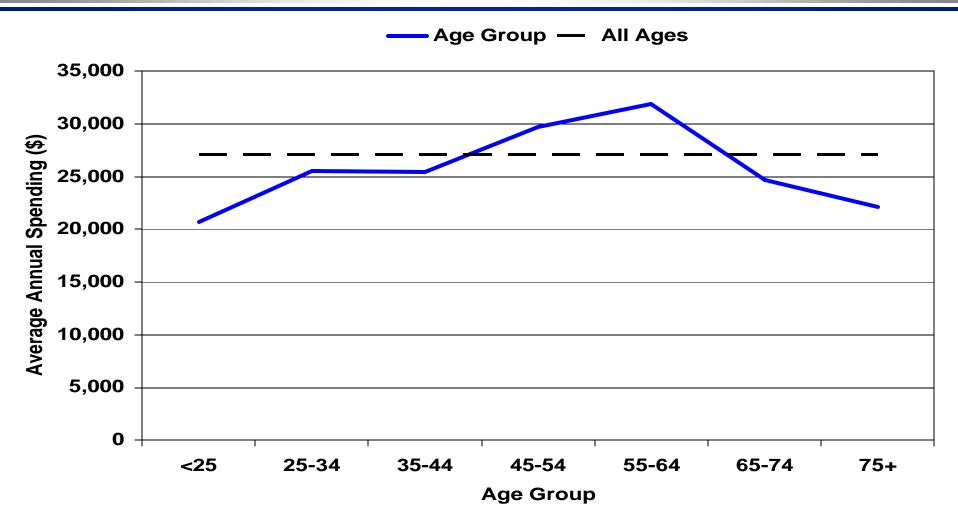
## **Demographic Analysis**

#### **OBSERVATION**

→ In Canada and a number of other countries, consumer spending on beef is highest in the 55+ age group.

#### **Household Income Before Tax**

Canada, 2005 (per person)

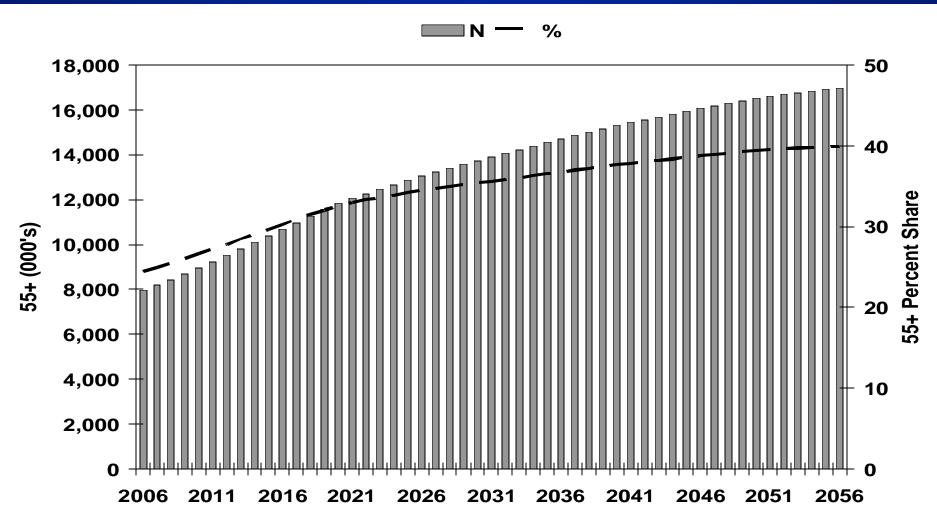


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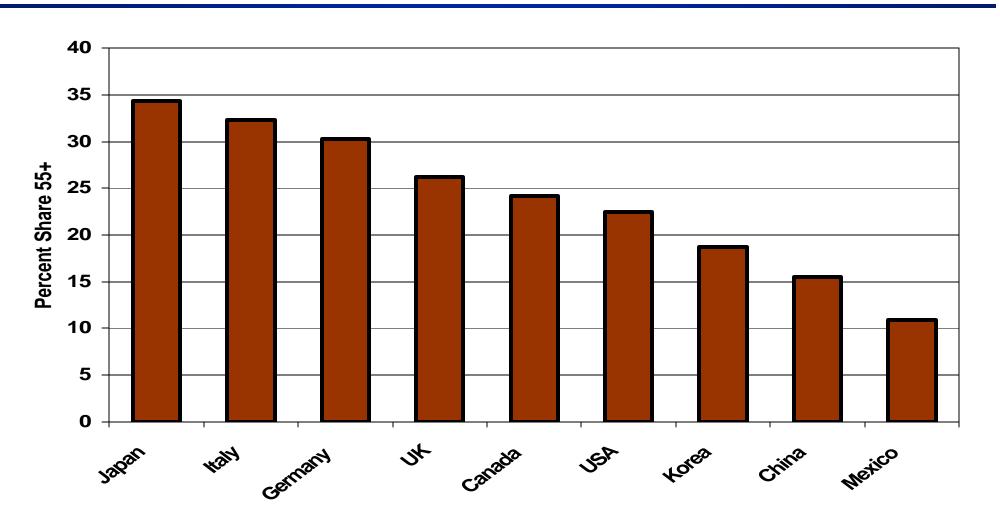
#### 55-plus Population

Canada, 2006-2056 (N and percent share of population)



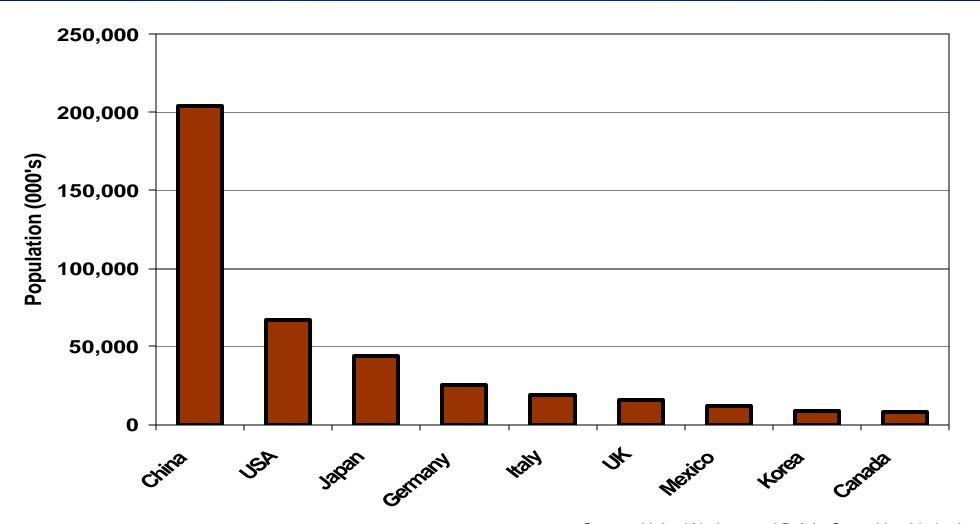
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Selected Countries, 2005 (percent share of total)



#### 55-plus Population

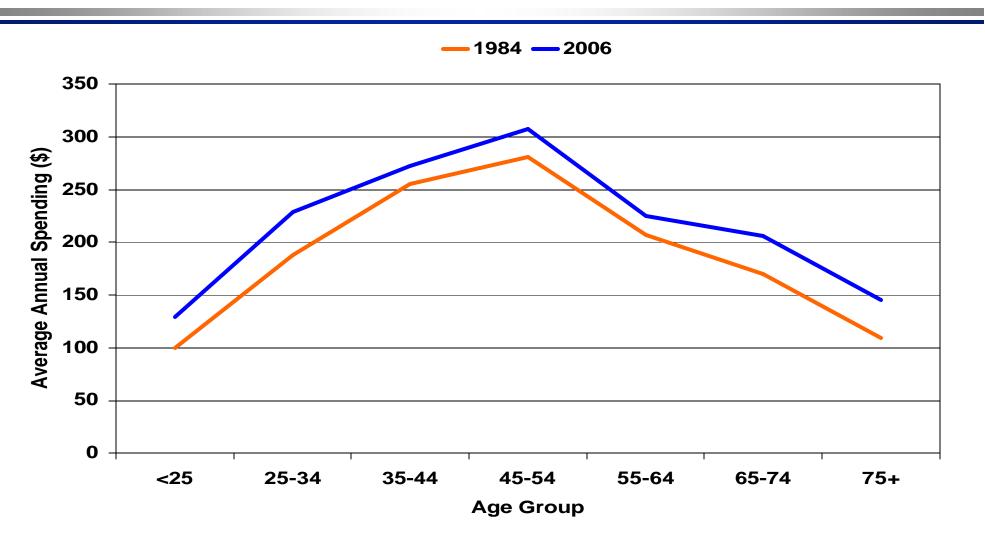
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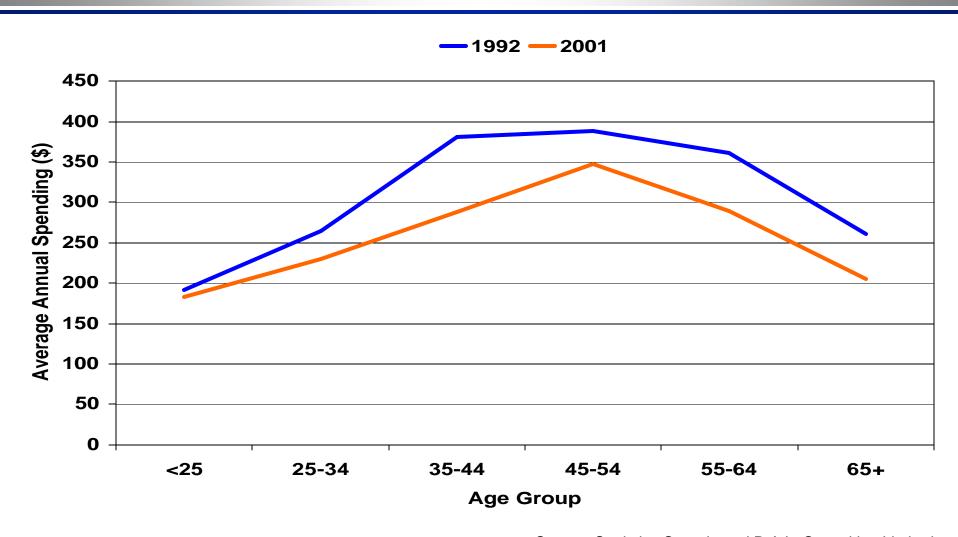
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**Beef**United States, 1984 versus 2006 (\$ per household)



**Beef**Canada, 1992 and 2001 (\$ per household)



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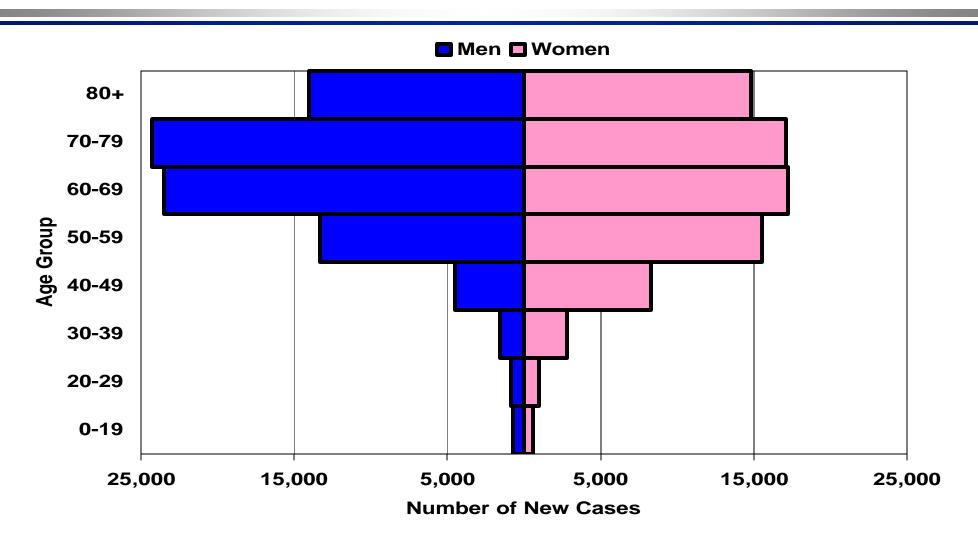
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### Demographic Trends - Canada

## A concern with the link between food and health also must be considered.

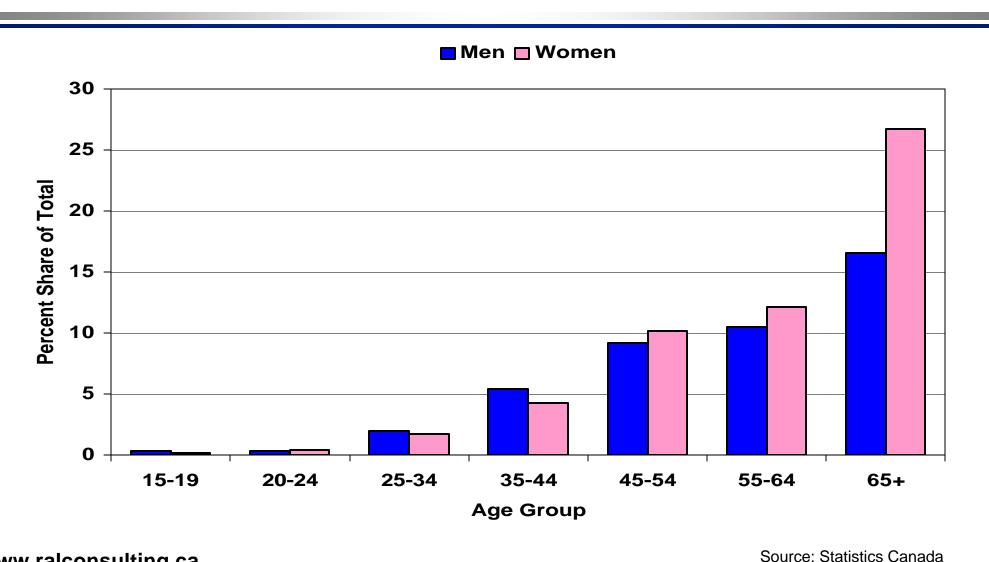
Canada

#### **New Cancer Cases, 2007**



Source: Canadian Cancer Society et al. and R.A.L. Consulting Limited

**Canada**High Blood Pressure, 2000-2001 (percent share of total)

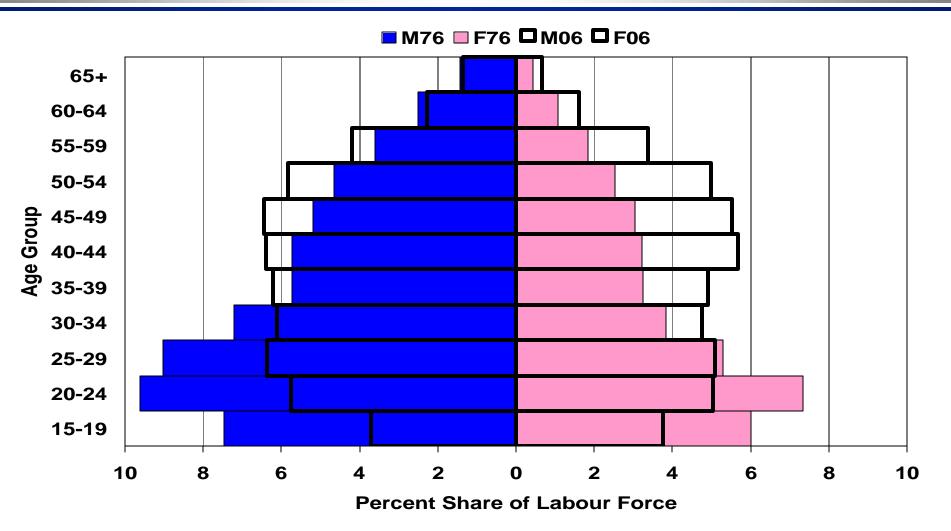


## Demographics and the Labour Market

The agriculture sector has been challenged by the issue of an aging work force for the last 30 years. The issue is now affecting other industries in Alberta.

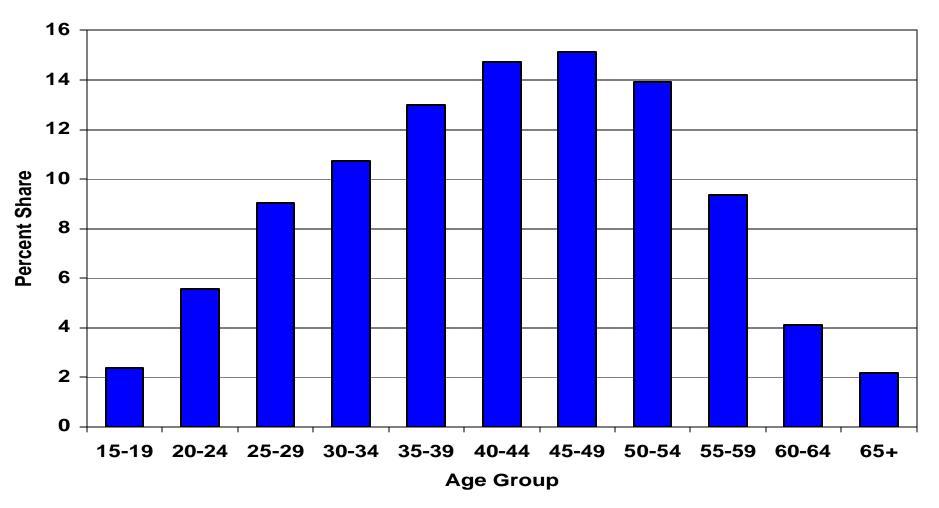
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### Labour Force Pyramid, 1976-2006 (percent share)



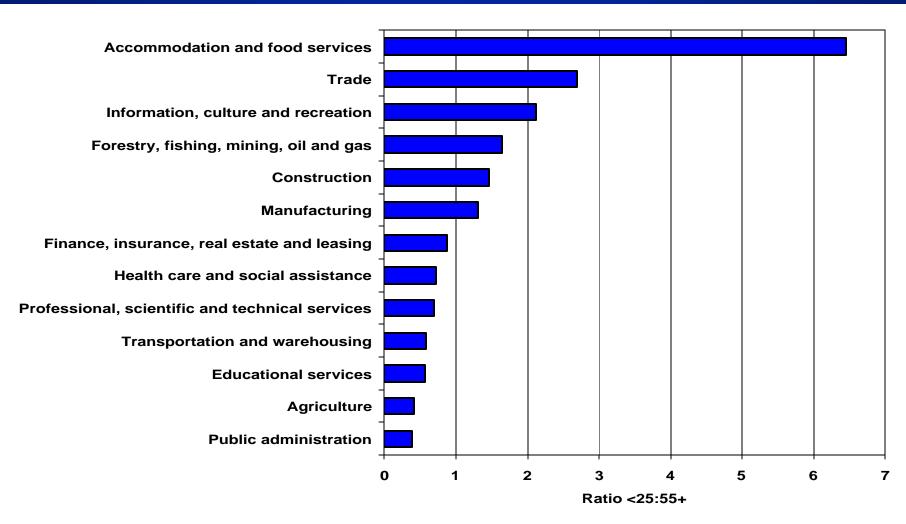
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#### Labour Force Change, 1976-2006 (percent share)



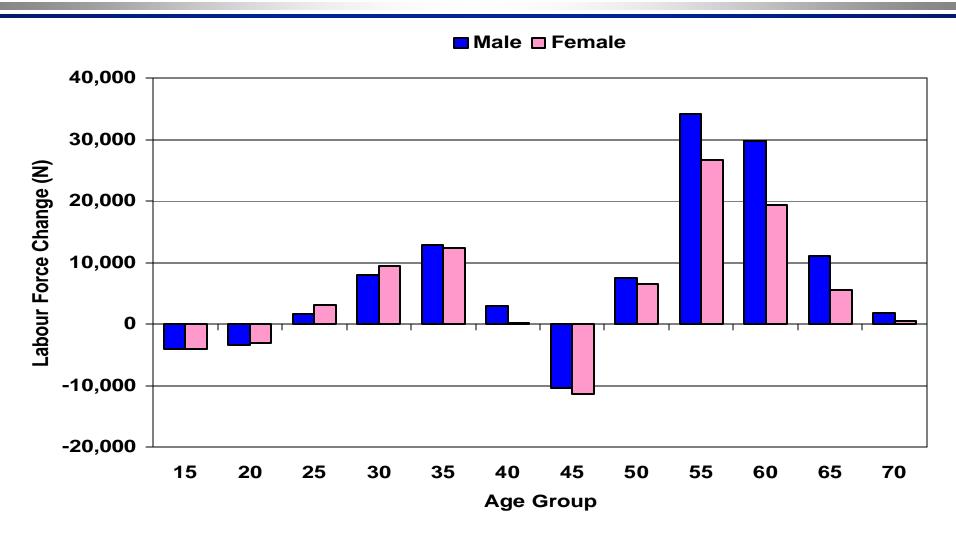
### **Alberta**

#### Entry/Exit Ratio (<25:55+) by Industry, 2006



**Alberta** 

#### **Labour Force Change, 2007-2017 (000's)**

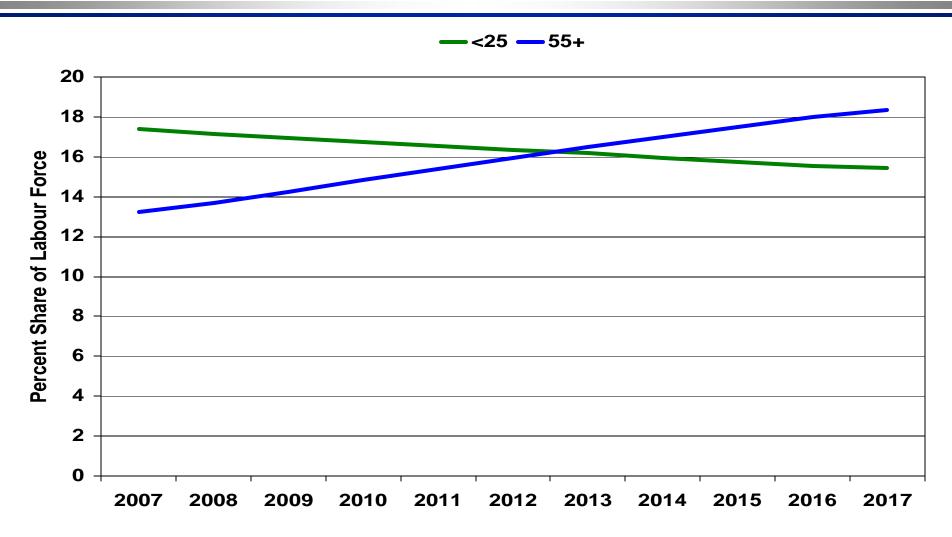


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Source: Alberta Finance, Statistics Canada, and R.A.L. Consulting Limited

**Alberta** 

### Labour Force by Age Group, 2007-2017 (percent share)



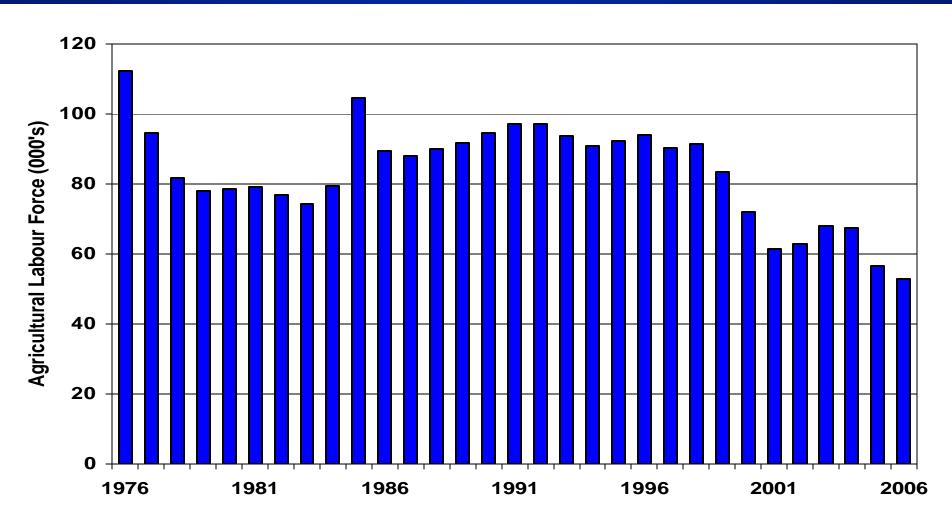
## **Demographic Trends – Canada**

- Between 2001 and 2006:
  - » Median age of farm operators increased from 49 to 51:
    - -52 for men
    - -50 for women
  - » Share of operators 55 and older increased from 35% to 41%
  - » Number of operators declined by 5.5%

Source: Statistics Canada

### **Alberta**

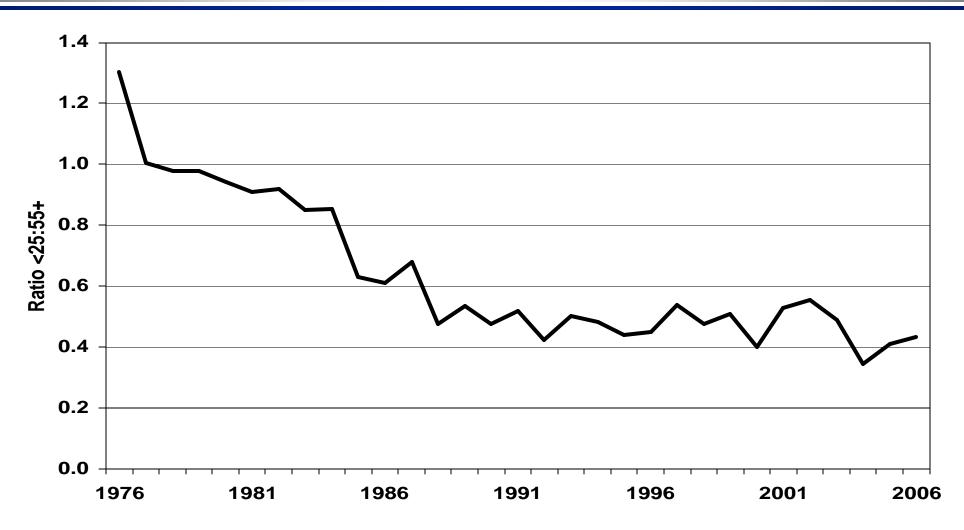
#### Labour Force, Agriculture, 1976-2006 (000's)



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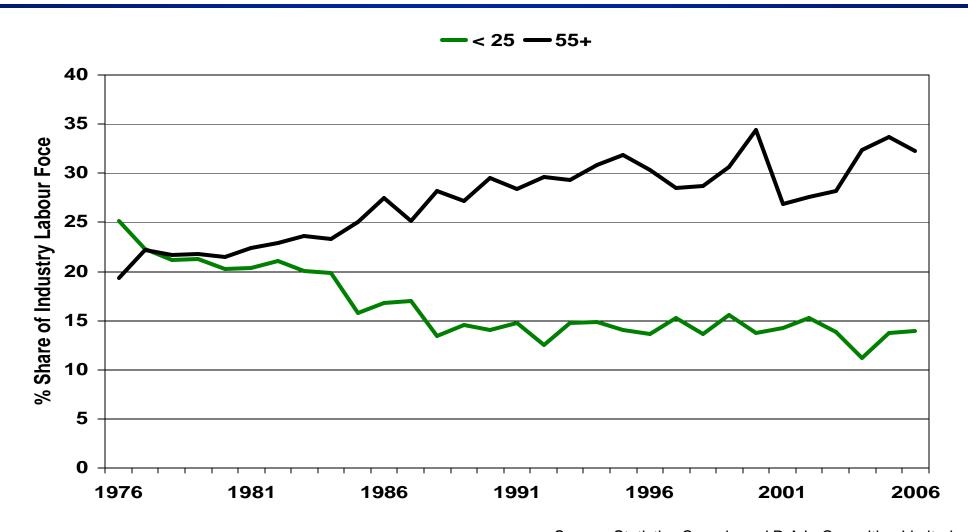
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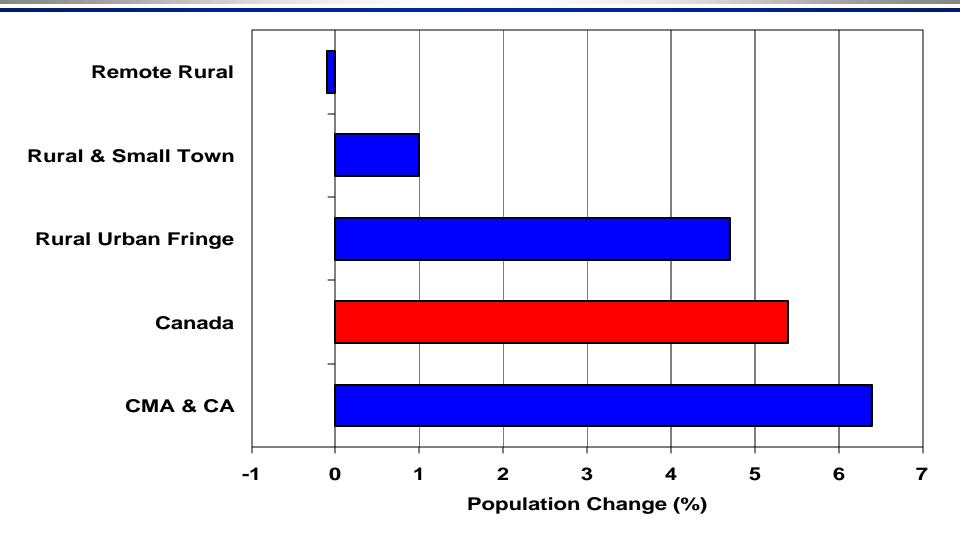
Entry/Exit Shares (<25:55+), Agriculture, 1976-2006 (percent)



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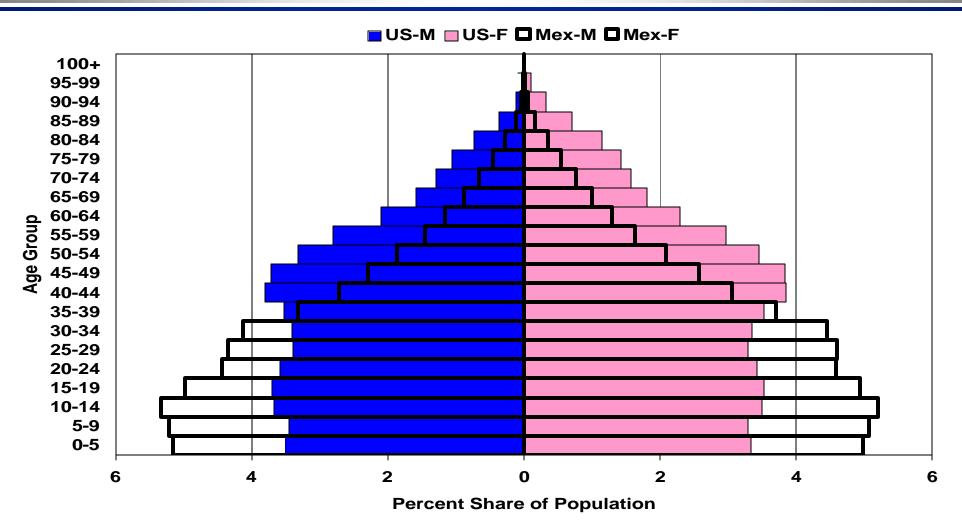
### Canada

#### Population Change by Region, 2001-2006 (percent)



### **Population Pyramid**

Mexico versus United States, 2005 (percent)

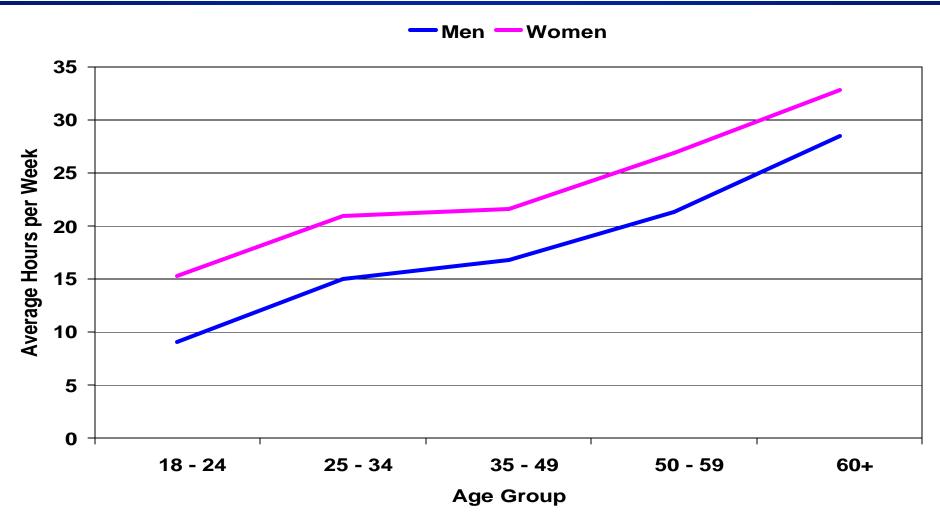


# **Demographics and Marketing**

"Everybody is not on the Net". In 2005, 68 percent of 18-plus Canadians used the Internet from any location. Only 3.4 percent of Internet users purchased food, condiments, or beverages. Traditional marketing tools remain effective options for reaching the 45-plus consumer. The Internet works well with younger (under 45) consumers and a niche market of wealthy, university educated, 45-plus consumers.

## **Television Viewing**

Alberta, 2004 (hours per week)

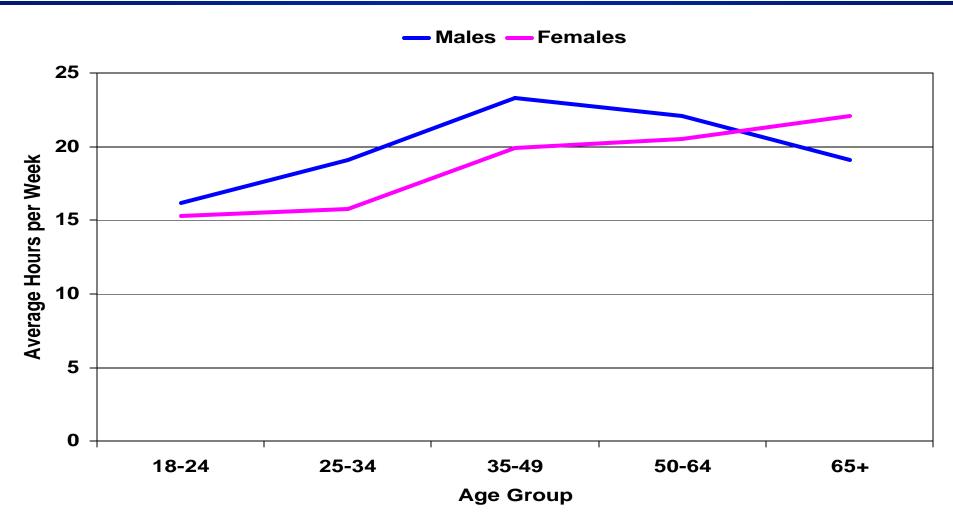


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## **Radio Listening**

Alberta, 2006 (hours per week)

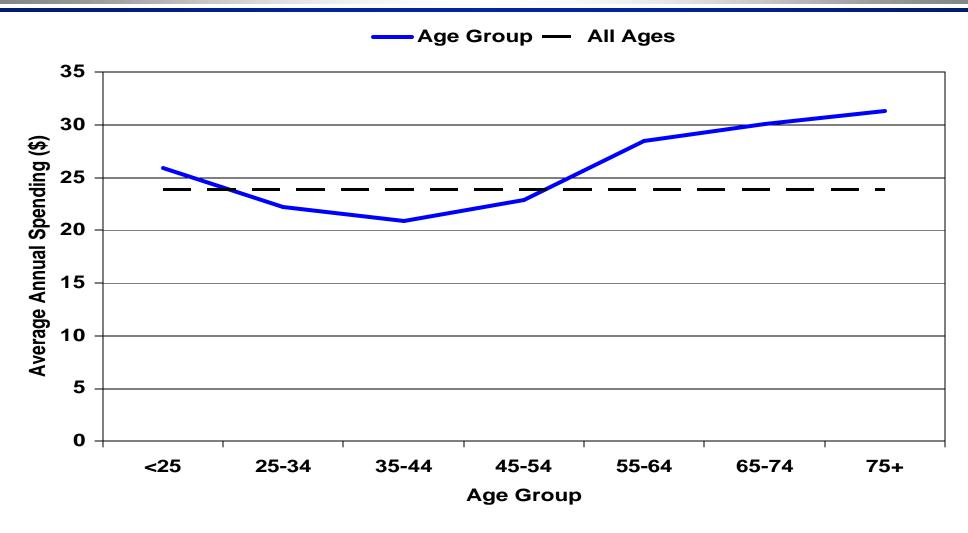


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## Magazines

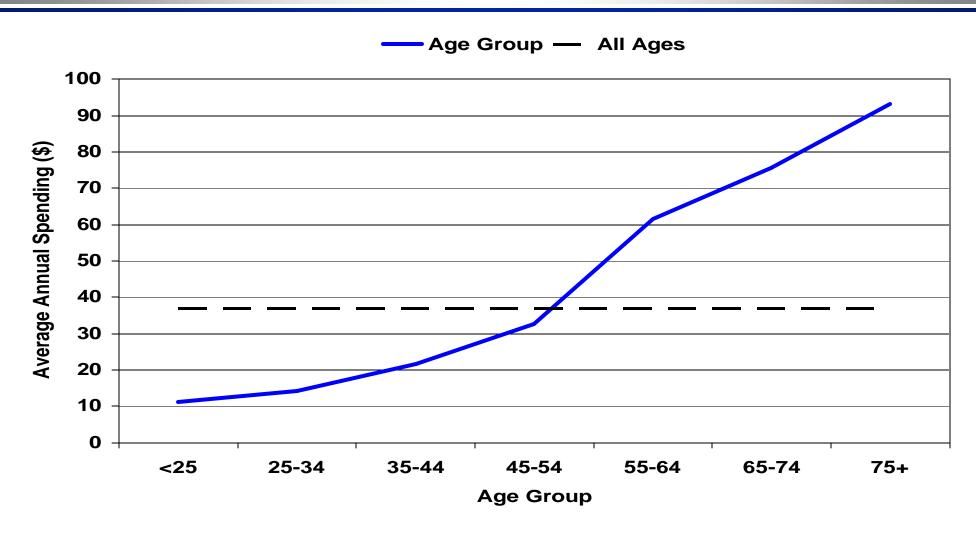
### Canada, 2005 (\$ per person)



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### Newspapers

Canada, 2005 (\$ per person)



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### Canada

### Home Internet Users by Activity, 2005 (percent)

	18+ Canadians
E-mail	55.6
General browsing (surfing)	51.2
Obtaining weather reports or road conditions	40.5
Travel information or making travel arrangements	38.5
Viewing the news or sports	37.6
Searching for medical or health related information	35.3
Electronic banking	35.2
Paying bills	33.5
Searching for information on Canadian municipal, provincial or federal government	31.7
Education, training or school work	26.1
Researching community events	25.8
Playing games	23.5
Participating in chat groups or using a messenger	23.1
Obtaining or saving music	22.3
Obtaining or saving software	19.4
Researching investments	16.0
Listening to the radio over the Internet	15.9
Communicating with Canadian municipal, provincial or federal government	13.8
Other Internet activity	6.7
Downloading or watching television	5.2
Downloading or watching a movie	5.0

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Source: Statistics Canada

### Canada

#### Home Internet Users, Characteristics, 2005 (percent)

Household type	
Single family households with unmarried children under age 18	74.1
Single family households without unmarried children under age 18	56.9
One-person households	38.2
Multi-family households	67.5
Sex	
Males	61.5
Females	60.3
Age	
18 to 34 years	77.3
35 to 54 years	68.3
55 to 64 years	49.3
65 years and over	22.5
Level of education	
Less than high school	26.5
High school or college	63.9
University degree	83.4
Personal income quartile	
Lowest quartile	52.3
Second quartile	50.2
Third quartile	63.4
Highest quartile	77.7

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## **Applying Demographics to Business Strategy**

#### What should you remember about this presentation?

- 1. Demographics as the foundation of strategy:
  - Life cycle analysis "Acting your age"
  - Durability of consumer behaviour by age
- 2. **Methodology**:
  - In-depth comparative and historical analysis
  - Segmentation by age, sex, and geography
- 3. Be challenged not intimidated by the implications of demographic trends:
  - Magnitude and direction of demographic pressure
  - Creativity

## **Applying Demographics to Business Strategy**

- 4. Increasing importance of the 45-plus consumer:
  - Favoured products
  - Quality and service (discretionary income)
  - Health concerns
- 5. Shifting global demographics
- 6. Labour market opportunities and challenges:
  - Immigration
  - Aboriginal population
  - Technology
- 7. Marketing:
  - Multi-media, targeted approach

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