

## Age Distribution

Bermuda's civilian non-institutional population aged 65 years and older increased by 25% from 5,396 in 1991 to 6,722 in 2000. The distribution of the elderly population by five-year age groups remained relatively stable by the end of the decade. (See Table 1.) The age group that recorded the largest growth, with an increase of 56% was those 90 years and older. This age cohort was followed by those 70-74 years and 85-89 years, which rose by 35% and 32%, respectively.

**Table 1**  
**Population Aged 65 & Older by Five Year Age Group**  
**A Comparison – 2000 & 1991**

Age Group	Number		Percentage Change 1991-2000
	2000	1991	
Total	6,722	5,396	25%
65-69	2,332	1,945	20%
70-74	1,845	1,366	35%
75-79	1,275	1,054	21%
80-84	713	627	14%
85-89	401	304	32%
90+	156	100	56%
<b>Percentage Distribution</b>			
Total	100	100	
65-69	35	36	
70-74	27	25	
75-79	19	20	
80-84	11	12	
85-89	6	6	
90+	2	2	

Source: 1991 & 2000 Census Reports

## Economic Activity

Sixty-seven percent of Bermuda's elderly population were retired (up 13 percentage points from 1991), while 24% were employed (down 3 percentage points from 1991). Eighty-five percent (1,362) of the seniors who worked in 2000 were 65 to 74 years old. More than half of them (56%) worked 35 hours or more per week.

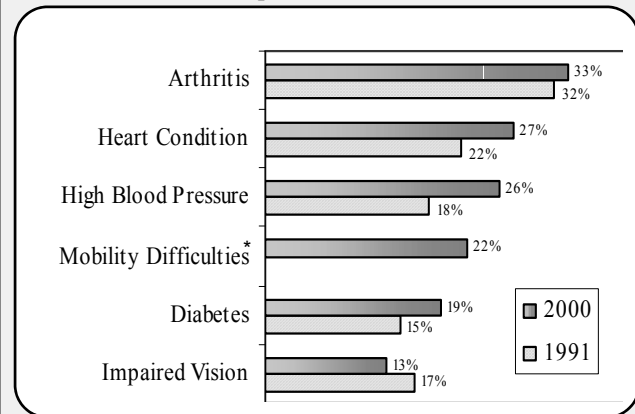
## Occupation

Fifty-seven percent of seniors that worked (compared with 54% in 1991) were employed in either service jobs or production, transport and related occupations. As in 1991, sales, clerical, and professional and technical occupations each accounted for about 10% of employment among the elderly workers. The median annual employment income for seniors who worked at least a 35-hour week was \$ 31,870 or \$2,656 per month.

## Disabling Health Conditions

In 2000, there were 1,040 persons 65 years and older suffering from a long-term health condition that affected some aspect of their daily lives. This was 176 fewer seniors than the 1,216 reported in 1991. The leading disabling health conditions that afflicted the elderly population were arthritis, heart conditions, high blood pressure, diabetes, mobility difficulties and impaired vision. (See Figure 1.) The prevalence of these conditions remained unchanged from 1991.

**Figure 1**  
**Leading Disabling Health Conditions of Seniors with Disabilities**  
**A Comparison – 2000 & 1991**



Source: 1991 & 2000 Census Reports

\* The question on mobility was not asked in 1991.

## Health Insurance Coverage

In 2000, just under ninety-five percent of Bermuda's elderly population had health insurance coverage. This represented a total of 6,375 seniors of which 62% had major medical coverage.

## Pension Income

Approximately ninety-four percent or 6,310 seniors were pension recipients. The median annual pension income was \$10,980 or \$915 per month, in 2000.