

# Long-term care costs

In British Columbia 2022

## Residential Facilities

### How Nursing Homes are organized and administered

Nursing homes/long term care facilities provide 24-hour professional nursing care and supervision in a protective, supportive environment for people who have complex care needs and can no longer be cared for in their own homes.

Costs	
	Monthly Cost
Minimum	\$1,237.20
Maximum	\$3,575.50

Admissions to subsidized nursing homes or beds (subsidized beds within a private nursing home) are managed by the Health Authority. A client applies for admission through the local Health Authority. British Columbia's residential access policy ensures seniors and people with disabilities with the highest need and urgency have priority for the first available, appropriate care facility bed. Clients who have been assessed as needing facility care are expected to take the first room that becomes available. Once in a nursing home, clients may request a transfer to a preferred care facility when there is an opening.

### How Private Nursing Homes Work - No Government Subsidy

A senior may choose to live in a private nursing home and pay the full fees charged by the individual nursing home. Each individual private nursing home is in charge of its own admissions procedure, waiting lists and fees.

Generally, private nursing homes will have higher fees than government-subsidized nursing homes.

Costs	
Room Type	Monthly Rate
Private Room	\$3,550.00 - \$15,000

### How Retirement Homes Work - No Government Subsidy

A retirement home in British Columbia is a multi-residence housing facility that provides accommodation and services such as meals and cleaning services for older people.

Retirement homes in the province are privately owned and operated and not administered by the provincial government. Each facility usually provides a private or semi-private room or complete living suite and then also provides common living quarters, including a lounge area, a common dining room, recreation rooms, cleaning services, social and/or religious programs and some basic health care services. The unit can be paid for on a monthly fee basis, like an apartment, or can in some instances be bought the same way as a condominium.

Costs	
Room Type	Monthly Rate
Private Room	\$1,387.00 - \$9,375.00
One Bedroom Suite	\$1,870.00 - \$9,000.00

Admission, fees and waiting lists for retirement homes are controlled by the homes themselves, not by the government. Admission usually depends on the ability to pay and absence of serious medical conditions that require professional nursing care. Residents are responsible for paying their own fees and government subsidies are not available for accommodation in a retirement residence.

## Home Care

### How government-subsidized home care works

Home support services are designed to help clients remain independent and in their own home as long as possible. Home care services include professional health care services as well as personal care services such as bathing, dressing, grooming and light household tasks that help to maintain a safe and supportive home.

To apply for subsidized home care a senior must contact his/her local Health Authority. The Health Authority will conduct an assessment. If home support assistance is recommended, a case manager will help the client determine the assistance that will best suit their needs and will make the necessary arrangements.

### Private home care – no government subsidy

As Health Authority resources are limited, many seniors don't get the care they need from Health Authority services and have to rely on private home care services.

#### Costs

Case management, nursing and rehabilitation services are provided free of charge. There may be a daily charge for home support services, depending on income (for most clients, there is no charge).

#### Costs

Type of Service	Provincial Rate (hourly)
In-home meal preparation	\$25.00 - \$65.00
Personal Care (Bathing/Dressing)	\$25.00 - \$65.00
Skilled Nursing*	\$45.00 - \$75.00
24 hour live-in care	\$25.00 - \$46.00
* Fees listed are for RNs however, these fees may vary depending on the type of nurse, such as a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), delivering the care.	

### How adult day care program works

Adult day programs are designed for dependent adults/seniors, physically located in the community, to provide a safe group setting during the day when family members are not available to care for them. These centres are usually open daily, Monday through Friday (some on Saturday as well). They provide a secure, caring and positive setting for those who are experiencing memory loss, communication disorders, social isolation or physical disabilities. Nutritious lunch meals are provided which usually accommodate any special diet, along with an afternoon snack. Participants need to be mobile, with the possible assistance of a cane, walker or wheelchair. Adult day programs can be public or private, non-profit or for-profit.

Adult day programs in British Columbia are managed and operated by and accessed through the Health Authority. Seniors pay daily fees to cover part of meals & activities.

#### Costs

	Daily Rate
Full day (meals, snacks, activities, transportation)	\$10.00

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