

Environmental Scan Summary

The following provides an overview of neighbourhood assets and potential gaps/barriers for older adults. The features were identified through a structured assessment in July 2023. As such, this summary should be viewed as an overview of key features observed rather than an exhaustive list.

Riverdale West is an established older neighbourhood characterized by a diverse population with various ethnicities and predominantly lower-middle to middle-income residents. The majority of housing in the area was constructed in the 1960s and 1970s, primarily consisting of large apartment buildings. Additionally, townhouses, bungalows, and subsidized housing make up the rest of the housing options. Most houses were well maintained with two car garages. The neighbourhood in general was quiet and clean. Pedestrian activity was relatively low, and cars were the primary mode of transportation. Car shops and garages were also prevalent.

The neighbourhood offers a range of recreational activities geared towards adults and older adults, including the Golf Sport Academy, Tennis Club, and Riverdale Community Garden. Regarding services and retail outlets, there is a strong emphasis on health and social needs, evident through the presence of multiple pharmacies and a vision care centre. Shopping centres cater to diverse income levels, featuring a large Value Village and various chain stores. Riverdale West exhibits a mix of ethnicities, highlighted by cultural food stores offering Chinese, Punjabi, and Indian cuisines.

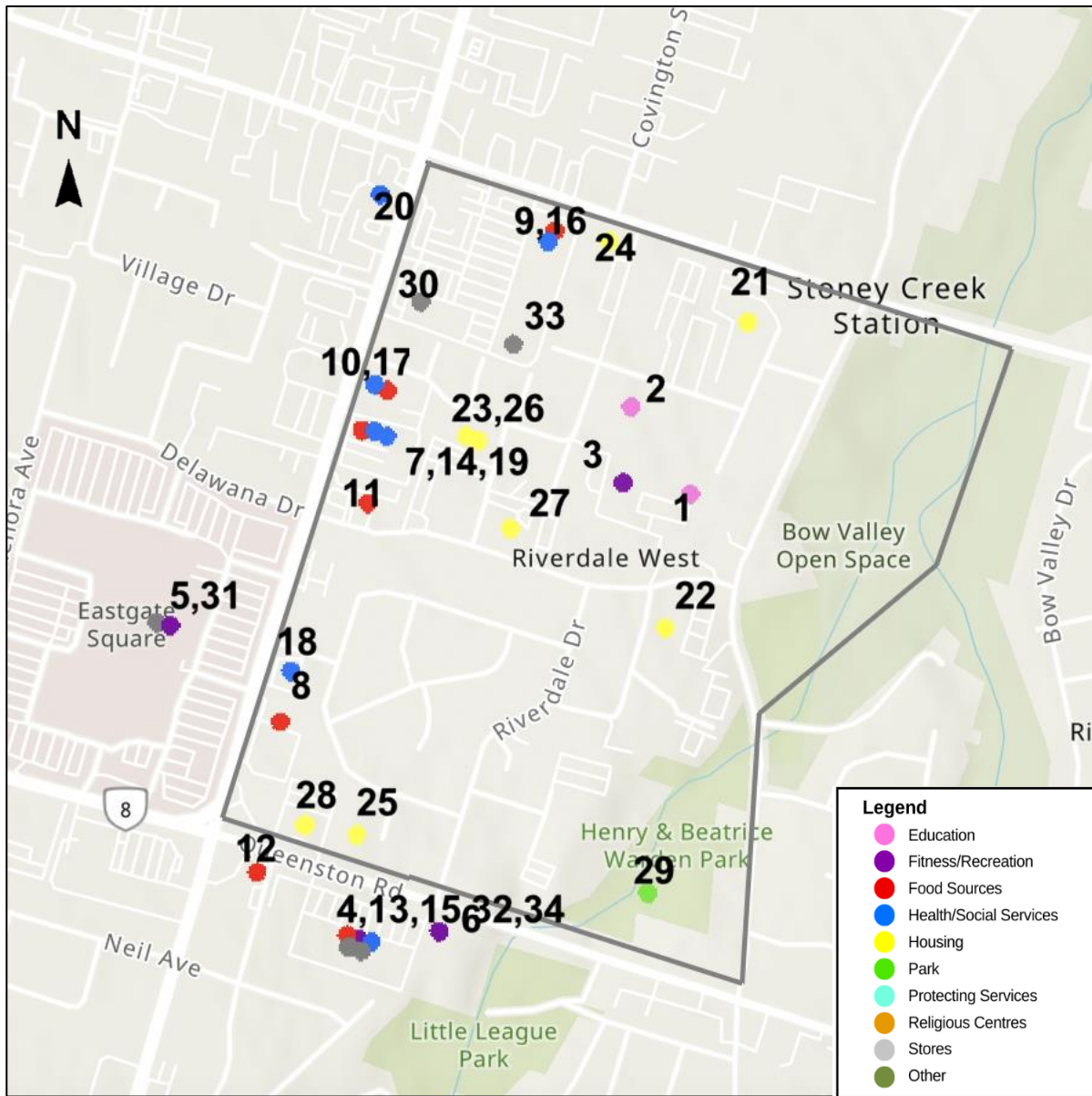
Strengths:

- Access to a Community Centre, providing opportunities for community engagement and activities.
- Convenience for shopping, with various retail options accessible within the neighbourhood.
- Availability of diverse ethnic food sources, reflecting the cultural diversity of the community.
- A tight-knit community that fosters a sense of connection and support.
- Most daily needs can be conveniently met by walking, promoting an accessible lifestyle.

Gaps:

- Lack of ethnic community centres, potentially limiting cultural-specific activities and resources.
- Limited bus stops near residential areas, which may hinder public transportation accessibility for some residents.
- Insufficient presence of protective services like Police and Fire departments, raising concerns about public safety.
- The environment is not conducive to biking.

Map of services identified in Riverdale West



Index of services in Riverdale West

Index Number	Description
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Education

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Lake Avenue Public School |
| 2 | St. Charles Adult & Continuing Education Centre |

Fitness/Recreation

- | | |
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| 3 | Dominic Agostino Riverdale Recreation Centre |
| 4 | The Links Golf & Sports Academy |
| 5 | Orangetheory Fitness |
| 6 | Stoney Creek Tennis Club |

Food Sources

- | | |
|----|--|
| 7 | Coffee Culture Cafe & Eatery |
| 8 | East Place Chinese Restaurant |
| 9 | Food Basics* |
| 10 | Himalaya Restaurant |
| 11 | Wok Around Chinese Food |
| 12 | Punjab Food Mart* |
| 13 | Denninger's Foods of the World* |

*Grocery and/or whole food stores

Health/Social Services

- | | |
|----|---|
| 14 | Centennial Pharmacy |
| 15 | Community Donation Centre |
| 16 | Food Basics Pharmacy |
| 17 | Hearing Life |
| 18 | Pharmaserve |
| 19 | Stoney Creek Medical Clinic |
| 20 | YMCA Immigrant Services |

Housing

- | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|
| 21 | Aynsley Apartments |
| 22 | Bel-Gal Estates |
| 23 | Di Cenzo Apartments |
| 24 | Pat & Dia Ltd |
| 25 | Rolida Garden Apartments |
| 26 | Silvana Manor |
| 27 | Stoney Creek Towers |
| 28 | Victoria Park Community Homes |

Parks

- | | |
|----|--|
| 29 | Henry & Beatrice Warden Park |
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Retail

- | | |
|----|---|
| 30 | Dollar Power |
| 31 | Eastgate Square |
| 32 | Easy Homes Store |
| 33 | Salvation Army Thrift Store |
| 34 | Value Village |



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Riverdale West | CT 0072.03

Based on 2021 Census Data



CT Highlights



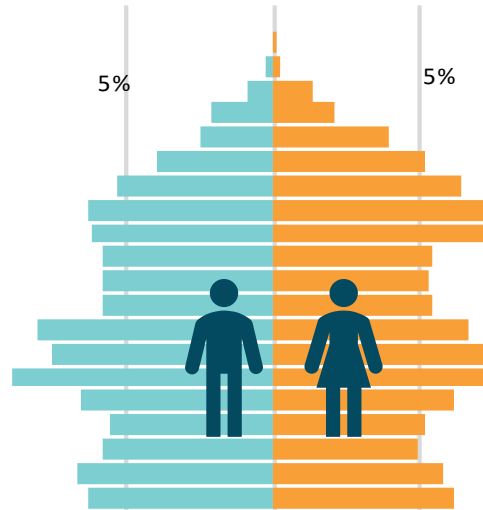
Population
= 6,804

Number of Homes
= 2,897

Population Density
= 9,622/Km²

5-year Population change = 3.9%

Age Distribution by Gender



Age 55+

31%

Age 25-54

40%

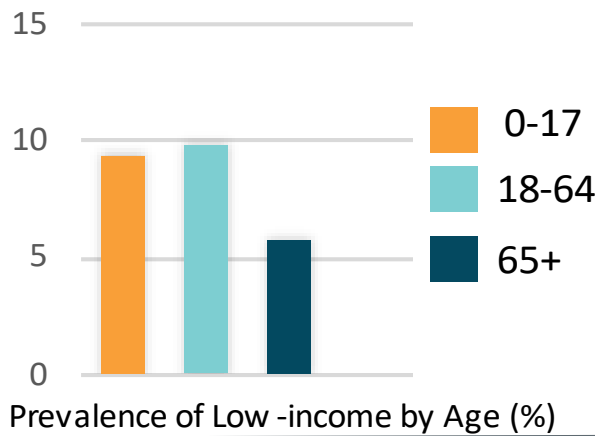
Age 0-24

29%

Income & Employment



\$31,720
Average Income
(after tax)



18.5%
Unemployment
Rate



Citizenship & Immigrant Population

Canadian Citizens

80.1%

Immigrants Recent Immigrants

44.1%

11.4%



Recent Immigrants by Birthplace

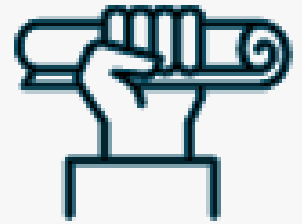
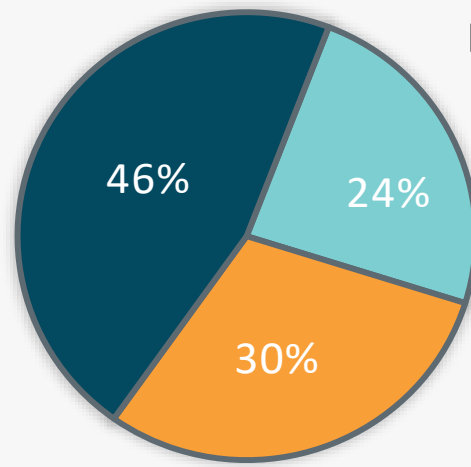
Immigrants by Birthplace

Language Spoken at Home



English | 61.3%
Non-official Languages | 30.1%

Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree



■ No certificate, diploma or degree
■ Secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency
■ Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree

Neighbourhood Homes



\$1,315 (own)
\$1,154 (rent)

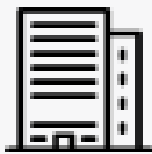


84%
Rent their home

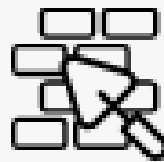


\$482,000
Average home value

Average monthly shelter costs



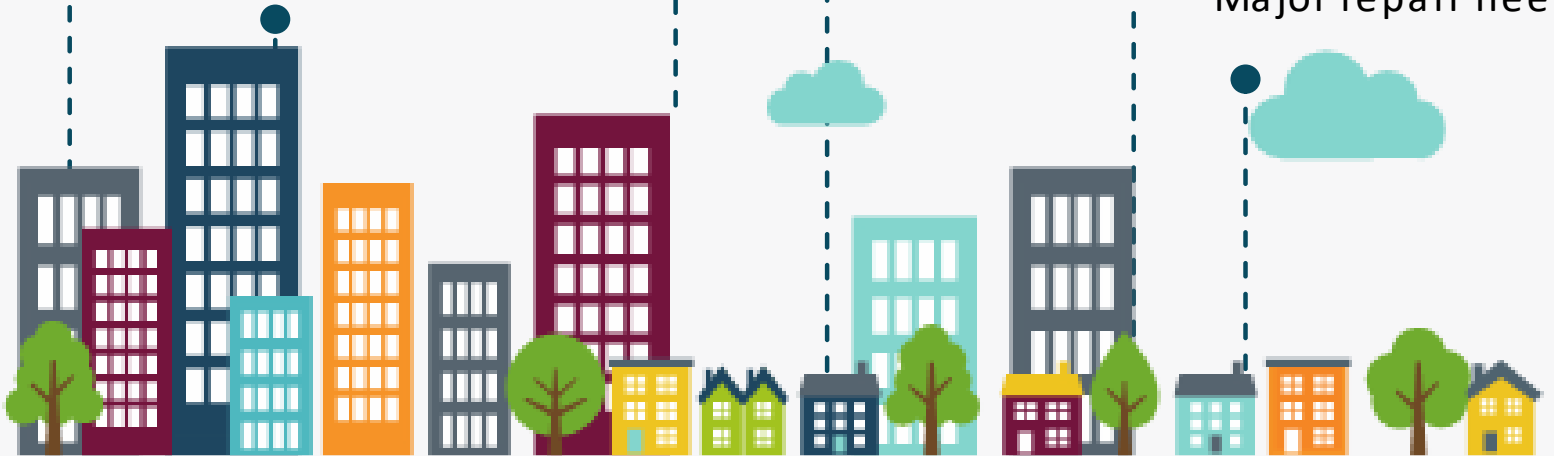
84%
Apartment ≥ 5 stories



82%
Built before 1980



14%
Major repair needed



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