The majority of the older population is and will continue to be women.

Worldwide older women will continue to outnumber men due to longer life expectancies; currently:
- For every 100 women age 60+, there are 86 men
- For every 100 women 80+, there are 63 men

In Canada, in 2017, women also made up the majority of the older adult population:
- 53% of the population aged 60+
- 61% of the population aged 80+

UN DESA (2015); Statistics Canada (2017)