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The proportion of elderly people living in Canada will rise from 12.6 per cent to 23 per cent by 2041, according to Statistics Canada. The number of older adults who drive will more than double over the next 20 years.

According to ICBC, older drivers make up 13.6 per cent of B.C.'s driving population, but are responsible for only 9.2 per cent of accidents and collisions causing death.

Seniors drive shorter distances than other age groups, but when crash rates are adjusted for distance driven, the injury and death rates for older drivers are similar to the high rates of young adults.

Researchers at UVic's centre on aging study the social and psychological aspects of aging, population health and health services delivery in partnership with seniors, their families, organizations, health care providers and the government. To find out more visit [www.coag.uvic.ca](http://www.coag.uvic.ca).

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