

Being designated an age-friendly city: What does it mean for the health and well-being of older people?

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To be designated an age-friendly city by the World Health Organization (WHO), a specific set of criteria need to be met. Using the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), the health and well-being of older people who live in a sample of large cities, which have been designated as age-friendly (AFCs) by the WHO are compared to older people who live in a sample of large cities (AFC-Ns), which are not 'officially' designated as age-friendly by the WHO. Overall health and mental health are used as dependent variables. In addition to the comparisons between AFCs and AFC-Ns, comparisons are made to provincial and national averages. Technical, theoretical and policy explanations are considered to interpret the results.

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