Older Adults in Grey Bruce: Data from the 2016 Census of Population

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Notes

This report was updated on March 5th to correct data in Table 4.

All indicators, except for simple population counts and age distributions are based on persons living in private households and do not include, for example, older adults living in long-term care facilities.

Data specific to Neyaashiinigmiing and Saugeen First Nations are not presented due to high non-response rates (30.5% and 46.0% respectively).

To ensure confidentiality, the values, including totals, are randomly rounded either up or down to a multiple of '5' or '10.' To understand these data, you must be aware that **each individual value is rounded**. A value of zero (-) does not necessarily mean that there are no people in that particular category.

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Population

In 2016 there were 22,630 older adults aged 65 years and older living in Grey County, and 16,075 in Bruce County. Older adults made up 23.6% of Bruce County's population, and 24.1% of Grey County's; both higher than the provincial proportion of 16.7%. The following figure displays the percentage of the population that is made up of older adults aged 65 years and older in each Grey Bruce municipality. Older adults made up a larger proportion of the population in almost every Grey Bruce municipality when compared to Ontario, with Southgate being the only exception. The three municipalities where older adults aged 65+ make up the highest proportions of the population are Northern Bruce Peninsula, Hanover, and The Blue Mountains. See table 4, p. 9 for population counts at the municipal level.

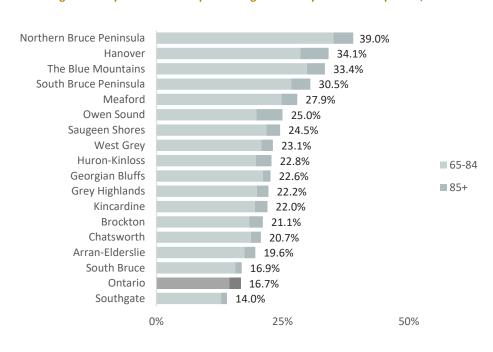


Figure 1. Proportion of the Population Aged 65+ Grey Bruce Municipalities, 2016

Women, on average, live longer than men. Figure 2 displays the proportions of the populations aged 65+, and aged 85+ that were made up of women in 2016. Women made up a slightly higher proportion of the population aged 65+ than men in Bruce and Grey counties and Ontario. Women made up even more of the population aged 85 years and older; 66.5% of those aged 85+ in Bruce County were women, as were 61.6% in Grey County, and 64.8% in Ontario.

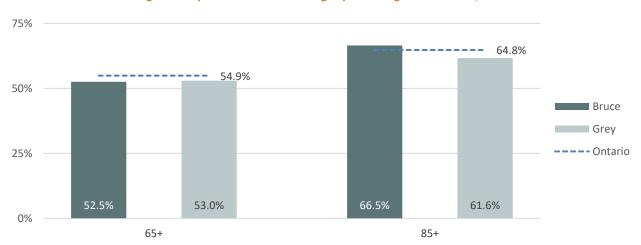


Figure 2 Proportion of Women among Population Aged 65+ and 85+, 2016

Marital Status

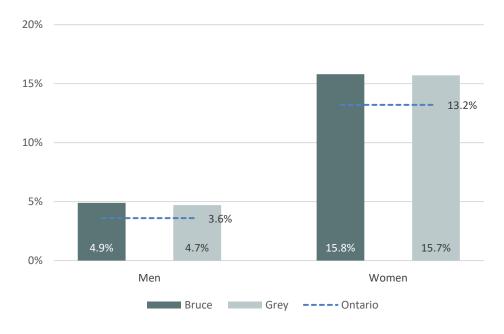
Table 1 presents the marital status (partnered vs. not partnered) of older adults aged 65 years and older in Bruce County, Grey County, and Ontario in 2016. 'Partnered' people include those who are married or living common law (living with a person as a couple but not legally married to that person). 'Not partnered' includes people who have never been married, and people who are divorced, separated, or widowed.

In 2016, older adults aged 65 years and older in Bruce and Grey Counties were more likely to be partnered than their provincial counterparts, but they were also more likely to be widowed (Table 1). Figure 3 presents the proportion of older adults in Bruce County, Grey County, and Ontario, who were widowed in 2016, by sex. Older adults who were widowed made up 10.5% of older adults in Bruce County, 10.4% in Grey County, and 8.6% in Ontario. Older adult women in each of these areas were much more likely to be widowed than older adult men.

Table 1. Marital Status of Older Adults (65+) Ontario, Bruce County, and Grey County, 2016

				Not-Partnered		
	Sex	Population	Partnered	All Not-Partnered	Widowed	
Ontario	Total	13,492,170	7,829,350 (58.0)	5,662,830 (42.0)	1,165,855 (8.6)	
	Women	7,048,755	3,832,015 (54.4)	3,216,740 (45.6)	933,805 (13.2)	
	Men	6,443,430	3,997,340 (62.0)	2,446,090 (38.0)	232,060 (3.6)	
Grey Bruce	Total	176,030	112,730 (64.0)	63,290 (36.0)	18,365 (10.4)	
	Women	90,560	55,090 (60.8)	35,480 (39.2)	14,255 (15.7)	
	Men	85,460	57,660 (67.5)	27,820 (32.6)	4,095 (4.8)	
Bruce	Total	73,460	47,840 (65.1)	25,605 (34.9)	7,710 (10.5)	
	Women	37,625	23,350 (62.1)	14,285 (38.0)	5,955 (15.8)	
	Men	35,830	24,510 (68.4)	11,325 (31.6)	1,750 (4.9)	
Grey	Total	102,570	64,890 (63.3)	37,685 (36.7)	10,655 (10.4)	
	Women	52,935	31,740 (60.0)	21,195 (40.0)	8,300 (15.7)	
	Men	49,630	33,150 (66.8)	16,495 (33.2)	2,345 (4.7)	

Figure 3. Proportion of Older Adults (65+) Who Are Widowed, by Sex, Bruce County, Grey County, and Ontario, 2016



Household Type

Households can be divided into census families and non-census families. Census family households can be one-family households (couple families with or without children, and lone-parent households), or multiple-family households (two or more families, or one family living with additional relatives or non-relatives). Non-census families include individuals who live alone, those who live with relatives, and those who live with non-relatives.

In 2016, most older adults (65+) in Grey Bruce lived in a census family with a married spouse or common-law partner, but without children. There was also a large proportion of older adults in Grey Bruce who lived alone. Figures 4 and 5 display the proportions of older adults aged 65 and older, and 85 and older who lived alone in 2016. The proportion of older adults aged 65 and older who lived alone was similar to, or smaller than the provincial proportion in most Grey Bruce municipalities. Among older adults aged 85 and older, the proportion who lived alone was greater than the provincial proportion in most Grey Bruce municipalities.

Table 2. Population Aged 65+ by Household Type, 2016

Household Type	Ontario	Grey Bruce	Bruce	Grey
Population aged 65+	4,227,025	72,090	30,020	42,070
Adults living in census families	2,908,425 (68.8)	51,800 (71.9)	21,680 (72.2)	30,120 (71.6)
Married spouses and common-law partners	2,675,125 (63.3)	49,595 (68.8)	20,825 (69.4)	28,770 (68.4)
Without children in their census family	2,262,310 (53.5)	45,905 (63.7)	19,465 (64.8)	26,440 (62.8)
With children in their census family	412,825 (9.8)	3,690 (5.1)	1,350 (4.5)	2,340 (5.6)
Lone parents (in lone-parent census families)	222,500 (5.3)	2,110 (2.9)	825 (2.7)	1,285 (3.1)
Children in census families (as a son/daughter)	10,795 (0.3)	100 (0.1)	35 (0.1)	65 (0.2)
Adults not living in census families	1,318,605 (31.2)	20,255 (28.1)	8,320 (27.7)	11,935 (28.4)
Living with other relatives	244,320 (5.8)	1,635 (2.3)	575 (1.9)	1,060 (2.5)
Living with non-relatives only	80,970 (1.9)	1,200 (1.7)	390 (1.3)	810 (1.9)
Living alone	993,310 (23.5)	17,455 (24.2)	7,375 (24.6)	10,080 (24.0)

60%

Figure 4. Proportion of Older Adults Aged 65+ Who Live Alone, Grey Bruce Municipalities, 2016

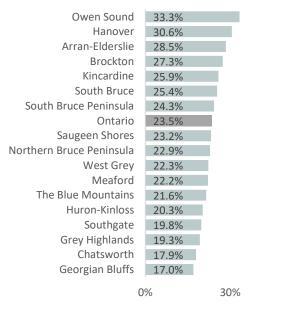
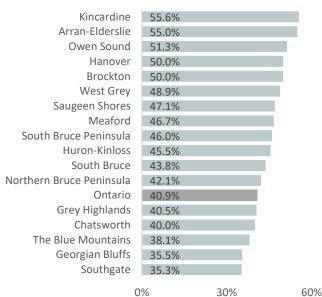


Figure 5. Proportion of Older Adults Aged 85+ Who Live Alone, Grey Bruce Municipalities, 2016



Low Income Rate

According to the low income measures, after-tax (LIM-AT), a household has low income if its after-tax income is less than half of the median after-tax income of all households in Canada. The LIM is adjusted for household size because a household's needs increase as the number of members increases.

In 2015, 12.0% of older adults aged 65 years and older in Ontario lived in low-income households, according to the LIM-AT. The low-income rate among older adults was slightly lower than Ontario in Bruce County, at 11.5% and higher in Grey County, at 13.4%. Figure 4 displays the prevalence of low income in Grey Bruce municipalities among older adults aged 65 years and older. Around half of Grey Bruce municipalities have as many or more older adults in low-income households relative to Ontario. The highest low income rates among older adults were found in Southgate, Arran-Elderslie, and Chatsworth.

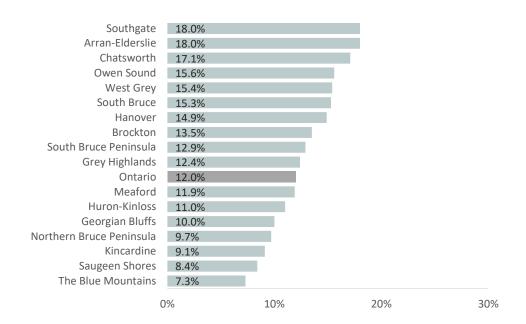


Figure 4. Proportion of Older Adults 65+ in Low-income Households, According to LIM-AT, Grey Bruce Municipalities, 2015

Older adult women were more likely to live in low-income households than older adult men (Figure 5). Table 5 (p.10) displays the number of older adults living in low-income households in Grey Bruce municipalities, by sex, along with the proportion of their age group that they represent (e.g. 13.6% of women aged 65 years and older in Bruce County lived in low-income households in 2015). In every municipality, low-income rates were higher among women than men. This disparity was greatest in Owen Sound and Hanover.

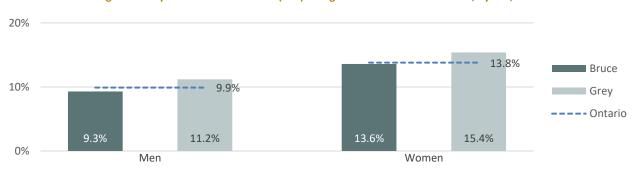


Figure 5. Proportion of Older Adults (65+) Living in Low-income Households, by Sex, 2015

Housing

The three key housing indicators collected by the census are: affordability (households spending 30% or more of their total household income on shelter costs are considered to have unaffordable housing), adequacy (dwellings in need of major repairs are considered to fall below adequacy standards), and suitability or "crowding" (dwellings with too few bedrooms for the size and composition of the household). See Table 6, p. 11 for housing indicators at the municipal level, by tenure.

Figure 6 displays the proportions of private households in Bruce County, Grey County, and Ontario, with primary household maintainers aged 65 years and older, that were spending 30% or more of their household income on shelter costs in 2016. Primary household maintainer refers to the person residing in the household who is responsible for paying the rent, mortgage, or taxes, or the electricity or other services or utilities.

Older adults who rent have high rates of unaffordable shelter costs. Sixty percent of renter households with primary household maintainers aged 65+ have unaffordable shelter costs in Bruce County, as do 59.2% in Grey County and 62.5% in Ontario. Twelve percent of owner households with primary household maintainers aged 65+ have unaffordable shelter costs in Bruce County, as do 15.3% in Grey County and 16.5% in Ontario.

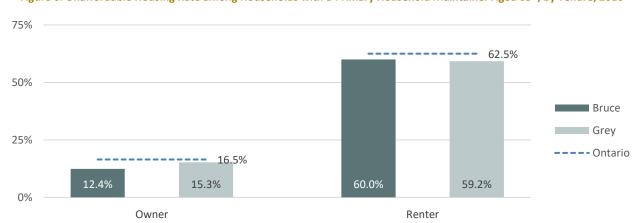


Figure 6. Unaffordable Housing Rate among Households with a Primary Household Maintainer Aged 65+, by Tenure, 2016

Subsidized housing (including rent geared to income, social housing, government-assisted housing etc.) does not necessarily mean affordable housing. Rates of unaffordable housing remain high among older adult renters in subsidized housing (Table 6, p. 11). Among renter households in subsidized housing with primary household maintainers aged 65+, 70.5% in Bruce County had unaffordable shelter costs in 2016, as did 58.3% in Grey County.

Educational Attainment

Educational attainment refers to the highest level of education that a person has successfully completed. Figure 7 displays the highest educational attainment among those aged 65+ in Bruce County, Grey County, and Ontario in 2016. Just under 30% of older adults aged 65 years and older in Bruce and Grey counties had no educational qualifications in 2016, which is slightly lower relative to older adults in Ontario. Older adults whose highest educational qualification was a high school diploma made up 23.2% of older adults in Bruce County and 24.2% in Grey County, just under the provincial proportion of 25.6%. Just under half of older adults in Bruce and Grey counties had postsecondary qualifications, slightly higher than their provincial counterparts at 45.2%.

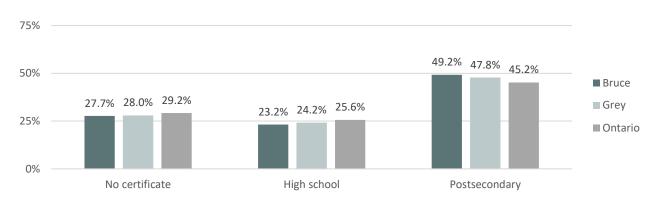


Figure 7. Highest Educational Attainment, by Age Group, 2016

Immigration

Canada's immigrant population is defined as persons who are, or who have been, landed immigrants a.k.a. permanent residents in Canada. A landed immigrant is not a Canadian citizen by birth, but has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. Refugees, students, and those with work permits or Minister's permits are not landed immigrants, but non-permanent residents. Non-permanent residents are persons from another country who have a work or study permit or who are refugee claimants, along with their family members sharing the same permit and living in Canada with them.

The following table displays the immigrant status of older adults aged 65+ in Ontario, Bruce County, and Grey County in 2016. Immigrants and non-permanent residents made up a small proportion of the population aged 65+ in both Bruce and Grey counties in 2016. As is the case in other age groups, the proportions of older adults in Grey Bruce who were or had ever been landed immigrants or non-permanent residents were low relative to the provincial proportions.

Immigrant Status	Geography (population aged 65+)				
	Ontario (2,113,515)	Grey (21,030)			
Non-immigrants (%)	1,166,790 (55.2)	29,925 (83.1)	12,655 (84.4)	17,270 (82.1)	
Immigrants (%)	941,695 (44.6)	6,080 (16.9)	2,335 (15.6)	2,335 (15.6)	
Non-permanent Residents (%)	941,695 (0.24)	35 (0.10)	20 (0.13)	15 (0.07)	

Table 3. Immigrant Status of Older Adults, Ontario, Bruce County, and Grey County, 2016

Additional Tables

Population Counts

Table 4. Population Aged 65+, Grey Bruce Municipalities, 2016

Geography (population)	65 +	85+	65 to 69	70 to 79	80 to 89	90 to 99	100 +
Ontario (13,448,495)	2,251,655 (16.7)	301,075 (2.2)	737,745 (5.5)	921,655 (6.9)	479,655 (3.6)	109,600 (0.66)	3,005 (0.02)
Grey Bruce (161,975)	38,705 (23.9)	4,830 (3.0)	12,945 (8.0)	16,015 (9.9)	8,000 (4.9)	1,685 (0.86)	60 (0.04)
Bruce (68,145)	16,075 (23.6)	1,850 (2.7)	5,500 (8.1)	6,710 (9.8)	3,195 (4.7)	650 (0.80)	25 (0.04)
Arran-Elderslie (6,805)	1,335 (19.6)	150 (2.2)	450 (6.6)	555 (8.2)	255 (3.7)	60 (0.73)	-
Brockton (9,460)	1,995 (21.1)	260 (2.7)	655 (6.9)	825 (8.7)	425 (4.5)	95 (0.79)	5 (0.05)
Huron-Kinloss (7,070)	1,615 (22.8)	220 (3.1)	575 (8.1)	645 (9.1)	325 (4.6)	70 (0.92)	5 (0.07)
Kincardine (11,385)	2,505 (22.0)	290 (2.5)	860 (7.6)	1,025 (9.0)	505 (4.4)	110 (0.75)	5 (0.04)
N. Bruce Peninsula (4,000)	1,560 (39.0)	155 (3.9)	535 (13.4)	675 (16.9)	295 (7.4)	55 (1.25)	5 (0.13)
Saugeen Shores (13,715)	3,355 (24.5)	375 (2.7)	1,155 (8.4)	1,395 (10.2)	675 (4.9)	135 (0.84)	-
South Bruce (5,635)	955 (16.9)	75 (1.3)	350 (6.2)	395 (7.0)	190 (3.4)	20 (0.35)	-
S. Bruce Peninsula (8,415)	2,570 (30.5)	320 (3.8)	840 (10.0)	1,125 (13.4)	490 (5.8)	110 (1.01)	5 (0.06)
Grey (93,830)	22,630 (24.1)	2,980 (3.2)	7,445 (7.9)	9,305 (9.9)	4,805 (5.1)	1,035 (0.90)	35 (0.04)
Blue Mountains (7,025)	2,345 (33.4)	255 (3.6)	790 (11.2)	1,020 (14.5)	455 (6.5)	90 (1.14)	5 (0.07)
Chatsworth (6,630)	1,370 (20.7)	130 (2.0)	555 (8.4)	560 (8.4)	210 (3.2)	40 (0.45)	-
Georgian Bluffs (10,480)	2,365 (22.6)	155 (1.5)	930 (8.9)	1,055 (10.1)	330 (3.1)	55 (0.43)	-
Grey Highlands (9,805)	2,175 (22.2)	225 (2.3)	705 (7.2)	975 (9.9)	425 (4.3)	75 (0.66)	5 (0.05)
Hanover (7,690)	2,065 (26.9)	385 (5.0)	555 (7.2)	795 (10.3)	580 (7.5)	135 (1.43)	10 (0.13)
Meaford (10,990)	3,065 (27.9)	340 (3.1)	1,060 (9.6)	1,295 (11.8)	575 (5.2)	115 (0.86)	10 (0.09)
Owen Sound (21,340)	5,325 (25.0)	1,120 (5.2)	1,410 (6.6)	1,935 (9.1)	1,540 (7.2)	420 (1.52)	15 (0.07)
Southgate (7,355)	1,030 (14.0)	90 (1.2)	375 (5.1)	445 (6.1)	195 (2.7)	25 (0.27)	-
West Grey (12,520)	2,895 (23.1)	285 (2.3)	1,070 (8.5)	1,230 (9.8)	505 (4.0)	90 (0.56)	-

Low Income Rate

Table 5. Older Adults (65+) in Low-income Households, According to LIM-AT, Grey Bruce Municipalities, 2015

Geography	AII (%)	Men (%)	Women (%)
Ontario	2,108,560 (12.0)	970,405 (9.9)	1,138,155 (13.8)
Grey Bruce	35,845 (12.6)	17,355 (10.4)	18,500 (14.6)
Bruce	14,815 (11.5)	7,225 (9.3)	7,595 (13.6)
Arran-Elderslie	1,250 (18.0)	615 (16.3)	630 (20.6)
Brockton	1,810 (13.5)	885 (11.9)	925 (15.1)
Huron-Kinloss	1,450 (11.0)	720 (9.0)	730 (13.0)
Kincardine	2,315 (9.1)	1,115 (6.3)	1,200 (11.7)
N. Bruce Peninsula	1,440 (9.7)	725 (9.7)	720 (10.4)
Saugeen Shores	3,150 (8.4)	1,495 (5.7)	1,655 (10.9)
South Bruce	950 (15.3)	470 (13.8)	480 (17.7)
S. Bruce Peninsula	2,445 (12.9)	1,190 (10.1)	1,255 (15.5)
Grey	21,030 (13.4)	10,130 (11.2)	10,905 (15.4)
Blue Mountains	2,260 (7.3)	1,150 (6.5)	1,110 (7.7)
Chatsworth	1,315 (17.1)	685 (16.1)	625 (18.4)
Grey Highlands	2,105 (12.4)	1,040 (10.6)	1,065 (15.0)
Georgian Bluffs	2,355 (10.0)	1,230 (9.3)	1,125 (10.7)
Hanover	1,750 (14.9)	770 (11.0)	980 (17.3)
Meaford	2,980 (11.9)	1,450 (9.7)	1,530 (14.1)
Owen Sound	4,485 (15.6)	1,920 (11.7)	2,565 (18.3)
Southgate	1,030 (18.0)	515 (16.5)	520 (19.2)
West Grey	2,760 (15.4)	1,370 (13.5)	1,385 (17.3)

Housing Indicators

Table 6. Housing Indicators by Tenure, among Households with Primary Household Maintainers Aged 65+, 2016

		Owner	Owner		Renter	Renter
	Owner (All)	With Mortgage	Without Mortgage	Renter (All)	Subsidized	Not Subsidized
Ontario						
Total Primary Household Maintainers 65+	992,450	255,500	736,955	303,315	73,215	230,105
Unaffordable	163,315 (16.5)	101,470 (39.7)	61,840 (8.4)	174,745 (57.6)	46,840 (64.0)	127,910 (55.6)
Inadequate	40,600 (4.1)	15,120 (5.9)	25,470 (3.5)	18,130 (6.0)	4,810 (6.6)	13,320 (5.8)
Unsuitable	12,925 (1.3)	7,135 (2.8)	5,795 (0.8)	10,835 (3.6)	1,630 (2.2)	9,220 (4.0)
Unaffordable, Inadequate, or Unsuitable	203,900 (20.5)	114,695 (44.9)	89,205 (12.1)	189,520 (62.5)	49,790 (68.0)	139,735 (60.7)
Grey Bruce						
Total Primary Household Maintainers 65+	18,090	4,295	13,805	4,110	800	3,290
Unaffordable	2,540 (14.0)	1,635 (38.1)	900 (6.5)	2,445 (59.5)	505 (63.1)	1,925 (58.5)
Inadequate	755 (4.2)	320 (7.5)	455 (3.3)	135 (3.3)	30 (3.8)	105 (3.2)
Unsuitable	65 (0.4)	20 (0.5)	45 (0.3)	60 (1.5)	(0.0)	65 (2.0)
Unaffordable, Inadequate, or Unsuitable	3,175 (17.6)	1,830 (42.6)	1,340 (9.7)	2,555 (62.2)	520 (65.0)	2,035 (61.9)
Bruce						
Total Primary Household Maintainers 65+	7,665	1,740	5,930	1,550	320	1,215
Unaffordable	950 (12.4)	625 (35.9)	330 (5.6)	930 (60.0)	225 (70.3)	705 (58.0)
Inadequate	360 (4.7)	160 (9.2)	205 (3.5)	30 (1.9)	10 (3.1)	20 (1.6)
Unsuitable	35 (0.5)	10 (0.6)	35 (0.6)	20 (1.3)	-	20 (1.6)
Unaffordable, Inadequate, or Unsuitable	1,265 (16.5)	715 (41.1)	545 (9.2)	945 (61.0)	230 (71.9)	715 (58.8)
Grey						
Total Primary Household Maintainers 65+	10,425	2,555	7,875	2,560	480	2,075
Unaffordable	1,590 (15.3)	1,010 (39.5)	570 (7.2)	1,515 (59.2)	280 (58.3)	1,220 (58.8)
Inadequate	395 (3.8)	160 (6.3)	250 (3.2)	105 (4.1)	20 (4.2)	85 (4.1)
Unsuitable	30 (0.3)	10 (0.4)	10 (0.1)	40 (1.6)	-	45 (2.2)
Unaffordable, Inadequate, or Unsuitable	1,910 (18.3)	1,115 (43.6)	795 (10.1)	1,610 (62.9)	290 (60.4)	1,320 (63.6)