The number of people waitlisted for non-market housing units on the Housing Registry* dropped in 2013 following a steady increase over the previous four years. The Housing Registry is one of many indicators considered when assessing the need for non-market housing and affordable shelter in the region. For example, the overall decrease in the number of applicants in 2013 may relate to an increase in the number of units, whereas the increase in senior applicants may reflect a decrease in seniors units. Applicants may also remain on the waitlist for various reasons despite units becoming available.

*The Housing Registry is a centralized database for housing providers that contains current applicant information and is a single point of entry for applicants seeking subsidized housing. This was developed in partnership with non-profit housing providers and is managed by BC Housing. Participation by non-profit housing providers is optional, and as some prefer to manage their own applications, the Housing Registry may not reflect all available housing projects/units within an area.

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