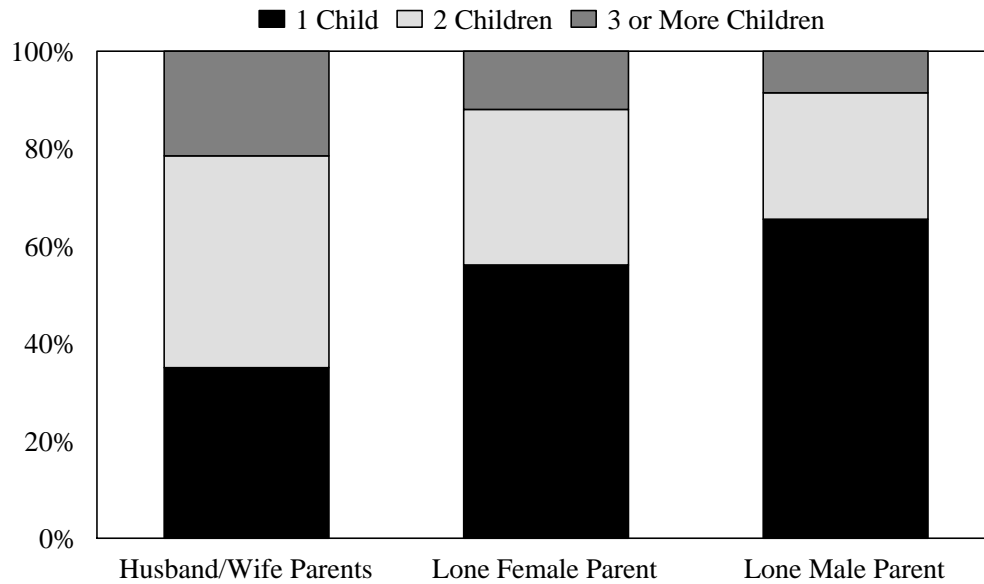


Focus on BC Families: Children Living At Home

Two Parent Families are More Likely to Have More Than One Child at Home



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The Children

- Eighty one per cent of all children living at home live in two parent families.
- The family make-up of two parent families is quite different than that of one parent families. Sixty-five per cent of two parent families have more than one child at home. The opposite is true for one parent families, where 56 per cent of single mothers and 66 per cent of single fathers have only one child at home.
- Two parent families have an average of 1.9 children at home compared to 1.6 children in single parent families.
- In 1996, 19 per cent of all children living at home live in single parent families, up two percentage points from 1991.
- Young adults are living at home longer than they used to. In 1996, 48 per cent of all 20 to 24 year olds that live in private households were still living with their parents. This compares to 42 per cent in 1991.
- Twenty per cent of males aged 25 to 29 still live with their parents/parent. This compares to 12 per cent of females in the same age group.

The Families

- Sixty per cent of all families in British Columbia have never-married children living at home.
- Single parent families made up 23 per cent of all families with children in 1996, an increase of 3 percentage points since 1991. The number of single parent families increased by 30 per cent between 1991 and 1996, which is more than two times the growth rate of two parent families, which was 12 per cent.
- Two parent families are more likely to have younger children in the home. In 1996, 35 per cent of two parent families had a child under six years old compared to 24 per cent of single parent families. The reverse is true in families with only older children at home. Thirty one per cent of all single parent families had only children over the age of 17 living at home compared to only 21 per cent of two parent families.

Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada

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Age of Children in Families by Family Structure British Columbia

All Families						
	Number			% Distribution by Age of Youngest Child		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Total Families	775,875	887,660	1,008,440			
With Children at Home	481,100	529,595	612,695	100.0	100.0	100.0
- Youngest Child Over 17	100,375	118,220	142,980	20.9	22.3	23.3
- Youngest Child Age 6-17	212,745	227,230	270,600	44.2	42.9	44.2
- Youngest Child Under 6	167,970	184,145	199,115	34.9	34.8	32.5
Husband-Wife Families						
	Number			% Distribution by Age of Youngest Child		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Husband-Wife Families	679,230	780,285	869,430			
With Children at Home	384,450	422,215	473,690	100.0	100.0	100.0
- Youngest Child Over 17	71,025	83,645	99,625	18.5	19.8	21.0
- Youngest Child Age 6-17	168,290	180,200	208,225	43.8	42.7	44.0
- Youngest Child Under 6	145,135	158,375	165,840	37.8	37.5	35.0
Single Mother Families						
	Number			% Distribution by Age of Youngest Child		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Female Single Parent Families	79,145	88,245	115,110			
With Children at Home	79,145	88,245	115,110	100.0	100.0	100.0
- Youngest Child Over 17	22,880	27,390	34,375	28.9	31.0	29.9
- Youngest Child Age 6-17	35,790	37,970	50,670	45.2	43.0	44.0
- Youngest Child Under 6	20,470	22,890	30,050	25.9	25.9	26.1
Single Father Families						
	Number			% Distribution by Age of Youngest Child		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Male Single Parent Families	17,505	19,130	23,900			
With Children at Home	17,505	19,130	23,900	100.0	100.0	100.0
- Youngest Child Over 17	6,470	7,185	8,980	37.0	37.6	37.6
- Youngest Child Age 6-17	8,665	9,060	11,695	49.5	47.4	48.9
- Youngest Child Under 6	2,355	2,880	3,220	13.5	15.1	13.5

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Never-Married Children Living At Home - 1996

British Columbia

	Number	% of Total
Total Families With Never-married Children at Home	612,695	100.0
1 child at home	246,120	40.2
2 children at home	248,530	40.6
3 or more children at home	118,050	19.3
Total Never-married Children at home	1,133,315	100.0
24 years old and under	1,049,205	92.6
25 years old and over	84,110	7.4
Average Number of Never-married Children at Home Per Family	1.8	
	Number	% of Total
Husband/Wife Families With Never-married Children at Home	473,690	100.0
1 child at home	165,905	35.0
2 children at home	205,655	43.4
3 or more children at home	102,125	21.6
Total Never-married Children at home	915,050	100.0
24 years old and under	860,650	94.1
25 years old and over	54,395	5.9
Average Number of Never-married Children at Home Per Family	1.9	
	Number	% of Total
Single Mother Families With Children at Home	115,110	100.0
1 child at home	64,555	56.1
2 children at home	36,675	31.9
3 or more children at home	13,875	12.1
Total Never-married Children at home	183,600	100.0
24 years old and under	158,945	86.6
25 years old and over	24,655	13.4
Average Number of Never-married Children at Home Per Family	1.6	
	Number	% of Total
Single Father Families With Children at Home	23,900	100.0
1 son or daughter at home	15,660	65.5
2 children at home	6,195	25.9
3 or more children at home	2,040	8.5
Total Never-married Children at home	34,665	100.0
24 years old and under	29,605	85.4
25 years old and over	5,055	14.6
Average Number of Never-married Children at Home Per Family	1.5	

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Living Arrangements of Population in Private Households by Age Groups in British Columbia - 1996

	<u>Total</u>	<u><15</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>20-24</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>25-29</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>30+</u>	<u>%</u>
TOTAL											
Total Population in Private Households	3677890	734345		241845		238565		268840		2194285	
Total Persons in Census Family Households	3124105	732395	100.0	231750	100.0	184475	100.0	200555	100.0	1774935	100.0
Spouses, common-law partners or lone parents	1877870	0	0.0	5505	2.4	56010	30.4	144570	72.1	1671785	94.2
Never-married children in families with two parents	915045	593330	81.0	174265	75.2	93065	50.4	32360	16.1	22045	1.2
Never-married children in families with one parent	218265	125025	17.1	42330	18.3	21190	11.5	10500	5.2	19210	1.1
Non-family persons living with relatives	66665	9650	1.3	3850	1.7	5695	3.1	5740	2.9	41735	2.4
Non-family persons living with non-relatives only	46255	4390	0.6	5800	2.5	8510	4.6	7390	3.7	20160	1.1
% of Children Living With Parents as % of Total	30.8	97.8		89.6		47.9		15.9		1.9	
Total Persons in Non-Family Households	553785	1945	100.0	10100	100.0	54090	100.0	68285	100.0	419355	100.0
Living with relatives	45290	1310	67.4	2635	26.1	6620	12.2	6215	9.1	28500	6.8
Living with one or more non-relatives only	148485	635	32.6	6070	60.1	34085	63.0	35410	51.9	72285	17.2
Living alone	360005	0	0.0	1395	13.8	13380	24.7	26660	39.0	318570	76.0
MALES											
Total Population in Private Households	1818825	377365		124905		118170		131640		1066745	
Total Persons in Census Family Households	1546155	376360	100.0	119925	100.0	88750	100.0	90680	100.0	870440	100.0
Spouses, common-law partners or lone parents	893330	0	0.0	1025	0.9	17565	19.8	56690	62.5	818050	94.0
Never-married children in families with two parents	481545	304540	80.9	91700	76.5	51850	58.4	19525	21.5	13920	1.6
Never-married children in families with one parent	116815	64485	17.1	22385	18.7	11740	13.2	6510	7.2	11680	1.3
Non-family persons living with relatives	27685	5000	1.3	1990	1.7	3075	3.5	3480	3.8	14130	1.6
Non-family persons living with non-relatives only	26785	2330	0.6	2820	2.4	4515	5.1	4475	4.9	12640	1.5
% of Children Living With Parents as % of Total	32.9	97.8		91.3		53.8		19.8		2.4	
Total Persons in Non-Family Households	272670	1,010	99.5	4985	99.9	29420	100.0	40955	100.0	196305	100.0
Living with relatives	21420	670	66.3	1425	28.6	3760	12.8	3720	9.1	11855	6.0
Living with one or more non-relatives only	86280	335	33.2	2820	56.6	18415	62.6	21850	53.4	42845	21.8
Living alone	164970	0	0.0	735	14.7	7245	24.6	15385	37.6	141600	72.1
FEMALES											
Total Population in Private Households	1859065	356975		116935		120395		137205		1127545	
Total Persons in Census Family Households	1577950	356035	100.0	111820	100.0	95730	100.0	109875	100.0	904495	100.0
Spouses, common-law partners or lone parents	984540	0	0.0	4480	4.0	38445	40.2	87875	80.0	853735	94.4
Never-married children in families with two parents	433505	288785	81.1	82560	73.8	41215	43.1	12830	11.7	8110	0.9
Never-married children in families with one parent	101450	60540	17.0	19940	17.8	9455	9.9	3990	3.6	7525	0.8
Non-family persons living with relatives	38980	4650	1.3	1855	1.7	2615	2.7	2265	2.1	27595	3.1
Non-family persons living with non-relatives only	19470	2060	0.6	2980	2.7	4000	4.2	2910	2.6	7520	0.8
% of Children Living With Parents as % of Total	28.8	97.9		87.7		42.1		12.3		1.1	
Total Persons in Non-Family Households	281115	940	100.0	5120	99.9	24665	100.0	27330	100.0	223055	100.0
Living with relatives	23865	640	68.1	1210	23.6	2860	11.6	2500	9.1	16650	7.5
Living with one or more non-relatives only	62210	300	31.9	3250	63.5	15670	63.5	13555	49.6	29430	13.2
Living alone	195040	0	0.0	655	12.8	6135	24.9	11280	41.3	176960	79.3

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