

2.26 Private households by type

Type of household	Number			Percentage of total households		
	1971 ¹	1976	1981	1971	1976	1981
Family households	4,933,450	5,633,945	6,231,490	81.7	78.6	75.2
One-family households	4,812,360	5,542,295	6,140,330	79.7	77.3	74.1
Primary-family households ²	4,773,900	5,513,765	6,043,735	79.0	76.9	73.0
Without additional persons	4,285,960	5,025,815	5,556,385	70.9	70.1	67.1
With additional persons	487,935	487,950	487,350	8.1	6.8	5.9
Secondary-family households ²	38,465	28,525	96,590	0.6	0.4	1.2
Multiple family households ³	121,085	91,650	91,155	2.0	1.3	1.1
Non-family households	1,107,855	1,532,150	2,050,045	18.3	21.4	24.8
One person only	811,835	1,205,340	1,681,130	13.4	16.8	20.3
Two or more persons	296,020	326,810	368,910	4.9	4.6	4.5
Total households	6,041,300	7,166,095	8,281,530	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹1971 counts include households outside Canada.

²Changes in the 1981 Census method of determining primary and secondary-census families affect the historical comparability and counts of these types of one-family households.

³Consists of two or more families in one dwelling.

2.27 Household maintainers by age groups, 1981

Province or territory	Under 25 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years and over	Total
Newfoundland	8,425	39,490	30,245	24,385	22,565	23,305	148,420
Prince Edward Island	2,320	8,495	6,765	5,735	5,795	8,550	37,660
Nova Scotia	19,585	63,395	49,490	41,740	42,820	56,160	273,195
New Brunswick	15,300	52,695	39,720	32,755	33,120	41,340	214,920
Quebec	168,365	548,285	445,685	374,395	319,225	316,905	2,172,860
Ontario	209,585	699,995	575,620	514,355	451,435	518,785	2,969,785
Manitoba	31,890	80,980	59,630	53,845	55,380	76,260	357,985
Saskatchewan	34,325	73,325	50,040	49,570	51,755	73,700	332,710
Alberta	98,815	218,510	140,815	114,215	88,365	97,520	758,240
British Columbia	84,010	244,420	187,065	156,925	143,670	180,550	996,645
Yukon	830	2,675	1,790	1,125	720	460	7,600
Northwest Territories	1,365	4,105	2,550	1,745	1,040	715	11,515
Canada	674,830	2,036,370	1,589,415	1,370,800	1,215,895	1,394,230	8,281,530

2.28 Household maintainers by marital status, 1981

Province or territory	Married ¹	Widowed	Divorced	Single (never married)	Total
Newfoundland	121,470	14,230	2,615	10,110	148,420
Prince Edward Island	27,915	4,615	1,015	4,110	37,660
Nova Scotia	197,385	33,960	11,630	30,220	273,190
New Brunswick	162,745	24,315	6,870	20,990	214,920
Quebec	1,546,115	207,425	106,475	312,850	2,172,855
Ontario	2,164,670	315,500	130,835	358,780	2,969,785
Manitoba	249,360	42,730	14,490	51,410	357,985
Saskatchewan	234,845	39,035	10,800	48,035	332,715
Alberta	536,805	56,570	43,845	121,025	758,240
British Columbia	698,305	96,125	61,965	140,255	996,640
Yukon	5,435	350	415	1,400	7,600
Northwest Territories	8,530	635	395	1,955	11,520
Canada	5,953,575	835,490	391,340	1,101,120	8,281,530

¹Includes separated.