

2.29 Families and persons per family

Province or territory	Families		Persons in families		Average number of persons per family	
	1976	1981	1976	1981	1976	1981
Newfoundland	124,655	135,150	502,700	509,545	4.0	3.8
Prince Edward Island	27,560	30,220	102,700	105,745	3.7	3.5
Nova Scotia	200,480	216,200	710,360	721,035	3.5	3.3
New Brunswick	162,030	176,565	594,705	605,190	3.7	3.4
Quebec	1,540,400	1,671,540	5,434,790	5,491,195	3.5	3.3
Ontario	2,104,545	2,278,970	7,124,635	7,348,510	3.4	3.2
Manitoba	251,975	262,190	859,575	851,310	3.4	3.2
Saskatchewan	225,685	245,670	783,810	809,945	3.5	3.3
Alberta	448,770	565,635	1,556,005	1,842,430	3.5	3.3
British Columbia	628,445	727,680	2,060,325	2,261,040	3.3	3.1
Yukon	4,930	5,675	17,420	18,510	3.5	3.3
Northwest Territories	8,420	9,480	36,175	38,170	4.3	4.0
Canada	5,727,895	6,324,975	19,783,200	20,602,630	3.5	3.3

2.30 Families by family structure

Family structure	Number			Percentage		
	1971	1976	1981	1971	1976	1981
Husband-wife families	4,575,640	5,168,560	5,610,970	91.8	90.2	88.7
Lone parent families	477,525	559,330	714,005	9.4	9.8	11.3
Male parent	100,355	94,990	124,175	2.0	1.7	2.0
Female parent	377,165	464,345	589,825	7.5	8.1	9.3
Total families	5,053,170	5,727,895	6,324,975	100.0	100.0	100.0

2.31 Husband-wife and lone parent families

Age	1971		1976		1981	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Husband-wife families	4,605,485		5,168,565		5,610,965	
Husbands	4,605,485	100.0	5,168,565	100.0	5,610,965	100.0
Under 25 years	294,450	6.4	338,625	6.6	320,545	5.7
25-34 years	1,092,205	23.7	1,335,830	25.8	1,467,945	26.2
35-44 years	1,075,205	23.3	1,109,470	21.5	1,239,470	22.1
45-54 years	941,910	20.5	1,025,585	19.8	1,037,320	18.5
55-64 years	686,270	14.9	760,230	14.7	839,665	15.0
65 years and over	515,215	11.2	598,820	11.6	706,020	12.6
Wives	4,605,485	100.0	5,168,560	100.0	5,610,965	100.0
Under 25 years	567,440	12.3	623,490	12.1	594,310	10.6
25-34 years	1,154,550	25.1	1,416,840	27.4	1,590,390	28.3
35-44 years	1,043,710	22.7	1,065,965	20.6	1,187,340	21.2
45-54 years	920,470	20.0	987,600	19.1	972,425	17.3
55-64 years	581,495	12.6	674,715	13.1	778,220	13.9
65 years and over	337,805	7.3	399,960	7.7	488,275	8.7
Lone parent families	478,745		559,335		714,010	
Male	100,680	100.0	94,990	100.0	124,175	100.0
Under 25 years	4,225	4.2	3,280	3.5	2,530	2.0
25-34 years	16,535	16.4	12,275	12.9	15,370	12.4
35-44 years	22,210	22.1	21,565	22.7	31,950	25.7
45-54 years	22,525	22.4	24,730	26.0	34,725	28.0
55-64 years	16,375	16.3	16,065	16.9	21,505	17.3
65 years and over	18,805	18.7	17,075	18.0	18,110	14.6
Female	378,065	100.0	464,345	100.0	589,825	100.0
Under 25 years	25,295	6.7	33,080	7.1	45,525	7.7
25-34 years	66,665	17.6	98,660	21.2	139,535	23.7
35-44 years	78,350	20.7	100,100	21.6	140,065	23.7
45-54 years	85,160	22.5	99,155	21.4	114,155	19.4
55-64 years	59,500	15.7	67,765	14.2	79,125	13.4
65 years and over	63,090	16.7	67,595	14.6	71,430	12.1

Totals may not add due to rounding.