

2.19 Families and persons per family, 1981 and 1986

Province or territory	Families		Persons in families		Average number of persons per family	
	1981	1986	1981	1986	1981	1986
Newfoundland	135,150	142,125	509,545	507,745	3.8	3.6
Prince Edward Island	30,220	32,070	105,745	107,935	3.5	3.4
Nova Scotia	216,200	230,490	721,035	737,690	3.3	3.3
New Brunswick	176,565	186,895	605,190	611,105	3.4	3.3
Quebec	1,671,540	1,751,500	5,491,195	5,472,275	3.3	3.1
Ontario	2,278,970	2,445,740	7,348,510	7,668,010	3.2	3.1
Manitoba	262,190	276,320	851,310	873,320	3.2	3.2
Saskatchewan	245,670	260,605	809,945	840,545	3.3	3.2
Alberta	565,635	616,320	1,842,430	1,962,750	3.3	3.2
British Columbia	727,680	775,380	2,261,040	2,351,185	3.1	3.0
Yukon	5,675	5,830	18,510	18,620	3.3	3.2
Northwest Territories	9,480	11,215	38,170	43,480	4.0	3.9
Canada	6,324,975	6,734,980	20,602,630	21,194,650	3.3	3.1

2.20 Families by family structure, 1976, 1981 and 1986

Family structure	Number			Percentage		
	1976	1981	1986	1976	1981	1986
Husband-wife families	5,168,560	5,610,970	5,881,335	90.2	88.7	87.3
Lone-parent families	559,330	714,005	853,645	9.8	11.3	12.7
Male parent	94,990	124,175	151,740	1.7	2.0	2.3
Female parent	464,345	589,825	701,900	8.1	9.3	10.4
Total families	5,727,895	6,324,975	6,734,980	100.0	100.0	100.0

2.21 Husband-wife and lone-parent families by age of husband, wife and lone-parent, 1976, 1981 and 1986

Age	1976		1981		1986	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Husband-wife families	5,168,565		5,610,965		5,881,335	
Husbands	5,168,565	100.0	5,610,965	100.0	5,881,335	100.0
Under 25 years	338,625	6.6	320,545	5.7	222,200	3.8
25 - 44 years	2,445,300	47.3	2,707,415	48.3	2,900,925	49.3
45 - 64 years	1,785,815	34.6	1,876,985	33.5	1,953,160	33.2
65 years and over	598,820	11.6	706,020	12.6	805,055	13.7
Wives	5,168,560	100.0	5,610,965	100.0	5,881,335	100.0
Under 25 years	623,490	12.1	594,310	10.6	444,805	7.6
25 - 44 years	2,482,805	48.0	2,777,730	49.5	3,040,905	51.7
45 - 64 years	1,662,315	32.2	1,750,645	31.2	1,813,045	30.8
65 years and over	399,960	7.7	488,275	8.7	582,580	9.9
Lone-parent families	559,335		714,010		853,645	
Male	94,990	100.0	124,175	100.0	151,745	100.0
Under 25 years	3,280	3.5	2,530	2.0	3,005	2.0
25 - 44 years	33,840	35.6	47,320	38.1	63,050	41.5
45 - 64 years	40,795	42.9	56,230	45.3	65,890	43.4
65 years and over	17,075	18.0	18,110	14.6	19,800	13.0
Female	464,345	100.0	589,825	100.0	701,900	100.0
Under 25 years	33,080	7.1	45,525	7.7	49,670	7.1
25 - 44 years	198,750	42.8	279,600	47.4	363,950	51.9
45 - 64 years	164,910	35.5	193,280	32.8	209,570	29.9
65 years and over	67,595	14.6	71,430	12.1	78,715	11.2