



### PERCENTAGE OF LONE-PARENT FAMILIES, 1986

There is no consistent trend in the geographic distribution of lone-parent families across the country, although higher percentages tend to be found in major urban areas.

In 1986, more than four out of five (84%) Canadians lived in families. This proportion has been declining since 1966 when 88% of the population lived as families. The average family size has also been declining, from 3.9 people in 1961, to 3.1 people in 1986.

There are fewer lone-parent families than traditional families, but their numbers have been increasing rapidly. In 1986, 13% of families were headed by a lone-parent; of these 13%, 80% were headed by women.

1986 data mapped by Census division

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