

Table 21 shows that in 1961 there was a higher proportion of one- and two-person households than a decade previously and a correspondingly lower proportion of the largest-sized households.

21.—Households classified by Number of Persons, Census Years 1951, 1956 and 1961

Persons per Household	Households			Percentages of Total		
	1951 ¹	1956	1961	1951 ¹	1956	1961
	No.	No.	No.			
1 person.....	252,436	308,613	424,750	7.4	7.9	9.3
2 persons.....	711,110	859,109	1,012,068	20.9	21.9	22.2
3 ".....	688,025	739,390	809,182	20.2	18.8	17.8
4 ".....	645,512	742,363	836,912	18.9	18.9	18.4
5 ".....	439,873	513,821	604,261	12.9	13.1	13.3
6 ".....	268,238	314,040	372,914	7.9	8.0	8.2
7 ".....	158,900	180,603	209,247	4.7	4.6	4.6
8-9 ".....	154,540	169,723	189,447	4.5	4.3	4.2
10 or more persons.....	90,650	95,984	95,955	2.7	2.4	2.1
Totals, Households.....	3,409,284	3,923,646	4,554,736	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average Persons per Household.....	4.0	3.9	3.9

¹ Exclusive of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Table 22 gives two classifications of households. The first is by the number of families* they include. While the proportion of one-family households has remained relatively stable since 1951, that of doubled-up families shows a fairly sharp drop from 6.7 p.c. in 1951 to 3.7 p.c. in 1961, a possible indication of an easing in the housing situation. The proportion of non-family households has increased slightly over the ten-year period—from 11.3 p.c. to 13.3 p.c.

The second classification is by number of lodgers. The percentage of households with lodgers has continued to decrease but at a much slower pace between 1956 and 1961 than during the previous five-year period.

* A family, as defined in the census, consists of a husband and wife (with or without children who have never married) or a parent with one or more children never married, living together in the same dwelling. Adopted children and stepchildren are counted as own children and, in fact, a family may comprise a man or woman living with a guardianship child or ward under 21 years of age.

22.—Households classified by Number of Families and by Number of Lodgers, Census Years 1951, 1956 and 1961

Families or Lodgers	1951		1956		1961	
	No.	P.C. of Total	No.	P.C. of Total	No.	P.C. of Total
Households with—						
0 family.....	385,010	11.3	459,420	11.7	605,801	13.3
1 family.....	2,794,860	82.0	3,259,499	83.1	3,780,992	83.0
2+families.....	229,425	6.7	204,727	5.2	167,943	3.7
0 lodger.....	3,081,085	90.4	3,610,238	92.0	4,210,953	92.4
1 lodger.....	171,310	5.0	162,067	4.1	207,518	4.6
2 lodgers.....	73,480	2.2	68,950	1.8	67,237	1.5
3+lodgers.....	83,420	2.4	82,391	2.1	69,028	1.5