

Census Release III: Families, Households, and Marital Status

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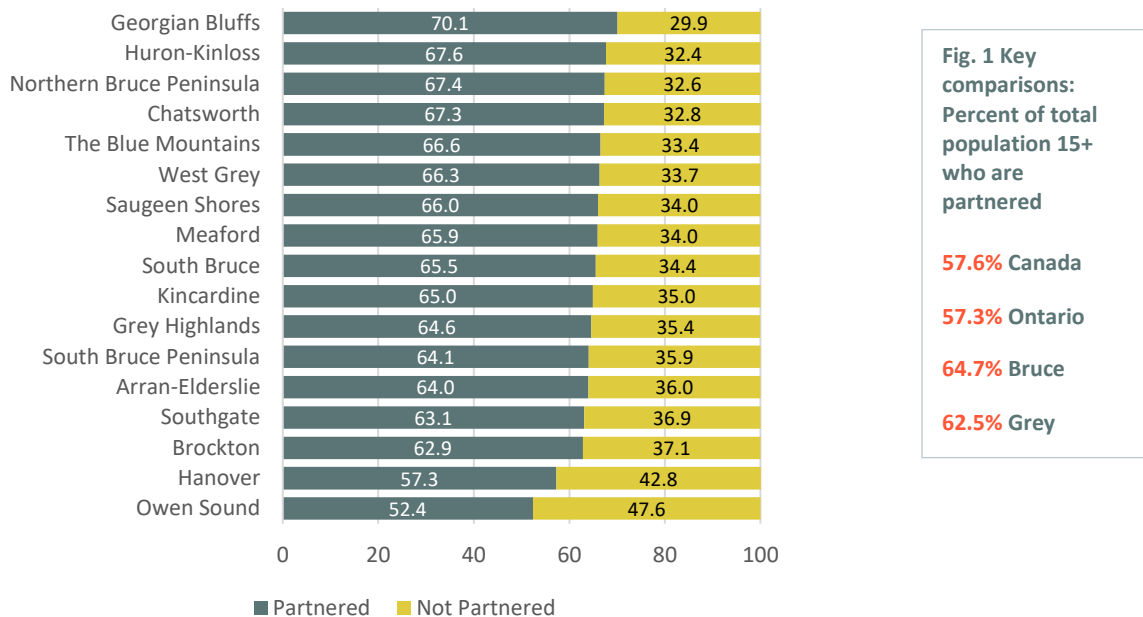
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¹ Data from Neyaashiinigmiing and Saugeen First Nations are not included in this report due to high non-response rates (30.5% and 46% respectively)

Population by Relationship Status

Overall, 137,325 people in Grey Bruce aged 15 and over provided information about their marital and common-law status. Married or common-law persons are 'partnered,' and the remainder are 'not partnered.' 'Not partnered' includes people who have never been married, and people who are divorced, separated, or widowed. In Grey Bruce, 63% of those aged 15 and over who reported their marital and common-law status were partnered, leaving 37% not partnered (Figure 1). These proportions have not changed since the previous Census period.

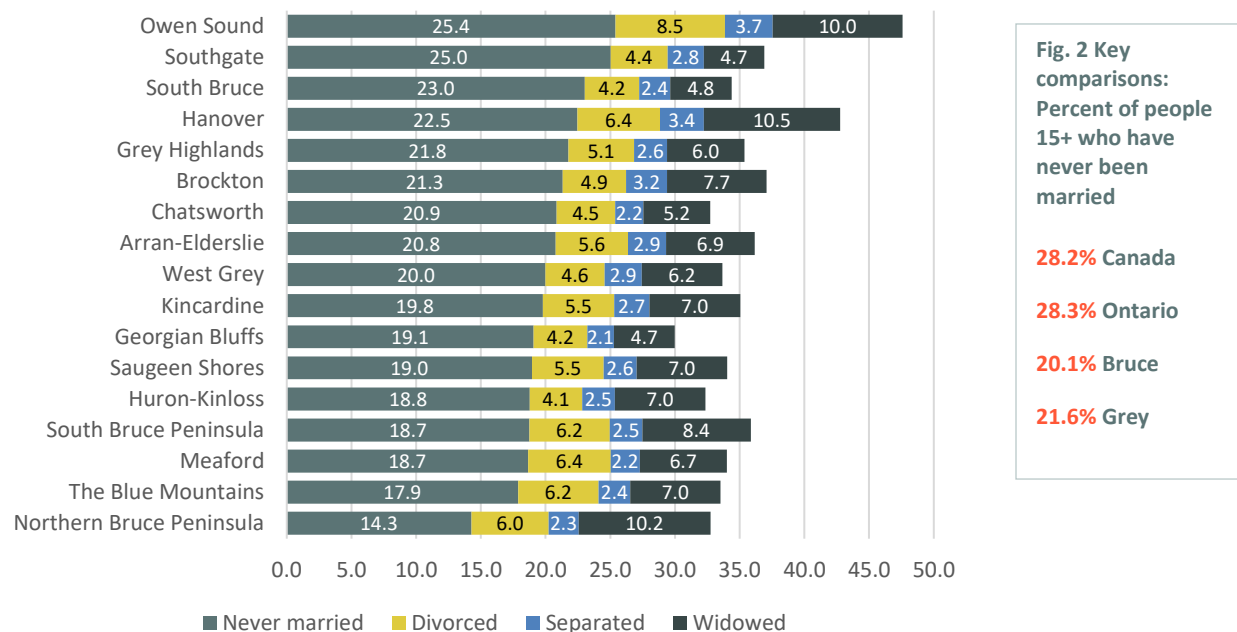
Figure 1. Marital status (not partnered vs. partnered) among people 15+ (%), by Municipality



Not partnered

People who are not partnered may have less emotional and financial support than people who are. Figure 1 presents the proportions of the population 15 and over in each municipality who reported that they were not partnered. Most municipalities have a lower proportion of residents who are not partnered than Ontario and Canada. Figure 2 presents the marital status breakdown among the population 15 and over who were not partnered. Note that some of these people have children and/or roommates, and some are living with parents or other family members, so they are not necessarily living alone.

Figure 2. Marital status among persons 15+ who are not partnered, as a percent of the total population (%), by Municipality



Widowed Persons

Widowed persons can face hardship arising from the loss of income and emotional support when a partner dies. The proportion of widowed persons often mirrors the proportion of older adults in a community. In Grey County, 7.2% of people 15 and older were widowed and in Bruce County 7.3% were. This has increased from 4.8% and 5.5% respectively since the last census period. The communities with the highest proportion of widowed persons were Hanover, Northern Bruce Peninsula, Owen Sound, South Bruce Peninsula, and Brockton (Figure 3). These communities also have high proportions of people aged 65 and older. Most municipalities in Grey Bruce have a higher proportion of widowed persons compared to Ontario and Canada.

Fig. 3 Proportion of widowed persons 15+ (%), by Municipality

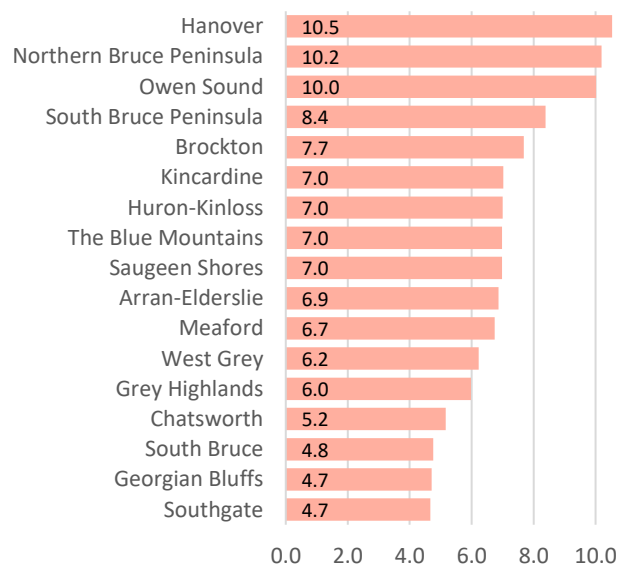


Fig. 3 Key comparisons: Percent of people 15+ who are widowed

5.6% Canada 5.7% Ontario 7.3% Bruce 7.2% Grey

Family Characteristics

Families are defined by Statistics Canada as a married or common-law couple, with or without children, or as a lone-parent family (one parent plus one or more children). In total, Grey Bruce has 48,595 families.

Family Size

Overall, 59.7% of families in Grey County and 59.3% of families in Bruce County are two-person families, up from 57.7% and 57.5% respectively in 2011 (Figure 4). Families in Northern Bruce Peninsula are by far the most likely to be two-person families, which account for 77.2% of all families in that municipality. Two-person families are most often couple households, so we may see a large proportion of these in municipalities with older populations, as is the case in Northern Bruce Peninsula, The Blue Mountains, and South Bruce Peninsula. The percentage of two person households has increased in most municipalities since 2011. Larger families are most likely to be found in South Bruce and Southgate, where three-or-more-person families make up half of all families. The average family size in Grey and Bruce Counties is slightly smaller than Ontario and Canada. The average number of children in Grey and Bruce Counties is similar to Ontario and Canada, and unchanged since 2011 (Figure 4 Key comparisons).

Figure 4. Proportion of families by family size, by Municipality

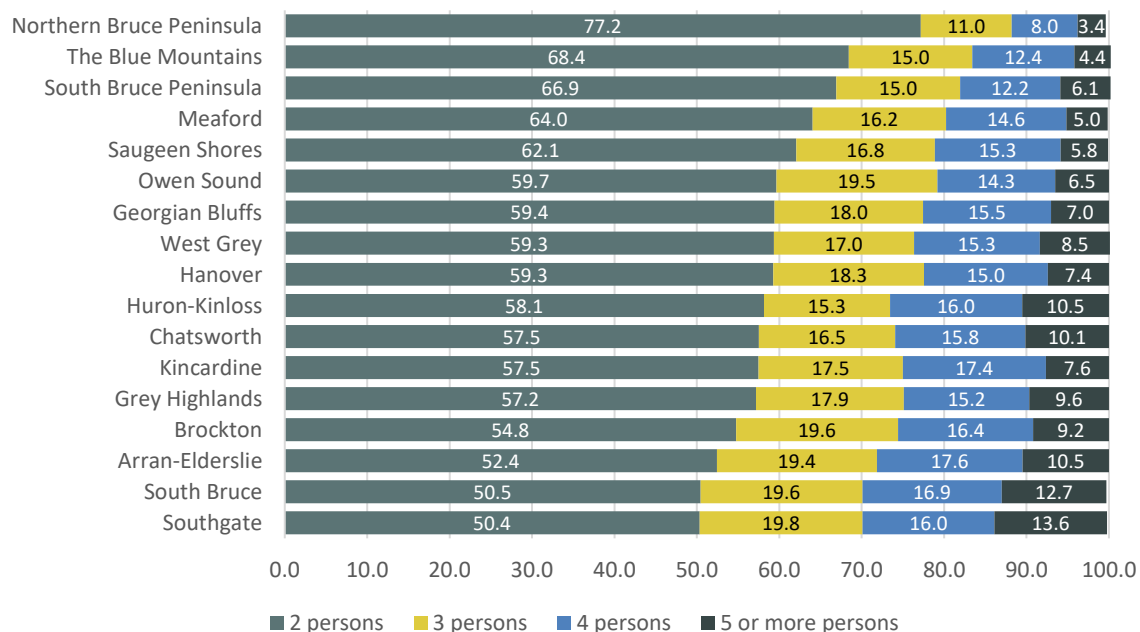


Fig. 4 Key comparisons: Average family size			
2.9 Canada	2.9 Ontario	2.8 Bruce	2.7 Grey
Average number of children			
1.8 Canada	1.8 Ontario	1.9 Bruce	1.8 Grey

Couple Families²

Couple families account for 87.2% of families in Grey County and 89.1% in Bruce County. In every municipality in Grey Bruce, the proportion of couple families with children is lower than the proportions for Canada and Ontario (Figure 5). This is not surprising, since the populations of Grey and Bruce Counties are older than the provincial and national averages. Couple families tend to have more children than lone-parent families (Figure 6).

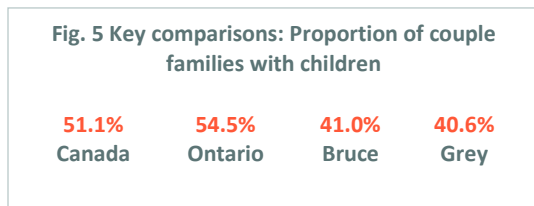


Figure 5. Proportion of couple families with children (%), by Municipality

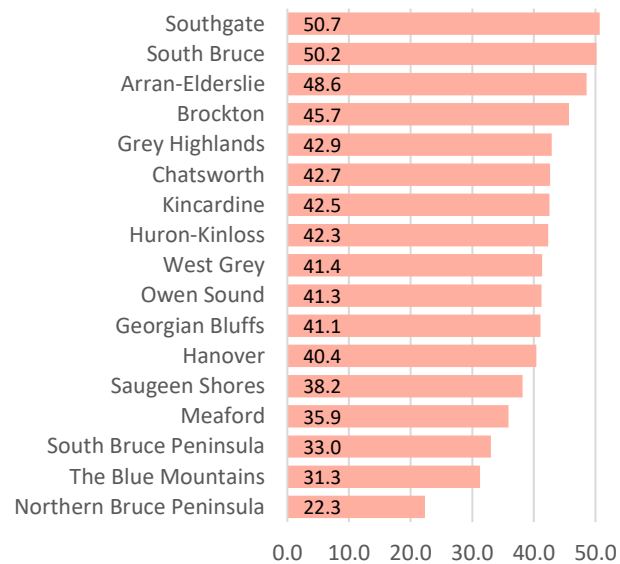
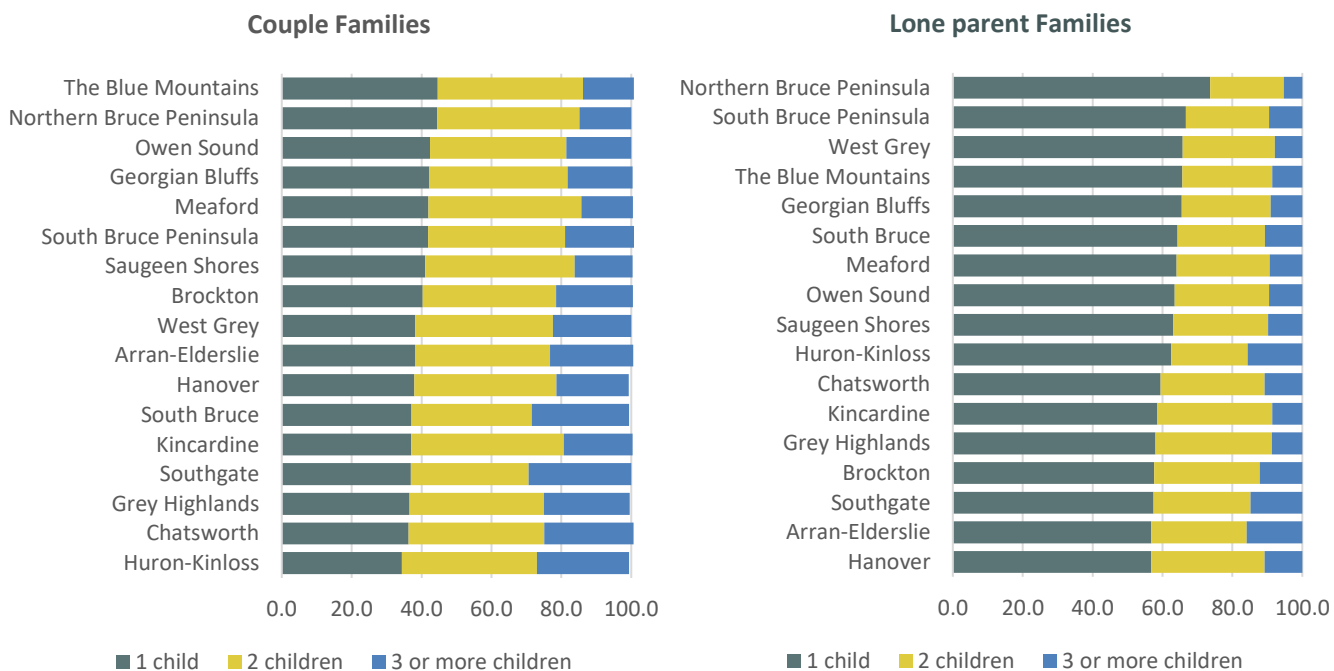


Figure 6. Number of children in couple families (%) vs Number of children in lone-parent families (%), by Municipality



² Refers to a married couple (with or without children of either and/or both spouses), or a common-law couple (with or without children of either and/or both partners)

Lone-parent Families

Lone-parent families are more likely to be materially disadvantaged, which can affect the emotional and social health of parents and children.¹ With the exception of Owen Sound where 20.7% of families are lone-parent families and Hanover (at 16.9%), municipalities in Grey Bruce have lower proportions of lone-parent families than Canada and Ontario (Figure 7). Female-led lone-parent families make up 75.7% of lone-parent families in Bruce County and 77.4% in Grey County (vs. 80.4% in Ontario).

Figure 7. Percent of families that are lone-parent families, by Municipality

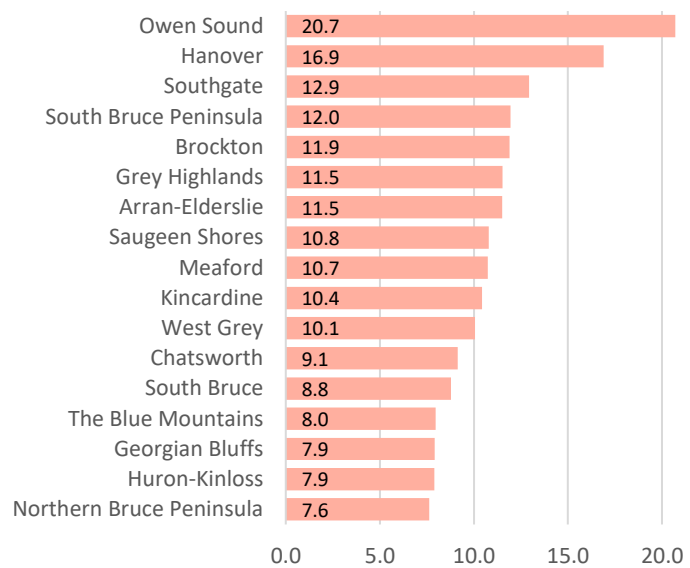


Fig. 7 Key comparisons: Percent of families who are lone-parent families

16.4% Canada 17.1% Ontario 10.9% Bruce 12.8% Grey

³ Spencer N. Does material disadvantage explain the increased risk of adverse health, educational, and behavioural outcomes among children in lone parent households in Britain? A cross sectional study. *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*. 2005 Feb 1;59(2):152–7

Household and Dwelling Characteristics

Private households can be divided into census families and non-census-families. Of the census family households, several types are distinguished: one-census-family households (which can be couple family households with or without children, and lone-parent households) and multiple-census-family households, which can comprise of either two or more families, or one family living with additional relatives or non-relatives. Non-census families include those who live alone, those who live with relatives, and those who live with non-relatives.

Household Type

One-family households are the predominant type of household in every municipality (Figure 8). Most municipalities in Grey Bruce, with the exception of Owen Sound, Hanover, and Northern Bruce Peninsula, have a greater proportion of one-family households than Canada and Ontario. The proportion of one-family households has, however, decreased in every municipality in Grey Bruce since 2011, as the proportion of non-census family households increased. Southgate and Grey Highlands have the highest proportions of multiple family households, though every municipality in Grey Bruce has a lower proportion of multiple family households than Canada and Ontario.

Figure 8: Private households by household type (%), by Municipality

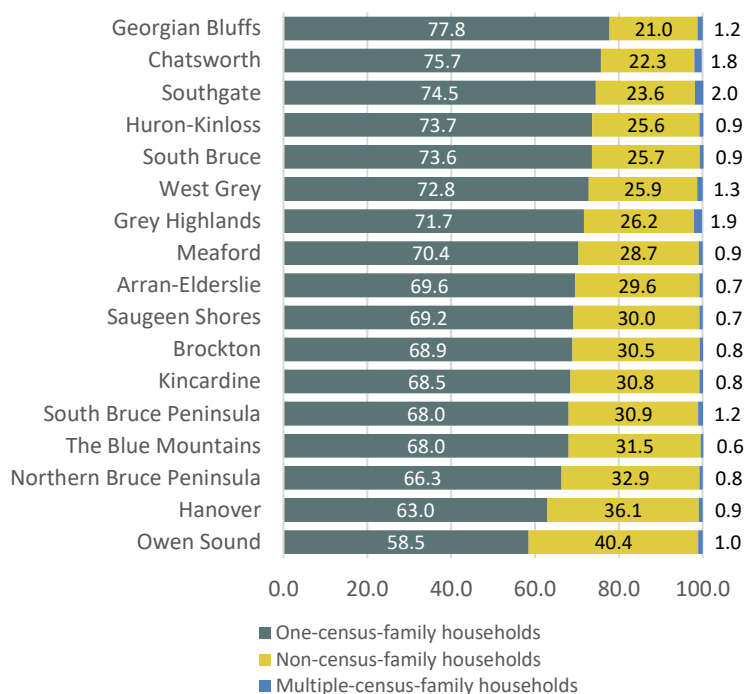


Fig. 8 Key comparisons: Proportion of couple families with children

	One-family	Non-census	Multiple family
Canada	65.5%	32.3%	2.1%
Ontario	67.4%	29.8%	2.8%
Bruce	69.3%	29.8%	0.9%
Grey	68.5%	30.2%	1.2%

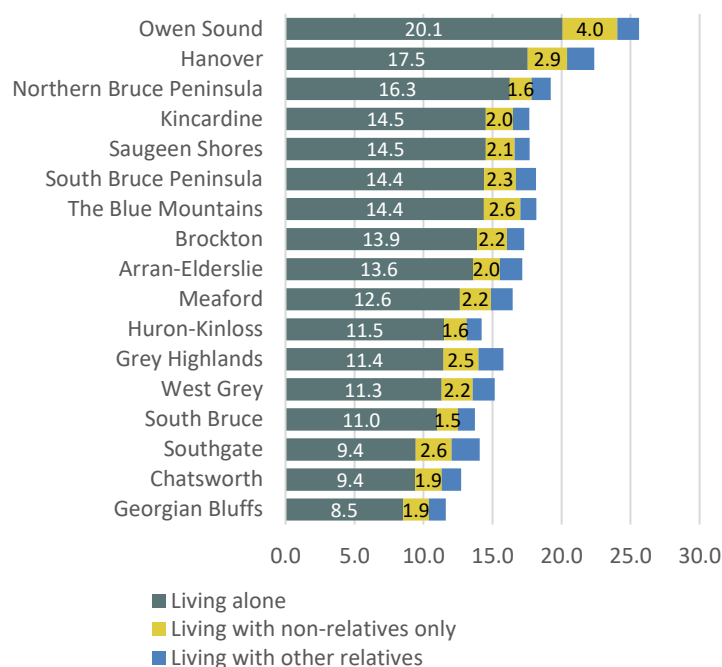
Non-census families

The proportion of non-census family households that are made up of one person living alone is higher in Grey Bruce than Ontario (Figure 9). People living alone make up the majority of non-census family households in Grey Bruce. The proportion of people in non-census families who live alone has increased in each municipality since 2011.

Fig. 9 Key comparisons: People in non-census families living alone, as a percentage of the total population

13.7% Canada **12.0% Ontario**
13.9% Bruce **13.6% Grey**

Figure 9. Living situation among non-census families, as a percent of the total population (%) by Municipality



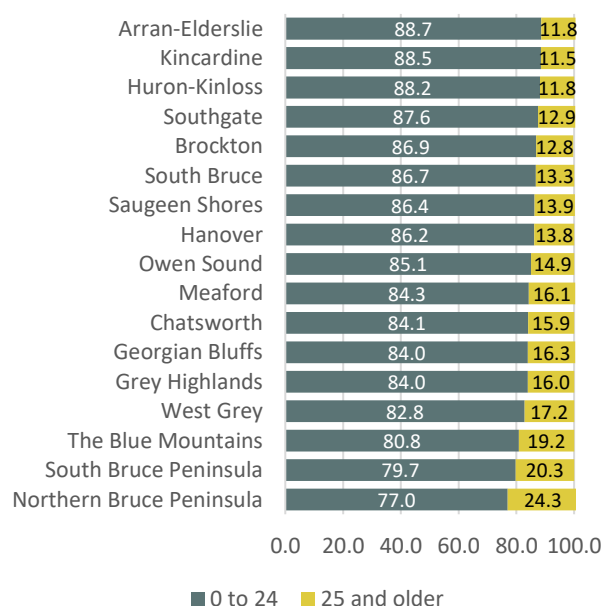
Census families living with adult children⁴

As in 2011, Northern Bruce Peninsula, South Bruce Peninsula, and The Blue Mountains have the highest proportion of census families living with children aged 25 years and older (Figure 10). These are also the 3 oldest municipalities in Grey Bruce.

Fig. 10 Key comparisons: Proportion of census families living with children 25 years and older only

15.1% Canada **17.2% Ontario**
13.9% Bruce **15.6% Grey**

Figure 10. Age of children living in census families, by Municipality



⁴ This refers to families living with adult children *only* i.e. any children living in the household are 25 and older

Geographic Profiles

Ontario



Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	11,240,525
Married or living common law (%)	57.2
Married (%)	49.2
Living common law (%)	8.0
Not married and not living common law (%)	42.7
Never married (%)	28.3
Separated (%)	2.9
Divorced (%)	5.8
Widowed (%)	5.6
Census families in private households by family size (total)	3,782,540
2 persons (%)	47.9
3 persons (%)	22.3
4 persons (%)	20.9
5 or more persons (%)	8.7
Average size of census families	2.9
Number of census families in private households (total)	3,782,545
Couple families (total)	3,137,570
Married couples (%)	85.5
Common-law couples (%)	14.4
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	644,975
Female parent (%)	80.3
Male parent (%)	19.6
Couple census families in private households (total)	3,137,565
Couples without children (%)	45.5
Couples with children (%)	54.4
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	644,975
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	2,139,825
Private households by household type (total)	5,169,175
One-census-family households (%)	67.3
Without children in a census family (%)	25.3
With children in a census family (%)	41.9
Multiple-census-family households (%)	2.8
Non-census-family households (%)	29.8
One-person households (%)	25.9
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	3.8

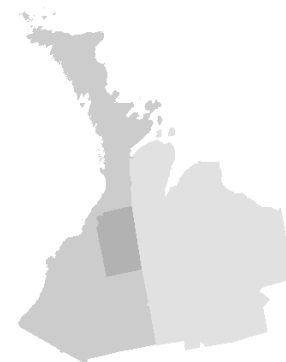
Bruce County

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	57,380
Married or living common law (%)	64.7
Married (%)	55.2
Living common law (%)	9.4
Not married and not living common law (%)	35.2
Never married (%)	20.0
Separated (%)	2.6
Divorced (%)	5.2
Widowed (%)	7.2
Census families in private households by family size (total)	20,505
2 persons (%)	59.3
3 persons (%)	17.0
4 persons (%)	15.3
5 or more persons (%)	8.1
Average size of census families	2.8
Number of census families in private households (total)	20,505
Couple families (total)	18,265
Married couples (%)	85.2
Common-law couples (%)	14.7
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	2,240
Female parent (%)	75.6
Male parent (%)	24.1
Couple census families in private households (total)	18,265
Couples without children (%)	59.0
Couples with children (%)	40.9
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	2,240
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	9,955
Private households by household type (total)	28,865
One-census-family households (%)	69.3
Without children in a census family (%)	36.6
With children in a census family (%)	32.6
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.8
Non-census-family households (%)	29.8
One-person households (%)	28.0
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	1.8



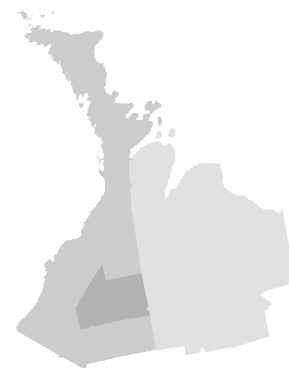
Arran-Elderslie

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	5460
Married or living common law (%)	64.0
Married (%)	53.2
Living common law (%)	10.8
Not married and not living common law (%)	35.9
Never married (%)	20.7
Separated (%)	2.9
Divorced (%)	5.5
Widowed (%)	6.8
Census families in private households by family size (total)	1955
2 persons (%)	52.4
3 persons (%)	19.4
4 persons (%)	17.6
5 or more persons (%)	10.4
Average size of census families	2.9
Number of census families in private households (total)	1955
Couple families (total)	1735
Married couples (%)	82.7
Common-law couples (%)	17.0
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	225
Female parent (%)	73.3
Male parent (%)	24.4
Couple census families in private households (total)	1730
Couples without children (%)	51.7
Couples with children (%)	48.5
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	225
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	965
Private households by household type (total)	2750
One-census-family households (%)	69.6
Without children in a census family (%)	31.8
With children in a census family (%)	37.6
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.7
Non-census-family households (%)	29.6
One-person households (%)	27.6
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	2.0



Brockton

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	7,875
Married or living common law (%)	62.8
Married (%)	53.9
Living common law (%)	8.8
Not married and not living common law (%)	37.1
Never married (%)	21.3
Separated (%)	3.1
Divorced (%)	4.8
Widowed (%)	7.6
Census families in private households by family size (total)	2,775
2 persons (%)	54.7
3 persons (%)	19.6
4 persons (%)	16.3
5 or more persons (%)	9.1
Average size of census families	2.8
Number of census families in private households (total)	2,775
Couple families (total)	2,440
Married couples (%)	85.6
Common-law couples (%)	14.3
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	330
Female parent (%)	75.7
Male parent (%)	25.7
Couple census families in private households (total)	2,440
Couples without children (%)	54.3
Couples with children (%)	45.6
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	335
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	1,380
Private households by household type (total)	3,940
One-census-family households (%)	68.9
Without children in a census family (%)	32.9
With children in a census family (%)	35.7
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.7
Non-census-family households (%)	30.4
One-person households (%)	28.5
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	1.9



Huron-Kinloss

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	5,780
Married or living common law (%)	67.6
Married (%)	60.0
Living common law (%)	7.6
Not married and not living common law (%)	32.3
Never married (%)	18.7
Separated (%)	2.5
Divorced (%)	4.0
Widowed (%)	7.0
Census families in private households by family size (total)	2,090
2 persons (%)	58.1
3 persons (%)	15.3
4 persons (%)	16.0
5 or more persons (%)	10.5
Average size of census families	2.9
Number of census families in private households (total)	2,090
Couple families (total)	1,925
Married couples (%)	88.5
Common-law couples (%)	11.4
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	165
Female parent (%)	75.7
Male parent (%)	21.2
Couple census families in private households (total)	1,925
Couples without children (%)	57.9
Couples with children (%)	42.3
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	165
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	835
Private households by household type (total)	2,775
One-census-family households (%)	73.6
Without children in a census family (%)	39.4
With children in a census family (%)	34.0
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.9
Non-census-family households (%)	25.5
One-person households (%)	24.1
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	1.6



Kincardine

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	9,545
Married or living common law (%)	64.9
Married (%)	55.5
Living common law (%)	9.3
Not married and not living common law (%)	35.0
Never married (%)	19.8
Separated (%)	2.7
Divorced (%)	5.5
Widowed (%)	7.0
Census families in private households by family size (total)	3,400
2 persons (%)	57.5
3 persons (%)	17.5
4 persons (%)	17.3
5 or more persons (%)	7.6
Average size of census families	2.8
Number of census families in private households (total)	3,400
Couple families (total)	3,045
Married couples (%)	85.3
Common-law couples (%)	14.7
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	355
Female parent (%)	76.0
Male parent (%)	23.9
Couple census families in private households (total)	3,045
Couples without children (%)	57.3
Couples with children (%)	42.5
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	355
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	1,705
Private households by household type (total)	4,855
One-census-family households (%)	68.4
Without children in a census family (%)	35.3
With children in a census family (%)	33.1
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.8
Non-census-family households (%)	30.7
One-person households (%)	29.1
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	1.5



Northern Bruce Peninsula

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	3,680
Married or living common law (%)	67.3
Married (%)	58.9
Living common law (%)	8.4
Not married and not living common law (%)	32.6
Never married (%)	14.2
Separated (%)	2.3
Divorced (%)	5.9
Widowed (%)	10.1
Census families in private households by family size (total)	1,315
2 persons (%)	77.1
3 persons (%)	11.0
4 persons (%)	7.9
5 or more persons (%)	3.4
Average size of census families	2.4
Number of census families in private households (total)	1,310
Couple families (total)	1,215
Married couples (%)	87.2
Common-law couples (%)	12.7
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	100
Female parent (%)	65.0
Male parent (%)	30.0
Couple census families in private households (total)	1,210
Couples without children (%)	77.6
Couples with children (%)	22.3
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	95
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	705
Private households by household type (total)	1,930
One-census-family households (%)	66.3
Without children in a census family (%)	47.6
With children in a census family (%)	18.6
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.7
Non-census-family households (%)	32.9
One-person households (%)	31.3
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	1.8



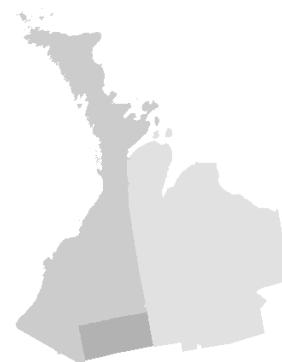
Saugeen Shores

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	11,740
Married or living common law (%)	66.0
Married (%)	56.3
Living common law (%)	9.7
Not married and not living common law (%)	34.0
Never married (%)	18.9
Separated (%)	2.5
Divorced (%)	5.5
Widowed (%)	6.9
Census families in private households by family size (total)	4,260
2 persons (%)	62.0
3 persons (%)	16.7
4 persons (%)	15.2
5 or more persons (%)	5.7
Average size of census families	2.7
Number of census families in private households (total)	4,260
Couple families (total)	3,800
Married couples (%)	85.1
Common-law couples (%)	15.1
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	460
Female parent (%)	73.9
Male parent (%)	25.0
Couple census families in private households (total)	3,800
Couples without children (%)	61.9
Couples with children (%)	38.1
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	455
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	2,070
Private households by household type (total)	6,025
One-census-family households (%)	69.2
Without children in a census family (%)	38.4
With children in a census family (%)	30.8
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.7
Non-census-family households (%)	30.0
One-person households (%)	28.2
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	1.7



South Bruce

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	4,625
Married or living common law (%)	65.5
Married (%)	57.2
Living common law (%)	8.2
Not married and not living common law (%)	34.3
Never married (%)	23.0
Separated (%)	2.3
Divorced (%)	4.2
Widowed (%)	4.7
Census families in private households by family size (total)	1,655
2 persons (%)	50.4
3 persons (%)	19.6
4 persons (%)	16.9
5 or more persons (%)	12.6
Average size of census families	3
Number of census families in private households (total)	1,650
Couple families (total)	1,505
Married couples (%)	87.7
Common-law couples (%)	12.6
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	145
Female parent (%)	65.5
Male parent (%)	37.9
Couple census families in private households (total)	1,505
Couples without children (%)	49.8
Couples with children (%)	50.1
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	145
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	665
Private households by household type (total)	2,200
One-census-family households (%)	73.6
Without children in a census family (%)	33.4
With children in a census family (%)	40.2
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.9
Non-census-family households (%)	25.6
One-person households (%)	23.8
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	1.8



South Bruce Peninsula

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	7,390
Married or living common law (%)	64.0
Married (%)	54.2
Living common law (%)	9.8
Not married and not living common law (%)	35.9
Never married (%)	18.7
Separated (%)	2.5
Divorced (%)	6.2
Widowed (%)	8.3
Census families in private households by family size (total)	2,630
2 persons (%)	66.9
3 persons (%)	15.0
4 persons (%)	12.1
5 or more persons (%)	6.0
Average size of census families	2.6
Number of census families in private households (total)	2,635
Couple families (total)	2,315
Married couples (%)	84.2
Common-law couples (%)	15.7
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	315
Female parent (%)	80.9
Male parent (%)	19.0
Couple census families in private households (total)	2,315
Couples without children (%)	66.7
Couples with children (%)	33.0
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	315
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	1,340
Private households by household type (total)	3,740
One-census-family households (%)	68.0
Without children in a census family (%)	40.3
With children in a census family (%)	27.5
Multiple-census-family households (%)	1.2
Non-census-family households (%)	30.8
One-person households (%)	28.7
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	2.0



Grey County

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	79,945
Married or living common law (%)	62.4
Married (%)	52.2
Living common law (%)	10.2
Not married and not living common law (%)	37.5
Never married (%)	21.6
Separated (%)	2.8
Divorced (%)	5.9
Widowed (%)	7.1
Census families in private households by family size (total)	28,090
2 persons (%)	59.7
3 persons (%)	17.7
4 persons (%)	14.8
5 or more persons (%)	7.6
Average size of census families	2.7
Number of census families in private households (total)	28,090
Couple families (total)	24,505
Married couples (%)	83.2
Common-law couples (%)	16.6
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	3,585
Female parent (%)	77.4
Male parent (%)	22.5
Couple census families in private households (total)	24,505
Couples without children (%)	59.3
Couples with children (%)	40.6
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	3,590
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	14,545
Private households by household type (total)	39,565
One-census-family households (%)	68.5
Without children in a census family (%)	35.7
With children in a census family (%)	32.8
Multiple-census-family households (%)	1.2
Non-census-family households (%)	30.2
One-person households (%)	27.7
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	2.5



The Blue Mountains

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	6,370
Married or living common law (%)	66.5
Married (%)	57.2
Living common law (%)	9.1
Not married and not living common law (%)	33.4
Never married (%)	17.8
Separated (%)	2.4
Divorced (%)	6.2
Widowed (%)	6.9
Census families in private households by family size (total)	2,265
2 persons (%)	68.4
3 persons (%)	15.0
4 persons (%)	12.3
5 or more persons (%)	4.4
Average size of census families	2.5
Number of census families in private households (total)	2,260
Couple families (total)	2,085
Married couples (%)	86.0
Common-law couples (%)	14.1
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	180
Female parent (%)	77.7
Male parent (%)	25.0
Couple census families in private households (total)	2,080
Couples without children (%)	68.7
Couples with children (%)	31.2
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	180
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	1,190
Private households by household type (total)	3,270
One-census-family households (%)	68.0
Without children in a census family (%)	43.1
With children in a census family (%)	24.9
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.6
Non-census-family households (%)	31.4
One-person households (%)	28.8
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	2.5



Chatsworth

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	5,515
Married or living common law (%)	67.2
Married (%)	55.9
Living common law (%)	11.3
Not married and not living common law (%)	32.8
Never married (%)	20.8
Separated (%)	2.1
Divorced (%)	4.5
Widowed (%)	5.1
Census families in private households by family size (total)	2,025
2 persons (%)	57.5
3 persons (%)	16.5
4 persons (%)	15.8
5 or more persons (%)	10.1
Average size of census families	2.9
Number of census families in private households (total)	2,025
Couple families (total)	1,840
Married couples (%)	82.8
Common-law couples (%)	16.8
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	185
Female parent (%)	67.5
Male parent (%)	32.4
Couple census families in private households (total)	1,840
Couples without children (%)	57.0
Couples with children (%)	42.6
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	185
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	725
Private households by household type (total)	2,555
One-census-family households (%)	75.7
Without children in a census family (%)	39.7
With children in a census family (%)	36.0
Multiple-census-family households (%)	1.7
Non-census-family households (%)	22.3
One-person households (%)	20.3
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	1.9



Georgian Bluffs

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	9,020
Married or living common law (%)	70.0
Married (%)	61.3
Living common law (%)	8.7
Not married and not living common law (%)	29.9
Never married (%)	19.0
Separated (%)	2.0
Divorced (%)	4.1
Widowed (%)	4.7
Census families in private households by family size (total)	3,415
2 persons (%)	59.4
3 persons (%)	18.0
4 persons (%)	15.5
5 or more persons (%)	7.0
Average size of census families	2.7
Number of census families in private households (total)	3,410
Couple families (total)	3,140
Married couples (%)	87.4
Common-law couples (%)	12.5
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	270
Female parent (%)	70.3
Male parent (%)	31.4
Couple census families in private households (total)	3,140
Couples without children (%)	58.9
Couples with children (%)	41.0
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	275
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	1,130
Private households by household type (total)	4,255
One-census-family households (%)	77.7
Without children in a census family (%)	42.1
With children in a census family (%)	35.6
Multiple-census-family households (%)	1.1
Non-census-family households (%)	21.0
One-person households (%)	19.2
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	1.7



Grey Highlands

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	8,200
Married or living common law (%)	64.5
Married (%)	54.1
Living common law (%)	10.4
Not married and not living common law (%)	35.3
Never married (%)	21.7
Separated (%)	2.5
Divorced (%)	5.0
Widowed (%)	5.9
Census families in private households by family size (total)	2,955
2 persons (%)	57.1
3 persons (%)	17.9
4 persons (%)	15.2
5 or more persons (%)	9.6
Average size of census families	2.8
Number of census families in private households (total)	2,950
Couple families (total)	2,610
Married couples (%)	83.5
Common-law couples (%)	16.4
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	340
Female parent (%)	75.0
Male parent (%)	26.4
Couple census families in private households (total)	2,610
Couples without children (%)	57.0
Couples with children (%)	42.9
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	345
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	1,305
Private households by household type (total)	3,905
One-census-family households (%)	71.7
Without children in a census family (%)	36.7
With children in a census family (%)	34.9
Multiple-census-family households (%)	1.9
Non-census-family households (%)	26.2
One-person households (%)	23.8
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	2.5



Hanover

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	6,500
Married or living common law (%)	57.3
Married (%)	47.7
Living common law (%)	9.5
Not married and not living common law (%)	42.7
Never married (%)	22.4
Separated (%)	3.3
Divorced (%)	6.3
Widowed (%)	10.5
Census families in private households by family size (total)	2,160
2 persons (%)	59.2
3 persons (%)	18.2
4 persons (%)	15.0
5 or more persons (%)	7.4
Average size of census families	2.7
Number of census families in private households (total)	2,160
Couple families (total)	1,795
Married couples (%)	82.7
Common-law couples (%)	17.2
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	365
Female parent (%)	83.5
Male parent (%)	16.4
Couple census families in private households (total)	1,795
Couples without children (%)	59.6
Couples with children (%)	40.3
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	365
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	1,420
Private households by household type (total)	3,335
One-census-family households (%)	62.9
Without children in a census family (%)	31.3
With children in a census family (%)	31.4
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.8
Non-census-family households (%)	36.1
One-person households (%)	33.5
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	2.6



Meaford

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	9,570
Married or living common law (%)	65.9
Married (%)	56.0
Living common law (%)	9.9
Not married and not living common law (%)	34.0
Never married (%)	18.6
Separated (%)	2.2
Divorced (%)	6.3
Widowed (%)	6.7
Census families in private households by family size (total)	3,490
2 persons (%)	64.0
3 persons (%)	16.1
4 persons (%)	14.6
5 or more persons (%)	5.0
Average size of census families	2.6
Number of census families in private households (total)	3,490
Couple families (total)	3,120
Married couples (%)	84.6
Common-law couples (%)	15.2
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	375
Female parent (%)	77.3
Male parent (%)	21.3
Couple census families in private households (total)	3,120
Couples without children (%)	63.9
Couples with children (%)	35.8
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	375
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	1,675
Private households by household type (total)	4,830
One-census-family households (%)	70.3
Without children in a census family (%)	40.3
With children in a census family (%)	30.0
Multiple-census-family households (%)	0.9
Non-census-family households (%)	28.6
One-person households (%)	26.5
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	2.1



Owen Sound

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	18,265
Married or living common law (%)	52.3
Married (%)	41.0
Living common law (%)	11.3
Not married and not living common law (%)	47.6
Never married (%)	25.4
Separated (%)	3.6
Divorced (%)	8.4
Widowed (%)	10.0
Census families in private households by family size (total)	5,840
2 persons (%)	59.6
3 persons (%)	19.5
4 persons (%)	14.2
5 or more persons (%)	6.5
Average size of census families	2.7
Number of census families in private households (total)	5,845
Couple families (total)	4,630
Married couples (%)	77.7
Common-law couples (%)	22.3
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	1,210
Female parent (%)	82.6
Male parent (%)	17.3
Couple census families in private households (total)	4,630
Couples without children (%)	58.7
Couples with children (%)	41.2
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	1,210
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	4,605
Private households by household type (total)	9,630
One-census-family households (%)	58.5
Without children in a census family (%)	27.4
With children in a census family (%)	31.0
Multiple-census-family households (%)	1.0
Non-census-family households (%)	40.4
One-person households (%)	37.1
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	3.2



Southgate

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	5,895
Married or living common law (%)	63.1
Married (%)	52.2
Living common law (%)	10.9
Not married and not living common law (%)	36.8
Never married (%)	25.0
Separated (%)	2.7
Divorced (%)	4.4
Widowed (%)	4.6
Census families in private households by family size (total)	2,125
2 persons (%)	50.3
3 persons (%)	19.7
4 persons (%)	16.0
5 or more persons (%)	13.6
Average size of census families	3
Number of census families in private households (total)	2,125
Couple families (total)	1,850
Married couples (%)	82.7
Common-law couples (%)	17.2
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	275
Female parent (%)	74.5
Male parent (%)	27.2
Couple census families in private households (total)	1,845
Couples without children (%)	49.5
Couples with children (%)	50.6
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	280
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	875
Private households by household type (total)	2,710
One-census-family households (%)	74.5
Without children in a census family (%)	32.4
With children in a census family (%)	41.8
Multiple-census-family households (%)	2.0
Non-census-family households (%)	23.6
One-person households (%)	21.0
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	2.5



West Grey

Marital status for the population aged 15 years and over (total)	10,605
Married or living common law (%)	66.3
Married (%)	56.4
Living common law (%)	9.9
Not married and not living common law (%)	33.6
Never married (%)	19.9
Separated (%)	2.8
Divorced (%)	4.5
Widowed (%)	6.2
Census families in private households by family size (total)	3,825
2 persons (%)	59.3
3 persons (%)	16.9
4 persons (%)	15.2
5 or more persons (%)	8.4
Average size of census families	2.8
Number of census families in private households (total)	3,825
Couple families (total)	3,440
Married couples (%)	84.8
Common-law couples (%)	15.2
Lone-parent families by sex of parent (total)	385
Female parent (%)	71.4
Male parent (%)	27.2
Couple census families in private households (total)	3,445
Couples without children (%)	58.6
Couples with children (%)	41.3
Lone-parent census families in private households (total)	380
Persons not in census families in private households (total)	1,625
Private households by household type (total)	5,075
One-census-family households (%)	72.8
Without children in a census family (%)	38.5
With children in a census family (%)	34.2
Multiple-census-family households (%)	1.2
Non-census-family households (%)	25.9
One-person households (%)	23.9
Two-or-more person non-census-family households (%)	1.9



Glossary of Terms⁵

Marital Status

'Marital status' refers to whether or not a person is living in a common-law union as well as the legal marital status of those who are not living in a common-law union. All persons aged less than 15 are considered as never married and not living common law.

Household and Family Concepts

Household refers to a person or group of persons who occupy the same dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada or abroad. The dwelling may be either a collective dwelling or a private dwelling. The household may consist of a family group such as a census family, of two or more families sharing a dwelling, of a group of unrelated persons or of a person living alone. Household members who are temporarily absent on reference day are considered part of their usual household

Private household: 'Private household' refers to a person or group of persons who occupy the same dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada or abroad. The household universe is divided into two sub-universes on the basis of whether the household is occupying a collective dwelling or a private dwelling. The latter is a private household.

For census purposes, households are classified into three groups: private households, collective households and households outside Canada.

Unless otherwise specified, all data in census products are for private households only.

Child presence any age: 'Child presence any age' refers to whether or not the family includes any children. To be included, children must live in the same household as the family. They may be children by birth, marriage, common-law union or adoption.

Census family: married couple (with or without children), a common-law couple (with or without children) or a lone parent family.

Household type refers to the differentiation of households on the basis of whether they are census family households or non-census-family households. Census family households are those that contain at least one census family. Non-census-family households are either one person living alone or a group of two or more persons who live together but do not constitute a census family. Census family households may be differentiated based on the presence of additional persons (that is, persons not in a census family).

Multiple-family household refers to a household in which two or more census families (with or without additional persons) occupy the same private dwelling. Family households may also be divided based on the presence of persons not in a census family.

⁵ All definitions taken directly from Statistics Canada (2016). Census Dictionary, Census year, 2016. Ottawa: Minister of Industry.