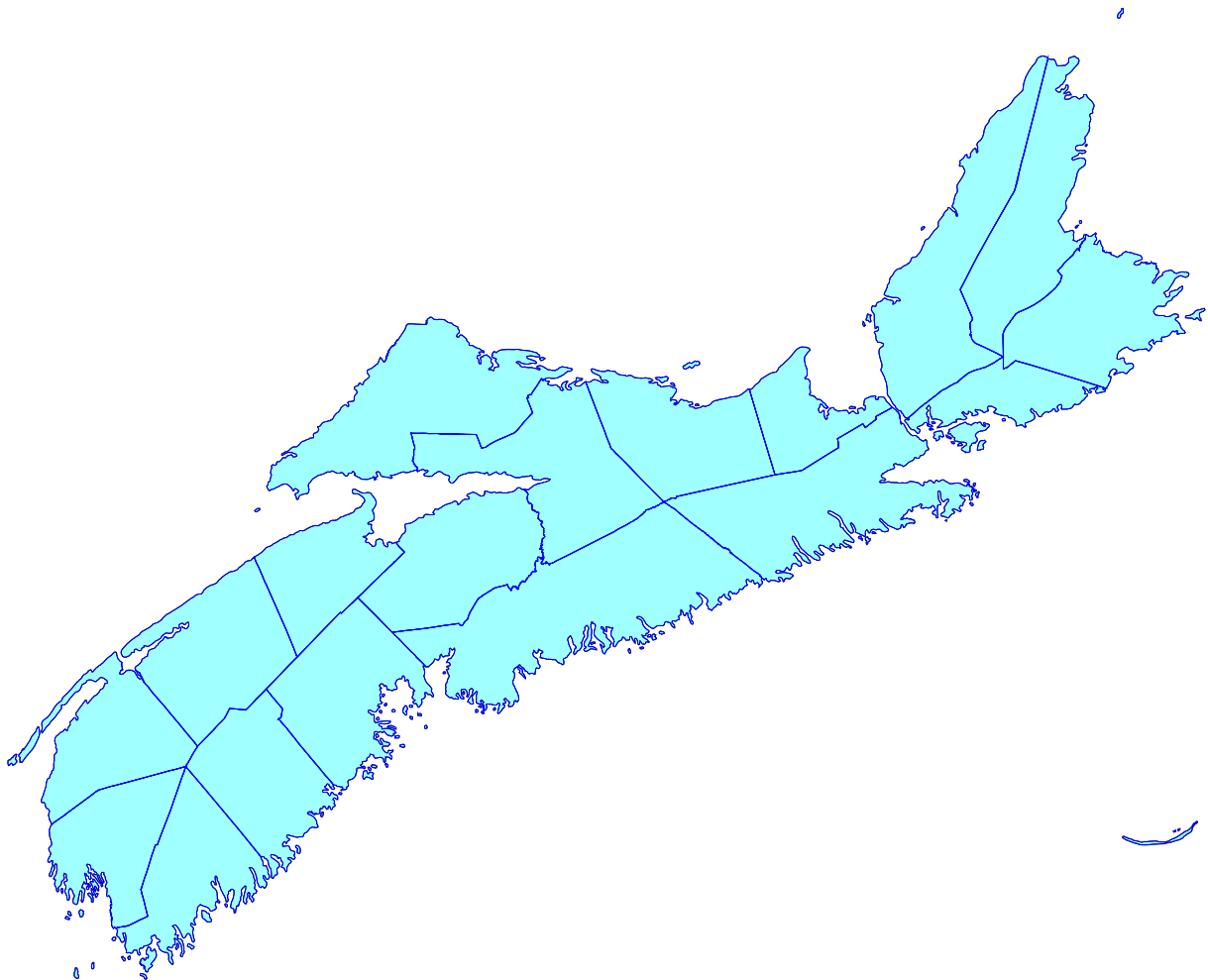


# 2009 Demographic Update

## Nova Scotia and Canada



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**Census Families by Structure:**  
**Size and Children**

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## **1. CENSUS FAMILIES BY SIZE AND STRUCTURE**



## **NOVA SCOTIA CENSUS FAMILIES BY SIZE AND STRUCTURE, JULY 1, 2009**

In Nova Scotia the average number of persons in census families is less than the national average. The number of lone-parent families is increasing at twice the rate of husband-wife families. In lone-parent families, the number of persons is increasing while the average number of persons is stable. In husband-wife families the number of persons and the average number of persons is declining.

2008 – 2009

In Nova Scotia as of 1 July 2009, the number of census families increased by 835 families (0.31%) over 1 July 2008 to 272,904. The total number of persons in census families declined by 2,287 (0.30%) to 754,064 persons.

The number of husband-wife families increased by 601 families (0.27%) over 1 July 2008 to 226,190. The total number of persons in husband-wife families declined by 2,759 (0.43%) to 638,446 persons. Average husband-wife family size declined to 2.82 (0.69%).

The number of lone-parent families increased by 234 families (0.50%) over 1 July 2008 to 46,714. The total number of persons in lone-parent families increased by 472 (0.41%) to 115,618 persons. Average lone-parent family size declined slightly to 2.48 (0.09%). Lone-parent share of census families has increased by 0.6 percentage points over 2002 to 17.1%.

2002 - 2009

In Nova Scotia as of 1 July 2009, the number of census families increased by 5,802 families (2.17%) over 1 July 2002 to 272,904. The total number of persons in census families declined by 15,606 (2.03%) to 754,064 persons.

The number of husband-wife families increased by 4,171 families (1.88%) over 1 July 2002 to 226,190. The total number of persons in husband-wife families declined by 18,918 (2.88%) to 638,446 persons. Average husband-wife family size declined to 2.82 (4.67%).

The number of lone-parent families increased by 1,631 families (3.62%) over 1 July 2002 to 46,714. The total number of persons in lone-parent families increased by 3,312 (2.95%) to 115,618 persons. Average lone-parent family size declined to 2.48 (0.65%). Lone-parent share of persons in families has increased by 0.4 percentage points over 2002 to 15.3%.

Note: For the purpose of generating estimates, the definition of family is, with one exception, similar to what is used for the Census. As defined up to and including the 2006 Census, a census family can be any of the following:

- a married couple (with or without children of either or both spouses);
- a couple living common-law (with or without children of either or both partners) ;
- a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one child living in the same dwelling.

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## **CANADA CENSUS FAMILIES BY SIZE AND STRUCTURE, JULY 1, 2009**

Be it husband-wife or lone-parent, in Canada, average family size is declining.

2008 – 2009

In Canada as of 1 July 2009, the number of census families increased by 107,882 families (1.17%) over 1 July 2008 to 9.3 million. The total number of persons in census families declined by 218,641 (0.81%) to 27.1 million persons.

The number of husband-wife families increased by 86,534 families (1.12%) over 1 July 2008 to 7.8 million. The total number of persons in husband-wife families declined by 167,722 (0.72%) to 23.3 million persons. Average husband-wife family size declined to 2.98 (0.39%).

The number of lone-parent families increased by 21,348 families (1.44%) over 1 July 2008 to 1.5 million. The total number of persons in lone-parent families increased by 50,919 (1.37%) to 3.8 million persons. Average lone-parent family size declined to 2.51 (0.07%).

2002 - 2009

In Canada as of 1 July 2009, the number of census families increased by 733,799 families (8.55%) over 1 July 2002 to 9.3 million. The total number of persons in census families increased by 218,641 (5.89%) to 27.1 million persons.

The number of husband-wife families increased by 587,677 families (8.13%) over 1 July 2002 to 7.8 million. The total number of persons in husband-wife families increased by 1.2 million (5.22%) to 23.3 million persons. Average husband-wife family size declined to 2.98 (2.68%).

The number of lone-parent families increased by 146,122 families (10.8%) over 1 July 2002 to 1.5 million. The total number of persons in lone-parent families increased by 50,919 (10.24%) to 3.8 million persons. Average lone-parent family size declined to 2.51 (0.51%).

Average family size for census families declined 2.44% over 2002 to 2.91 persons.

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- a married couple (with or without children of either or both spouses);
- a couple living common-law (with or without children of either or both partners) ;
- a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one child living in the same dwelling.

Census families by size and structure, Canada (1) and Nova Scotia, July 1

			% CHANGE								# CHANGE			
			2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2008-2009	2002-2009	2008-2009	2002-2009
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>Husband-wife families</b>	Number of families	7,232,056	7,314,982	7,397,909	7,480,836	7,563,767	7,647,882	7,733,199	7,819,733	1.12	8.13	86,534	587,677
		Persons in families	22,168,813	22,336,660	22,502,685	22,666,886	22,829,273	22,993,425	23,159,364	23,327,086	0.72	5.22	167,722	1,158,273
		Average family size	3.07	3.05	3.04	3.03	3.02	3.01	2.99	2.98	-0.39	-2.68	-0.01	-0.08
	<b>Lone-parent families</b>	Number of families	1,352,947	1,373,637	1,394,325	1,415,014	1,435,697	1,456,599	1,477,721	1,499,069	1.44	10.80	21,348	146,122
		Persons in families	3,416,762	3,466,518	3,516,187	3,565,773	3,615,264	3,665,228	3,715,660	3,766,579	1.37	10.24	50,919	349,817
		Average family size	2.53	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.51	2.51	-0.07	-0.51	0.00	-0.01
	<b>Total families</b>	Number of families	8,585,003	8,688,619	8,792,234	8,895,850	8,999,464	9,104,481	9,210,920	9,318,802	1.17	8.55	107,882	733,799
		Persons in families	25,585,575	25,803,178	26,018,872	26,232,659	26,444,537	26,658,653	26,875,024	27,093,665	0.81	5.89	218,641	1,508,090
		Average family size	2.98	2.97	2.96	2.95	2.94	2.93	2.92	2.91	-0.35	-2.44	-0.01	-0.07
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	<b>Husband-wife families</b>	Number of families	222,019	222,614	223,207	223,801	224,395	224,991	225,589	226,190	0.27	1.88	601	4,171
		Persons in families	657,364	654,730	652,066	649,382	646,674	643,948	641,205	638,446	-0.43	-2.88	-2,759	-18,918
		Average family size	2.96	2.94	2.92	2.90	2.88	2.86	2.84	2.82	-0.69	-4.67	-0.02	-0.14
	<b>Lone-parent families</b>	Number of families	45,083	45,315	45,548	45,781	46,013	46,246	46,480	46,714	0.50	3.62	234	1,631
		Persons in families	112,306	112,780	113,255	113,730	114,200	114,672	115,146	115,618	0.41	2.95	472	3,312
		Average family size	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.48	-0.09	-0.65	0.00	-0.02
	<b>Total families</b>	Number of families	267,102	267,929	268,755	269,582	270,408	271,237	272,069	272,904	0.31	2.17	835	5,802
		Persons in families	769,670	767,510	765,321	763,112	760,874	758,620	756,351	754,064	-0.30	-2.03	-2,287	-15,606
		Average family size	2.88	2.86	2.85	2.83	2.81	2.80	2.78	2.76	-0.61	-4.11	-0.02	-0.12



## **2. CENSUS FAMILIES BY STRUCTURE AND CHILDREN**



## NOVA SCOTIA CENSUS FAMILIES BY STRUCTURE AND CHILDREN, JULY 1, 2009

In Nova Scotia the majority (52.7%) of husband-wife families do not have children living at home. The percentage of families (husband-wife and lone-parent) with children under 18 years of age is declining and the percentage with all children aged 18+ is increasing.

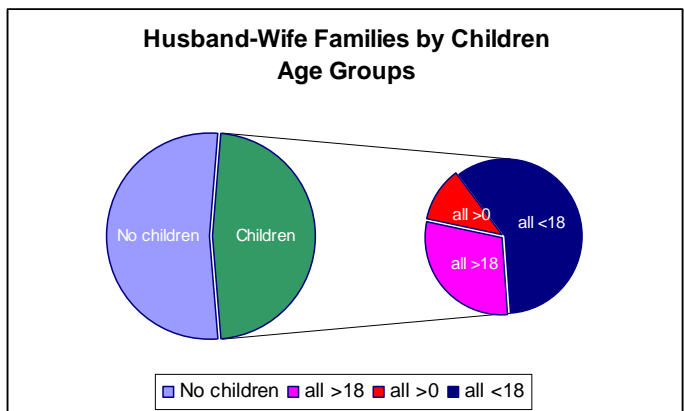
In comparison with the national average, Nova Scotia has a greater percentage of families (43.7%) with no children, a smaller proportion (57.3%) of children under 18, and a larger proportion (32.6%) of families with all children aged 18+.

2002 - 2009

In Nova Scotia as of 1 July 2009, the number of census families increased by 5,802 families (2.17%) over 1 July 2002 to 272,904 and the number of census families with children declined by 9,185 (5.64%) over July 2002 to 153,704. The share of families with no children living with them increased 4.7 percentage points to 43.7%.

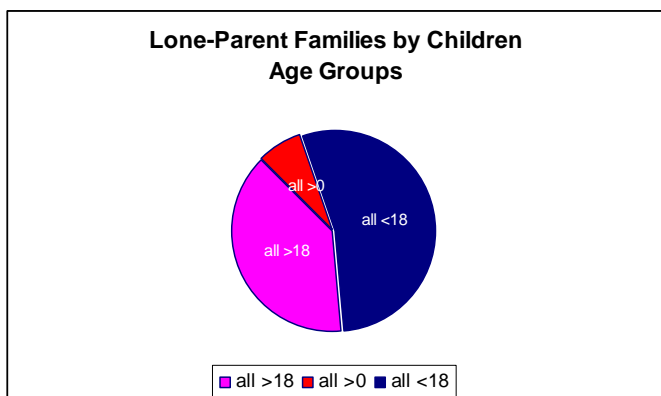
### Husband-wife Families

- The number of husband-wife families increased by 4,171 families (1.88%) over 1 July 2002 to 226,190 (82.9% of all families).
- The number of childless families increased by 14,987 (14.38%) to 119,200, or 52.7% of husband-wife families.
- The number with children declined 9.18% over July 2002.
- The number with all children under 18 years declined 13.93%
- The number with children over 18 and with at least one child under 18 declined 13.70%.
- The number with all children aged 18+ increased by 4.28%.



### Lone-parent Families

- the number of lone-parent families increased by 1,631 families (3.62%) over 1 July 2002 to 46,714 ( 17.1% of all families).
- the number with all children under 18 years declined 1.82% to 53.8% of lone-parent families
- the number with children over 18 and with at least one child under 18 increased 5.64%.
- the number with all children aged 18+ increased by 11.76% to 39.0% of lone-parent families.



**Census families by structure and age group of children, Nova Scotia, July 1, 2002 - 2009**

**NOVA SCOTIA**

		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% CHANGE		# CHANGE	
										2008-2009	2002-2009	2008-2009	2002-2009
<b>Husband-wife families</b>	Families	222,019	222,614	223,207	223,801	224,395	224,991	225,589	226,190	0.03	1.88	601	4,171
	With no children	104,213	106,353	108,495	110,634	112,773	114,916	117,057	119,200	0.18	14.38	2,143	14,987
	With children	117,806	116,261	114,712	113,167	111,622	110,075	108,532	106,990	0.14	9.18	1,542	10,816
	All children aged 18+	30,534	30,720	30,906	31,093	31,280	31,464	31,652	31,840	0.06	4.28	188	1,306
	Children aged 0 to 18+	14,171	13,894	13,616	13,339	13,061	12,784	12,507	12,230	0.22	13.70	277	1,941
	All children under 18 years	73,101	71,647	70,190	68,735	67,281	65,827	64,373	62,920	0.23	13.93	1,453	10,181
<b>Lone-parent families</b>	Families	45,083	45,315	45,548	45,781	46,013	46,246	46,480	46,714	0.05	3.62	234	1,631
	With no children											0	0
	With children	45,083	45,315	45,548	45,781	46,013	46,246	46,480	46,714	0.05	3.62	234	1,631
	All children aged 18+	16,295	16,568	16,844	17,117	17,389	17,664	17,939	18,212	0.15	11.76	273	1,917
	Children aged 0 to 18+	3,191	3,217	3,242	3,268	3,294	3,319	3,345	3,371	0.08	5.64	26	180
	All children under 18 years	25,597	25,530	25,462	25,396	25,330	25,263	25,196	25,131	0.03	1.82	65	466
<b>Total families</b>	Families	267,102	267,929	268,755	269,582	270,408	271,237	272,069	272,904	0.03	2.17	835	5,802
	With no children	104,213	106,353	108,495	110,634	112,773	114,916	117,057	119,200	0.18	14.38	2,143	14,987
	With children	162,889	161,576	160,260	158,948	157,635	156,321	155,012	153,704	0.08	5.64	1,308	9,185
	All children aged 18+	46,829	47,288	47,750	48,210	48,669	49,128	49,591	50,052	0.09	6.88	461	3,223
	Children aged 0 to 18+	17,362	17,111	16,858	16,607	16,355	16,103	15,852	15,601	0.16	10.14	251	1,761
	All children under 18 years	98,698	97,177	95,652	94,131	92,611	91,090	89,569	88,051	0.17	10.79	1,518	10,647

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<b>Husband-wife families</b>	Families	83.1	83.1	83.1	83.0	83.0	82.9	82.9	82.9
	With no children	46.9	47.8	48.6	49.4	50.3	51.1	51.9	52.7
	With children	53.1	52.2	51.4	50.6	49.7	48.9	48.1	47.3
	All children aged 18+	25.9	26.4	26.9	27.5	28.0	28.6	29.2	29.8
	Children aged 0 to 18+	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4
	All children under 18 years	62.1	61.6	61.2	60.7	60.3	59.8	59.3	58.8
<b>Lone-parent families</b>	Families	16.9	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.1	17.1
	With no children	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	With children	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	All children aged 18+	36.1	36.6	37.0	37.4	37.8	38.2	38.6	39.0
	Children aged 0 to 18+	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
	All children under 18 years	56.8	56.3	55.9	55.5	55.0	54.6	54.2	53.8
<b>Total families</b>	Families	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	With no children	39.0	39.7	40.4	41.0	41.7	42.4	43.0	43.7
	With children	61.0	60.3	59.6	59.0	58.3	57.6	57.0	56.3
	All children aged 18+	28.7	29.3	29.8	30.3	30.9	31.4	32.0	32.6
	Children aged 0 to 18+	10.7	10.6	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.2
	All children under 18 years	60.6	60.1	59.7	59.2	58.8	58.3	57.8	57.3

## CANADA CENSUS FAMILIES BY STRUCTURE AND CHILDREN, JULY 1, 2009

In Canada the majority (53.3%) of husband-wife families have children. The percentage of husband-wife families with children under 18 years of age is declining. However, the percentage of families with all children aged 18+ and the percentage of families with children aged 18+ with at least one child less than 18, are increasing.

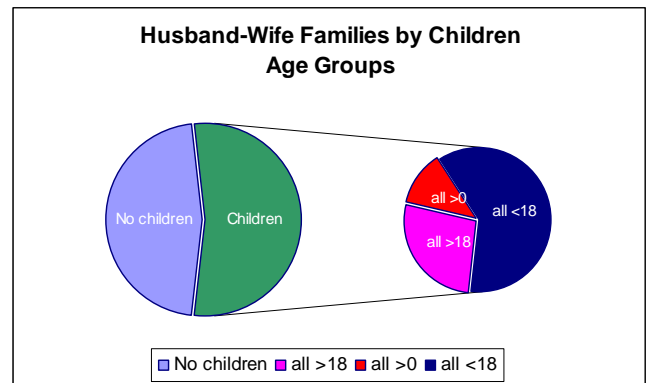
The number of lone-parent families is increasing in total, and in every child age group.

2002 - 2009

In Canada as of 1 July 2009, the number of census families increased by 733,799 families (8.55%) over 1 July 2002 to 9.3 million and the number of census families with children increased by 232,391 (4.28%) over July 2002 to 5.7 million. The share of families with no children living at home increased 2.5 percentage points to 39.2%.

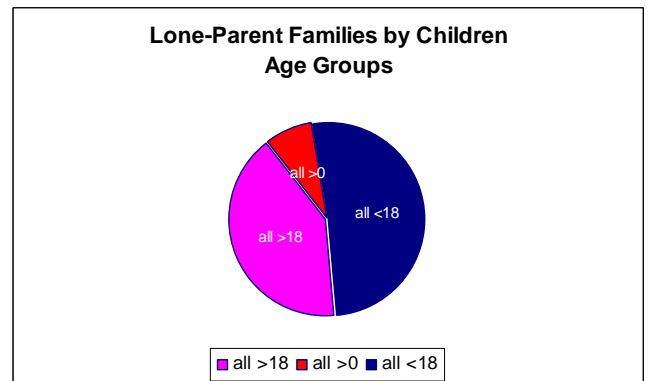
### Husband-wife Families

- The number of husband-wife families increased 8.13% over 1 July 2002 to 7.8 million (83.9% of all families).
- The number of childless families increased 15.90% to 3.7 million, or 46.7% of husband-wife families.
- The number with children increased 2.12% over July 2002.
- The number with all children under 18 years declined 1.61%
- The number with children over 18 and with at least one child under 18 increased 2.80%.
- The number with all children aged 18+ increased by 11.30%.



### Lone-parent Families

- The number of lone-parent families increased 10.80% over 1 July 2002 to 1.5 million 16.1% of all families).
- The number with all children under 18 years increased 4.03% to 51.0% of lone-parent families
- The number with children over 18 and with at least one child under 18 increased 18.24%.
- The number with all children aged 18+ increased by 18.97% to 40.8% of lone-parent families.



Census families by structure and age group of children, Canada, July 1, 2002 - 2009

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% CHANGE		# CHANGE	
									2008-2009	2002-2009	2008-2009	2002-2009
<b>Husband-wife families</b> Families	7,232,056	7,314,982	7,397,909	7,480,836	7,563,767	7,647,882	7,733,199	7,819,733	0.11	8.13	86,534	587,677
With no children	3,154,013	3,225,184	3,296,353	3,367,513	3,438,673	3,510,367	3,582,608	3,655,421	0.20	15.90	72,813	501,408
With children	4,078,043	4,089,798	4,101,556	4,113,323	4,125,094	4,137,515	4,150,591	4,164,312	0.03	2.12	13,721	86,269
All children aged 18+	1,008,383	1,024,523	1,040,655	1,056,796	1,072,931	1,089,224	1,105,689	1,122,333	0.15	11.30	16,644	113,950
Children aged 0 to 18+	494,525	496,438	498,347	500,260	502,169	504,159	506,233	508,382	0.04	2.80	2,149	13,857
All children under 18 years	2,575,135	2,568,837	2,562,554	2,556,267	2,549,994	2,544,132	2,538,669	2,533,597	0.02	1.61	5,072	41,538
<b>Lone-parent families</b> Families	1,352,947	1,373,637	1,394,325	1,415,014	1,435,697	1,456,599	1,477,721	1,499,069	0.14	10.80	21,348	146,122
With no children												
With children	1,352,947	1,373,637	1,394,325	1,415,014	1,435,697	1,456,599	1,477,721	1,499,069	0.14	10.80	21,348	146,122
All children aged 18+	514,177	528,045	541,906	555,774	569,631	583,573	597,614	611,738	0.24	18.97	14,124	97,561
Children aged 0 to 18+	103,997	106,693	109,387	112,080	114,775	117,486	120,214	122,965	0.23	18.24	2,751	18,968
All children under 18 years	734,773	738,899	743,032	747,160	751,291	755,540	759,893	764,366	0.06	4.03	4,473	29,593
<b>Total families</b> Families	8,585,003	8,688,619	8,792,234	8,895,850	8,999,464	9,104,481	9,210,920	9,318,802	0.12	8.55	107,882	733,799
With no children	3,154,013	3,225,184	3,296,353	3,367,513	3,438,673	3,510,367	3,582,608	3,655,421	0.20	15.90	72,813	501,408
With children	5,430,990	5,463,435	5,495,881	5,528,337	5,560,791	5,594,114	5,628,312	5,663,381	0.06	4.28	35,069	232,391
All children aged 18+	1,522,560	1,552,568	1,582,561	1,612,570	1,642,562	1,672,797	1,703,303	1,734,071	0.18	13.89	30,768	211,511
Children aged 0 to 18+	598,522	603,131	607,734	612,340	616,944	621,645	626,447	631,347	0.08	5.48	4,900	32,825
All children under 18 years	3,309,908	3,307,736	3,305,586	3,303,427	3,301,285	3,299,672	3,298,562	3,297,963	0.00	0.36	599	11,945

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<b>Husband-wife families</b> Families	84.2	84.2	84.1	84.1	84.0	84.0	84.0	83.9
With no children	43.6	44.1	44.6	45.0	45.5	45.9	46.3	46.7
With children	56.4	55.9	55.4	55.0	54.5	54.1	53.7	53.3
All children aged 18+	24.7	25.1	25.4	25.7	26.0	26.3	26.6	27.0
Children aged 0 to 18+	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2
All children under 18 years	63.1	62.8	62.5	62.1	61.8	61.5	61.2	60.8
<b>Lone-parent families</b> Families	15.8	15.8	15.9	15.9	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.1
With no children	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
With children	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All children aged 18+	38.0	38.4	38.9	39.3	39.7	40.1	40.4	40.8
Children aged 0 to 18+	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.2
All children under 18 years	54.3	53.8	53.3	52.8	52.3	51.9	51.4	51.0
<b>Total families</b> Families	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
With no children	36.7	37.1	37.5	37.9	38.2	38.6	38.9	39.2
With children	63.3	62.9	62.5	62.1	61.8	61.4	61.1	60.8
All children aged 18+	28.0	28.4	28.8	29.2	29.5	29.9	30.3	30.6
Children aged 0 to 18+	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1
All children under 18 years	60.9	60.5	60.1	59.8	59.4	59.0	58.6	58.2

## Footnotes

**1.** Postcensal estimates are based on latest recent results census adjusted for census net undercoverage (CNU) and estimates of the components of demographic growth that occurred since that census. Intercensal estimates are the result of a linear interpolation of data between censuses. Censuses data are adjusted for CNU and July 1.

**2.** Prior to 2001, census family was defined as: a now-married couple (with or without never-married sons and/or daughters of either or both spouses), a couple living common law (with or without never-married sons and/or daughters of either or both partners) or a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one never-married son or daughter living in the same dwelling (1996 Census Dictionary, catalogue 92-351-XPE, page 117). As of 2001, census family was defined as: a married couple (with or without children of either or both spouses), a couple living common law (with or without children of either or both partners) or a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one child living in the same dwelling. 'Children' in a census family now include grandchildren living in the same household of either grandparent, where there are no parents present (2001 Census Dictionary, catalogue 92-378-XPE, page 133). Since it is impossible to establish trends with regard to the increase of same-sex couples, this group has been excluded in the estimation of census families.

**3.** Estimates by the following characteristics for Canada and provinces can also be obtained by contacting Demography Division at 1-866-767-5611 or [demography@statcan.ca](mailto:demography@statcan.ca): families by structure and age group of children, families by size and structure, husband-wife families by age of husband or wife and family size, husband-wife families by age group of husband and wife, lone parent families by family size, sex and age group of parent.

**4.** Estimates are revised intercensal from 1986 to 1990, final intercensal from 1991 to 2005, final postcensal for 2006, updated postcensal for 2007 and preliminary postcensal for 2008 and 2009.

