

Families, households and marital status – 2021 Census promotional material ^[1]

Help spread the word about 2021 Census data on families, households and marital status in Canada. These data were released on July 13, 2022.

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Quick facts

- Among G7 countries, Canada has the highest share of couples that are living common law (23%), owing to the popularity of this type of union in Quebec—home to 43% of Canada's common-law couples. Excluding Quebec, the share of common-law couples in Canada would have been 17% in 2021.
- Compared with previous generations, today's younger adults are less likely to be living as part of a couple—as alternatives like living alone, with roommates or with parents have become more common.
- In the 2021 Census, couples could be classified according to their gender diversity status the first time.
- The combined trends of population aging and decreasing fertility have resulted in fewer couples with children living at home with them.
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- Continuing a long-term pattern of growth, 4.4 million people lived alone in 2021, up from 1.7 million in 1981. This represented 15% of all adults aged 15 and older in private households in 2021, the highest share on record.

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