

Release and concepts overview

2016 Census of Population: Families, households and marital status



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- ^P preliminary
- ^r revised
- X suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*
- ^E use with caution
- F too unreliable to be published
- * significantly different from reference category ($p < 0.05$)

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1. Objectives

- Census of Population release topics will be accompanied by their own *Release and Concepts Overview* and will be available from Statistics Canada's website in advance of each release.
- The purpose of the *Release and Concepts Overview* series is to provide an overview of:
 - the concepts, definitions and key indicators used by each of the major 2016 Census of Population releases
 - the products that will be available on each major day of release and later.
- The *Release and Concepts Overview* series will help partners, stakeholders and other data users to better understand the information being released.

This *Release and Concepts Overview* is for the Families, households and marital status release, which will be on August 2, 2017.

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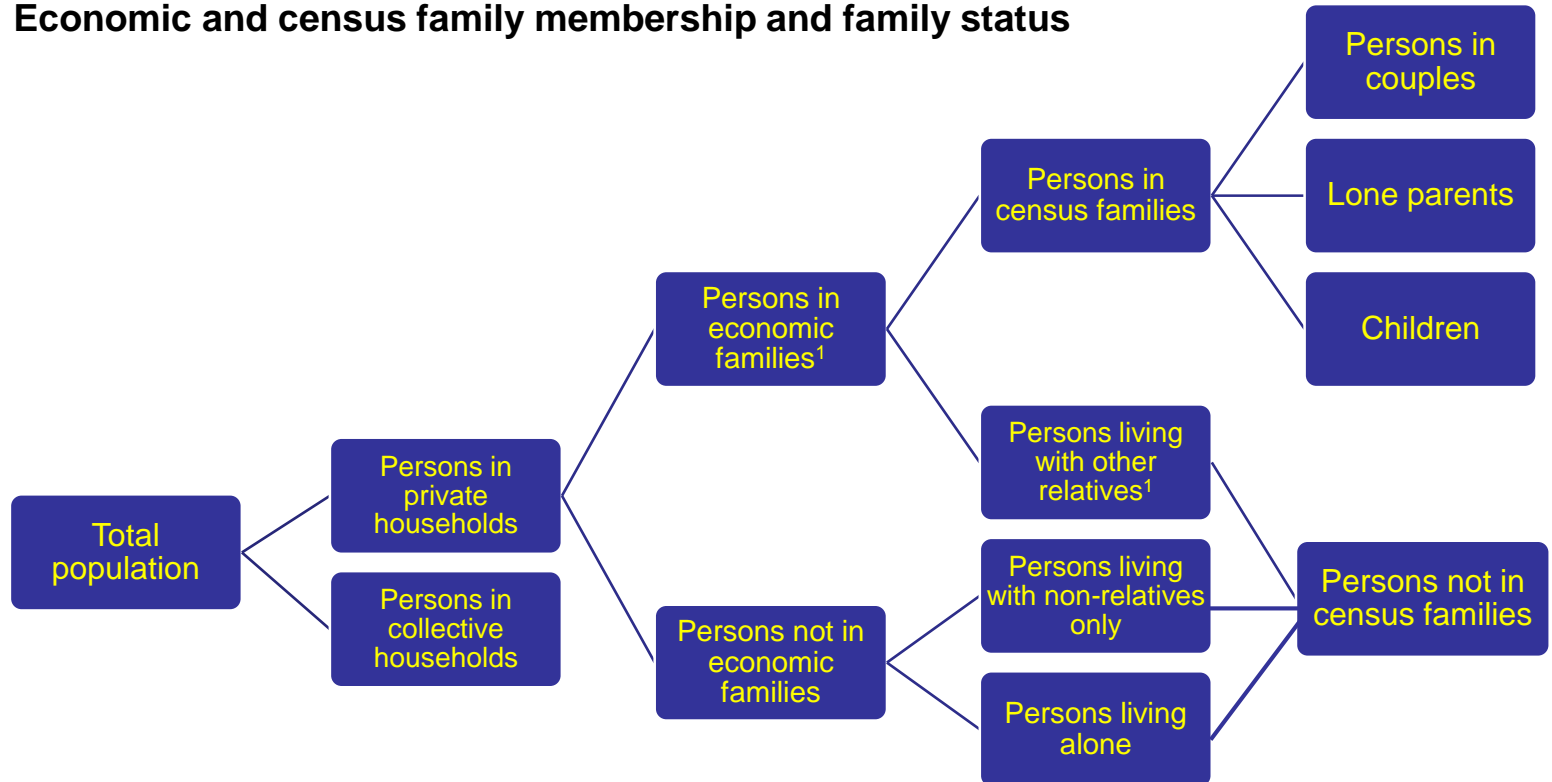
2. Concepts and definitions: Families, households and marital status

- a) Economic and census family membership and family status
- b) Census family and stepfamily status of couple family with children
- c) Couple family with children
- d) Multigenerational households and skip-generation families
- e) Marital and conjugal status
- f) Census and economic families
- g) Households



2. Concepts and definitions: Families, households and marital status

a) Economic and census family membership and family status

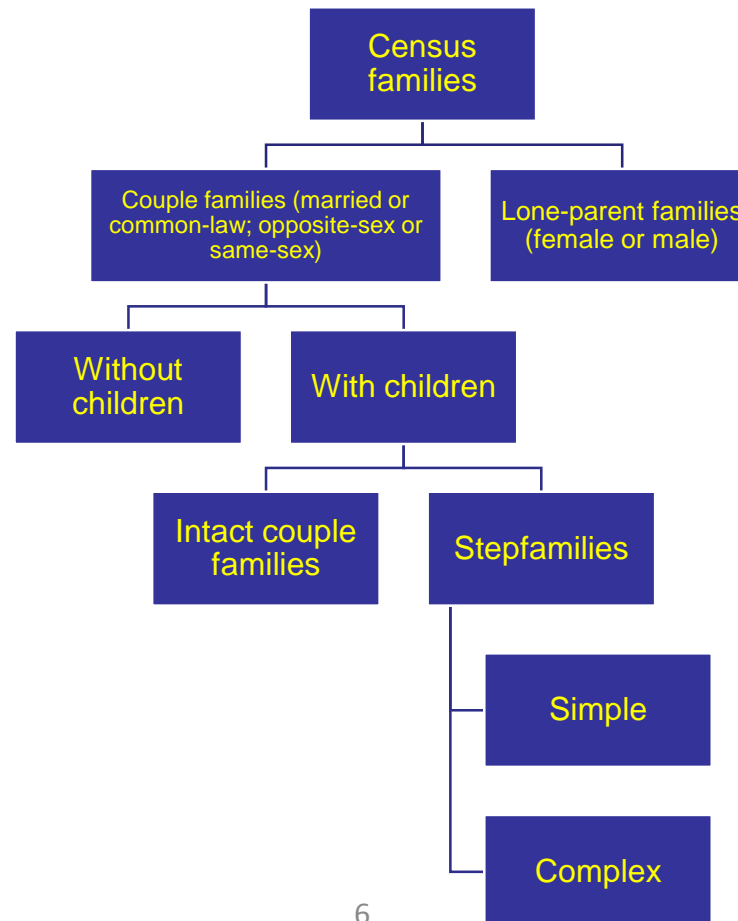


1. Foster children are included.



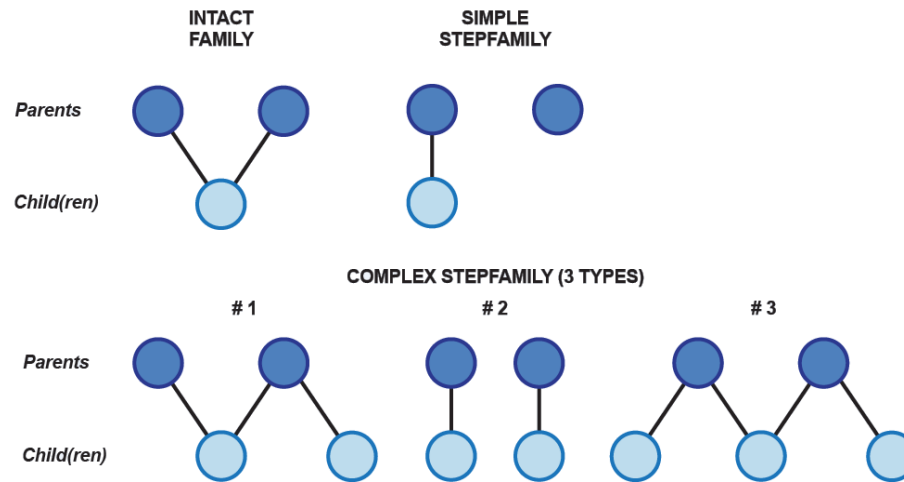
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b) Census family and stepfamily status of couple family with children



2. Concepts and definitions: Families, households and marital status

c) Couple family with children



Intact family: All children are the biological or adopted children of both married spouses or of both common-law partners.

Stepfamily: At least one biological or adopted child is **of only one** married spouse or common-law partner, and this birth or adoption preceded the current relationship.

Simple stepfamily: All children are biological or adopted children **of only one** married spouse or common-law partner, and their birth or adoption preceded the current relationship.

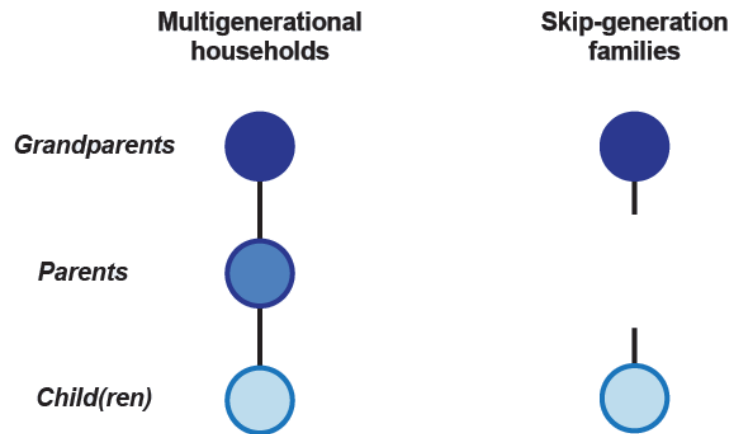
Complex stepfamily:

1. Child(ren) from one married spouse or common-law partner **and** at least one other biological or adopted child of the couple.
2. Child(ren) from each married spouse or common-law partner **and** no other children.
3. Child(ren) from each married spouse or common-law partner **and** at least one other biological or adopted child of the couple.



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d) Multigenerational households and skip-generation families



Multigenerational households: Households with three or more generations. These households have at least one person who is the grandparent and the parent of someone in the household.

Skip-generation families: Census families that consist of grandparents and grandchildren, but without the presence of parents in the home.



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e) Marital and conjugal status

- [Marital status](#)
- [Conjugal status](#)
- [Opposite/same-sex married spouse or common-law partner](#)
- [Opposite/same-sex status](#)



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f) Census and economic families

- [Economic family](#)
- [Census family](#)
- [Census family status](#)
- [Economic family status](#)
- [Census family structure](#)
- [Economic family structure](#)
- [Stepfamily status](#)
- [Relationship structure](#)



2. Concepts and definitions: Families, households and marital status

f) Census and economic families (continued)

- **Family characteristics of individuals:** A person living in a private household can be a married spouse, a common-law partner, a lone parent, a child, or a person not in a census family. Persons not in census families include individuals living alone or living with other relatives or non-relatives.
- **Children not living in an intact family:** Children aged 0 to 14 not living in an intact two-parent family include those living in lone-parent families, stepfamilies and skip-generation families (with grandparents and without parents), and those not living in census families with other relatives, with non-relatives, or as foster children.
- **Foster children:** The population of children in private households who have been reported as foster children on the census questionnaire. Foster children are considered as “other relatives” in an economic family.



2. Concepts and definitions: Families, households and marital status

g) Households

- [Household](#)
- [Collective household](#)
- [Private household](#)
- [Household type](#)



2. Concepts and definitions: Geography

In addition to making data available for Canada, the following other levels of geography will be available:

- a) Province or territory
- b) Census metropolitan area (CMA)
- c) Census agglomeration (CA)
- d) Census division (CD)
- e) Census subdivision (CSD)
- f) Census tract (CT)
- g) Population centre (POPCTR)
- h) Statistical Area Classification (SAC)
- i) Federal electoral district (FED)
- j) Economic region (ER)
- k) Forward sortation area (FSA)©
(available at a later date)
- l) Designated place (DPL)
- m) Aggregate dissemination area (ADA) (new!)
- n) Dissemination area (DA)



3. Key indicators

- a) Households
- b) Families and couples
- c) Marital status
- d) Family characteristics of children aged 0 to 14
- e) Family characteristics of young adults (aged 20 to 34) and seniors (aged 65 and older)
- f) Same-sex couples in Canada



3. Key indicators

a) Households

- Counts of private households, 2016
- Distribution (number and percentage) and percentage change of private households by household type, 2001 to 2016
 - One-person households
 - Multigenerational households
 - Other household types (persons not living in households with at least one census family and not living alone)



3. Key indicators

b) Families and couples

- Counts of census families, 2016
- Census families by family size, 2016
- Distribution (number and percentage) (2001 to 2016) and percentage change of census families by family structure, 2006 to 2016
 - Couple families
 - Married or common-law
 - Opposite-sex or same-sex
 - With children or without children

c) Marital status

- Distribution (number and percentage) of the population aged 15 and older by marital status, sex and age group, Canada, 2011 to 2016



3. Key indicators

d) Family characteristics of children aged 0 to 14

- Percentage of the population aged 0 to 14 by census family structure, 2011 to 2016
- Distribution (number and percentage) of the population aged 0 to 14 living in or not living in census families, 2011 to 2016
- Distribution (number and percentage) of the population aged 0 to 14 in private households by family characteristics, 2011 to 2016
 - Children living in an intact two-parent family
 - Children living in a stepfamily (simple or complex)
 - Children living in a lone-parent family
 - Female or male parent
 - Children living in a household with a grandparent
 - Skip-generation families
 - Children living with other relatives or non-relatives
 - Foster children



3. Key indicators

e) Family characteristics of young adults (aged 20 to 34) and seniors (aged 65 and older)

- Percentage of young adults aged 20 to 34 by family characteristics, age group and sex, 2001 to 2016
 - Young adults aged 20 to 34 in couples by conjugal status
 - Young adults aged 20 to 34 living with their parents
- Percentage of the population aged 65 and older by family characteristics, age group and sex, 2001 to 2016
 - Population aged 65 and older living in couples
 - Population aged 65 and older living alone in private households



3. Key indicators

f) Same-sex couples in Canada

- Distribution (number and percentage) and percentage change of couple families by opposite-sex or same-sex status, 2001 to 2016
- Percentage of the population aged 15 and older in opposite-sex or same-sex couples by conjugal status, 2016
- Percentage of the population aged 15 and older in opposite-sex or same-sex couples by presence and number of children, 2016
- Percentage of the population aged 15 and older in same-sex couples with children by sex of parents and age of children, 2016



4. Products and activities available with this release

The following will be available with the Families, households and marital status release on August 2, 2017:

Analytical products

- *The Daily* article
- Census in Brief
- Video
- Infographic

Data products

- Highlight tables
- Data tables
- Census Profile
- Focus on Geography Series

Reference products

- Release and Concepts Overview series
- Guide to the Census of Population, 2016
- Census Dictionary
- Families Reference Guide

Geography products

- Thematic maps
- GeoSearch

Social media

- Facebook
- Twitter
- YouTube
- Chat with an expert (August 4, 2017)



4. Products available on day of release

The following provides additional details on some key products that will be available at the time of the Families, households and marital status release. Together, they will provide main findings, important messages, latest trends and additional background information.

- ***The Daily article:*** This will include the main results for families, households and marital status at the national, provincial and territorial levels, as well as for some large census metropolitan areas (CMAs).
- **Census in Brief:** Three short articles will provide analyses focusing on current family topics that are relevant from a public policy perspective:
 - The diverse family situations of children in Canada in 2016
 - Young adults living with their parents in Canada in 2016
 - Same-sex couples in Canada in 2016



4. Products available on day of release

- **Video:** This will provide an overview of families in Canada at Confederation and today.
- **Infographic:** This will allow users to quickly visualize some key findings from the 2016 Census of Population, including a portrait of family living arrangements in Canada.



4. Products available on day of release

- **Highlight tables:** They present focused information for various levels of geography. These tables allow users to perform simple rank and sort functions and include percentage distributions and percentage changes from previous censuses to facilitate comparisons between years, and different geographic areas.
- **Data tables:** These cross-tabulations allow for a more detailed examination of Canada, by comparing up to eight variables across various levels of geography.
- **Census Profile:** This product provides key statistics about the dwellings and the people living there. Users are able to select a standard geographic area and compare two geographic areas. They can search by place name or postal code for an area of interest as large as Canada or as small as a grouping of city blocks.
- **Focus on Geography Series:** This product presents highlights through short text, tables and figures for various release topics and levels of geography, including Canada, provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas (CMAs), census agglomerations (CAs) and Canadian municipalities (census subdivisions).



4. Products available on day of release

- **Families Reference Guide:** This guide explains census concepts and definitions. It also includes information about data quality and historical comparability, as well as comparisons with other data sources.
- **[Guide to the Census of Population, 2016](#):** This reference document provides an overview of the 2016 Census of Population processes, including content determination, collection, processing, data quality assessment, data dissemination and data suppression. It also includes response rates, global non-response rates, the distribution of the number of census subdivisions for which data have been published by province and territory and at the national level, as well as other data quality information.

The majority of the content was released with the Population and dwelling counts release. Additional content will be added with subsequent releases.



4. Products available on day of release

- **Census Dictionary**: This provides detailed definitions of census concepts, variables and geographic terms, as well as historical information to facilitate the comparison between census years.

Content is released cumulatively through to November 2017, with the majority of the definitions released on May 3, 2017.



4. Social media activities with this release

- **Facebook, YouTube and Twitter:** The official social media accounts will also be used to communicate and engage with the public for the dissemination of results from the 2016 Census of Population.
- **Chat with an expert:** Users are invited to chat with Statistics Canada experts on the topics of Families, households and marital status, as well as Language, on August 4, 2017, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Eastern time. For more information, refer to Statistics Canada's website at <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/chatwithanexpert>.



5. Products available after release

The following products will be available with later releases:

Analytical products

- Articles in *Insights on Canadian Society (ICS)*
- Data visualization tool. More information about this initiative will be made available during the release cycle.

Data products

- Additional data tables at various levels of geography
- 2016 Census Aboriginal Population Profile
- 2016 Census Individuals Public Use Microdata File (PUMF)
- 2016 Census Hierarchical Public Use Microdata File (PUMF)
- 2016 Census Long-form Research Data Centre (RDC) Microdata File

Reference products

- Reference guides (various topics)
- Technical reports



6. 2016 Census Program web module

To access the 2016 Census of Population products, please consult the 2016 Census Program web module:

www.statcan.gc.ca/census



7. 2016 Census Program release schedule

Release date	Release topic
November 16, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geography
February 8, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Population and dwelling counts
May 3, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age and sex• Type of dwelling
May 10, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Census of Agriculture
August 2, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families, households and marital status• Language
September 13, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income
October 25, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immigration and ethnocultural diversity• Housing• Aboriginal peoples
November 29, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education• Labour• Journey to work• Language of work• Mobility and migration



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