

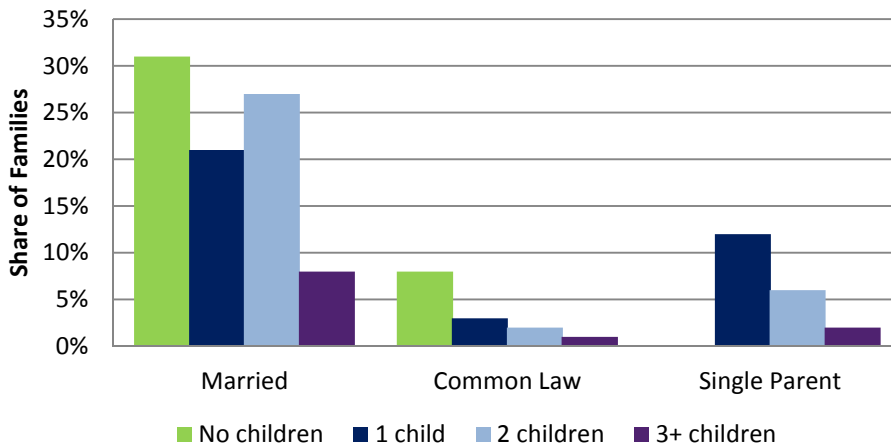
## Households and Family Structure Profile

### Census Families

Statistics Canada defines a census family as a household of a married or common law couple with or without children, as well as, single parent households. The average number of people within a census family household has remained stable in Port Coquitlam over the past 15 years. A slight decline occurred between 2006 and 2011, dropping from 3.1 to 3.0 persons.

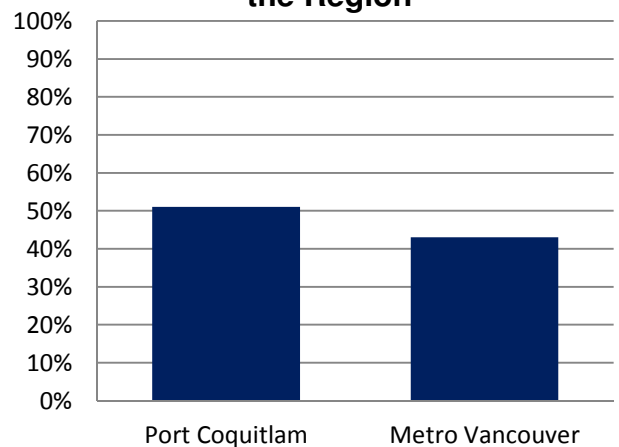
Of the City's total census family households, 83% are couple families and 17% are single parent families. The majority, 87%, of all couple families are married. Married couples without children represent the greatest percentage of total census family households, at 31%. Married couples with two children represent the second greatest percentage of census family households, at 27%, showing that traditional families predominate in Port Coquitlam.

**Family Size by Family Type**



Port Coquitlam is a city of families with children, where 50% of households have children at home. This is higher than the regional average of 43% of households.

**Percentage of Households with Children in Port Coquitlam and the Region**



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## Non-Census Family Households

A non-census family is a household of a single person or of individuals sharing accommodation. Thirteen percent of residents live within a non-census family household, compared to 18% of households regionally. Of those residents, 61% of them live alone, which is consistent with regional numbers. The remaining non-census family households consist of persons living in shared accommodation or with relatives.

Of the City's total number of households, including both census and non-census family households, 22% are one person households, which is lower than the regional average of 28%. Households of three to five persons comprise a larger percentage of households than the regional average. In 2011, the overall average number of persons per household in Port Coquitlam, was 2.7 persons.

## Proportion of Population by Household Size for Port Coquitlam and Metro Vancouver

| Household Size  | 1 person | 2 persons | 3 persons | 4 persons | 5 persons | 6+ persons |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Port Coquitlam  | 22%      | 30%       | 19%       | 19%       | 7%        | 3%         |
| Metro Vancouver | 28%      | 31%       | 16%       | 15%       | 6%        | 4%         |

## Marital Status

Of the 46,540 residents who are 15 years or older, 51% are married, which is comparable to the region's average of 50%. An additional 8% of residents 15 years or older are living in a common law relationship. Of the 41% of residents who are not married or living common law, 69% are single and the remaining 31% are separated, divorced or widowed. These data are difficult to compare with previous years due to changes in the way data were collected between Censuses.

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