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](image)

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](image)
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

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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.