

# Family Structure & Marital Status Hot Facts

## Introduction

From the population and families census data, Statistics Canada provides us with information on family size and family structure by marital and common-law status.

This edition of Hot Facts examines figures from the 2006 Census and compares them with past Census figures and with other municipalities within Metro Vancouver.

## Census Families

A census family refers to a married couple (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. A couple may be of opposite or same sex. Children in a census family include grandchildren living with their grandparent(s) but with no parents present.

## Private Households

A private household refers to a person or a group of persons (other than foreign residents) who occupy the same dwelling and who do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada. It may consist of a family group (census family) with or without other persons, or two or more families sharing a dwelling, or a group of unrelated persons, or of one person living alone.

The following table summarizes census family statistics for Richmond in 2001 and 2006.

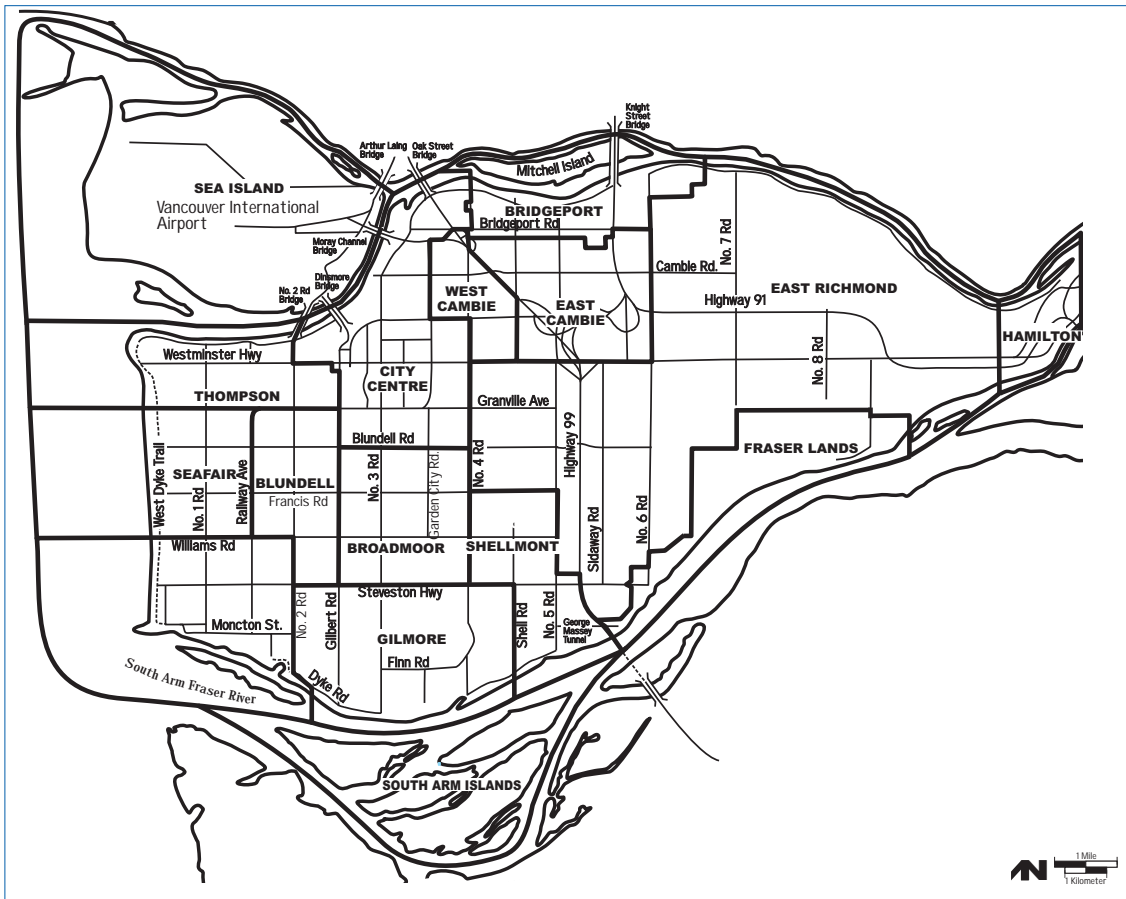
## Richmond Census Families and Households

	2001	2006
Total number of census families	46,025	50,225
Total private households	56,800	61,435
Average number of persons in all census families	3.10	3.0

Source: *Statistics Canada, 2006 Census.*

## Families

### Average Number of Persons and Average Number of Children per Census Family by Planning Area



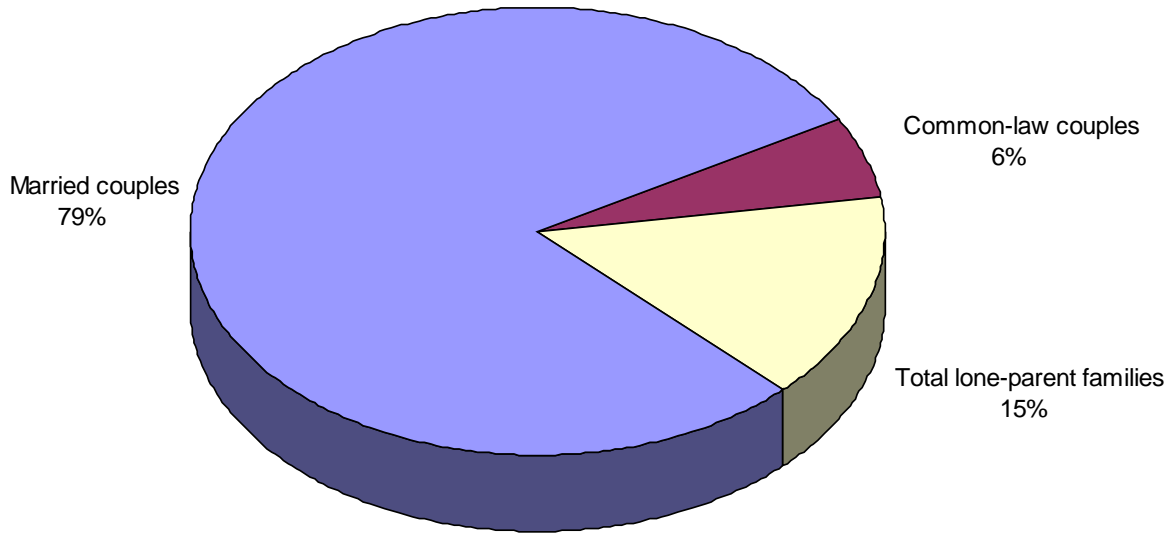
Planning Area	Average Family Size	Average No. of Children per Family
Blundell	3.1	1.3
Bridgeport	3.3	1.5
Broadmoor	3.1	1.2
City Centre	2.8	0.9
East Cambie	3.3	1.4
East Richmond	2.9	1
Gilmore	2.7	0.7
Hamilton	3.3	1.4
Sea Island	2.9	1.1
Seafair	3.1	1.2
Shellmont	3.1	1.3
Steveston	3	1.2
Thompson	3	1.2
West Cambie	3.1	1.3
Richmond Average	3	1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census.

Richmond has 50,225 families out of a total of 61,435 households. In Census 2006, there is an average number of 3 persons per census family, down slightly from 3.10 persons per census family in 2001.

Eighty five percent of Richmond's families include either married (39,780) or common-law (2,885) couples with a further 15% (7,560) making up lone-parent families. Lone-female-parents (6,390) account for 84% of lone-parent families while male lone-parents (1,175) account for 15%.

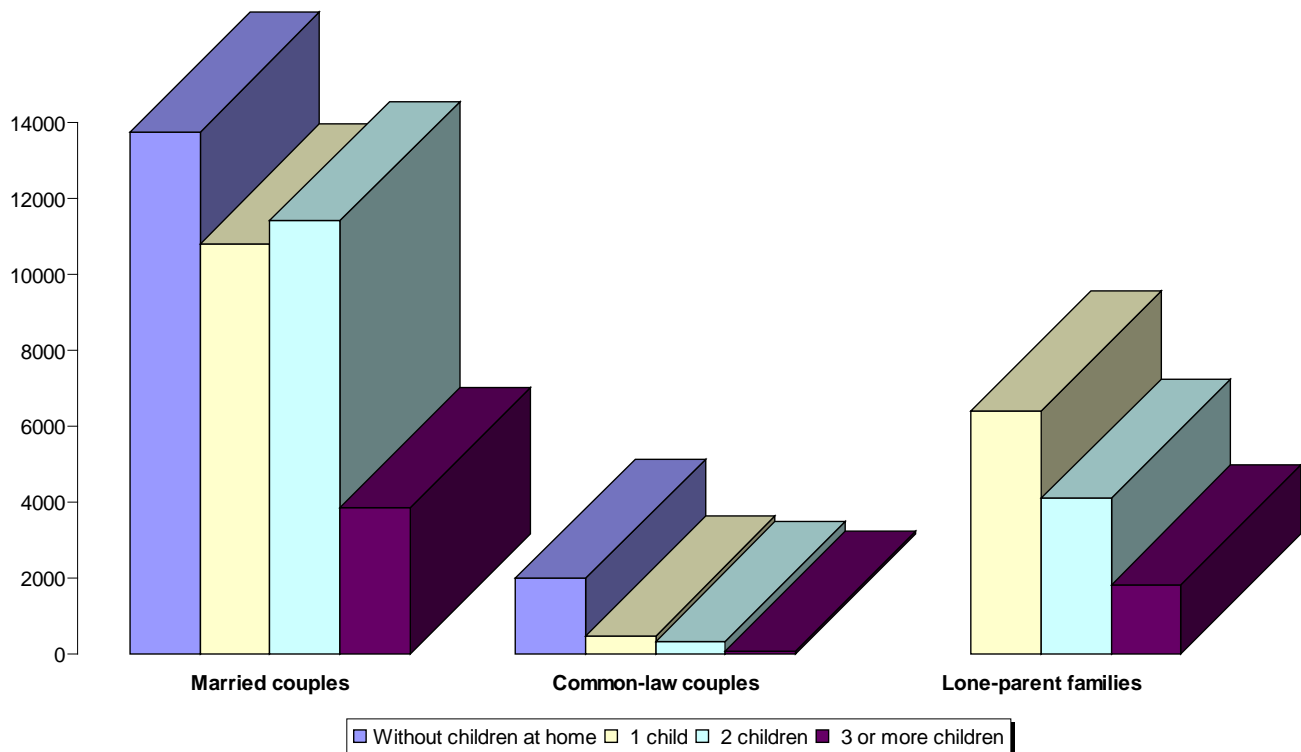
### Family Structure (2006 Census)



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census.

Sixty five percent of couples have children while 35% are without children. Thirty-one percent of common-law couples have children. Fourteen percent of married couples have 3 or more children at home compared with 09% of common-law couples. Lone-parent and common-law couples are more likely to have smaller families.

### Family Structure and Marital Status (2006 Census)



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census.

### Family Size

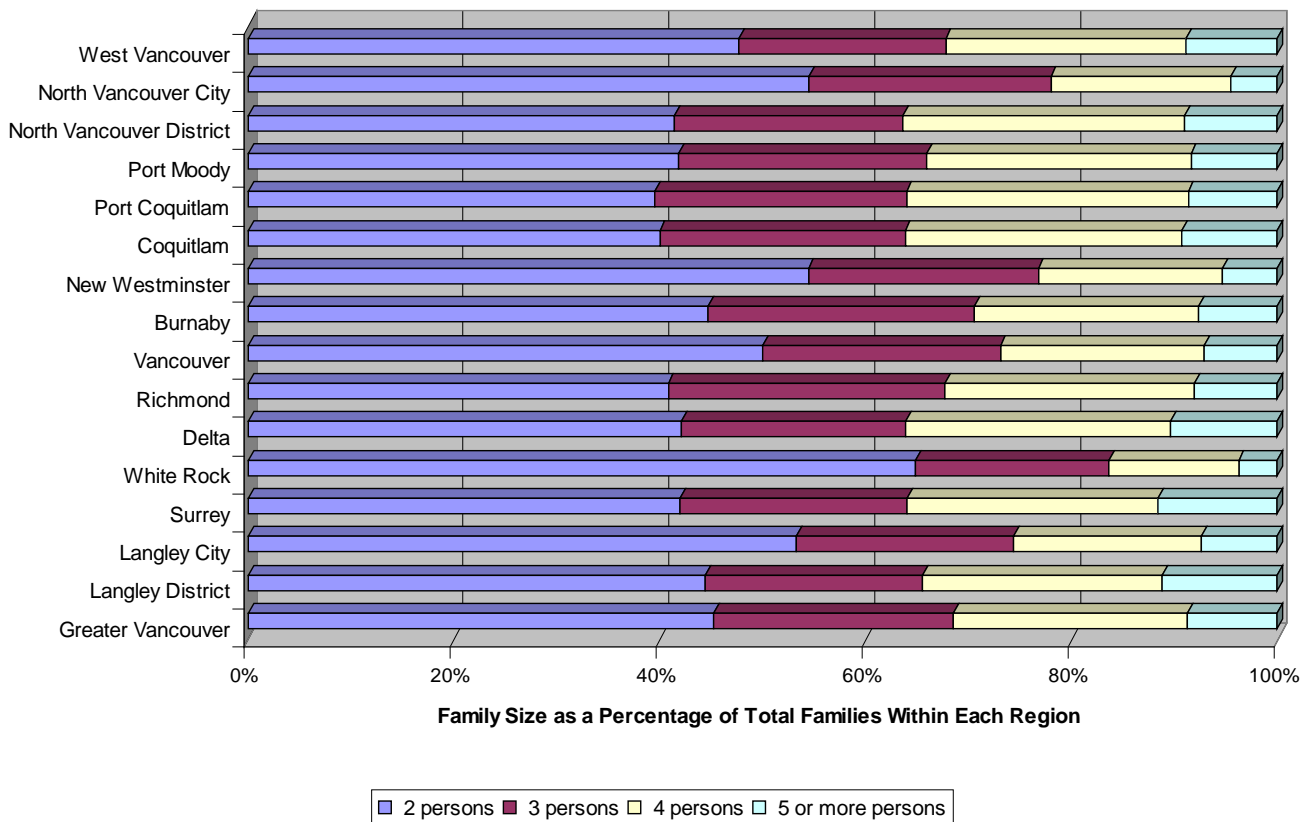
Families in Richmond have increased slightly since 2001. Two person families have increased by 11% while 3, 4 person and 5 person families have decreased between census periods.

2001	Family Size	2006
30%	2 person	41%
29%	3 person	27%
30%	4 person	24%
11%	5+ person	8%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census.

### How Does Richmond Compare?

#### Regional Comparison of Family Size in Private Households (2006 Census)



Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census.

### Summary

- There are 46,025 families out of a total of 56,800 households.
- Fifteen percent are lone parent families which are mainly headed by women.
- Forty percent of Richmond families are two person families, 27% are three person families, 24% are four person families and 8% are five or more person families.
- The number of 3,4 and 5 person families has decreased since 2001, while the number of 2-person families has increased by 11% since 2001.

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