

Saskatchewan Families and Households

2011 Census of Canada

HOUSEHOLD TYPES

In Saskatchewan there were 409,645 private households in 2011, an increase of 5.8% over the 2006 Census count of 387,145. All household structure types increased in number.

Table 1 provides the 2006 and 2011 Census data for Saskatchewan private households by structure.

**Table 1: Census Population by Household Structure
2006 and 2001**

	2011	2006
Population in Private Households	1,009,035	945,890
Total Private Households	409,645	387,145
Couples with children at home	116,230	112,180
Couples without children at home	122,325	110,840
One Person	114,385	111,315
Other	56,705	52,810

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census of Canada

CENSUS FAMILIES

In Saskatchewan, there were 238,545 couples in 2011, an increase of 7.0% from the 2006 figure of 223,020. In 2011, 202,765 of these couples were married, of these, 100,030 had children living at home, while 102,740 did not have children living at home, marking the first time there have been less married couples with children at home than without. The 2011 census records 35,780 common-law couples in Saskatchewan, of which 16,200 reported having children living at home while 19,585 did not have children living at home.

Stepfamilies were counted for the first time in the 2011 census. Stepfamilies are broken into two basic types – simple stepfamilies, where all children belong to only one married spouse, and complex stepfamilies, which make up the remainder. In 2011, there were 15,445 stepfamilies in Saskatchewan, 8,365 of which were simple stepfamilies and 7,080 of which were complex stepfamilies.

There were 46,825 lone parent families in 2011 in Saskatchewan, 36,215 of which were headed by females, while 10,605 were headed by males. In 2006, there were 44,445 lone parent families in Saskatchewan.

SAME-SEX COUPLES

There were 1,000 same-sex couples in Saskatchewan in 2011, up from 565 same-sex couples in 2006. 110 of these couples had children, up from 70 couples in 2006.

FOSTER CHILDREN AND SKIP-GENERATION FAMILIES

In the 2011 Census, information on foster children was gathered for the first time. In Saskatchewan there were 2,790 foster children in 2011, 2,135 of whom were under 15 years of age. This represents the second highest proportion of foster children as a percentage of all children aged 14 and under of all provinces.

Skip-generation families consist of grandparents and grandchildren without parents in the home. In 2011 there were 2,760 children aged 14 and under living with their grandparents, up from 2,450 such children in 2006. Saskatchewan had the highest proportion of children under age 15 living in skip-generation families of any province in 2011.

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