

# Saskatchewan Families and Households

2016 Census of Canada

## HOUSEHOLD TYPES

In Saskatchewan, in 2016, there were 432,620 private households, an increase of 5.6% over the 2011 Census count of 409,645.

Table 1 provides the 2011 and 2016 Census data for Saskatchewan private households by structure.

**Table 1: Census Population by Household Structure  
2011 and 2016**

|                                  | 2016      | 2011      |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Population in private households | 1,098,350 | 1,009,035 |
| Total private households         | 432,620   | 409,645   |
| Couples with children at home    | 161,055   | 116,230   |
| Couples without children at home | 124,620   | 122,325   |
| One person                       | 121,175   | 114,385   |
| Other                            | 25,770    | 56,705    |

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Canada

## CENSUS FAMILIES

In Saskatchewan, there were 252,765 couple families in 2016, an increase of 6.0% from the 2011 figure of 238,545. In 2016, 211,500 of these couples were married and 41,275 were common-law. Of the couple families 123,685 had children living at home, while 129,085 did not have children living at home.

Step families 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 2016, there were 12,905 stepfamilies in Saskatchewan, 6,090 of which were simple stepfamilies and 6,815 of which were complex stepfamilies. In 2011, there were 12,965 step families in Saskatchewan.

In Saskatchewan, there were 47,215 lone parent families in 2016, 38,280 of which were headed by females, while 8,935 were headed by males. In 2011, there were 44,225 lone parent families in Saskatchewan.

## SAME-SEX COUPLES

There were 2,140 same-sex couples in Saskatchewan in 2016, an increase of 6.7% over the 2011 count of 2,005.

## FOSTER CHILDREN AND SKIP-GENERATION FAMILIES

In 2016, in Saskatchewan, there were 1,845 foster children, 555 of whom were under 5 years of age.

Skip-generation families consist of grandparents and grandchildren without parents in the home. In 2016 there were 2,890 children aged 14 and under living with their grandparents, up from 2,760 such children in 2011.

Table 2 provides the 2011 and 2016 Census data for the family characteristics of children.

**Table 2: Family Characteristics of Children  
2011 and 2016**

|                                   | 2016    | 2011    |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total children in census families | 209,745 | 192,155 |
| Living with two parents           | 146,740 | 132,175 |
| living with a step parent         | 12,905  | 12,965  |
| living with a lone parent         | 47,215  | 44,255  |
| living with grandparents          | 2,890   | 2,760   |
| Children not in a census family   | 3,540   | 3,465   |

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