The 2016 Census Day was May 10, 2016. On August 2, 2017, Statistics Canada released its fourth data set from the 2016 Census, the Families, households and marital status counts. Data was also released on Language, which will be summarized in a separate report.

This summary reflects the Kingston CMA geographic boundaries which include the following Census Sub Divisions (CSDs); City of Kingston, South Frontenac, Frontenac Islands and Loyalist Township.

Who is counted in the Census?
In the Census, persons are counted in their “usual place of residence” defined as the dwelling in which the person usually lives.

- Persons refer to permanent residents (Canadian citizens, landed immigrants) and non-permanent residents (refugee claimants, persons from another country with a work or study permit and family members living here with them).
- Not included in the Census count are government representatives from other countries attached to embassies; members of armed forces from other countries stationed in Canada; residents of other countries visiting Canada temporarily (visitors on vacation or business with or without a visitor’s permit).
- For those with no residence (homeless population), they are counted where they stayed on the reference day of May 10, 2016.
- The usual residence for students is that of their parents, if they return to live with their parents during the year even if they live elsewhere while attending school or working at a summer job. Therefore, many of the more than 30,000 post-secondary students attending Queens, St. Lawrence and RMC full-time and part-time are not counted in the Kingston population numbers. This difference was factored into changes in municipal electoral boundaries for the 2014 election.
- The usual residence for those who have lived in an institutional “collective dwelling” for six months or more is the location of the collective dwelling. These include correctional institutions, hospitals, nursing homes, group homes, chronic and long term care hospitals.
- Those residing temporarily in student residences, military barracks, and hospitals that have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada are counted in their home community.
• Canadian government employees, including Canadian Armed Forces personnel, residing outside Canada determine a geographic location for their usual place of residence using the address they used for election purposes or their last permanent address.

• Although Statistics Canada makes a great effort to count every person, in each Census a number of people are left out for a variety of reasons. For example, people may be travelling, some dwellings are hard to find, and some people simply refuse to participate. Statistics Canada uses the Census counts to produce a net ‘undercoverage’ to determine a rate of those that might have been missed to help produce the population estimates. The Census counts are not adjusted for undercoverage. There was a 97% return rate for the Census in Kingston CMA.

Households Characteristics

• Household refers to a person or groups who occupy the same dwelling and do not have another usual place of residence. This summary will focus on private households.

• Census family refers to a married or common law couple (including same sex couples) and with or without children, of either or both partners. Lone parents living with at least one child and children living with grandparents with no parents present are also census families. Children may be by birth, marriage, or adoption as long as they live in the same dwelling and do not have a spouse or child living in that dwelling.

• In 2016, the number of households in Kingston CMA was 67,915, growing 3% since 2011.

• Within one household census families; there was growth in the last 5 years in couple families without children (5%) and lone parent families (3%); there was a decline in the number of couple families with children (-4%).

• City of Kingston had the largest growth in one household census families with children (both couples and lone parent) from 2011 to 2016. Frontenac Islands had the largest growth of families without children.

• Multigenerational households, although only represents 2% of all households in 2016, had significant growth over the last 10 years (20%).

• The number of individuals living alone was the second fastest growing type of households in Kingston CMA by 5.7% or just over 1,000 individuals since 2011 and 16% over the last 10 years.

• Loyalist had the largest growth in private households, as well as the largest growth in individuals living alone over the last 5 years (19.7%).

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 2001-2016
Note: Tables totals may vary slightly due to rounding.
Family Size and Marital Status

- In 2016 there were 45,555 census families in Kingston CMA, a growth of 2% (905) from 2011 and 6% (2555) growth over the last 10 years.
- Largest growth in families has been in the areas surrounding the City of Kingston in South Frontenac and Loyalist Townships. There has been a decline in the number of families in Frontenac Islands.
- Over the last 10 years there has been a decline in the number couple families with 2 or more children.
- The number of lone parent families has grown by 16% over the last 10 years with overall growth in the number of children per family, and significant growth in the number of lone parent families with 3 or more children over the last 10 years.

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 2001-2016
Note: Tables totals may vary slightly due to rounding.
Within Kingston CMA, 46% (63,540) individuals over the age of 15 years indicated they were married, 11% (14,960) common law and 43% (58,765) indicated they were not married and not living common law.

Of those not married or not living common law, 62% had never been married, 16% were divorced, 14% widowed and 8% separated.

In 2016, there were 415 same sex couples in Kingston CMA, a 17% growth over the last 5 years. 60% of same sex couples were in common law relationships.

**Figure 3: Number of Census Families by CSD and 5 - 10 year Percent Change, Kingston CMA, 2006 - 2016**

**Figure 4: Number of Children in Census family and 10 year Percentage Change, Kingston CMA, 2006 – 2016**

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 2001-2016
Note: Tables totals may vary slightly due to rounding.
Family Characteristics

Families with children 0 to 14 years of age
- In 2016, 23,910 children under the age of 15 lived in Kingston CMA. Although the majority (69.2%) of these children lived in families with two biological parents or adoptive parents, this was a slight decline from 5 years earlier in 2011.
- In 2016, lone parent and stepfamilies were the only type of family structure that saw an increase since 2011.
- A larger proportion of lone parent families lived in the City of Kingston than in another area of Kingston CMA. There was an increase in all family types in Loyalist and an overall decrease in Frontenac Islands.
- Throughout Kingston CMA there was a decrease in the number of children living with other relatives or foster families since 2011.

![Figure 5: Percentage of Children aged 0 to 14 years by Family Structure, Kingston CMA, 2011 – 2016](image)

Families with young adults 20 to 34 years of age
- Within Kingston CMA, there were 31,620 young adults aged 20 to 34 in 2016, a 1% growth over the last 5 years
- Almost a third (27.5%) of young adults 20 to 34 years were living with at least one parent in 2016, compared to 26.3% in 2011. This is rate is lower than the province of Ontario (39.5%).
- Of the young adults 20 – 24 years of age, 50.7% were living at home with a parent. This proportion decreases with age.
- In 2016, 32% of young adults aged 20-29 were living in non-census families, either on their own or with non-relatives
- The proportion of individuals living as a couple (not with a parent) significantly grew within the age range of 25-29 years.

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 2001-2016
Note: Tables totals may vary slightly due to rounding.
Families with older adults 65 years and over

- In 2016, there were 31,270 individuals over the age of 65, a 20% growth since 2011.
- There were 29,020 (93%) living in private households in Kingston CMA, with 64% living as a couple, 26% living alone and 5% living with others.
- In 2016, 2,255 (7%) individuals over the age of 65 lived in a collective dwelling.
- The proportion of older adults living alone increased with age, in 2016 35.6% of individuals over the age of 85 were living alone.

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 2001-2016
Note: Tables totals may vary slightly due to rounding.
Figure 8: Kingston – Number of Lone Parent Families, 2016

Number of Lone Parent Families by Census Tract

City of Kingston & Kingston CMA

Source: Statistics Canada, Census, 2015
Figure 9: Kingston – Number Individuals 25 years and over living within Parental Household, 2016

Number single adults aged 25 years and over living within parental households by Census Tract.

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- 0 - 35
- 36 - 85
- 86 - 140
- 141 - 230

Census Tract is a Statistics Canada geography defined as an area that is small and relatively stable with a population between 2,500 and 8,000 persons.

Source: Statistics Canada, Census, 2016
Figure 10: Kingston – Number of Single Person Households, 2016

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 2001-2016

Note: Tables totals may vary slightly due to rounding.

Number of Single Person Private Households by Census Tract
City of Kingston & Kingston CMA

- 0 - 210
- 211 - 360
- 361 - 790
- 791 - 1315

Census Tract is a Statistics Canada geography defined as an area that is small and relatively stable with a population between 2,500 and 8,000 persons.

Source: Statistics Canada, Census, 2016