The 2016 Census Day was May 10, 2016. On February 8, 2017, Statistics Canada released its first set of data from the 2016 Census, the population and dwelling counts.

This summary reflects the Kingston CMA geographic boundaries which include the 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 refers 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.
Population Summary

- The 2016 population of Kingston CMA was 161,175, which is 1.2 % of the population of Ontario (13,448,494). The population for the City of Kingston was 123,798.
- Kingston CMA’s population grew less quickly between 2011 and 2016, up by 1.0% (approximately 1,600 people) compared to 4.7% increase in the previous intercensal period.
- The population grew at a slower pace in many eastern and central Canada CMAs compared to the 2006-2011 census period.
- In local census subdivisions there was stronger growth in South Frontenac and Greater Napanee, slower growth in Kingston and Loyalist and negative growth in Frontenac Islands and Gananoque.
- 8,817 more people live in Kingston CMA than there were a decade ago.
- Factors for the slower increase may include low or no natural increase (difference between births and deaths), lower migration into the area, and urban spread or the growth in neighbouring municipalities.
- More data from the Census will be released in the coming months to help identify factors for the change.

Figure 1: Kingston CMA - Population, 1996 – 2016

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Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 1996-2016
Figure 2: Kingston CMA - Population, 1996 – 2016

Figure 3: Kingston CMA – Population Change, 1996 – 2016

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 1996-2016
Figure 4: Kingston CMA – Population, 1996 – 2016 by Census Subdivision

Figure 5: Kingston CMA – Population Change, 1996 – 2016 by Census Subdivision

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 1996-2016
Dwelling Summary

- A dwelling is defined as a set of living quarters. Two types of dwellings are identified in the census, collective dwellings and private dwellings.
- Collective dwellings are institutional, communal or commercial in nature. Data on collective dwellings available in later release.
- Private dwellings, refers to a separate set of living quarters with a private entrance either from outside the building or from a common hall, lobby, vestibule or stairway inside the building.
- Data for private dwelling counts reflects units occupied by usual residents or those persons who are permanent residents.
- There was an increase in the number of private dwellings occupied by usual residents in the Kingston CMA from 2011 to 2016 by 1,950
- There was slower growth in the number of private dwellings by usual residents in the City of Kingston and stronger growth in neighbouring townships.

Figure 6: Kingston CMA – Private Occupied Dwelling Count, 1996 – 2016

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*Numbers may not add up due to rounding and aggregation of numbers prior to city amalgamation

Figure 7: Kingston CMA – Private Occupied Dwelling Count 1996 – 2016

Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses 1996-2016
Figure 8: Kingston CMA – Private Occupied Dwelling Count 1996 – 2016 by Census Subdivision

![Graph showing private occupied dwelling count by Census Subdivision from 1996 to 2016.]

Figure 9: Kingston CMA – Change in Private Occupied Dwelling Count 1996 – 2016 by Census Subdivision

![Graph showing change in private occupied dwelling count by Census Subdivision from 1996 to 2016.]

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