



## 2021 Census Bulletin: Type of Dwelling

Kingston, Ontario– Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)

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The 2021 Census Day was May 11, 2021. On April 27, 2022, Statistics Canada released its second set of data from the 2021 Census, the age, sex at birth and gender, as well as data on type of dwelling. This summary will focus solely on type of dwelling.

This summary reflects the Kingston CMA geographic boundaries which include the City of Kingston, South Frontenac, Frontenac Islands, and Loyalist Township, based on the available census data. Additional census data will be reviewed and added following the 2021 Census release dates, available on the [Statistics Canada website](#).

### 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).
- Government representatives from other countries attached to embassies, members of armed forces from other countries stationed in Canada and residents of other countries visiting Canada temporarily (visitors on vacation or business with or without a visitor’s permit) are not included in the Census count.
- Individuals with no residence (unhoused population) are counted where they stayed on the reference day of May 11, 2021
- The usual residence for post-secondary students is that of their parents if they return to live with their parents during any part of the year, even if they live elsewhere while attending school or during employment.
- The usual residence for those living 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. Data on collective dwellings will be available at a later release date.
- 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.

## Type of Dwelling Summary

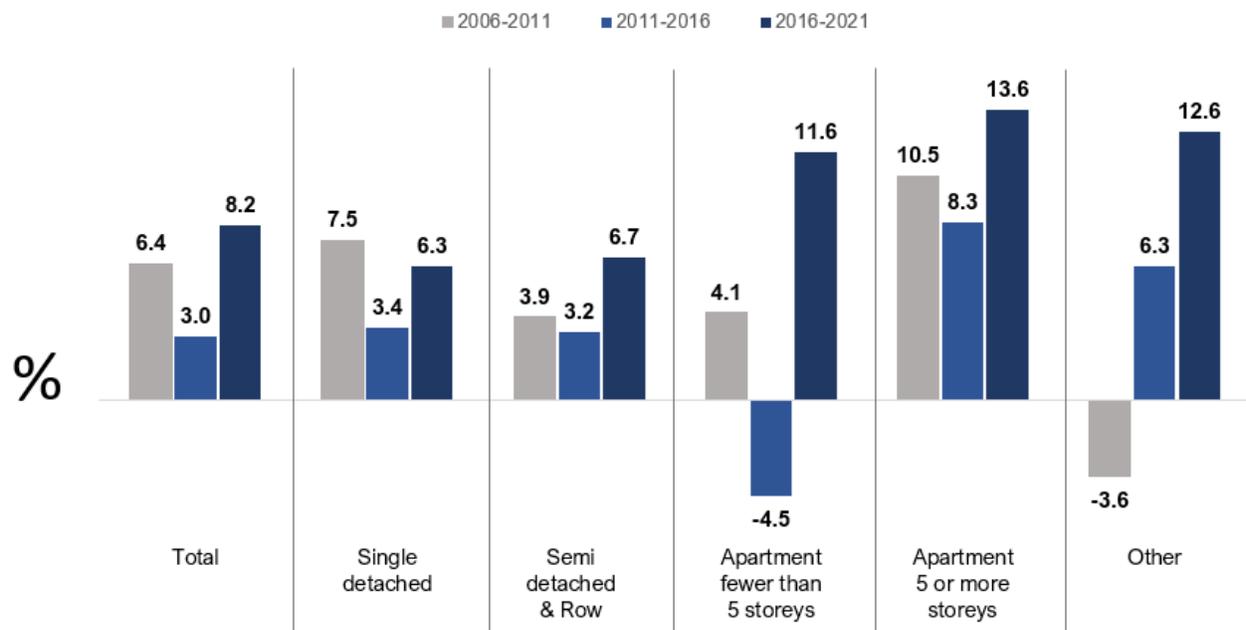
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- Statistics Canada ‘type of dwelling’ data refers to the structural type of dwelling occupied by private households. The data released includes the number of private households by structural type and number of persons in private households.
- Within Kingston CMA there were 73,510 private households occupied by usual residents, which has been steadily increasing over the last 15 years, with the largest increase being at 8.2% occurring between 2016 to 2021.
- The 2021 census shows a net increase of 3,065 ground-related dwellings, including single & semi-detached, row and other single-attached homes, over the last five years. There was an increase of 2,520 apartment type dwellings over the same time period.
- Single-detached homes accounted for 57% (41,665) of the total private households in Kingston CMA in 2021. Although the largest category, it had a smaller growth rate when compared to the apartment dwelling type structures.
- Apartment-type dwellings have increased by 22%, the largest percent change among structural types over the last 15 years in Kingston CMA. Within this structure type, apartment buildings with five or more storeys had the highest percent change at 36%, or an increase of 2,615 private households since 2006. The largest proportion of apartment type dwellings was within the City of Kingston.
- Within the municipalities in Kingston CMA, South Frontenac had the highest proportion of single-detached homes, as well as the highest rate of four or more persons per household. Loyalist had the highest proportion of semi-detached and row houses in 2021.
- There has been continued growth in the number of one and two person households throughout Kingston CMA. Together these household types account for 68% of all households in the Kingston CMA region.
- Data for collective dwellings from the 2016 census has recently become available at smaller levels of geography, including Kingston CMA. Although this data is from 2016, it still gives important insight into this changing dwelling type. In 2016, the most populated collective dwellings in Kingston CMA were nursing homes and senior residences (1,650) and correctional and custodial facilities (1,090).
- In 2016, 44% of the population in collective dwellings were individuals 65 years and over in nursing homes or residences for seniors. With a rapidly aging population, the increase in demand for this dwelling type will continue to rise and should be something to watch with the future release of the 2021 collective dwelling data.
- Note that Statistics Canada reclassified certain structure dwelling types in 2006 and this precludes any comparison prior to 2006. The 2011 data should also be used with caution, due to the voluntary nature of the 2011 National Household Survey.

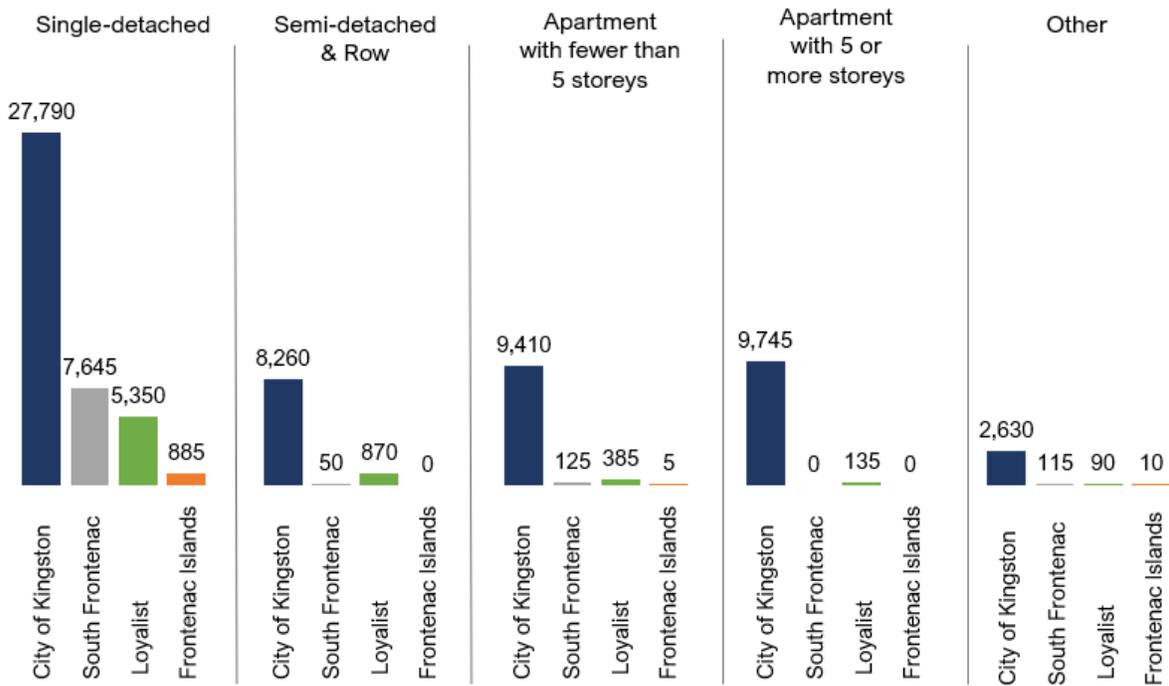
**Figure 1: Structure Type of Dwelling - Kingston CMA, 2006 – 2021**

Structure Type	Dwelling Units				5 Year Change		15 Year Change	
	2006	2011	2016	2021	2016-2021	Percent Change	2006-2021	Percent Change
Single-detached house	35,270	37,900	39,180	41,665	2,485	6.3%	6,395	18.1%
Semi-detached house	4,480	4,400	4,360	4,580	220	5.0%	100	2.2%
Row house	3,540	3,895	4,245	4,605	360	8.5%	1,065	30.1%
Apartment, Duplex	1,960	1,970	2,095	2,395	300	14.3%	435	22.2%
Apartment, with fewer than five storeys	8,940	9,310	8,890	9,925	1,035	11.6%	985	11.0%
Apartment, with five or more storeys	7,265	8,030	8,695	9,880	1,185	13.6%	2,615	36.0%
Other single-attached house	220	140	140	145	5	3.6%	-75	-34.1%
Movable house	295	275	300	315	15	5.0%	20	6.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,978</b>	<b>65,965</b>	<b>67,915</b>	<b>73,510</b>	<b>5,595</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>11,532</b>	<b>18.6%</b>

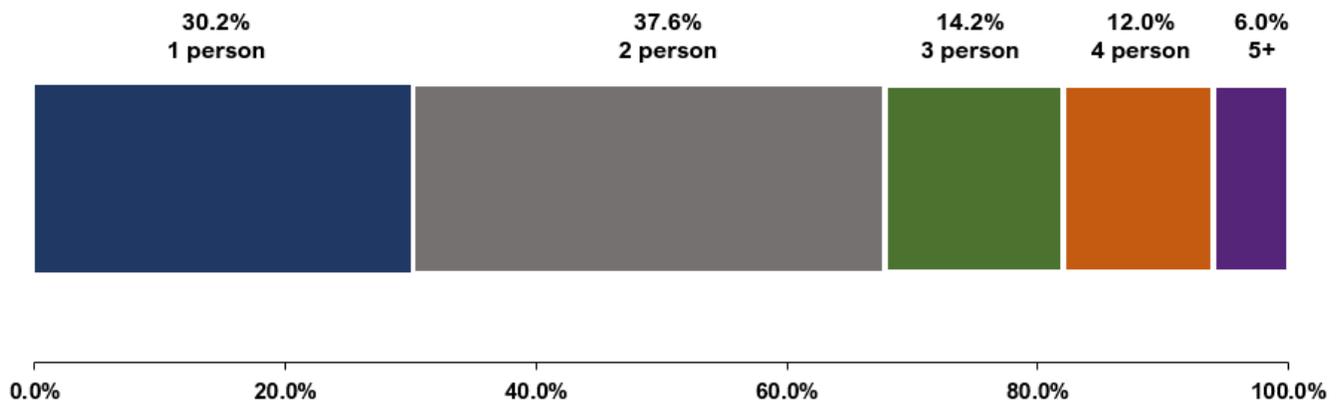
**Figure 2: Growth in Number of Dwellings by Type - Kingston CMA, 2006 – 2021**



**Figure 3: Structure Type by Municipality – Kingston CMA, 2021**



**Figure 4: Private Household by Size - Kingston CMA, 2021**

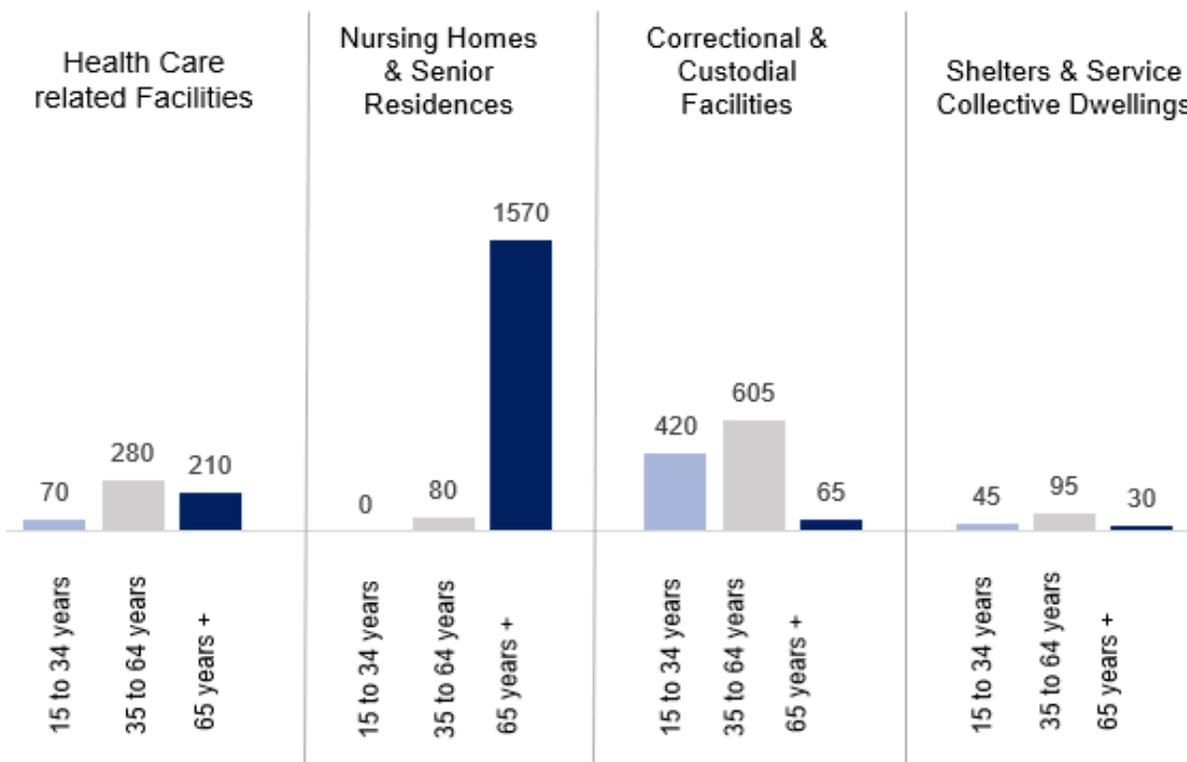


**Figure 5: Population and Number of Collective Dwellings – City of Kingston, 2016**

Note: 2016 collective dwelling data semi-custom data for smaller levels of geographies, including Kingston CMA was recently released and helps to provide insight into this changing population. 2021 data will be released at a later date for comparison.

Type of Collective Dwelling	Reported Number of Collective Dwellings	Reported Population in Collective Dwelling
<b>Total</b>	105	3,470
<b>Health care and related facilities</b>	50	560
<b>Nursing Homes &amp; Senior Residences</b>	20	1,650
<b>Correctional and Custodial facilities</b>	5	1,090
<b>Shelters &amp; Service Dwelling (Hotel, motel, rooming house)</b>	30	170

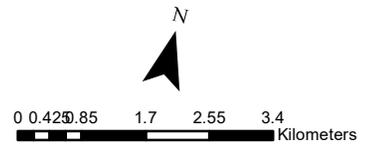
**Figure 6: Population in Collective Dwelling Type by Age – City of Kingston, 2016**



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# Predominant Structural Type of Dwelling, 2021 City of Kingston



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