



2021 Census Summary: Population and Dwelling Counts

Kingston, Ontario– Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)

The 2021 Census Day was May 11, 2021. On February 9, 2022, Statistics Canada released its first set of data from the 2021 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, 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.

Population

- The 2021 population of Kingston CMA was 172,546.
- Kingston CMA’s population grew by 11,371 residents between 2016 and 2021, a 7.1% increase. This was a significant increase compared to the previous intercensal period, which saw a much smaller increase (1%, or 1,614 residents).
- Kingston CMA was among the top 10 mid-sized CMAs that experienced the largest growth rates in Ontario between 2016 and 2021.
- Municipalities or census subdivisions (CSDs) within Kingston CMA include the City of Kingston, and the townships of South Frontenac, Loyalist, Frontenac Islands.
- The City of Kingston accounts for 82% of the population within Kingston CMA.
- In 2021, the population of the City of Kingston was 132,485, an increase of 7% or 8,687 residents from the previous census period in 2016.
- Between 2016 and 2021, population growth rates in surrounding municipalities also saw increases that ranged from 9.7% (170) in Frontenac Islands, to 8.3% (1,542) in South Frontenac, and 5.7% (972) in Loyalist.
- Within the last decade, Kingston CMA had an increase of 12,985 residents, with 70% of this growth being from the City of Kingston (9,122 residents).
- Between 2016 and 2021, Kingston CMA and the City of Kingston saw the highest percent of population growth over any other inter-censal period in the last 20 years.
- Highest areas of population growth within the City of Kingston were within the following city neighbourhoods; Cataraqui North, Greenwood Park and Queen’s. Custom census data for city neighbourhoods and electoral districts will be available at a later date.

Figure 1: Top 10 Fastest Growing Mid-Sized CMAs in Ontario, 2016 - 2021

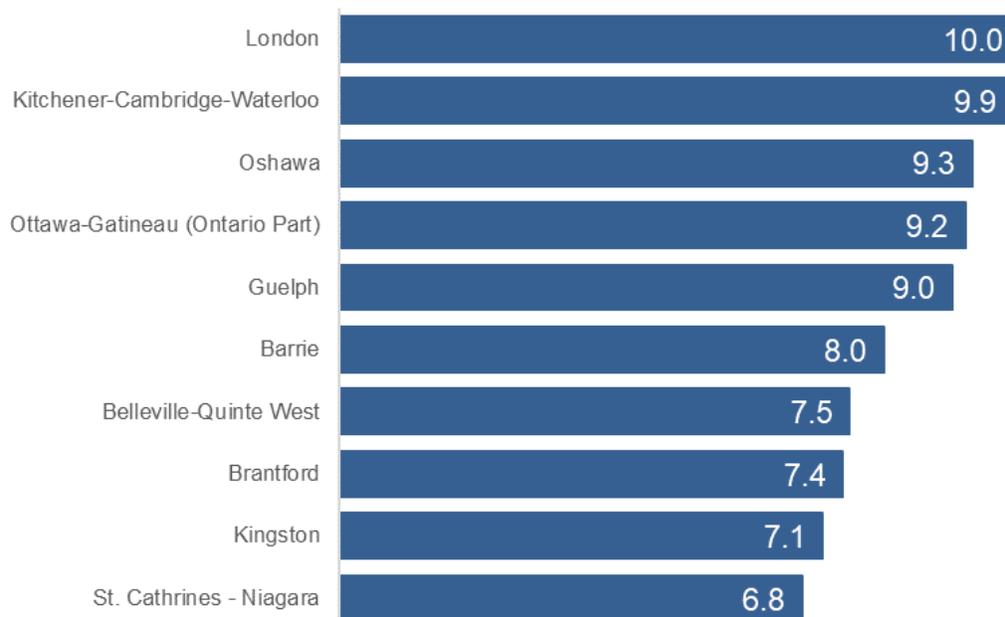


Figure 2: Population: Kingston CMA, 2001 - 2021

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	Percent of Population Change 2016 - 2021
Kingston CMA	146,838	152,358	159,561	161,175	172,546	7.1%
City of Kingston	114,195	117,207	123,363	123,798	132,485	7.0%
South Frontenac	16,415	18,227	18,113	18,646	20,188	8.3%
Loyalist	14,590	15,062	16,221	16,971	17,943	5.7%
Frontenac Islands	1,638	1,862	1,864	1,760	1,930	9.7%

Figure 3: Population Change Counts by Municipality in Kingston CMA

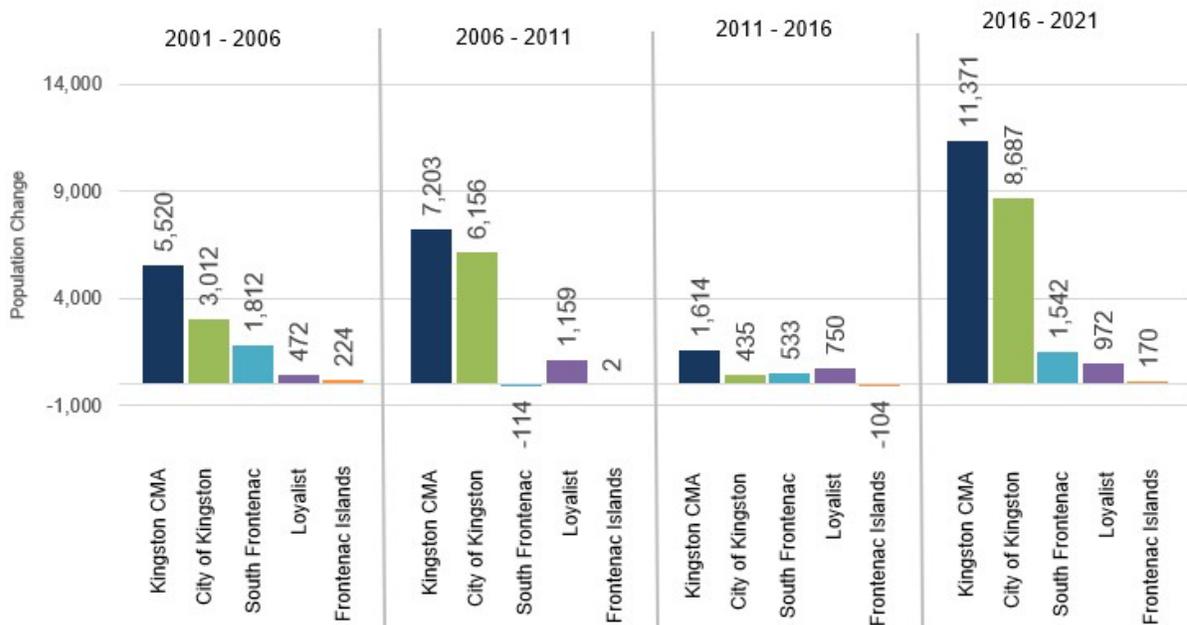
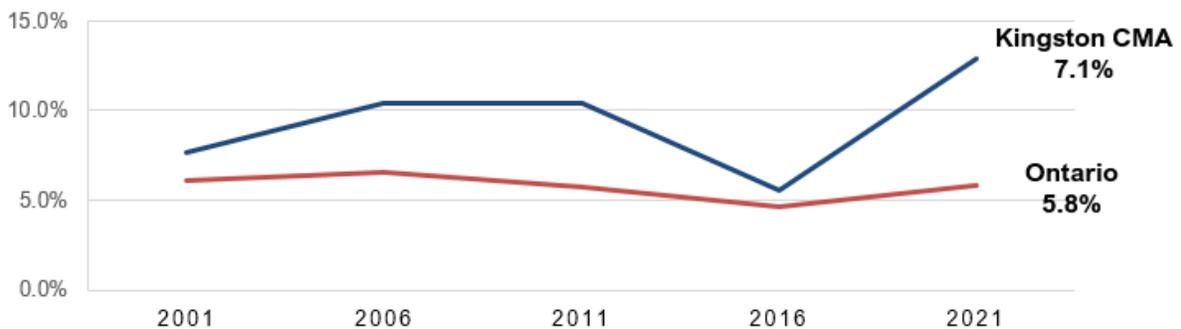


Figure 4: Percent of Population Change in Kingston CMA, 2001 - 2021



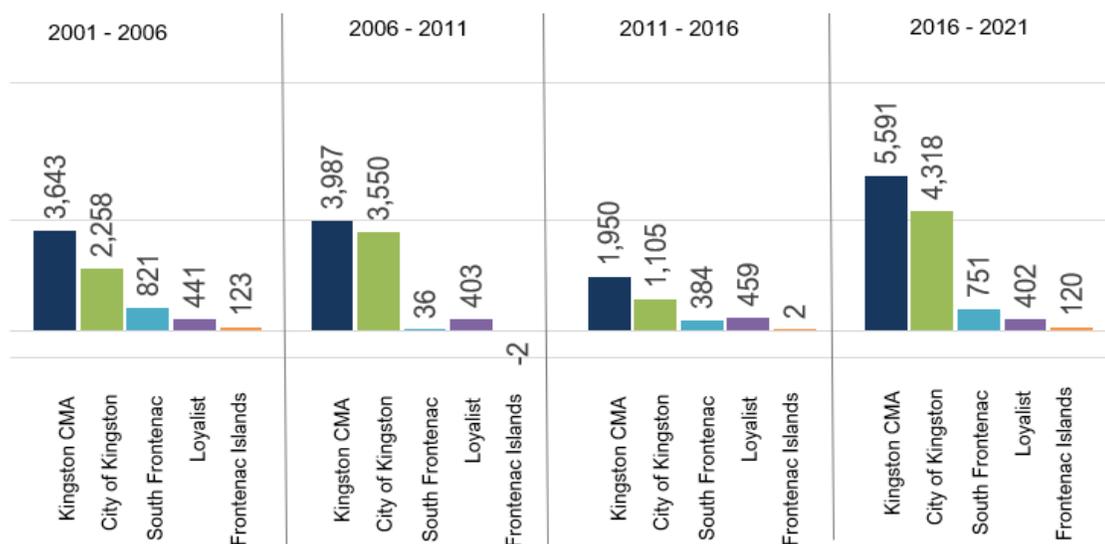
Dwelling

- There were 80,955 private dwellings identified in Kingston CMA in the 2021 census, 73,506 of these were occupied by usual residents.
- “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. Private dwelling counts are identified as either occupied by usual residents or unoccupied at the time of the census enumeration.
- “Unoccupied private dwellings,” refer to a private dwelling which meets two conditions necessary for year-round occupancy: a source of heat or power and shelter from the elements, but which no individual is residing on census day. These units may be vacant, occupied by temporary residents or used as secondary or vacation homes.
- There has been a steady increase in private dwellings in Kingston CMA area over the last 20 years, with the largest increase of private dwellings occupied by usual residents occurring between 2016 to 2021, an increase 5,591 dwellings.
- The smallest number of unoccupied dwellings (difference between the number of private dwellings and those occupied by usual residents) was reported in 2021, compared to the last 20 years.

Figure 5: Private Dwelling Counts in Kingston CMA

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021
Total Private Dwellings	65,883	70,003	73,889	77,173	80,955
Total Private Dwellings Occupied with Usual Residents	58,335	61,978	65,965	67,915	73,506
Total Unoccupied Private Dwellings	7,548	8,025	7,924	9,258	7,449

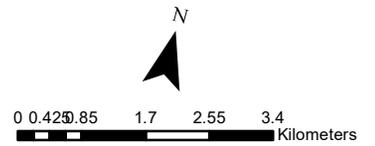
Figure 6: Change in Private Dwelling units with Usual Residents by Municipality



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City of Kingston Population Percent Change, 2016 to 2021 By Census Tract



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