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.	not available for any reference period
..	not available for a specific reference period
...	not applicable
0	true zero or a value rounded to zero
0 ^s	value rounded to 0 (zero) where there is a meaningful distinction between true zero and the value that was rounded
^p	preliminary
^r	revised
x	suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the <i>Statistics Act</i>
^E	use with caution
^F	too unreliable to be published
*	significantly different from reference category (p < 0.05)

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In the news

2011 Census of Population: Families, households, marital status, structural type of dwelling, collectives

The families and living arrangements of Canadians underwent further changes during the past five years, according to data from the 2011 Census of Population released on September 19, 2012. A more detailed analysis is available in the report, [Portrait of Families and Living Arrangements in Canada](#). This analysis is complemented with four short articles on specific topics of interest in the Census in Brief series:

- [Fifty years of families in Canada: 1961 to 2011](#)
- [Canadian households in 2011: Type and growth](#)
- [Living arrangements of young adults aged 20 to 29](#)
- [Living arrangements of seniors](#)

Finding data on your community

It's easier than ever to find data on your community on the redesigned census pages of Statistics Canada's website. Here are just a few resources to get you started.

[Census Profile](#)

The 2011 Census of Population provides information on various levels of geography, including provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas, communities and census tracts. Use the tabs to search for an area of interest to you either by typing its place name or by browsing a list and entering a postal code or a geographic code.

[Focus on Geography Series](#)

The Focus on Geography Series provides you with quick access to key results from the Census at different levels of geography, including Canadian municipalities with a population of 5,000 or more.

[Highlight tables](#)

Highlight tables display information highlights by topic via key indicators for various levels of geography. For example, you can view the percent distributions and percentage changes from 2006. The tables let you perform simple rank and sort functions.

Upcoming events and activities

2016 Census program content consultation

Planning the census program starts with consulting users. Until November 16, 2012, Statistics Canada invites you to send us your views on the questionnaire content for 2016.

Consultation with data users and interested parties will allow Statistics Canada to

confirm information needs and identify data gaps
establish data priorities
understand how census program data are used.

Statistics Canada is committed to respecting the privacy of consultation participants. All personal information created, held or collected by the Agency is protected by the *Privacy Act*.

How to get involved

The [2016 Census Program Content Consultation Guide](#) provides the information you require to communicate your data needs and content suggestions for 2016 and future census programs.

Please share this invitation with others who have an interest in the census program.

Your input is important. Thank you for participating.

2011 Census of Population: Language

Mark your calendar! On October 24, Statistics Canada will release the last set of results from the 2011 Census of Population — those on language. All products on language will be available on Statistics Canada's website at 8:30 a.m. EDT on the day of release.

Chat live with an expert, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT, on October 26. Have your questions answered by our expert on language. Sign up on or after October 24. Visit www.statcan.gc.ca and click on this icon!



Did you miss these events?

Chat with an expert

On February 13, June 4 and September 21, Statistics Canada held one-hour, online '[chat with an expert](#)'



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[Topic-based tabulations](#)

Topic-based tabulations present a portrait of Canada based on the various census topics. They range in complexity and are available for various levels of geography.

Census video on family, households and marital status

Anne Milan, a sociologist with Statistics Canada, presents a national overview of the [family, household and marital status data from the 2011 Census](#). You can view the video in the following formats:

- [FLV](#)
- [MOV](#)
- [WMV](#)

Let's talk geography — illustrated glossary

Geography is important to the national statistical system because well-defined geographic areas provide the framework for the collection, presentation and analysis of data.

To take full advantage of Census data, users need to have a basic understanding of the terms. To explore geographical definitions and concepts, use the alphabetical listing or a hierarchy chart in the [Illustrated Glossary](#).

More Statistics Canada releases

[For more recent releases:](#)

- Labour Force Survey
- Payroll employment, earnings and hours
- New Housing Price Index
- Retail/wholesale trade
- Monthly Survey of Manufacturing

sessions. Statistics Canada experts Laurent Martel and Anne Milan answered many questions from data users on the 2011 census releases. If you missed any of these sessions, view the transcripts:

- September 21: [Families, households and marital status](#)
- June 4: [Current age and sex structure of Canada's population](#)
- February 13: [Population counts and growth](#)

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