

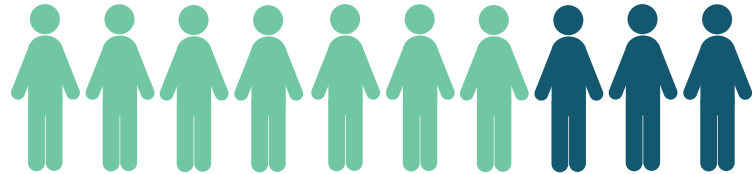
# Long-lasting relationships

Family matters

Of the **11 million** people aged **55 and older** in Canada in 2017, **7.5 million** were part of a couple.



Five million, or **7 in 10**, aged 55 and older were in a long-lasting relationship of 30 years or more.



Long-lasting relationships were more common among married couples than among those who lived common-law.

**79%**

married

**22%**

common-law



People in long-lasting relationships were, on average, **68 years of age.**



Long-lasting couples were likely to have at least one child.



**92%** of persons in unions of **30 years or longer** had at least one child.

**76%** of persons in unions of **less than 30 years** had at least one child.

Average number of children

**2.3**  
children

in unions of 30 years or longer

**1.7**  
children

in unions of less than 30 years

Half of adults aged **75 and older** who were part of a couple had been in that relationship for **55 years or more.**



**Note:** Data are based on persons aged 55 and older in couples. Long lasting unions are those that have lasted 30 years or more.

**Source:** General Social Survey (Families), 2017.

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