

Living alone on the rise

- There were 319,775 private households in New Brunswick in 2016, a 1.8% increase from 2011. Of these, 89,480 or 28.0% were one-person households.
- One-person households were the most common [type of household](#) in Canada in 2016 (28.2%), surpassing couple households with children (26.5%) and couple households without children (25.8%). This was not the case in New Brunswick where couples without children (30.9%) were the most common type.
- The proportion of smaller households with only one or two persons has been increasing, while the proportion of larger households has been decreasing. Between 1996 and 2016, the proportion of one-person households in New Brunswick increased from 20.1% to 28.0%. Over this same period, the share of households with five or more people decreased from 9.3% to 5.1%.
- In 2016, the average household size in the province was 2.3 persons, smaller than the Canadian average household size of 2.4 persons.
- Among New Brunswick's urban centres, Campbellton had the highest proportion of households comprised of one person (33.9%), while Fredericton had the lowest (26.8%).

