

Alberta Official Statistics

Census Family Status of Aboriginal Identity Population

- This graph represents the total Aboriginal identity¹ population based on census family status² reported for the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS)³. In Canada, 21.6% of this population identified themselves as married spouses, 12.0% reported themselves as common-law partners and 7.9% identified themselves as lone parents. Children represented the highest proportion of the total population at 41.9%. Persons not in a census family represented 16.5%.
- Alberta had the ninth highest proportion of married spouses among provinces and territories (20.1%), and the fifth highest proportion of common-law partners (12.6%).
- Alberta also reported the sixth highest proportion of lone-parent families (7.7%), and the fifth highest proportion of children in census families (43.0%).

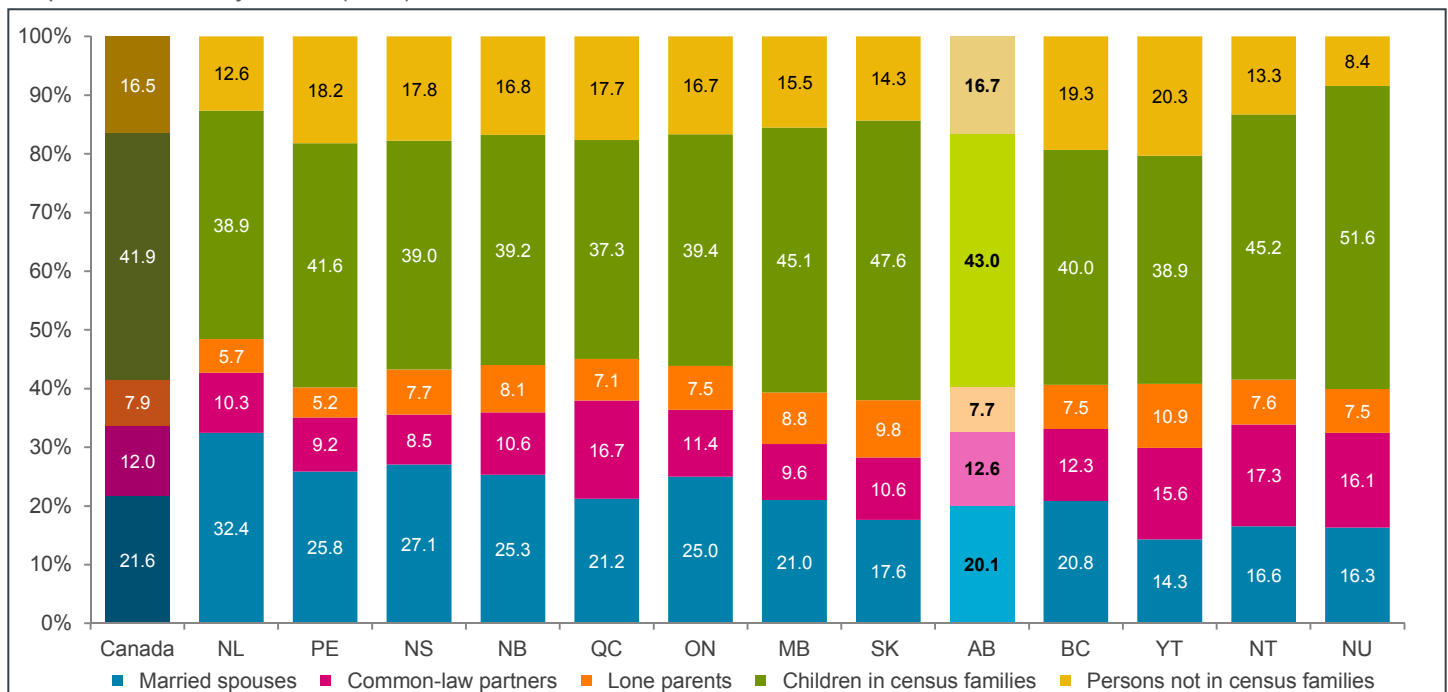
1 Aboriginal identity refers to whether the person reported being an Aboriginal person, that is, First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit) and/or being a Registered or Treaty Indian (that is, registered under the Indian Act of Canada) and/or being a member of a First Nations or Indian Band.

2 Refers to the classification of the population according to whether or not the persons are members of a census family. A person can be a married spouse, a common-law partner, a lone parent, a child or a person not in a census family.

3 Although the content of the NHS is similar to that of the 2006 long form Census questionnaire, the shift from a mandatory to a voluntary survey, and some content changes, can affect the comparability of the data over time. As a result, users are cautioned when comparing NHS estimates with counts produced from the 2006 Census long form, especially for data involving small geographies. Users are advised to consult the user guide and the reference materials provided by Statistics Canada to ensure appropriate use and analyses of NHS data.

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Proportion of Family Status (2011)



Sources: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey