

Private Households by Size, Toronto, 1996 and 2001

Definitions:

Private Household refers to a person or a group of related or unrelated persons (other than foreign residents) who occupy a private dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada.

Dwelling refers to a set of living quarters in which a person or a group of persons reside or could reside.

Household size refers to the number of persons in a private household.

Indicator – the number of households by size divided by the total number of households and multiplied by 100.

Use of Indicator:

To identify growth areas, changes in household structure and to compare areas based on household size.

Limitations:

- Excludes institutions and collective dwellings (residences, hotels and rooming houses with > 10 persons if a person has to go through someone else's living space to get to their own dwelling. Dwellings must have drinking water, heat, walls, roof, doors windows.
- The Census undercounts some groups, such as the homeless, young adults and aboriginal people on reserves.
- Some people are not counted while others are counted more than once. These errors result in net under-count.
- Comparisons between censuses are affected by changes in question wording and in the definition of the population concerned.

Data Sources:

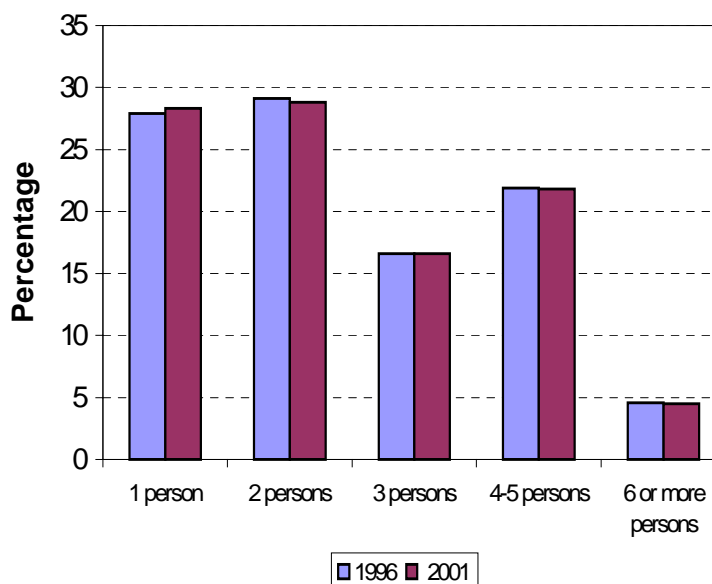
Statistics Canada, 1996 and 2001 Census of Canada

Household Size	Toronto 1996		Toronto 2001		Percent Change
	Number*	% ⁺	Number*	% ⁺	
1 person	251,900	27.9	266,600	28.3	5.8
2 persons	263,300	29.1	271,700	28.8	3.2
3 persons	149,600	16.6	156,800	16.6	4.8
4-5 persons	197,600	21.9	205,300	21.8	3.9
6 or more persons	41,200	4.6	42,600	4.5	3.4
Total households	903,600	100.0	943,000	100.0	4.4

* Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100

+ Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding

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Current Rates ~In 2001:

943,000 total private households in Toronto.

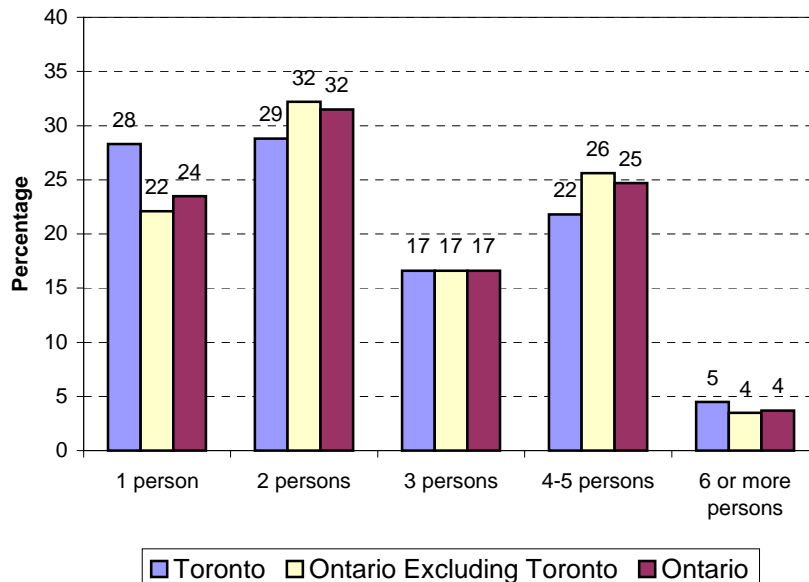
3 in 10 households (28.3%) were single person households.

45.3% of households consisted of 2 to 3 persons and 26.3% had 4 or more household members.

Findings:

- The percentage distribution of private households by size in 2001 was similar to that in 1996 although the total number of households increased by 4.4% from 1996 to 2001.
- The greatest changes were in the number of one person and three person households, where the number of one person households increased by 6%, while three person households went up by 5%.

Private Households by Size, Toronto, Ontario Excluding Toronto and Ontario, 2001



How is Toronto different from Ontario in 2001?

- The proportion of single person households in Toronto was 27% more than the rest of Ontario. In 2001, Toronto had 28.3% of one person households while the rest of Ontario had only 22.1%.
- The rest of Ontario had a greater proportion of two person households than Toronto, the percentages were 32.2% and 28.8% respectively. Also, the rest of Ontario had a higher percentage of 4-5 person households (26%) compared to Toronto (22%).
- The percentage of households consisting of 3 persons was the same for Toronto, Ontario, and Ontario excluding Toronto.
- Toronto had a higher percentage of 6 or more person households (4.5%) than the rest of Ontario (3.5%). It was 29% more than that of the rest of Ontario. This might be explained by the higher percentage of multiple-families in Toronto.