

Families by type and size of families 31 Dec. 2011

	Total	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons	9 persons	10 persons	11 and more persons	
Total	81,380	32,227	19,628	18,280	9,150	1,813	246	29	6	1	-	-
Married couple families without resident children	19,984	19,984	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Married couple families with at least one resident child under 25	28,803	-	8,033	12,118	7,035	1,403	187	23	4	-	-	-
Married couple families, youngest resident son/daughter 25 or older	2,841	-	2,529	289	21	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consensual union couples without resident children	2,458	2,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consensual union couples with at least one resident child under 25	11,140	-	4,429	4,448	1,837	366	52	5	2	1	-	-
Consensual union couples, youngest resident son/daughter 25 or older	202	-	178	22	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lone father families with at least one resident child under 25	1,722	1,246	366	97	9	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lone father families, youngest resident son/daughter 25 or older	441	412	28	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lone mother families with at least one resident child under 25	12,559	7,005	3,965	1,297	247	37	7	1	-	-	-	-
Lone mother families, youngest resident son/daughter 25 or older	1,230	1,122	100	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Type of family nucleus The family nucleus is defined in the narrow sense, that is as two or more persons who belong to the same household and who are related as married persons, as partners in a consensual union, or as parent and child. Thus a family comprises a couple without children, or a couple with one or more children, or a lone parent with one or more children. This family concept limits relationships between children and adults to direct (first-degree) relationships, that is between parents and children.

Child (son/daughter) refers to a blood, step- or adopted son or daughter (regardless of age or marital status) who has usual residence in the household of at least one of the parents, and who has no partner or own children in the same household. Foster children are not included. A son or daughter who lives with a spouse, with a partner in a consensual union, or with one or more own children, is not considered to be a child. A child who alternates between two households (for instance if his or her parents are divorced) is considered to belong to the household of his/her legal registered guardian.

The term couple shall include married couples, couples in registered partnerships, and couples who live in a consensual union.

Two persons are considered to be partners in a 'consensual union' when they

- belong to the same household, and
- have a marriage-like relationship with each other, and
- are not married with each other.

'Skip-generation households' (households consisting of a grandparent or grandparents and one or more grandchildren, but no parent of those grandchildren) are not included in the definition of a family.

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