



Data tables, 2016 Census

Distribution of Income Between Married Spouses or Common-law Partners (47) and Characteristics of Couples (19) for Married Spouses or Common-law Partners in Private Households of Canada, Provinces and Territories, and Census Metropolitan Areas, 2016 Census - 100% Data

Data table

Northwest Territories / Territoires du Nord-Ouest																			
Distribution of income between married spouses or common-law partners (47)	Characteristics of couple (19)																		
	Total - Age of older person in couple	15 to 29 years	30 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	Total - Total income of couple ¹	Under \$20,000 (including loss)	\$20,000 to \$29,999	\$30,000 to \$39,999	\$40,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 to \$79,999	\$80,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$124,999	\$125,000 to \$149,999	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 to \$249,999	\$250,000 and over	
Total - Couples by distribution of income between married spouses or common-law partners ²	8,700	760	5,010	1,825	1,100	8,695	250	240	360	310	295	605	635	5,990	880	1,020	1,770	1,295	1,025
Number of couples with total income ³	8,690	765	5,010	1,820	1,100	8,695	245	240	360	310	300	605	635	5,990	880	1,020	1,770	1,295	1,025
Median total income of couples ⁴	143,858	89,856	156,760	159,525	93,696	143,858	13,216	25,271	34,759	44,654	55,040	69,457	89,267	179,068	113,113	138,002	173,449	221,506	290,496
Median total income of the higher income spouse	98,587	59,981	105,340	111,693	65,877	98,587	10,400	20,096	23,595	31,616	40,896	51,819	64,384	118,419	80,691	96,512	111,497	131,419	184,832
Median total income of the lower income spouse ⁵	41,422	25,920	49,808	45,901	21,419	41,422	1,484	4,704	11,669	13,376	14,304	17,440	25,344	63,096	32,480	40,768	63,787	90,743	117,561
Average share received by the higher total income recipient (%)	69.7	69.7	68.7	71.9	70.6	69.7	80.9	80.0	70.9	73.4	74.9	76.1	73.0	67.4	73.2	72.6	67.1	61.9	64.3
Median share received by the higher total income recipient (%)	66.1	66.0	64.5	68.3	68.4	66.1	84.2	81.8	66.3	70.4	74.2	75.2	72.1	63.2	71.3	70.3	63.2	59.1	60.2

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	Total - Age of older person in couple	15 to 29 years	30 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	Total - Total income of couple 1	Under \$20,000 (including loss)	\$20,000 to \$29,999	\$30,000 to \$39,999	\$40,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 to \$79,999	\$80,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 and over	\$100,000 to \$124,999	\$125,000 to \$149,999	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 to \$249,999	\$250,000 and over	
A male is the higher total income recipient 2	5,595	510	3,235	1,155	695	5,595	125	125	215	185	170	370	385	4,025	575	650	1,200	880	725	
A female is the higher total income recipient 3	3,100	255	1,775	665	405	3,095	120	115	145	130	130	240	255	1,965	310	370	575	415	300	
Number of couples with two total income recipients 4	8,480	750	4,910	1,740	1,080	8,480	210	220	350	300	285	580	625	5,910	855	995	1,745	1,295	1,015	
Average share received by the higher total income recipient (%)	69.0	68.9	68.1	70.8	69.7	69.0	78.1	78.6	70.3	71.8	74.6	74.7	72.4	66.9	72.8	72.0	66.7	61.9	64.1	
Median share received by the higher total income recipient (%)	65.3	65.3	64.3	67.2	68.2	65.3	80.2	79.2	65.4	69.1	73.3	74.4	71.4	63.1	71.1	69.4	63.2	59.1	60.1	
One spouse/partner received 90% or more of couple's total income	1,135	95	605	300	130	1,135	60	75	60	60	55	110	115	590	175	160	150	45	65	
One spouse/partner received 80% to 89.9% of couple's total income	990	85	540	210	150	990	40	30	50	40	55	110	105	560	125	150	155	55	75	
One spouse/partner received 70% to 79.9% of couple's total income	1,355	120	735	275	215	1,350	35	45	35	50	60	130	115	890	150	185	285	140	125	
One spouse/partner received 60% to 69.9% of couple's total income	2,065	210	1,210	405	240	2,065	25	30	85	60	60	125	120	1,560	170	250	490	380	260	
One spouse/partner received 50% to 59.9% of couple's total income	2,935	235	1,825	540	335	2,935	40	40	125	90	60	110	165	2,305	235	250	665	670	490	

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A male is the higher total income recipient ²	5,445	500	3,175	1,100	675	5,445	105	110	210	175	155	350	380	3,955	555	630	1,175	880	720	
A male received 90% or more of couple's total income	775	60	415	200	100	780	25	30	35	30	35	60	80	470	115	130	130	40	55	
A male received 80% to 89.9% of couple's total income	710	70	395	145	105	710	25	15	25	25	35	80	70	435	85	110	130	45	65	
A male received 70% to 79.9% of couple's total income	925	90	525	180	125	930	15	25	20	35	35	75	70	655	105	120	220	115	105	
A male received 60% to 69.9% of couple's total income	1,385	150	805	270	150	1,380	15	20	65	40	25	85	70	1,060	115	150	305	295	200	
A male received 50% to 59.9% of couple's total income	1,650	125	1,035	300	190	1,650	20	25	65	45	30	50	85	1,335	135	125	400	380	300	
A female is the higher total income recipient ³	3,035	250	1,735	645	400	3,035	105	110	140	120	130	230	250	1,950	305	360	565	420	300	
A female received 90% or more of couple's total income	360	30	190	105	35	355	35	45	25	30	20	50	35	120	60	30	20	5	5	

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A female received 80% to 89.9% of couple's total income	280	20	145	70	45	285	20	15	20	10	20	30	35	130	40	40	30	10	10	
A female received 70% to 79.9% of couple's total income	425	30	205	95	90	430	20	20	15	15	25	55	45	230	50	70	70	25	25	
A female received 60% to 69.9% of couple's total income	680	60	400	135	85	685	15	15	20	20	25	40	50	495	60	95	190	85	65	
A female received 50% to 59.9% of couple's total income	1,285	110	790	240	145	1,285	20	15	60	45	35	60	80	975	100	125	265	295	190	
Number of couples with market income ¹	8,550	750	4,975	1,800	1,030	8,550	190	215	315	295	295	610	640	5,995	885	1,020	1,765	1,295	1,025	
Average share received by the higher market income recipient (%)	73.1	74.0	71.4	73.6	80.4	73.2	91.6	87.3	87.3	85.9	84.0	82.0	78.0	68.8	76.3	75.0	68.5	62.7	64.6	
Median share received by the higher market income recipient (%)	69.2	70.4	67.0	69.5	82.2	69.2	100.1	97.2	99.4	94.1	91.1	84.2	77.8	64.3	76.2	72.8	64.5	60.0	60.2	
Number of couples with two market income recipients ²	7,435	645	4,445	1,565	780	7,440	65	115	165	195	205	485	550	5,655	765	905	1,685	1,285	1,005	
Average share received by the higher market income recipient (%)	69.1	69.9	68.0	69.5	74.5	69.1	74.3	77.1	77.5	79.2	77.5	76.1	74.0	67.0	72.5	71.7	67.0	62.4	64.2	

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Median share received by the higher market income recipient (%)	65.4	66.4	64.3	65.5	74.0	65.4	78.2	80.2	75.8	80.2	79.8	77.2	73.4	63.2	71.3	69.5	64.2	60.0	60.2	
Number of couples with employment income ²	8,365	745	4,965	1,775	875	8,360	185	205	280	275	270	585	615	5,945	860	1,015	1,760	1,290	1,025	
Average share received by the higher employment income recipient (%)	74.5	75.1	71.9	75.6	86.5	74.5	90.6	87.5	90.0	86.2	85.5	83.2	79.9	70.4	79.1	77.2	70.4	63.6	65.6	
Median share received by the higher employment income recipient (%)	71.1	72.2	67.4	72.2	98.1	71.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	94.4	92.1	87.1	81.4	65.5	81.2	75.3	66.2	60.1	61.2	
Number of couples with two employment income recipients ³	6,880	630	4,335	1,435	475	6,880	60	100	135	170	175	425	475	5,335	680	835	1,605	1,260	965	
Average share received by the higher employment income recipient (%)	69.0	70.5	67.9	69.9	74.9	69.0	76.1	75.0	78.4	75.8	75.3	76.9	73.7	67.0	73.3	72.2	67.4	62.6	63.7	
Median share received by the higher employment income recipient (%)	65.4	67.3	64.3	66.4	75.3	65.4	78.2	78.2	80.2	79.3	76.3	77.4	73.2	63.2	72.3	70.2	64.3	60.0	60.2	
Number of couples with government transfers ⁴	8,675	760	4,995	1,820	1,100	8,670	245	240	360	305	295	605	635	5,980	885	1,015	1,770	1,295	1,025	
Average share received by the higher government transfers recipient (%)	72.3	72.7	73.7	69.3	70.8	72.3	81.3	83.3	73.0	76.6	77.9	77.7	75.6	70.2	74.6	74.1	71.5	67.4	64.3	

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Median share received by the higher government transfers recipient (%)	72.2	72.8	74.4	64.3	64.4	72.2	86.8	88.2	69.3	75.1	80.5	79.5	77.2	70.2	74.4	74.2	72.2	64.5	62.1	
Number of couples with two government transfers recipients ^{1a}	8,395	735	4,855	1,725	1,080	8,395	215	220	350	295	285	575	620	5,840	850	975	1,725	1,285	1,015	
Average share received by the higher government transfers recipient (%)	71.4	71.5	73.0	67.8	70.0	71.4	78.3	82.2	72.7	74.4	76.1	75.7	74.7	69.5	73.6	72.7	70.6	67.0	64.2	
Median share received by the higher government transfers recipient (%)	71.4	70.4	73.4	63.2	64.1	71.4	81.4	84.4	68.2	73.1	78.8	78.2	76.4	69.2	73.1	73.1	72.0	64.4	61.1	

Symbol(s)

- .. not available for a specific reference period
- ... not applicable
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*
- F too unreliable to be published

Footnote(s)

1 Total income - The sum of certain incomes (in cash and, in some circumstances, in kind) of the statistical unit during a specified reference period. The components used to calculate total income vary between:

- statistical units of social statistical programs such as persons, private households, census families and economic families;
- statistical units of business statistical programs such as enterprises, companies, establishments and locations;
- statistical units of farm statistical programs such as farm operator and farm family.

In the context of persons, total income refers to receipts from certain sources, before income taxes and deductions, during a specified reference period.

In the context of census families, total income refers to receipts from certain sources of all of its family members, before income taxes and deductions, during a specified reference period.

In the context of economic families, total income refers to receipts from certain sources of all of its family members, before income taxes and deductions, during a specified reference period.

In the context of households, total income refers to receipts from certain sources of all household members, before income taxes and deductions, during a specified reference period.

The monetary receipts included are those that tend to be of a regular and recurring nature. Receipts that are included as income are:

- employment income from wages, salaries, tips, commissions and net income from self-employment (for both unincorporated farm and non-farm activities);
- income from investment sources, such as dividends and interest on bonds, accounts, guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) and mutual funds;
- income from employer and personal pension sources, such as private pensions and payments from annuities and registered retirement income funds (RRIFs);
- other regular cash income, such as child support payments received, spousal support payments (alimony) received and scholarships;
- income from government sources, such as social assistance, child benefits, Employment Insurance benefits, Old Age Security benefits, Canada Pension Plan and Québec Pension Plan benefits and disability income.

Receipts excluded from this income definition are:

- one-time receipts, such as lottery winnings, gambling winnings, cash inheritances, lump-sum insurance settlements and tax-free savings account (TFSA) or registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) withdrawals;
- capital gains because they are not by their nature regular and recurring. It is further assumed that they are more relevant to the concept of wealth than the concept of income;
- employers' contributions to registered pension plans, Canada Pension Plan, Québec Pension Plan and Employment Insurance;
- voluntary inter-household transfers, imputed rent, goods and services produced for barter and goods produced for own consumption.

2 In the context of income distribution between couples, share refers to the proportion of a couple's combined income received by one of the spouses, and it is used to identify the higher income recipient among a couple.

When a couple jointly has a positive amount of income, but one of the spouses has a negative or zero income, the spouse with a negative or zero income is not considered to be an income recipient. His/her share of the couple's income is set to 0%, while the share of the other spouse is set to 100%.

When both spouses have the same amount of income, the share of the couple's income is 50% for both individuals and the higher income recipient spouse is randomly selected.

Couples with a negative or zero combined income are considered to have no income, and they are excluded from the calculations of any share statistics.

3 Total income - The sum of certain incomes (in cash and, in some circumstances, in kind) of the statistical unit during a specified reference period. The components used to calculate total income vary between:

- statistical units of social statistical programs such as persons, private households, census families and economic families;
- statistical units of business statistical programs such as enterprises, companies, establishments and locations;
- statistical units of farm statistical programs such as farm operator and farm family.

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- income from employer and personal pension sources, such as private pensions and payments from annuities and registered retirement income funds (RRIFs);
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- capital gains because they are not by their nature regular and recurring. It is further assumed that they are more relevant to the concept of wealth than the concept of income;
- employers' contributions to registered pension plans, Canada Pension Plan, Québec Pension Plan and Employment Insurance;
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5 All values of income (negative, zero and positive amounts) are included in the calculation of this median statistic.

6 This count can include both opposite-sex and same-sex couples.

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8 Refers to couples where both spouses have a positive amount of income.

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- 11 Market income - The sum of employment income (wages, salaries and commissions, net self-employment income from farm or non-farm unincorporated business and/or professional practice), investment income, private retirement income (retirement pensions, superannuation and annuities, including those from registered retirement savings plans [RRSPs] and registered retirement income funds [RRIFs]) and other money income from market sources during the reference period. It is equivalent to total income minus government transfers. It is also referred to as income before transfers and taxes.
Only couples with a positive combined income are included.
- 12 Refers to couples where both spouses have a positive amount of income.
- 13 Employment income - All income received as wages, salaries and commissions from paid employment and net self-employment income from farm or non-farm unincorporated business and/or professional practice during the reference period.
Only couples with a positive combined income are included.
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- 15 Only couples with a positive combined income are included.
Government transfers - All cash benefits received from federal, provincial, territorial or municipal governments during the reference period. It includes:
- Old Age Security pension, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Allowance or Allowance for the Survivor;
 - retirement, disability and survivor benefits from Canada Pension Plan and Québec Pension Plan;
 - benefits from Employment Insurance and Québec parental insurance plan;
 - child benefits from federal and provincial programs;
 - social assistance benefits;
 - workers' compensation benefits;
 - Working income tax benefit;
 - Goods and services tax credit and harmonized sales tax credit;
 - other income from government sources.
- 16 Refers to couples where both spouses have a positive amount of income.

Data quality note(s) – Northwest Territories / Territoires du Nord-Ouest

- **Incomplete enumeration flag**
Default. Not applicable.
- **Short-form data quality flag**
Global non-response rate (GNR), short-form census questionnaire: 7.5%.
- **Short-form income data quality flag**
Data quality index showing a short-form income non-response rate higher than or equal to 10%, but lower than 20%.

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