



## **2016 Census Profile on the Town of Richmond Hill**

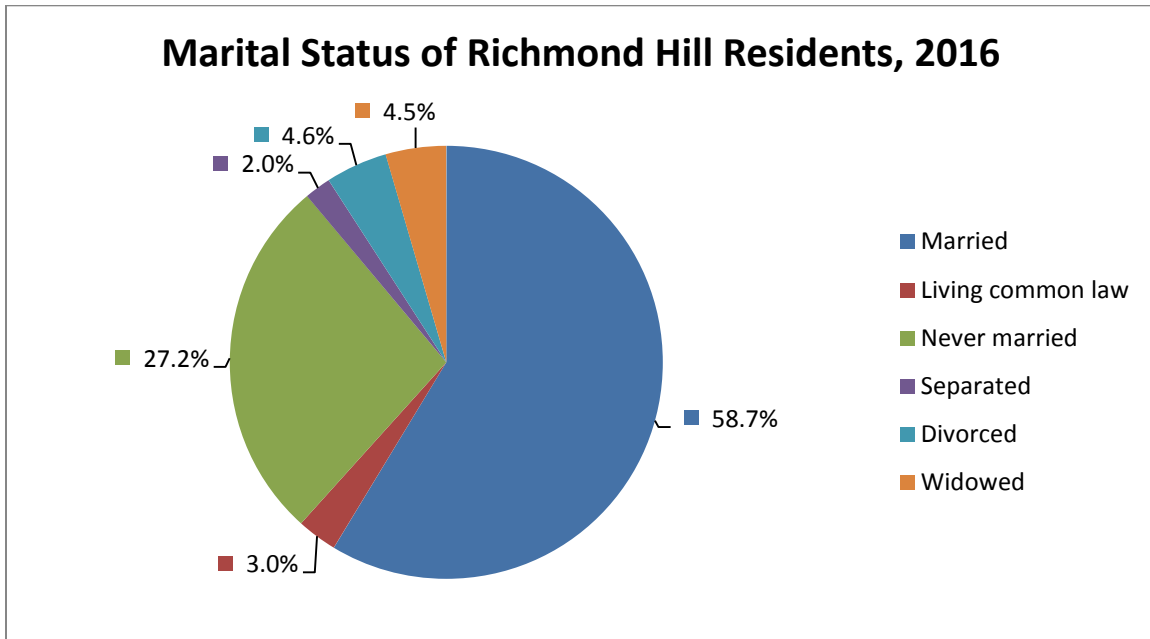
### **Release #3: Families, households and marital status, and language**

Every 5 years, Statistics Canada (on behalf of the Government of Canada) undertakes a nation-wide Census. The purpose of this Census is to collect quantitative information on the country's population, and provides a detailed snapshot of the demographic, social, and economic conditions of the country.

Data collected from the 2016 Census is being released in stages between February 2017 and November 2017. The following is a summary of the data from the second release that occurred in August 2017, containing families, households and marital status, and language information. Information on the overall 2016 Census and the release schedule is contained within the Census Profile focusing on Release #1: Population and dwelling counts.

## Marital status

- The marital status of Richmond Hill residents has generally remained unchanged from 2011, with 61.7% of Richmond Hill residents 15 years of age or older are married or in a common-law relationship.



Marital status	2011	2016
<b>Married</b>	58.9%	58.7%
<b>Living common law</b>	2.9%	3.0%
<b>Never married</b>	27.6%	27.2%
<b>Separated</b>	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Divorced</b>	4.2%	4.6%
<b>Widowed</b>	4.4%	4.5%
<b>Total</b>	100.0%	100.0%

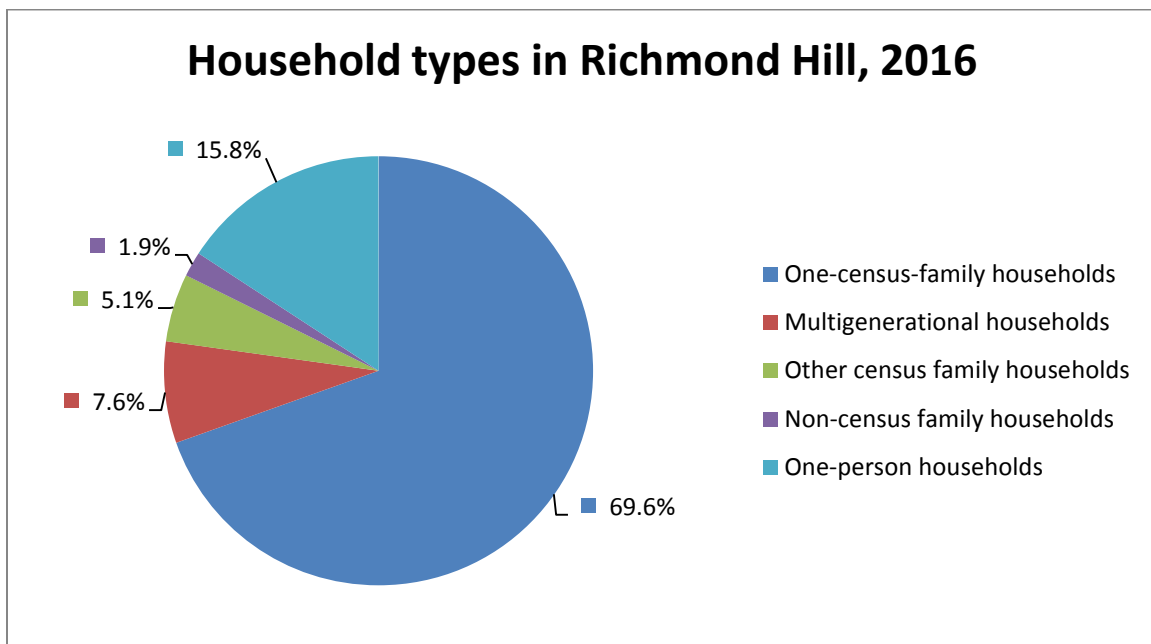
## Comparisons with other jurisdictions: Marital status

- Richmond Hill has a higher proportion of residents who are currently married compared to York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada.
- The number of residents that have never married is slightly higher than York Region, but lower than Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada.
- Richmond Hill has a lower proportion of residents in common-law relationships.
- The proportion of residents who are separated, divorced, or widowed is fairly similar to York Region, but lower than Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada.

Marital status	Richmond Hill	York Region	Toronto (CMA)	Ontario	Canada
Married	58.7%	57.9%	49.9%	49.2%	45.7%
Living common law	3.0%	4.0%	5.9%	8.1%	12.0%
Never married	27.2%	26.9%	31.1%	28.3%	28.2%
Separated	2.0%	2.1%	2.6%	2.9%	2.5%
Divorced	4.6%	4.5%	5.5%	5.8%	6.2%
Widowed	4.5%	4.7%	5.0%	5.7%	5.6%

## Household and census families

- In Richmond Hill, over two-thirds of households are comprised of a single census family. A census family is described by Statistics Canada as a married or common-law couple with or without children, or a lone parent with children living in the same dwelling. While still the predominant household type, it has declined from 71.2% in 2011 to 69.5% in 2016.
- Conversely, the proportion of multi-generational and non-family households is slightly increasing, with an increase of 2 percentage points in one-person households from 2011.
- Multi-generational households, such as families living with grandparents, comprise 7.5% of households in Richmond Hill. This is similar to York Region (7.8%), but much higher than Toronto CMA (5.8%), Ontario (3.9%), and Canada (2.9%).
- Richmond Hill has a low number of one-person households with 15.8%, compared to Toronto CMA (24.3%), Ontario (25.9%), and Canada (28.2%). The proportion of non-family households with two or more people, for example two unrelated roommates living together, is also significantly below Toronto CMA (4.3%), Ontario (3.9%), and Canada (4.1%) proportions.

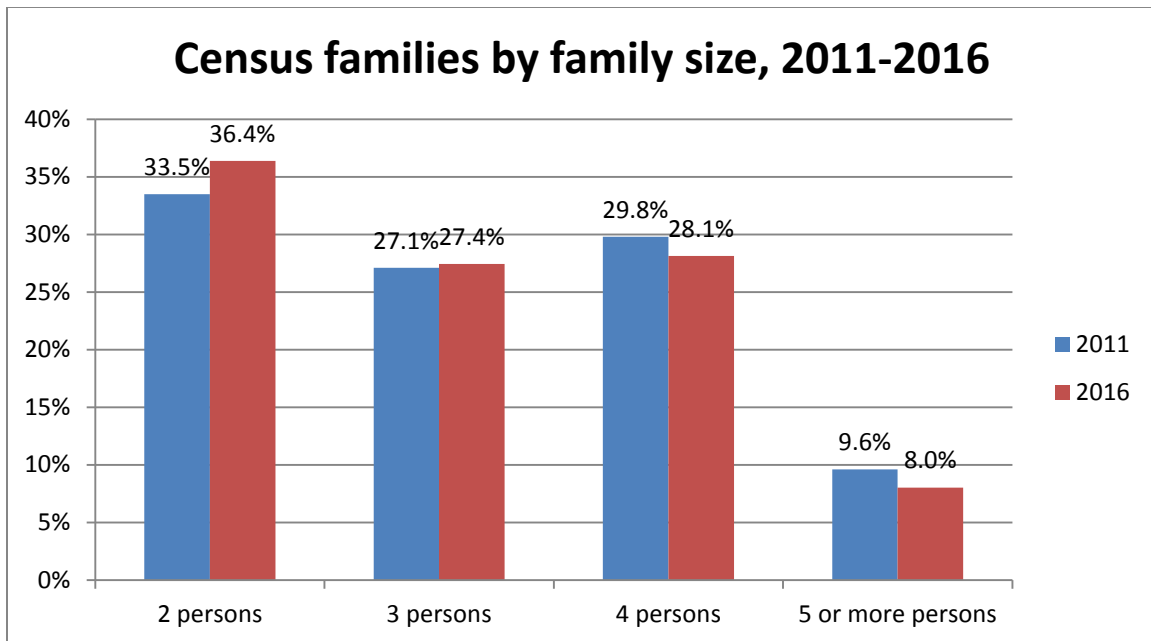


<b>Private households by household type</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>One census family households</b>	71.2%	69.5%
<b>Multi-generational households</b>	7.5%	7.6%
<b>Census family households with non-family members</b>	5.7%	5.1%
<b>Non-family households with 2 or more persons</b>	1.7%	1.9%
<b>One-person households</b>	13.8%	15.8%
<b>Total</b>	99.9%	99.9%

- When further breaking down one-census-family households only, most are still comprised of couples with children. Households comprised of couples without children have increased between 2011 and 2016, and lone parent households also increased in this time period.

<b>One census family households</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Couples without children</b>	24.1%	26.7%
<b>Couples with children</b>	63.5%	60.3%
<b>Lone parent</b>	12.4%	13.0%
<b>Total</b>	100.0%	100.0%

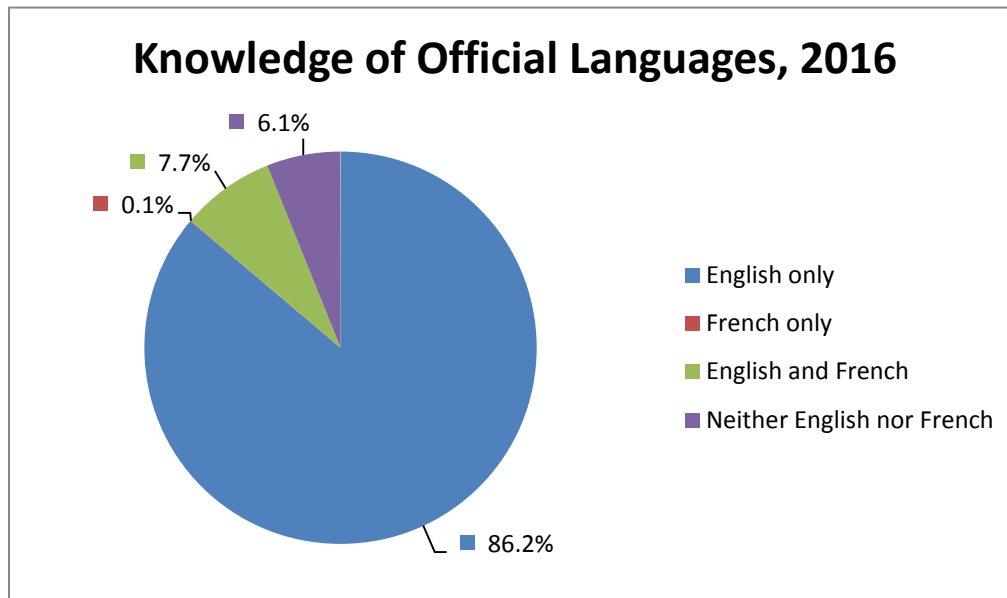
- The proportion of two- and three-person census families has increased from 2011, while the proportion of census families with four or more members has decreased.
- The average census family size in Richmond Hill is 3.1 persons, a decrease from 3.2 persons in 2011.



## Household and census families

- English is the most common official language in Richmond Hill, with 93.9% of residents able to speak English.
- 6.1% of Richmond Hill residents have no knowledge of either official language. This is an increase from 2011 (5.1%) and 2006 (4.2%). The proportion of Richmond Hill residents that cannot speak either official language is also higher than York Region (5.6%), Toronto CMA (4.4%), Ontario (2.5%), and Canada (1.9%).

Knowledge of official languages	2006	2011	2016
English only	87.1%	87.2%	86.2%
French only	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
English and French	8.6%	7.7%	7.7%
Neither English nor French	4.2%	5.1%	6.1%
Total	100.0%	100.1%	100.1%



## Mother tongues

- Statistics Canada defines mother tongue as the first language learned by a child at home, and is still able to speak. For the purposes of data collection, only single responses (e.g. only one mother tongue identified) have been included in this analysis.
- English is the most common mother tongue spoken by Richmond Hill residents, with over one-third of residents identifying it as their mother tongue. In terms of non-official languages, Cantonese (12.2%) and Mandarin (11.5%) are the next most common mother tongues.
- 46,465 Richmond Hill residents identify a Chinese language as their mother tongue. This represents 24.9% of the Richmond Hill population.
- 126 different languages have been identified as mother tongues of Richmond Hill residents.
- Ten languages are the mother tongues of 1% or more of Richmond Hill residents, as noted in the chart below.

<b>Top 10 most common mother tongues</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>English</b>	70,405	37.8%
<b>Cantonese</b>	22,695	12.2%
<b>Mandarin</b>	21,495	11.5%
<b>Persian (Farsi)</b>	19,020	10.2%
<b>Russian</b>	9,690	5.2%
<b>Italian</b>	6,280	3.4%
<b>Korean</b>	4,310	2.3%
<b>Arabic</b>	3,165	1.7%
<b>Spanish</b>	2,085	1.1%
<b>Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)</b>	1,865	1.0%
<b>Other languages</b>	25,460	13.7%