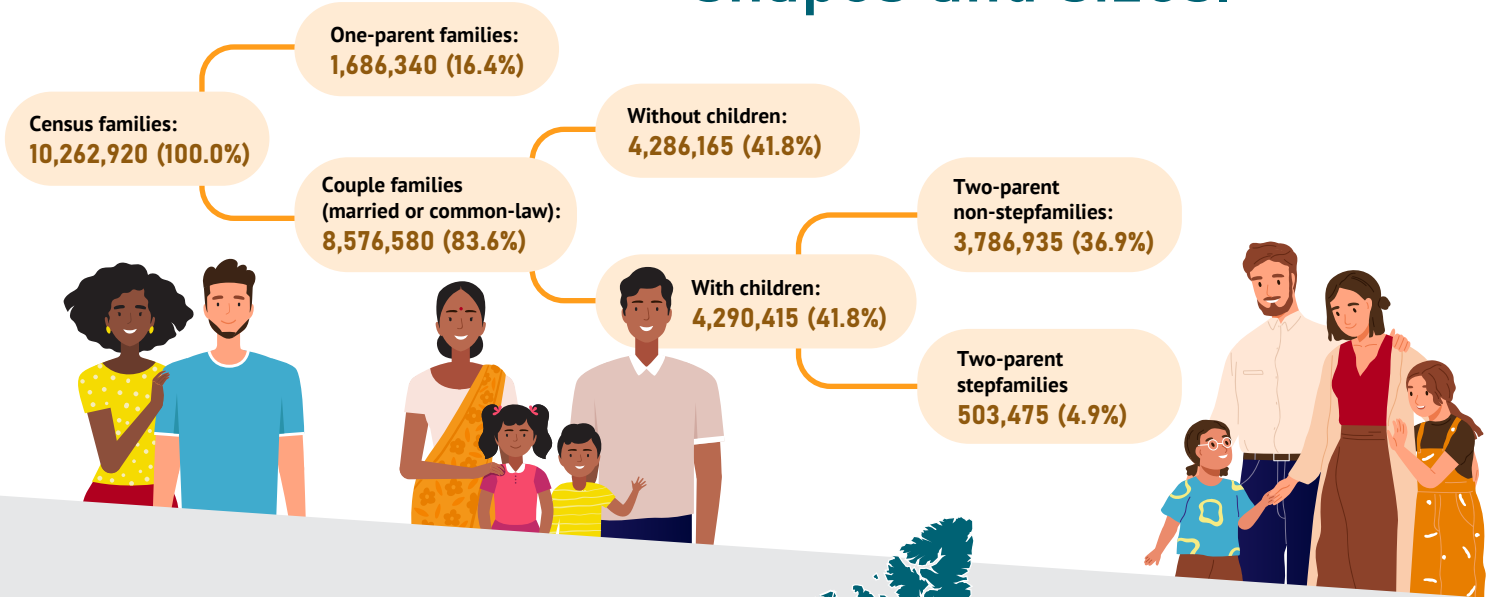




A portrait of Canada's families in 2021

In 2021, Canada's families came in many shapes and sizes.

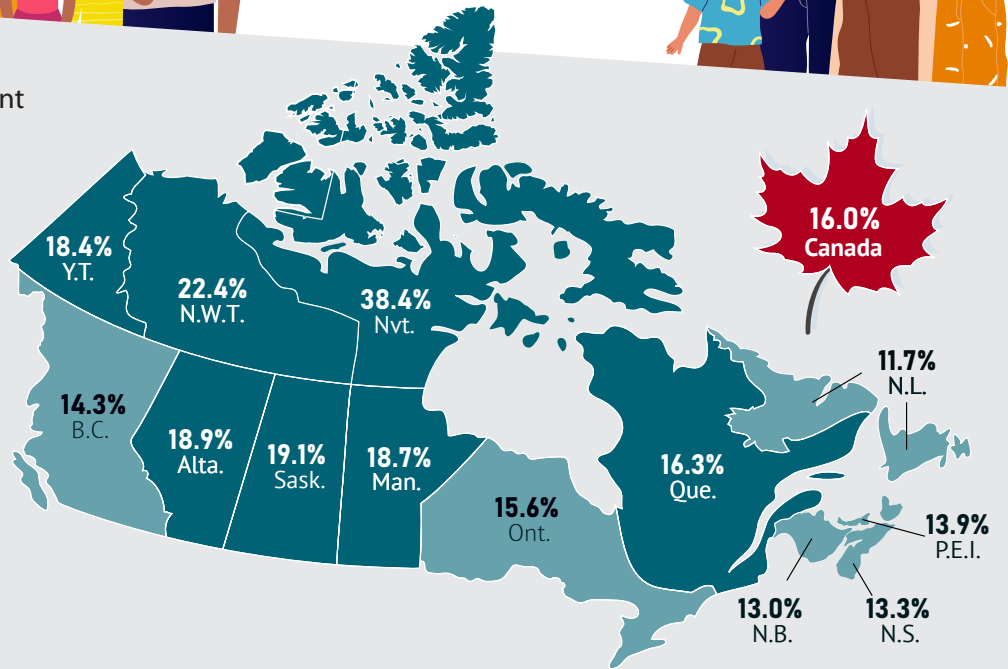


In Budget 2021, the federal government laid out a plan to provide Canadian parents with, on average, **\$10-a-day** regulated child care spaces for **children aged 0 to 5 years** within the next five years.¹

According to the 2021 Census, **1,643,320** families had **at least one child aged 0 to 5 years**, representing **16%** of all families in Canada.

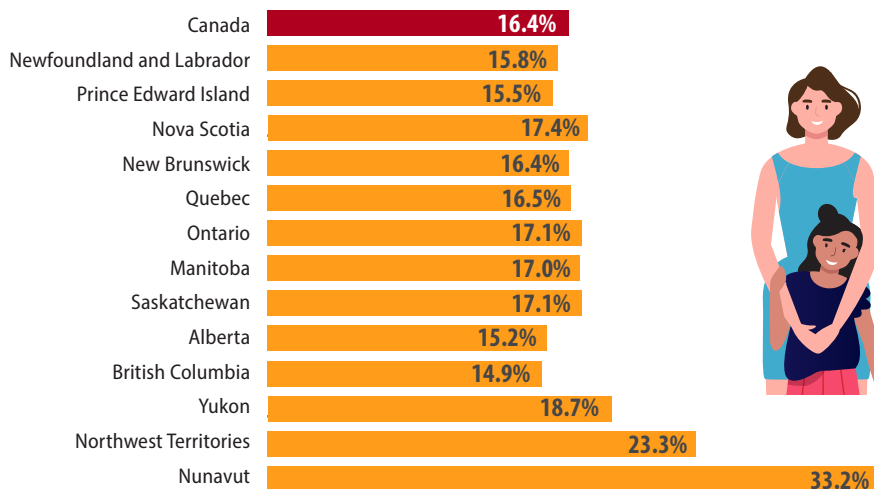
PROPORTION OF CENSUS FAMILIES THAT HAVE CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 5 YEARS, 2021

- Higher than the national average
- Lower than the national average



In Nunavut, one-parent families represented **one in three families**, compared with **one in seven families** in British Columbia.

PROPORTION OF CENSUS FAMILIES THAT ARE ONE-PARENT FAMILIES



Did you know?

Over the last century, **the average census family size has decreased**



to **2.9** persons in 2021.



Sources: 2021 Census of Population; Wargon, Sylvia T. 1979. "Canadian Households and Families: Recent Demographic Trends," Census Analytical Study, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 99-753E. 1. A similar program has been in place in Quebec since 1997. For more information, see: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/12/a-canada-wide-early-learning-and-child-care-plan.html>.