

Proportion of households comprised of couples with children continues to decline

- Trends in the share of couples living with or without children reflect the growing diversity of households and families. The gap has widened between these [types of households](#) in New Brunswick.
- In 2001, the percentage of New Brunswick households comprised of couples with children (32.8%) exceeded those comprised of couples without children (26.5%). By 2011 there was a shift, with a higher proportion of households comprised of couples without children (30.3%) than households with children (25.7%). The gap between the two widened further in 2016, with 30.9% of households comprised of couples without children and 23.7% comprised of couples with children.
- In Canada, the proportion of couple households with children has been decreasing over time, but it continues to make up a larger share than households comprised of couples without children. In 2016, 26.5% of households were comprised of couples with children and 25.8% were comprised of couples without children.

