

Preface

Every five years, Statistics Canada conducts a Census of Population in order to develop a statistical portrait of Canada and its people. The most recent Census was conducted in May 2011.

At the time of the last Census, Statistic Canada replaced the long form Census that collected social and economic data with a voluntary National Household Survey (NHS). The 2011 Census questionnaire consisted of the same eight demographic and linguistic questions that appeared on the 2006 Census short-form questionnaire, with the addition of two questions on language. The content of the new NHS is similar to that of the 2006 Census long questionnaire; however, changes were made to some questions and sections of the questionnaire. For example, in the 2011 NHS changes were made to the questions used to measure Aboriginal identity; a new component of income is measured; and, the universe for determining generation status was expanded to include the entire population.

Comparability

The Global Non-response Rate (GNR) is used to ascertain the level of non-response to the National Household Survey. Due to the voluntary nature of the survey, the NHS is subject to greater non-response bias.

Change in survey method or content can affect the comparability of the data over time. Statistics Canada states that it is impossible to determine whether, and to what extent, differences in a variable are attributable to change or to non-response bias. As a result, caution must be exercised when NHS estimates are compared with data from the 2006 Census long form.

Fact Sheet Overview

The community demographic profiles in this series provide a comparison between the current and previous censuses, Surrey and key Metro Vancouver municipalities, as well as between each of Surrey's six communities: Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford, Newton, South Surrey, and Whalley. City Centre is also identified as a sub-community planning area within Whalley.

For the purpose of this and other facts sheets in the series, the term "National Household Survey" (NHS) refers to the National Household Survey of Canada conducted by Statistics Canada. The voluntary survey collected social and economic information about the people of Canada between May and August 2011. The term "Census" in this document refers to the Census of Population conducted by Statistics Canada on May 10, 2011. The Census provides information about the people and housing units in Canada.

HOUSEHOLDS

A household is a group of persons who occupy the same dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence somewhere else in Canada. A household may refer to a family group (census family) with or without other persons, two or more families sharing a dwelling, a group of unrelated persons, or one person living alone.

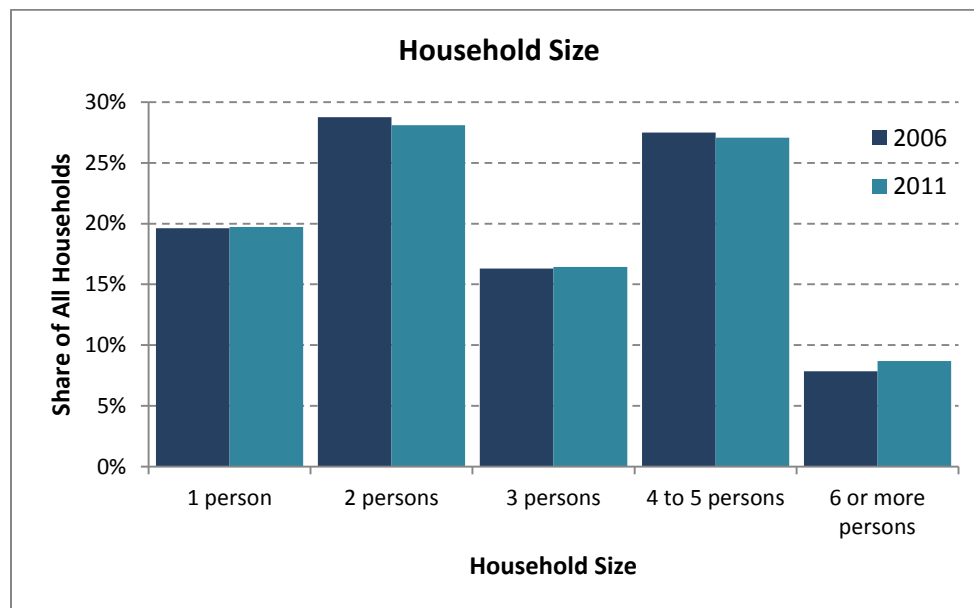
In 2011, there were 152,850 households in Surrey. The average household size in Surrey was 3 persons per household.

	2006	2011
Private households:	131,145	152850
Persons in private households:	391,890	463340
Average household size:	3	3

HOUSEHOLD SIZE

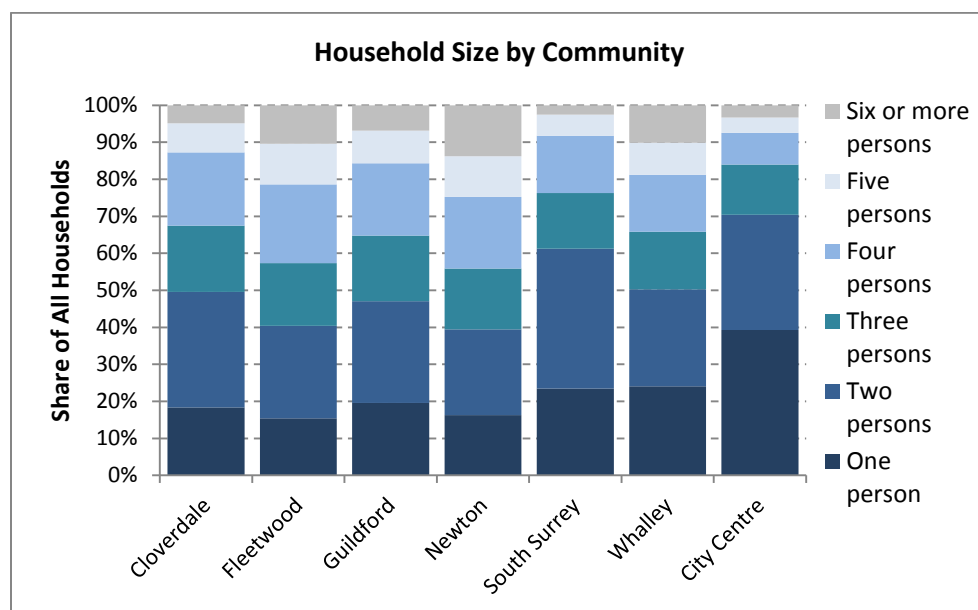
Household size is defined as the number of usual residents occupying a private household.

The average household size in Surrey in 2011, was the same as it was in 2006, 3 persons per household. The proportion of two person and four to five person households decreased slightly between 2006 and 2011, while the proportion of six or more person household increased.



Household Size in Surrey's Communities

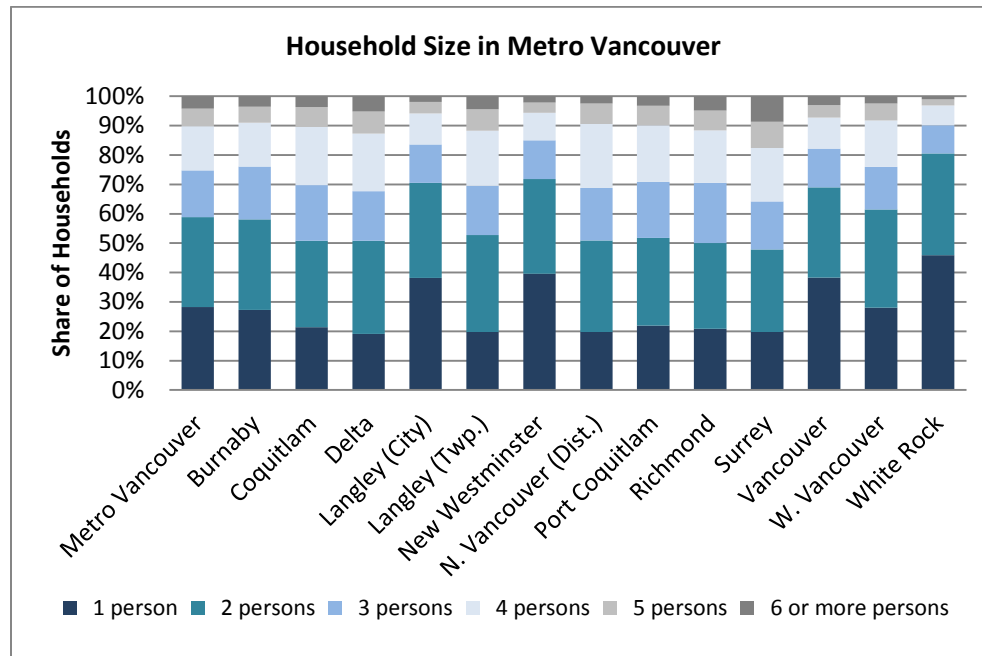
In 2011, the greatest proportion of one person households was in City Centre (39.3%). Fleetwood, on the other hand, had the lowest proportion of one person households (15.4%). The greatest proportion of six or more person households was in Newton (13.8%). Comparatively, 2.6% of households in South Surrey had six or more persons.



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey Total
Total private households	18,935	17,805	19,515	38,475	26,810	31,305	10,030	152,845
One person	3,480	2,750	3,825	6,280	6,290	7,530	3,940	30,145
Two persons	5,910	4,440	5,365	8,905	10,130	8,200	3,125	42,950
Three persons	3,395	3,030	3,450	6,325	4,035	4,865	1,360	25,100
Four persons	3,740	3,780	3,810	7,460	4,150	4,815	865	27,760
Five persons	1,490	1,955	1,725	4,200	1,525	2,730	415	13,625
Six or more persons	925	1,855	1,340	5,310	685	3,165	330	13,275
Average household size	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.4	2.5	3.0	2.2	3.0

Household Size in Metro Vancouver

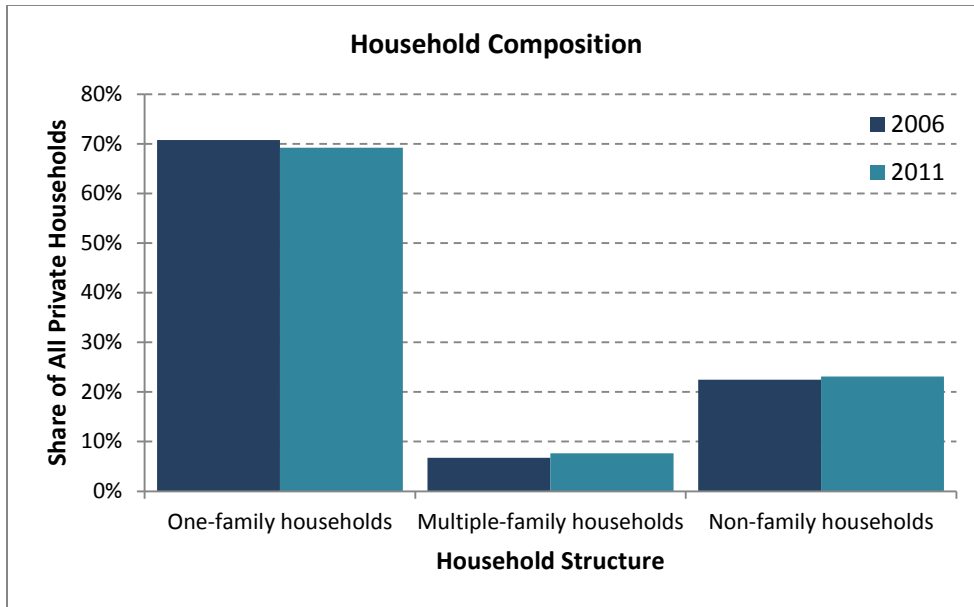
Surrey has the greatest proportion of six or more person households of all Metro Vancouver municipalities. In Surrey, 8.7% of households were six or more persons. Comparatively, in all other Metro Vancouver municipalities, less than 5% of households had six or more persons. Surrey had a lower proportion of one person households (19.7%) compared to the Metro Vancouver region (28.2%).



HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

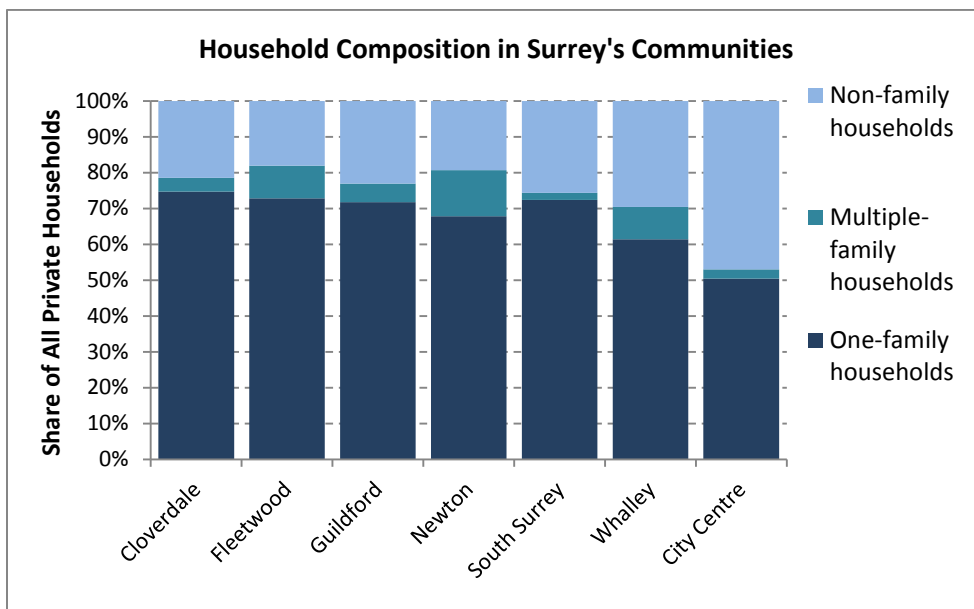
Family household refers to a household that contains at least one census family, that is, a married couple with or without children, or a couple living common-law with or without children, or a lone parent living with one or more children. A one family household refers to a single census family (with or without other persons) that occupies a private dwelling. Multiple family households refer to a household in which two or more census families (with or without additional persons) occupy the same private dwelling). A non-family household refers to either one person living alone in a private dwelling or a group of two or more people who share a private dwelling, but who do not constitute a census family.

In Surrey, the household composition remained relatively stable between 2006 and 2011. One-family household comprised the largest proportion of households in Surrey (69.2%), while non-family household made up 23.1% of households in 2011.



Household Composition in Surrey’s Communities

The largest proportion of non-family households in Surrey was in City Centre (46.9%). Fleetwood had the fewest non-family households (18.1%). The greatest number of multiple family households was in Newton (4,945). Comparatively, less than 3,000 multiple family households resided in the other Surrey communities.



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey Total
Total Private Households	18,940	17,805	19,515	38,475	26,810	31,300	10,035	152,850
One-family households	14,145	12,960	14,005	26,105	19,400	19,210	5,060	105,820
Multiple-family households	735	1,630	1,005	4,945	545	2,825	260	11,675
Non-family households	4,060	3,215	4,505	7,425	6,870	9,270	4,710	35,345

Household Composition in Metro Vancouver

In 2011, Surrey had the largest proportion of multiple family households of all Metro Vancouver municipalities (7.6%). Comparatively, 3.8% of Metro Vancouver households consisted of multiple-families.

