

Preface

Statistics Canada conducts its *Census of Population* every five years with the most recent census having occurred in 2006. The Census provides information on the demographic, social and economic conditions of the population on Census day (May 16 in 2006).

While the Census aims to enumerate all permanent residents of Canada, it will miss some residents while counting others more than once. In acknowledgement of this Statistics Canada publishes a net undercount that is used to adjust the population count. Based on these adjustments BC Stats produces quarterly and annual population estimates.

The City of Surrey's Planning Department also maintains building permit statistics. The number of existing buildings (updated with new constructions and demolitions) provides an accurate estimate of occupied dwellings. The dwelling count is combined with Statistics Canada Census variables to produce the City of Surrey's demographic profiles.

Where possible a comparison is made between the current and previous censuses. A regional comparison is also provided between Surrey and key municipal neighbours. Finally, for the purpose of this and other fact sheets, Surrey is divided into six communities: Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford, Newton, South Surrey, and Whalley. City Centre is also identified as a sub-community planning area within Whalley. Unless otherwise indicated, statistical information provided at the community and sub-community level is based on a twenty percent sample of the Census enumeration.

Households

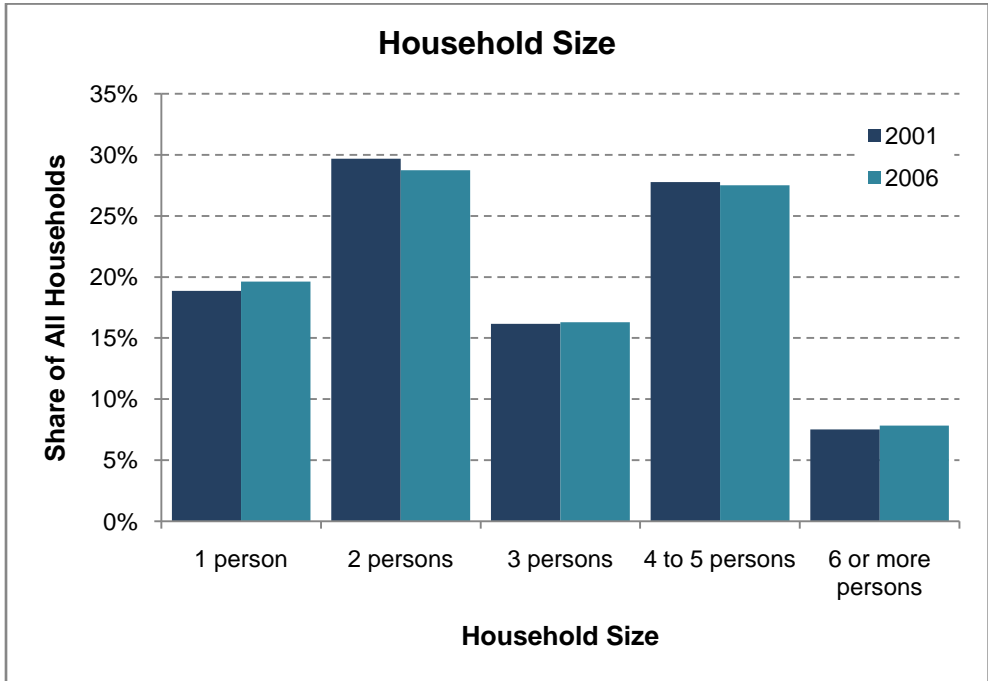
A household is defined as an individual or group of individuals (whether comprising a family or otherwise) that occupy a single dwelling. Households may consist of a census family (with or without other persons), two or more families sharing a dwelling, a group of unrelated individuals, or an individual living alone. Private households are those which occupy a private dwelling rather than a collective dwelling (rooming house, nursing home, military base, jail, etc.)

Household Statistics, Surrey 2006

Private households:	131,145
Persons in private households:	391,890
Average household size:	3.0

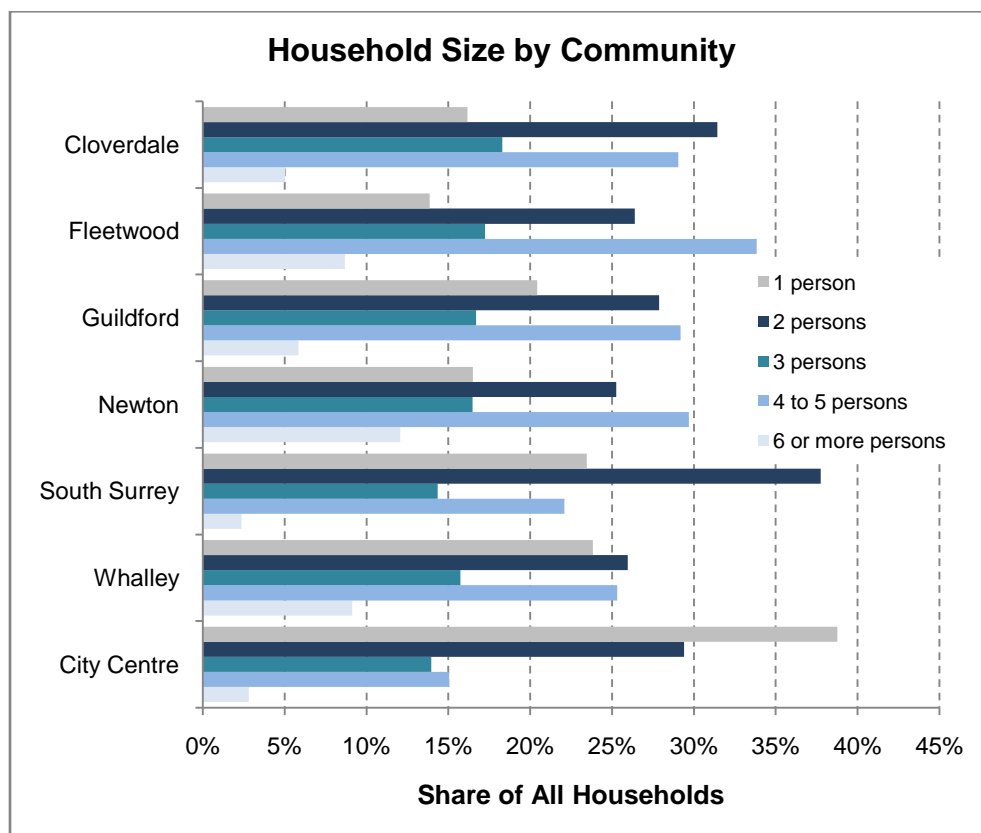
Household Size

The Census indicates that household size has stayed relatively static in Surrey between 2001 and 2006. The most significant change occurred for one-person households and two-person households. The former comprised 18.9% of all households in 2001 and 19.6% in 2006. A complimentary decline occurred for two-person households, which comprised 29.7% in 2001 and 28.8% in 2006. Strong population growth in Surrey has meant an increase in absolute terms for each category.



Household Size in Surrey's Communities

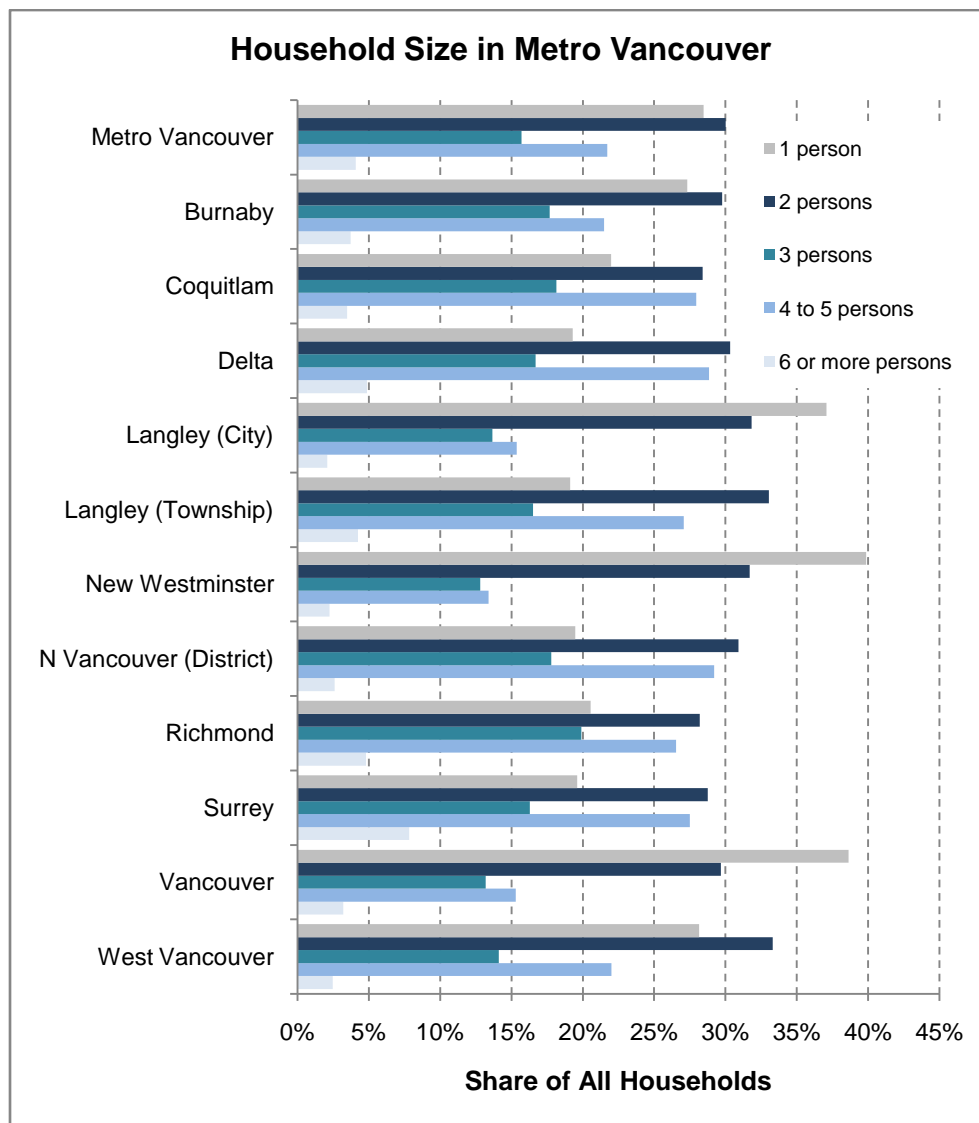
There is great variation in household size among Surrey's communities. In City Centre 38.8% of households are comprised of one person while only 17.9% of households have four or more people. Conversely, only 13.9% of households in Fleetwood are comprised of one person while 42.5% have four or more people. Newton has the highest proportion of households with six or more persons (12.1%).



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey Total
Total private households	12,930	15,365	17,990	33,145	23,685	28,020	7,805	131,145
One person	2,090	2,130	3,675	5,470	5,555	6,675	3,025	25,725
Two persons	4,065	4,055	5,015	8,370	8,940	7,275	2,295	37,705
Three persons	2,365	2,650	3,005	5,460	3,400	4,410	1,090	21,370
Four to five persons	3,755	5,200	5,250	9,840	5,230	7,095	1,175	36,065
Six or more persons	650	1,335	1,050	4,000	560	2,560	220	10,280
Average household size	2.9	3.2	2.9	3.3	2.5	3.0	2.2	3.0

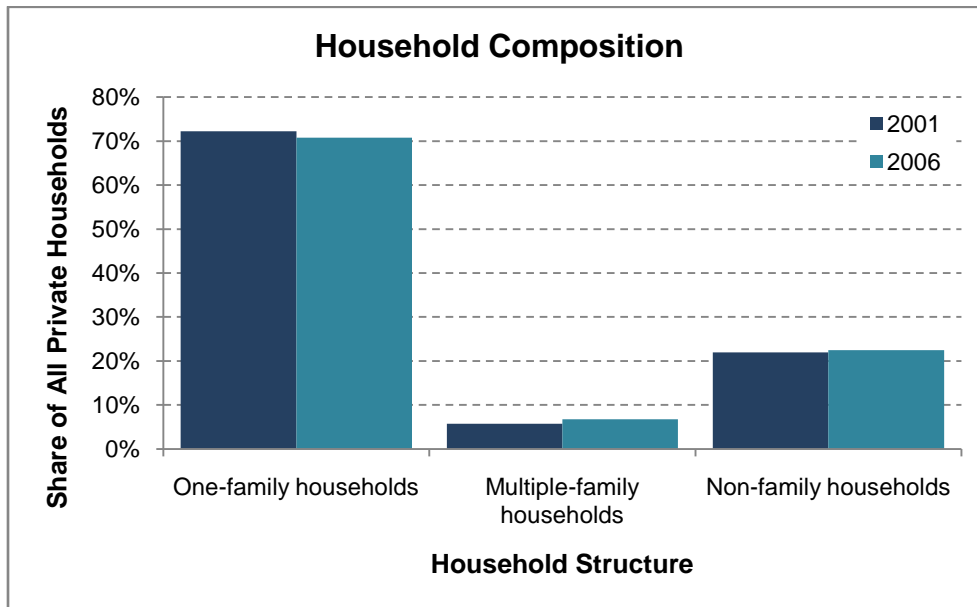
Household Size in Metro Vancouver

Surrey has the greatest proportion of households comprising six or more persons in Metro Vancouver. At the same time it ranks seventh lowest and fourth lowest in one-person and two-person households respectively. This is consistent with Surrey's second place rank in household size. At 3.0 persons per household Surrey leads all municipalities in Metro Vancouver. (It is second only to the Village of Anmore, which has 3.3 persons per household and 535 households in total.)



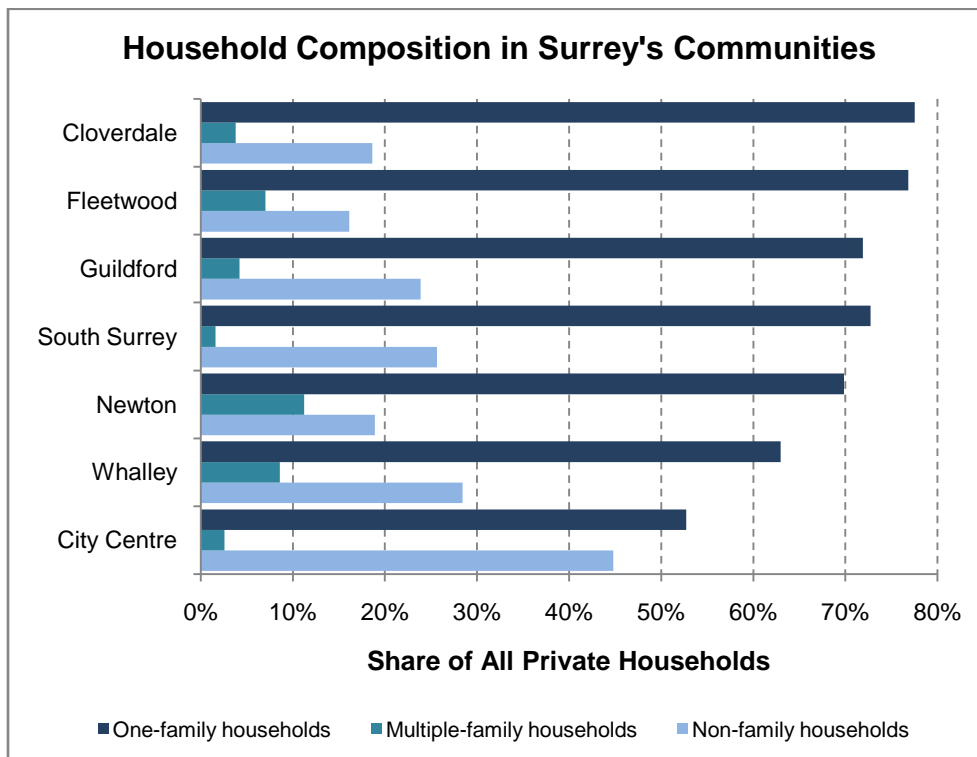
Household Composition

For the purposes of the Census households are composed of a single family, multiple families or no families. The last category may be comprised of an individual living alone or more than one unrelated individuals living together. Overall, household composition changed very little between 2001 and 2006.



Household Composition in Surrey's Communities

Household composition explains to large extent household sizes in Surrey's communities. As reported above, Newton has a high proportion of households with six or more people. This is related to its high proportion of multiple-family households. South Surrey with the lowest proportion of multiple-family households also has the lowest proportion of households with six or more people.



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey Total
Total Private Households	12,930	15,365	17,995	33,145	23,680	23,680	7,805	131,135
One-family households	10,025	11,805	12,940	23,155	17,225	17,225	4,115	92,805
Multiple-family households	490	1,080	755	3,715	380	380	200	8,840
Non-family households	2,410	2,480	4,295	6,265	6,070	6,070	3,495	29,490

Household Composition in Metro Vancouver

Surrey has the highest proportion of multiple family households in Metro Vancouver. In 2006 6.7% of all households comprised more than one census family, nearly double the Metro Vancouver average of 3.4%. This explains the high average household size in Surrey.

