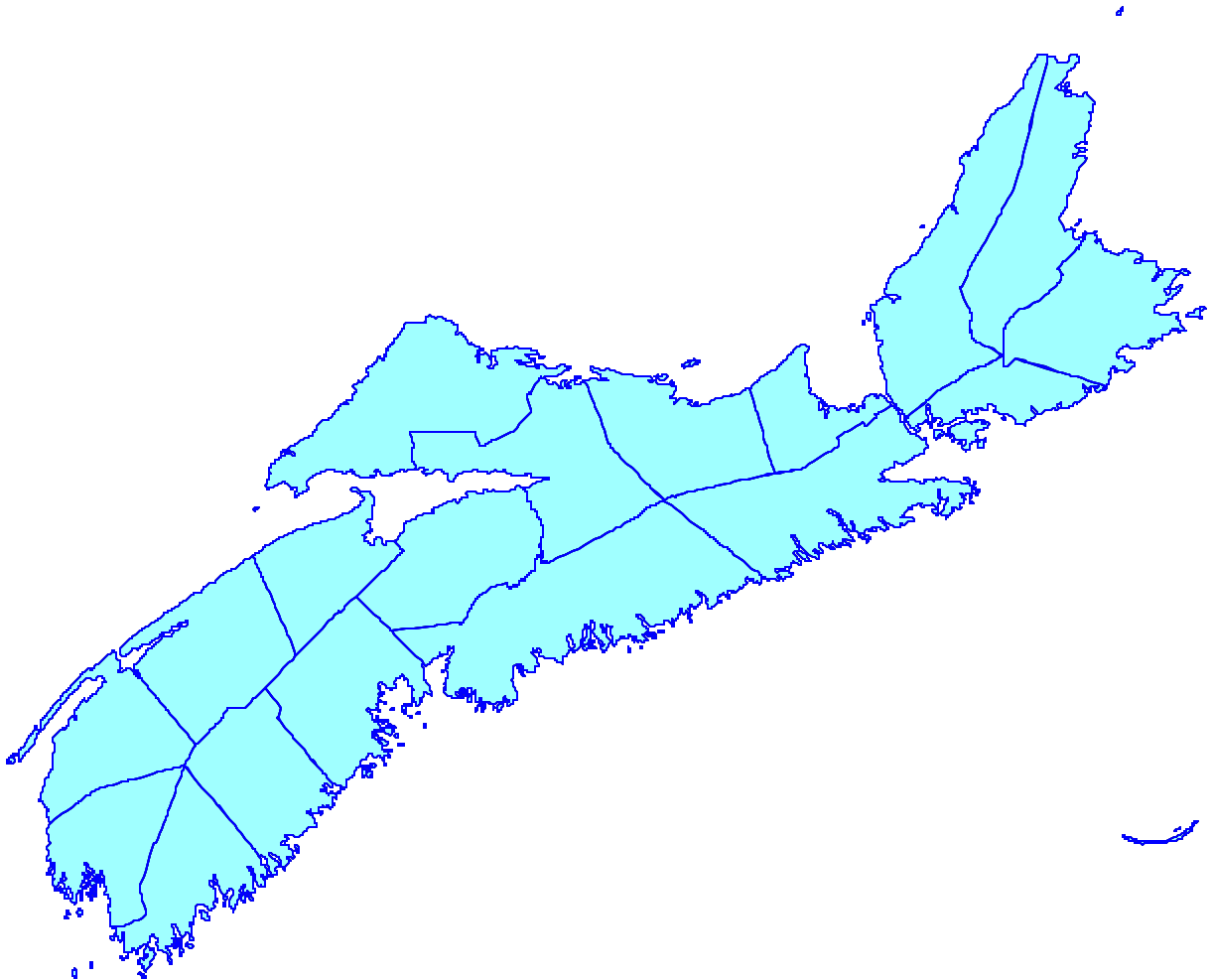


# 2001 Census of Canada Nova Scotia Perspective



Release # 3

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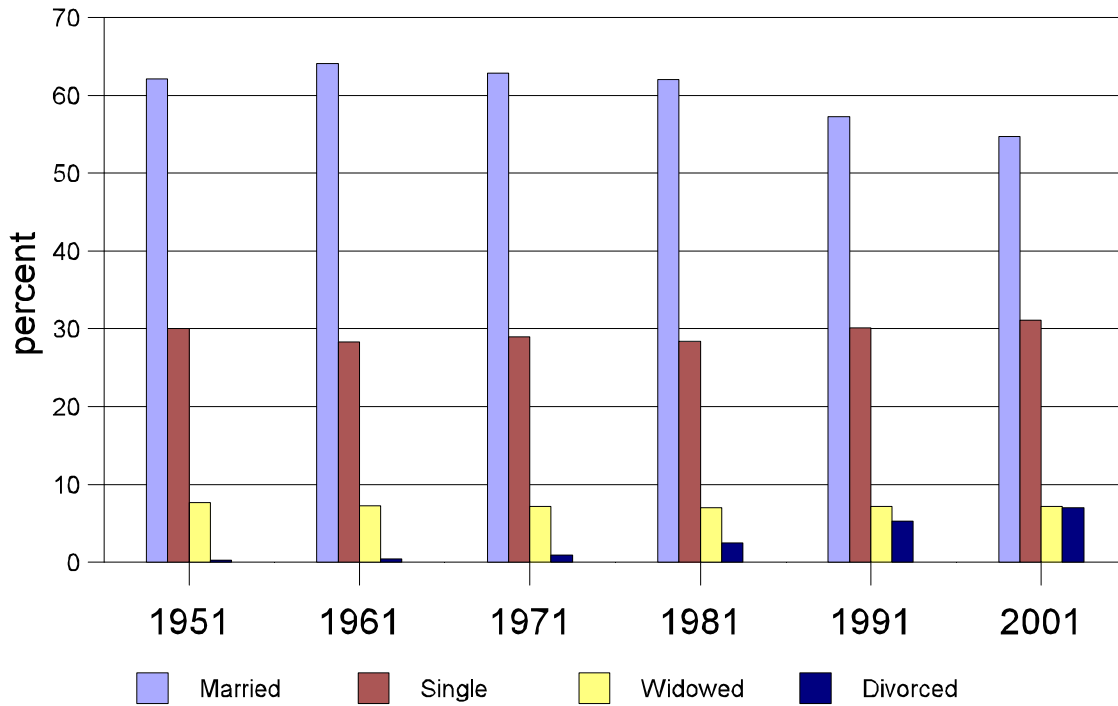
**NOVA SCOTIA HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2001 CENSUS OF CANADA**  
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- ! There were 262,910 families in Nova Scotia in 2001, up 3.5 % from 1996. There were 360,020 households, an increase of 5.1% over the same period.
- ! Nova Scotia is following the national trend where there is a reduction in the proportion of married couples with children and an increase in common law unions, lone parent families and married couples with no children.
- ! Married couple families (with or without children) represented 71.8% of families in Nova Scotia in 2001. This is a decline from the 75% reported in 1996 and the 84% seen in 1981. In Canada the proportion was 70% in 2001, a decline of thirteen percentage points from the 83% recorded in 1981.
- ! Married couple families with children numbered 104,875 or 39.9% of families in 2001. This is a decline from 45.4% in 1996 and 56.3% in 1981. Married couples without children numbered 83,930 in 2001, representing 31.9% of families. This is a n increase from 29.4% in 1996 and 27.4% in 1981.
- ! Common-law couples had an 11.4% representation in 2001, an increase from 9.5% in 1996 and 4.2% in 1981. In Canada, common-law couples represented 14% of families in 2001. There were 44,135 lone parent families in Nova Scotia representing 16.8% of all families in 2001. This is an increase from 15.6% in 1996 and 12.1% in 1981.
- ! The total number of families with children living at home has declined from 70.1% in 1981 to 61.5% in 2001 while the total number of families without children at home has increased from 29.9% in 1981 to 38.5% in 2001. The average number of children per family has dropped from 1.5 in 1981 to 1.1 in 2001.
- ! In 2001 there were a total of 89,005 people living alone in Nova Scotia, an increase of 16% from 1996.

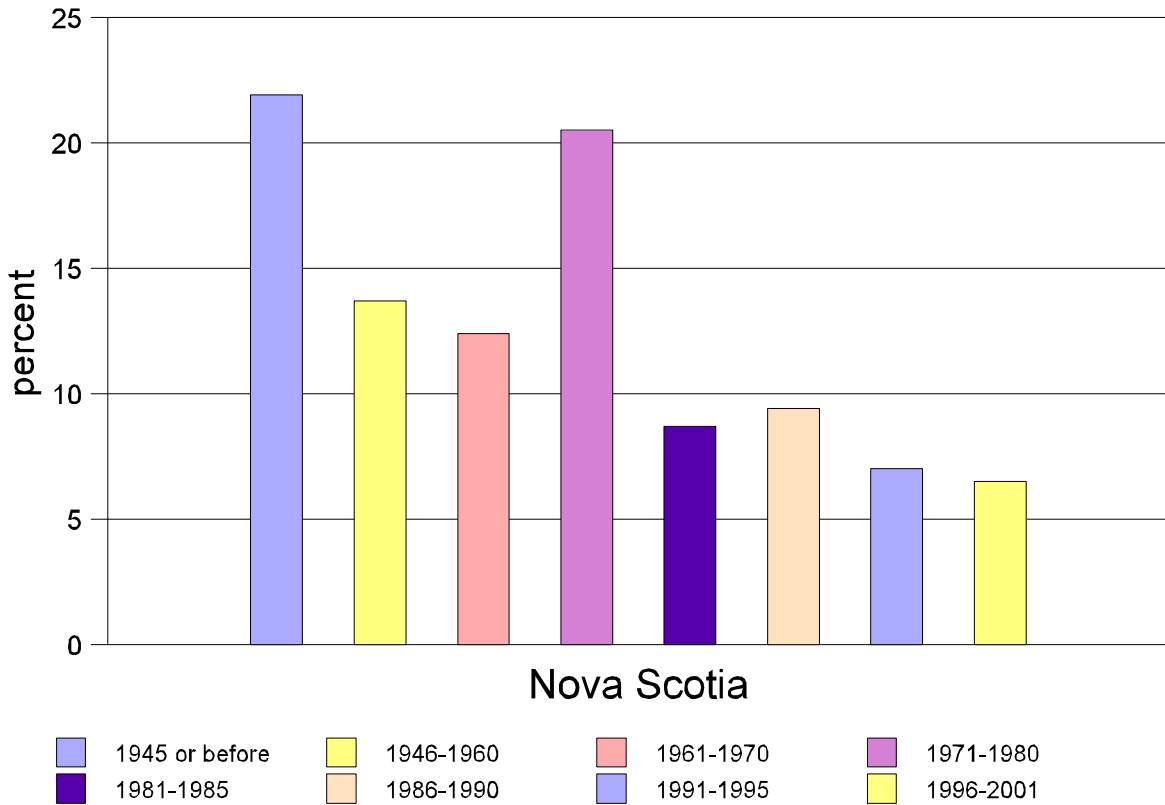
**Additional Information**

Statistics Canada's next scheduled release date for data from the 2001 Census is December 10, 2002. This release will cover Language, Mobility and Migration. Further information is available by contacting the Statistics Division, Nova Scotia Department of Finance at 902-424-5691.

## Nova Scotia Marital Status



## Housing - Period of Construction



**Presence of Children at Home by Family Structure for Nova Scotia  
1981-2001**

	Year	Total Families	%	Total Couple Families	%	Married Couples	%	Common-Law Couples	%	Total Lone-Parent Families	%
Total - Families by number of children at home	2001	262,910	100.0	218,770	83.2	188,805	71.8	29,965	11.4	44,135	16.8
	1996	253,960	100.0	214,280	84.4	190,035	74.8	24,240	9.5	39,680	15.6
	1991	244,625	100.0	211,505	86.5	191,730	78.4	19,775	8.1	33,120	13.5
	1986	230,480	100.0	200,175	86.9	187,425	81.3	12,750	5.5	30,300	13.1
	1981	216,185	100.0	190,030	87.9	180,900	83.7	9,130	4.2	26,155	12.1
Total families without children at home	2001	101,190	38.5	101,190	46.3	83,930	44.5	17,260	57.6	n/a	n/a
	1996	88,670	34.9	88,670	41.4	74,725	39.3	13,945	57.5	n/a	n/a
	1991	82,385	33.7	82,390	39.0	70,725	36.9	11,660	59.0	n/a	n/a
	1986	70,820	30.7	70,820	35.4	63,205	33.7	7,610	59.7	n/a	n/a
	1981	64,575	29.9	64,575	34.0	59,260	32.8	5,315	58.2	n/a	n/a
Total families with children at home	2001	161,715	61.5	117,575	53.7	104,875	55.5	12,705	42.4	44,140	100.0
	1996	165,290	65.1	125,610	58.6	115,315	60.7	10,290	42.5	39,680	100.0
	1991	162,240	66.3	129,120	61.0	121,005	63.1	8,115	41.0	33,120	100.0
	1986	159,660	69.3	129,360	64.6	124,215	66.3	5,140	40.3	30,300	100.0
	1981	151,610	70.1	125,455	66.0	121,640	67.2	3,815	41.8	26,155	100.0
Average number of children at home per family	2001	1.1		1		1		0.7		1.5	
	1996	1.2		1.1		1.1		0.7		1.5	
	1991	1.2		1.2		1.2		0.6		1.6	
	1986	1.3		1.3		1.3		0.7		1.6	
	1981	1.5		1.4		1.4		0.8		1.8	

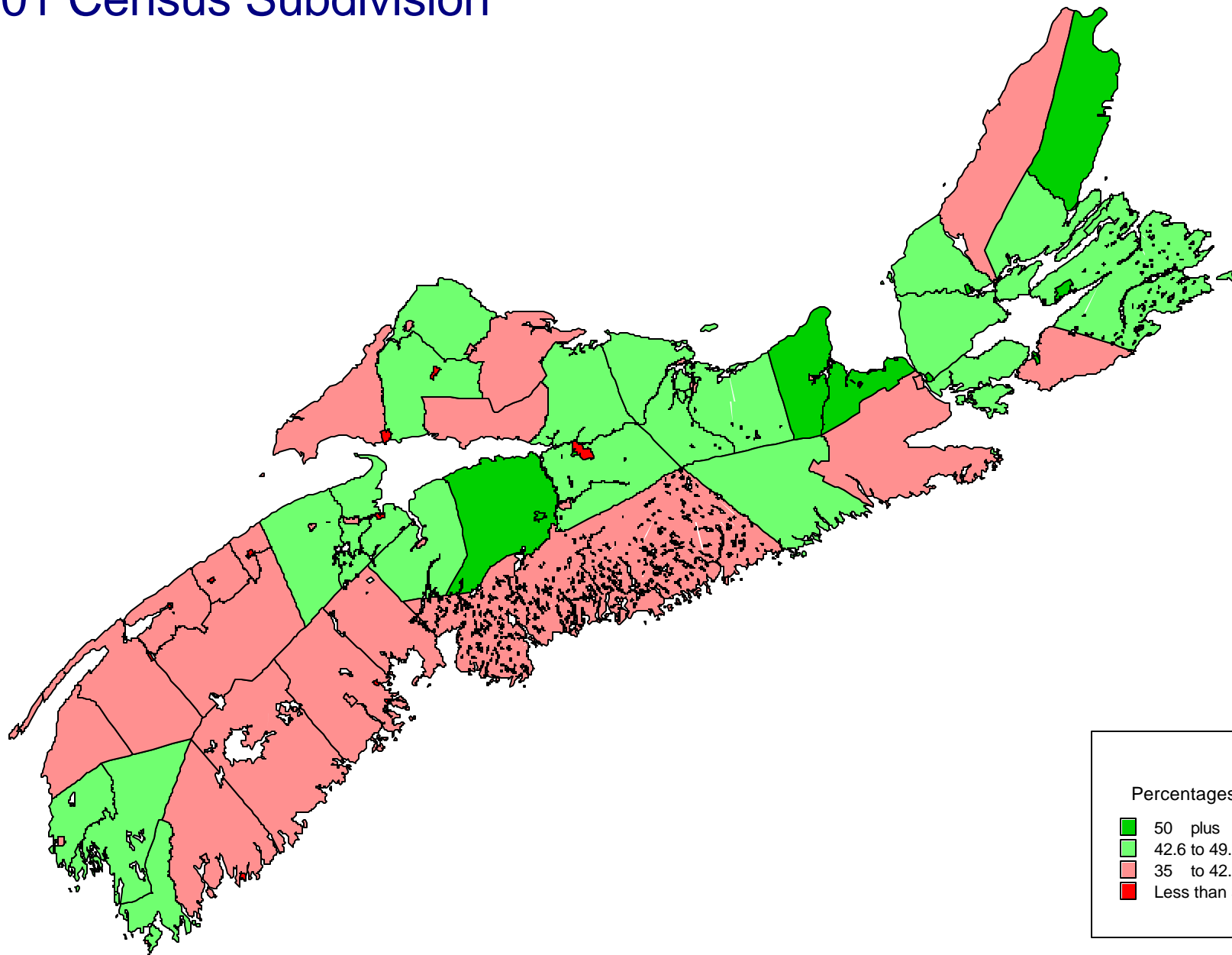
Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

**Nova Scotia Population by Age Groups and Census Family Status  
 2001**

Age groups	Total - Census Families		Spouses		Common-Law Partners		Lone Parents		Children in Census Families		Non-Family Persons	
		%		%		%		%		%		%
Total Ages	895,310	100.0	377,610	42.2	59,925	6.7	44,140	4.9	279,790	31.3	133,845	14.9
Under 15 years	165,065	18.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	164,055	18.3	1,015	0.1
15-19 years	61,290	6.8	60	0.0	650	0.1	630	0.1	57,625	6.4	2,320	0.3
20-24 years	55,695	6.2	3,110	0.3	7,575	0.8	2,760	0.3	29,940	3.3	12,305	1.4
25-29 years	54,085	6.0	17,775	2.0	10,905	1.2	3,860	0.4	10,210	1.1	11,335	1.3
30-34 years	60,290	6.7	32,235	3.6	9,370	1.0	5,125	0.6	5,190	0.6	8,370	0.9
35-44 years	151,270	16.9	96,490	10.8	16,420	1.8	12,835	1.4	7,585	0.8	17,935	2.0
45-54 years	137,200	15.3	97,290	10.9	9,575	1.1	7,990	0.9	3,605	0.4	18,740	2.1
55-64 years	91,665	10.2	66,810	7.5	3,855	0.4	3,220	0.4	1,330	0.1	16,445	1.8
65 years and over	118,745	13.3	63,830	7.1	1,580	0.2	7,705	0.9	255	0.0	45,370	5.1
75 years and over	53,245	5.9	22,030	2.5	330	0.0	4,415	0.5	0	0.0	26,470	3.0
85 years and over	11,590	1.3	2,755	0.3	25	0.0	1,230	0.1	0	0.0	7,570	0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

# Households with Children Living at Home by 2001 Census Subdivision



**Nova Scotia Household Types and Sizes  
 2001**

	<b>Total Number of Households</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1 person</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2 persons</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>3 persons</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>4 persons</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>5 persons</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>6 + persons</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Average number of persons</b>
All Households	360,020	100.0	89,005	24.7	125,990	35.0	62,690	17.4	55,010	15.3	20,210	5.6	7,120	2.0	2.5
Family households	258,105	71.7	0	0.0	115,265	32.0	60,980	16.9	54,625	15.2	20,125	5.6	7,115	2.0	3.0
One-family households	253,415	70.4	0	0.0	115,265	32.0	60,980	16.9	52,780	14.7	18,580	5.2	5,800	1.6	3.0
Married couples with children	102,955	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	37,910	10.5	44,005	12.2	16,150	4.5	4,880	1.4	3.9
Married couples without children	81,305	22.6	0	0.0	78,265	21.7	2,805	0.8	160	0.0	35	0.0	45	0.0	2.0
Common-law couples with children	12,435	3.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	6,440	1.8	4,135	1.1	1,325	0.4	530	0.1	3.7
Common-law couples without children	16,835	4.7	0	0.0	15,945	4.4	745	0.2	105	0.0	35	0.0	10	0.0	2.1
Lone parents	39,875	11.1	0	0.0	21,060	5.8	13,070	3.6	4,380	1.2	1,035	0.3	335	0.1	2.7
Multiple-family households	4,695	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,840	0.5	1,540	0.4	1,310	0.4	5.0
Non-family households	101,915	28.3	89,005	24.7	10,725	3.0	1,710	0.5	385	0.1	85	0.0	10	0.0	1.2
One person only	89,005	24.7	89,005	24.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1.0
Two or more persons	12,910	3.6	0	0.0	10,725	3.0	1,710	0.5	385	0.1	85	0.0	10	0.0	2.2

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

**Nova Scotia Population 15 Years and Over by Marital Status  
 1951-2001**

	Total Population Aged 15+	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced
1951	433,097	30.0	62.1	7.7	0.3
1961	480,679	28.3	64.1	7.3	0.4
1971	548,195	29.0	62.9	7.2	0.9
1981	648,945	28.4	62.0	7.0	2.5
1991	715,585	30.1	57.3	7.2	5.3
2001	742,980	31.1	54.7	7.2	7.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada





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### Structural Type of Dwelling and Tenure - Nova Scotia 2001

	Total	%	Owned	%	Rented	%	Band Housing	%
Total - Structural type of dwelling	360,020	100.0	254,720	70.8	103,655	28.8	1,645	0.5
Single-detached house	247,415	68.7	222,420	61.8	23,530	6.5	1,465	0.4
Semi-detached house	17,095	4.7	9,225	2.6	7,845	2.2	25	0.0
Row house	8,095	2.2	2,840	0.8	5,225	1.5	25	0.0
Apartment, detached duplex	10,575	2.9	3,490	1.0	7,085	2.0	0	0.0
Apartment, building that has five or more storeys	13,325	3.7	1,615	0.4	11,705	3.3	0	0.0
Apartment, building that has fewer than five storeys	49,095	13.6	3,530	1.0	45,510	12.6	50	0.0
Other single-attached house	1,150	0.3	460	0.1	695	0.2	0	0.0
Movable dwelling	13,270	3.7	11,135	3.1	2,055	0.6	75	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada