

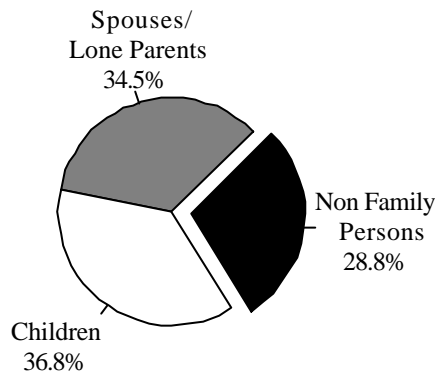
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**Focus on BC Population: Living Arrangements of Aboriginals**

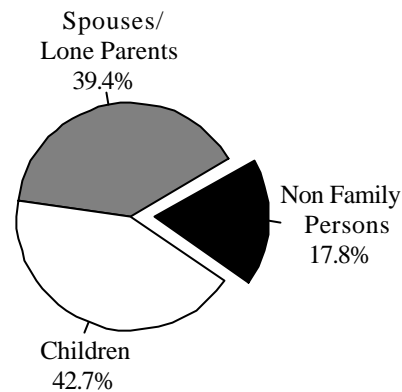
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Aboriginal People Living in Metro Vancouver are  
Less Likely to Live in a Census Family

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**The People**

- Of the almost 139,000 persons in British Columbia reporting an Aboriginal identity in 1996, 79.7 per cent live in a census family (A census family refers to a husband/wife couple with or without children at home, or a lone parent with child/children at home. Wherever family is mentioned in this write-up it refers to census family).
- Although the per cent of the aboriginal population living in a family is very similar to that of the non-aboriginal population in the province, children account for 51.9 per cent of all persons in aboriginal families compared to 37.1 per cent in non-aboriginal families.
- Aboriginal people who do not live in families are more likely than non-aboriginals to live with relatives or non-relatives rather than live alone. Of aboriginals living in a non-family environment, 66.0 per cent live with other people, compared to 45.1 per cent of the non-aboriginal community.
- Older aboriginal males (55 years and over) are much more likely to live in a non-family environment, 35.5 per cent, than non-aboriginal males of the same age, 19.2 per cent.
- Aboriginal people seem more inclined to take in elderly female relatives than non-aboriginal people. Of the aboriginal women

55 and over who do not live in a family, 36.8 per cent live with relatives. This compares to 19.6 per cent of the non-aboriginal population.

- A significant proportion of aboriginal children under 15 years of age, 10.4 per cent, do not live with their parents. This compares to 1.6 per cent of non-aboriginal children of the same age.
- The living arrangements of aboriginal people within the Vancouver metropolitan area (CMA) are very different than that of aboriginals living in the rest of the province. Outside of metro Vancouver, only 17.8 per cent of the aboriginal population do not live in families compared to 28.7 per cent within the CMA. This is particularly true of men living in metro Vancouver, where one in two

aboriginal males aged 25 and over do not live in a family.

### The Families

- There is a much higher proportion of common law unions in the aboriginal community. Of all husband/wife families, common-law partners make up 38.8 per cent. In the non-aboriginal community common-law partners make up 11.3 per cent of all husband/wife families.
- Lone parent families are much more prevalent in the aboriginal community. Of the 31,843 aboriginal families in the province, 32.6 per cent are lone parent families. In non-aboriginal families only 13.2 per cent are lone parents.

### Census Families in British Columbia - 1996

<u>Aboriginal Population</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
Total Families	31,843	
<b>Total Husbands/Wives</b>	<b>21,458</b>	<b>67.4</b>
Now Married	13,128	61.2
Common Law	8,330	38.8
<b>Lone Parents</b>	<b>10,385</b>	<b>32.6</b>
<u>Non-Aboriginal Population</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
Total Families	976,598	
<b>Total Husbands/Wives</b>	<b>847,973</b>	<b>86.8</b>
Now Married	752,438	88.7
Common Law	95,535	11.3
<b>Lone Parents</b>	<b>128,625</b>	<b>13.2</b>

**Source:** Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada

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## Living Arrangements of Aboriginal Population by Age Group and Gender in B.C. - 1996

	Age Group											
	Total	% Dist	0-14	% Dist	15-24	% Dist	25-34	% Dist	35-54	% Dist	55+	% Dist
<b>Total</b>	138,945		44,720		24,680		24,070		33,600		11,875	
Number of family persons	110,800	79.7	40,060	89.6	19,335	78.3	18,210	75.7	25,680	76.4	7,520	63.3
Husbands/Wives & Lone parents	53,300	48.1	0	0.0	5,440	28.1	15,575	85.5	24,805	96.6	7,470	99.3
Never-married sons and/or daughters	57,500	51.9	40,065	100.0	13,890	71.8	2,625	14.4	875	3.4	45	0.6
Number of non-family persons	28,145	20.3	4,655	10.4	5,350	21.7	5,860	24.3	7,925	23.6	4,350	36.6
Living with relatives	9,300	33.0	3,235	69.5	1,920	35.9	1,280	21.8	1,575	19.9	1,285	29.5
Living with non-relatives only	9,275	33.0	1,415	30.4	2,755	51.5	2,465	42.1	2,210	27.9	420	9.7
Living alone	9,570	34.0	0	0.0	675	12.6	2,110	36.0	4,135	52.2	2,645	60.8
<b>Males</b>	67,795		23,130		12,345		11,210		15,635		5,475	
Number of family persons	51,730	76.3	20,680	89.4	9,235	74.8	7,430	66.3	10,850	69.4	3,525	64.4
Husbands/Wives & Lone parents	20,690	40.0	0	0.0	1,465	15.9	5,530	74.4	10,180	93.8	3,500	99.3
Never-married sons and/or daughters	31,035	60.0	20,685	100.0	7,755	84.0	1,900	25.6	665	6.1	25	0.7
Number of non-family persons	16,065	23.7	2,450	10.6	3,115	25.2	3,775	33.7	4,780	30.6	1,945	35.5
Living with relatives	5,145	32.0	1,705	69.6	1,195	38.4	895	23.7	950	19.9	395	20.3
Living with non-relatives only	5,345	33.3	745	30.4	1,550	49.8	1,540	40.8	1,255	26.3	255	13.1
Living alone	5,575	34.7	0	0.0	370	11.9	1,340	35.5	2,570	53.8	1,290	66.3
<b>Females</b>	71,145		21,590		12,330		12,860		17,965		6,400	
Number of family persons	59,070	83.0	19,380	89.8	10,100	81.9	10,775	83.8	14,825	82.5	3,995	62.4
Husbands/Wives & Lone parents	32,605	55.2	0	0.0	3,965	39.3	10,045	93.2	14,615	98.6	3,980	99.6
Never-married sons and/or daughters	26,465	44.8	19,380	100.0	6,135	60.7	725	6.7	205	1.4	20	0.5
Number of non-family persons	12,075	17.0	2,200	10.2	2,240	18.2	2,085	16.2	3,140	17.5	2,405	37.6
Living with relatives	4,155	34.4	1,535	69.8	725	32.4	390	18.7	625	19.9	885	36.8
Living with non-relatives only	3,925	32.5	675	30.7	1,210	54.0	920	44.1	965	30.7	165	6.9
Living alone	3,995	33.1	0	0.0	305	13.6	775	37.2	1,560	49.7	1,350	56.1

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## Living Arrangements of Non-Aboriginal Population by Age Group and Gender in B.C. - 1996

	Age Group											
	Total	% Dist	0-14	% Dist	15-24	% Dist	25-34	% Dist	35-54	% Dist	55+	% Dist
<b>Total</b>	3,538,945		689,625		455,730		554,305		1,083,945		755,330	
Number of family persons	2,900,380	82.0	678,290	98.4	373,035	81.9	409,145	73.8	907,860	83.8	532,070	70.4
Husbands/Wives & Lone parents	1,824,570	62.9	0	0.0	56,075	15.0	349,775	85.5	887,915	97.8	530,815	99.8
Never-married sons and/or daughters	1,075,810	37.1	678,290	100.0	316,960	85.0	59,370	14.5	19,945	2.2	1,255	0.2
Number of non-family persons	638,555	18.0	11,335	1.6	82,690	18.1	145,170	26.2	176,090	16.2	223,280	29.6
Living with relatives	102,655	16.1	7,725	68.2	16,880	20.4	20,280	14.0	19,240	10.9	38,530	17.3
Living with non-relatives only	185,465	29.0	3,610	31.8	51,710	62.5	68,325	47.1	45,905	26.1	15,920	7.1
Living alone	350,435	54.9	0	0.0	14,100	17.1	56,565	39.0	110,945	63.0	168,830	75.6
<b>Males</b>	1,751,030		354,235		230,730		272,590		538,915		354,560	
Number of family persons	1,439,965	82.2	348,340	98.3	187,045	81.1	183,530	67.3	434,575	80.6	286,470	80.8
Husbands/Wives & Lone parents	872,640	60.6	0	0.0	17,125	9.2	146,885	80.0	422,765	97.3	285,880	99.8
Never-married sons and/or daughters	567,325	39.4	348,340	100.0	169,920	90.8	36,645	20.0	11,810	2.7	590	0.2
Number of non-family persons	311,075	17.8	5,885	1.7	43,685	18.9	89,060	32.7	104,340	19.4	68,090	19.2
Living with relatives	43,960	14.1	3,965	67.4	9,055	20.7	12,480	14.0	10,310	9.9	8,155	12.0
Living with non-relatives only	107,720	34.6	1,920	32.6	27,020	61.9	42,655	47.9	27,995	26.8	8,110	11.9
Living alone	159,395	51.2	0	0.0	7,610	17.4	33,925	38.1	66,035	63.3	51,825	76.1
<b>Females</b>	1,787,920		335,385		225,000		281,720		545,030		400,775	
Number of family persons	1,460,425	81.7	329,945	98.4	185,995	82.7	225,605	80.1	473,290	86.8	245,580	61.3
Husbands/Wives & Lone parents	951,935	65.2	0	0.0	38,960	20.9	202,885	89.9	465,165	98.3	244,920	99.7
Never-married sons and/or daughters	508,490	34.8	329,945	100.0	147,035	79.1	22,720	10.1	8,125	1.7	660	0.3
Number of non-family persons	327,490	18.3	5,440	1.6	38,990	17.3	56,115	19.9	71,730	13.2	155,185	38.7
Living with relatives	58,690	17.9	3,755	69.0	7,815	20.0	7,805	13.9	8,930	12.4	30,375	19.6
Living with non-relatives only	77,755	23.7	1,685	31.0	24,690	63.3	25,670	45.7	17,895	24.9	7,800	5.0
Living alone	191,045	58.3	0	0.0	6,485	16.6	22,640	40.3	44,905	62.6	117,010	75.4

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**Living Arrangements of Aboriginal Population Living in Metropolitan Vancouver  
by Age Group and Gender in B.C. - 1996**

	Age Group											
	Total	% Dist	0-14	% Dist	15-24	% Dist	25-34	% Dist	35-54	% Dist	55+	% Dist
<b>Total</b>	30,985		8,655		5,445		6,410		8,145		2,320	
Number of family persons	22,095	71.3	7,700	89.0	3,985	73.2	3,980	62.1	5,190	63.7	1,230	53.0
Husbands or Wives	4,945	22.4	0	0.0	185	4.6	1,275	32.0	2,585	49.8	895	72.8
Common-law Partners	2,965	13.4	0	0.0	560	14.1	1,210	30.4	1,095	21.1	85	6.9
Lone Parents	2,795	12.6	0	0.0	310	7.8	905	22.7	1,340	25.8	230	18.7
Never-married sons and/or daughters	11,400	51.6	7,705	100.1	2,920	73.3	590	14.8	170	3.3	15	1.2
Number of non-family persons	8,890	28.7	950	11.0	1,455	26.7	2,430	37.9	2,955	36.3	1,090	47.0
Living with relatives	1,880	21.1	580	61.1	405	27.8	325	13.4	330	11.2	230	21.1
Living with non-relatives only	3,425	38.5	370	38.9	820	56.4	1,135	46.7	980	33.2	120	11.0
Living alone	3,585	40.3	0	0.0	235	16.2	970	39.9	1,645	55.7	740	67.9
<b>Males</b>	14,640		4,455		2,605		2,965		3,595		1,015	
Number of family persons	9,640	65.8	3,955	88.8	1,765	67.8	1,525	51.4	1,895	52.7	505	49.8
Husbands or Wives	2,120	22.0	0	0.0	50	2.8	520	34.1	1,130	59.6	430	85.1
Common-law Partners	1,280	13.3	0	0.0	205	11.6	540	35.4	515	27.2	25	5.0
Lone Parents	230	2.4	0	0.0	25	1.4	45	3.0	115	6.1	45	8.9
Never-married sons and/or daughters	6,005	62.3	3,945	99.7	1,490	84.4	425	27.9	140	7.4	0	0.0
Number of non-family persons	5,005	34.2	505	11.3	840	32.2	1,440	48.6	1,705	47.4	510	50.2
Living with relatives	990	19.8	330	65.3	255	30.4	180	12.5	180	10.6	40	7.8
Living with non-relatives only	1,945	38.9	180	35.6	480	57.1	685	47.6	495	29.0	100	19.6
Living alone	2,065	41.3	0	0.0	95	11.3	575	39.9	1,015	59.5	385	75.5
<b>Females</b>	16,345		4,190		2,845		3,450		4,550		1,305	
Number of family persons	12,460	76.2	3,755	89.6	2,225	78.2	2,455	71.2	3,295	72.4	725	55.6
Husbands or Wives	2,820	22.6	0	0.0	145	6.5	755	30.8	1,455	44.2	465	64.1
Common-law Partners	1,680	13.5	0	0.0	365	16.4	670	27.3	575	17.5	60	8.3
Lone Parents	2,560	20.5	0	0.0	285	12.8	860	35.0	1,220	37.0	185	25.5
Never-married sons and/or daughters	5,390	43.3	3,755	100.0	1,425	64.0	170	6.9	35	1.1	10	1.4
Number of non-family persons	3,885	23.8	440	10.5	615	21.6	990	28.7	1,260	27.7	580	44.4
Living with relatives	885	22.8	260	59.1	150	24.4	140	14.1	150	11.9	185	31.9
Living with non-relatives only	1,475	38.0	180	40.9	330	53.7	450	45.5	480	38.1	30	5.2
Living alone	1,520	39.1	0	0.0	140	22.8	395	39.9	635	50.4	360	62.1

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**Living Arrangements of Aboriginal Population Outside Metropolitan Vancouver  
by Age Group and Gender in B.C. - 1996**

	Age Group											
	Total	% Dist	0-14	% Dist	15-24	% Dist	25-34	% Dist	35-54	% Dist	55+	% Dist
<b>Total</b>	107,960		36,065		19,235		17,660		25,455		9,555	
Number of family persons	88,705	82.2	32,360	89.7	15,350	79.8	14,230	80.6	20,490	80.5	6,290	65.8
Husbands or Wives	21,310	24.0	0	0.0	825	5.4	4,620	32.5	11,320	55.2	4,555	72.4
Common-law Partners	13,695	15.4	0	0.0	2,745	17.9	5,095	35.8	5,150	25.1	710	11.3
Lone Parents	7,590	8.6	0	0.0	815	5.3	2,470	17.4	3,315	16.2	995	15.8
Never-married sons and/or daughters	46,100	52.0	32,360	100.0	10,970	71.5	2,035	14.3	705	3.4	30	0.5
Number of non-family persons	19,255	17.8	3,705	10.3	3,895	20.2	3,430	19.4	4,970	19.5	3,260	34.1
Living with relatives	7,420	38.5	2,655	71.7	1,515	38.9	955	27.8	1,245	25.1	1,055	32.4
Living with non-relatives only	5,850	30.4	1,045	28.2	1,935	49.7	1,330	38.8	1,230	24.7	300	9.2
Living alone	5,985	31.1	0	0.0	440	11.3	1,140	33.2	2,490	50.1	1,905	58.4
<b>Males</b>	53,155		18,675		9,740		8,245		12,040		4,460	
Number of family persons	42,090	79.2	16,725	89.6	7,470	76.7	5,905	71.6	8,955	74.4	3,020	67.7
Husbands or Wives	9,595	22.8	0	0.0	190	2.5	1,865	31.6	5,155	57.6	2,370	78.5
Common-law Partners	6,260	14.9	0	0.0	970	13.0	2,355	39.9	2,550	28.5	380	12.6
Lone Parents	1,205	2.9	0	0.0	25	0.3	205	3.5	715	8.0	250	8.3
Never-married sons and/or daughters	25,030	59.5	16,740	100.1	6,265	83.9	1,475	25.0	525	5.9	25	0.8
Number of non-family persons	11,060	20.8	1,945	10.4	2,275	23.4	2,335	28.3	3,075	25.5	1,435	32.2
Living with relatives	4,155	37.6	1,375	70.7	940	41.3	715	30.6	770	25.0	355	24.7
Living with non-relatives only	3,400	30.7	565	29.0	1,070	47.0	855	36.6	760	24.7	155	10.8
Living alone	3,510	31.7	0	0.0	275	12.1	765	32.8	1,555	50.6	905	63.1
<b>Females</b>	54,800		17,400		9,485		9,410		13,415		5,095	
Number of family persons	46,610	85.1	15,625	89.8	7,875	83.0	8,320	88.4	11,530	85.9	3,270	64.2
Husbands or Wives	11,725	25.2	0	0.0	620	7.9	2,760	33.2	6,160	53.4	2,185	66.8
Common-law Partners	7,430	15.9	0	0.0	1,765	22.4	2,740	32.9	2,600	22.5	340	10.4
Lone Parents	6,390	13.7	0	0.0	785	10.0	2,260	27.2	2,605	22.6	745	22.8
Never-married sons and/or daughters	21,075	45.2	15,625	100.0	4,710	59.8	555	6.7	170	1.5	10	0.3
Number of non-family persons	8,190	14.9	1,760	10.1	1,625	17.1	1,095	11.6	1,880	14.0	1,825	35.8
Living with relatives	3,270	39.9	1,275	72.4	575	35.4	250	22.8	475	25.3	700	38.4
Living with non-relatives only	2,450	29.9	495	28.1	880	54.2	470	42.9	485	25.8	135	7.4
Living alone	2,475	30.2	0	0.0	165	10.2	380	34.7	925	49.2	990	54.2

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