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Family Structure, 1996 — Common-law Couple Families

Since 1981, common-law unions have been steadily increasing. This is particularly true in the province of Quebec. In 1981, 8% of Quebec couples lived common-law, compared to 25% in 1996. The rest of Canada has also seen a marked, but lower, increase from 6% in 1981 to 10% in 1996. Common-law unions are prevalent among the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. Of the couples living in the Territories, 31% were in common-law unions in 1996.

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Lambert Conformal Conic Projection. Standard Parallels 49°N and 77°N

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| Common-law Couple Families
2% - 12%
13% - 18%
19% - 25%
26% - 34%
35% - 43% | Populated Places
+ 1 - 4 999
• 5 000 - 49 999
• 50 000 - 99 999
■ 100 000 and greater
○ Provincial and Territorial Capital
★ National Capital
■ Water area
■ Regions outside Canada | Boundaries
— International
— Provincial / Territorial
— Canada / Kalaaallit Nunaat dividing line
— EEZ (200 mile)
— Road network
— Ferry route |
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Source(s):
Common-law Couple Families
Common-law couple families as a proportion of all husband-wife families based on the data derived from the 1996 Census, 20% sample data. Statistics Canada. 1996 Census of Population.

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