

## **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.

## Families

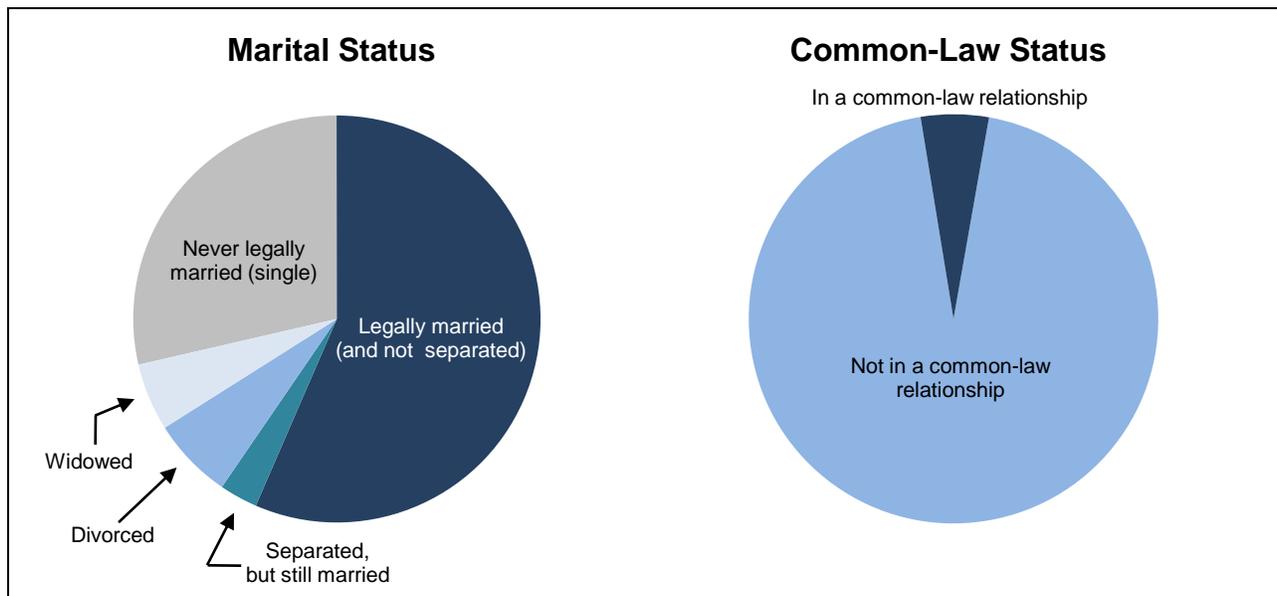
The Census of Population reports statistics on marital and common-law status, and family size, structure and cohabitation characteristics. The following table summarizes census family statistics for Surrey in 2006.

### Census Family Statistics

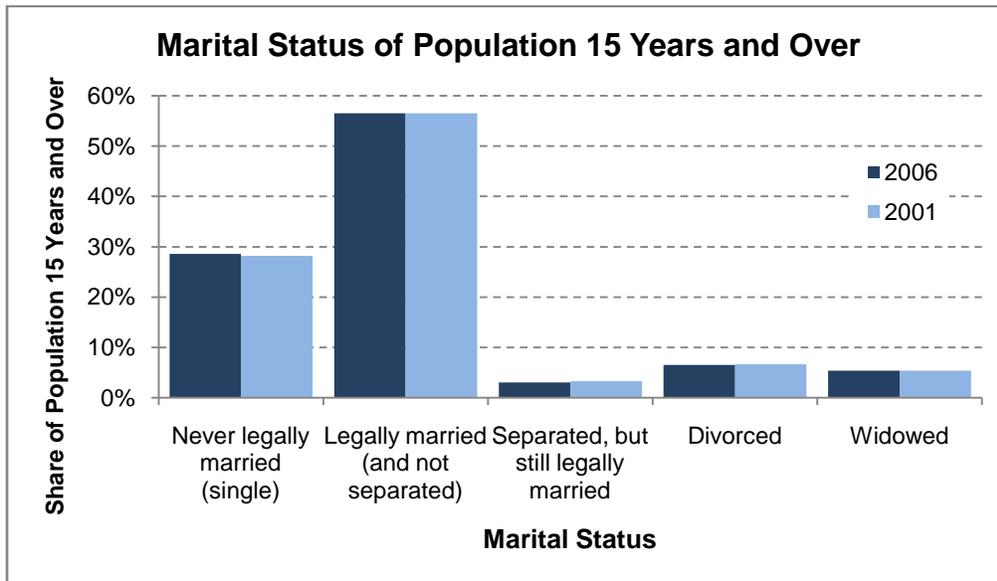
Census families:	111,760
Persons in census families:	345,370
Average size of census family:	3.09
Persons not in a census family:	46,530

### Marital and Common-Law Status

In 2006 over half (56.5%) of Surrey's population 15 years and over was married while 14.9% was separated, divorced or widowed. The remainder, comprising those that have never been married, amounted to 28.6%. At the same time 5.4% of the population 15 years and over was in a common-law relationship.

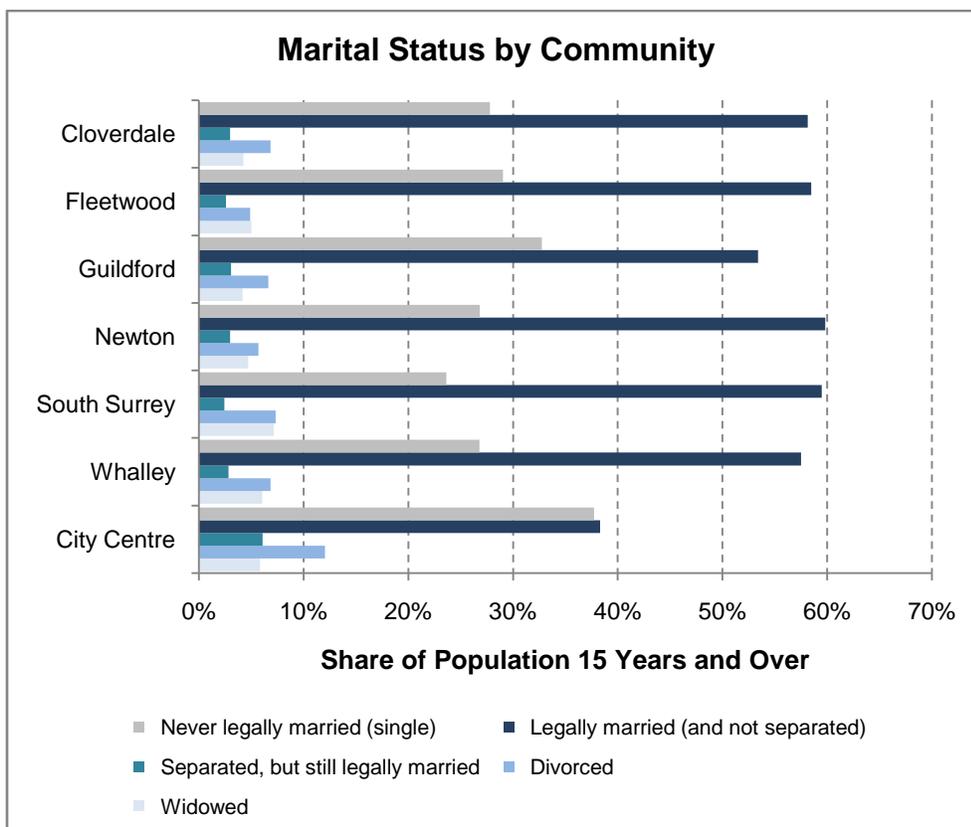


Between 2001 and 2006 marital status has remained relatively static. Similarly, the proportion of common-law relationships among individuals 15 years and over stayed relatively constant at 5.3% to 5.4%.



## Marital Status in Surrey's Communities

A comparison of City Centre with the rest of Surrey shows that its population has a high proportion of single (37.7%) and low proportion of married people (38.3%). The highest proportion of married people is in Newton (59.8%), while the lowest proportion of singles is in South Surrey (23.6%).

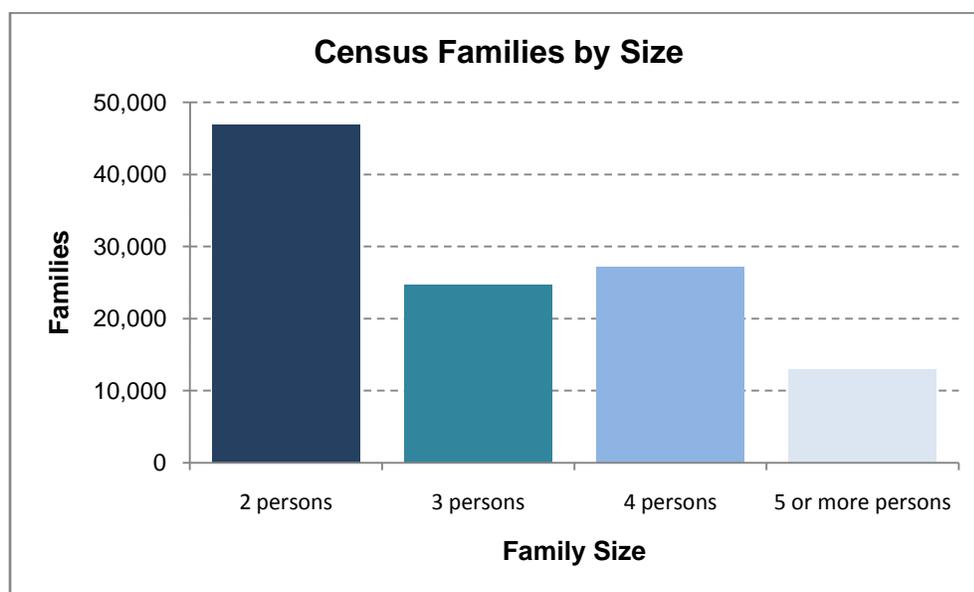


	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey Total†
Total population 15 years and over	29,500	39,800	41,800	85,110	50,275	66,375	14,655	315,445
Never legally married (single)	8,195	11,560	13,690	22,820	11,880	20,980	5,530	90,190
Legally married (and not separated)	17,155	23,275	22,320	50,915	29,900	34,365	5,615	178,335
Separated, but still legally married	880	1,025	1,280	2,525	1,225	2,535	890	9,565
Divorced	2,020	1,950	2,770	4,830	3,680	5,065	1,765	20,445
Widowed	1,255	1,995	1,740	4,020	3,590	3,435	855	16,915
Not in a common-law relationship	27,225	37,945	39,380	81,285	47,635	62,095	13,260	298,555
In a common-law relationship	2,275	1,855	2,420	3,825	2,635	4,285	1,395	16,890

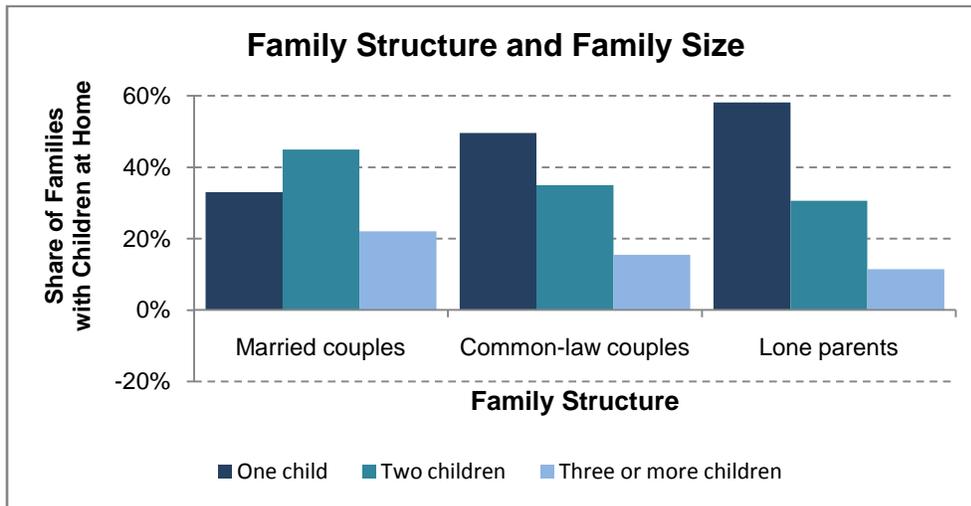
† Values for communities and the City Centre exclude institutional residents and therefore do not add up to overall city totals.

## Family Size

Census families are defined as those families that comprise married or common-law couples (with or without children), or a lone parent living with at least one child. Only children living at home are included as part of the census family. In 2006 there were 111,760 census families in private households in Surrey. Of these 88.4% contained no more than four individuals. This is marginally lower than the Metro Vancouver average of 91.2%.



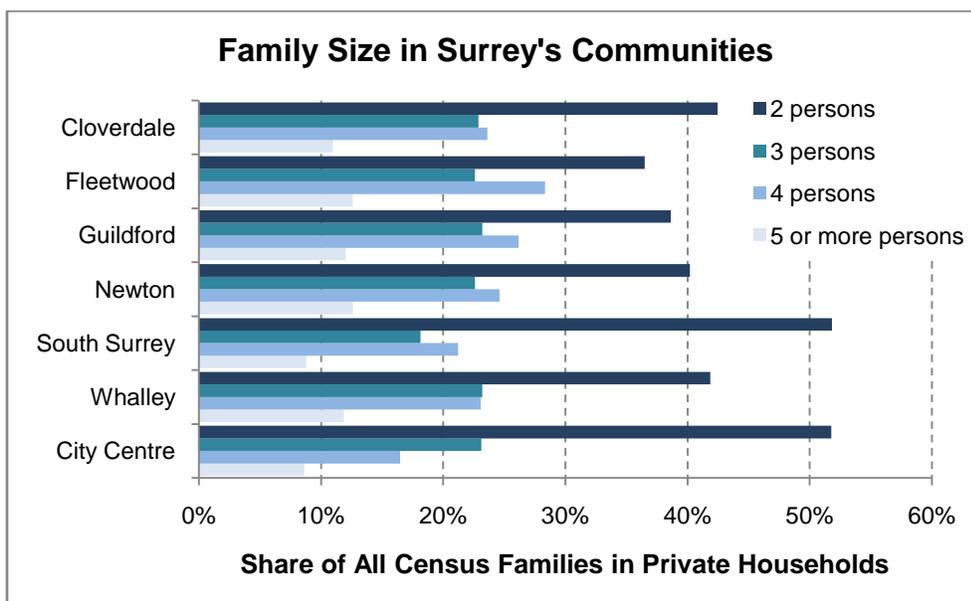
Family size and type are related. In Surrey married couples were more likely than common-law couples and lone parents to live with two or more children. Not surprisingly, lone parents were most likely to live with no more than one child. Of families having children at home 73.6% had a married couple family structure, 4.6% had a common-law couple family structure and 21.9% had a lone parent family structure.



	Married couple families	Common-law couple families	Lone parent families
All families with children at home	54,645	3,390	16,260
One child	18,060	1,680	9,445
Two children	24,550	1,185	4,970
Three or more children	12,040	525	1,855

## Family Size in Surrey's Communities

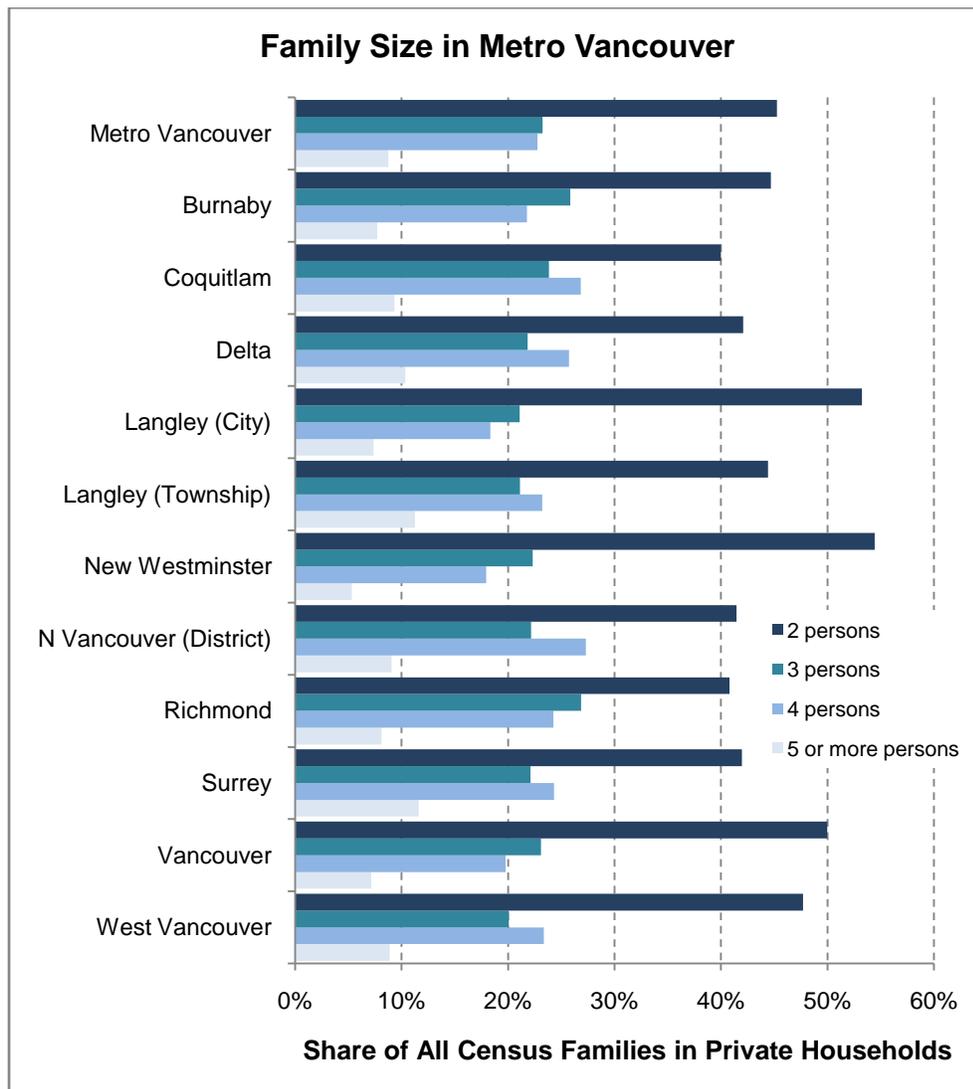
Family size varies considerably by community in Surrey. South Surrey and the City Centre sub-area of Whalley had the highest proportions of two person families. Two person families can be comprised of married or common-law couples without children, or lone parents living with one child. Those two areas again had the smallest proportions of large families (five or more persons).



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey Total
Total number of census families in private households	11,035	14,100	14,525	31,225	18,025	22,845	4,520	111,760
Two person census families	4,685	5,145	5,610	12,550	9,340	9,565	2,340	46,900
Three person census families	2,525	3,185	3,370	7,055	3,270	5,300	1,045	24,705
Four person census families	2,605	3,995	3,800	7,680	3,825	5,270	745	27,175
Five or more person census families	1,210	1,775	1,745	3,940	1,585	2,710	390	12,980

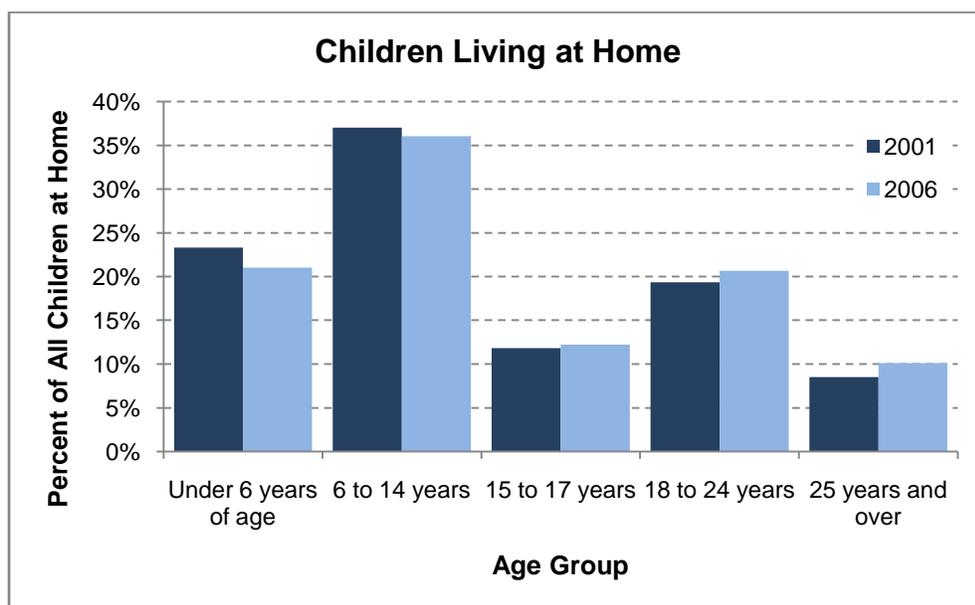
## Regional Comparison of Family Size

Surrey has the second highest ratio of large families (5 or more persons) to all families in Metro Vancouver. (The Village of Anmore with only 490 families in total ranked first.) This category accounts for 11.6% of Surrey's 111,760 families.



## Children at Home

The Census tracks the number of children, including adult children, living at home as part of a census family. While this population grew by 11.7% between 2001 and 2006, as a proportion of the general population, it declined from 35.6% to 35.0%. Also during this period the age composition of children living at home shifted. Children living at home aged 15 years and over increased by 21.0%, while those up to 14 years increased more moderately by 5.5%. These disparate growth rates resulted in older children increasing their share of the total from 39.6% to 42.9%. A corresponding drop from 60.3% to 57.0% occurred for younger children. Nonetheless, younger children continue to comprise a majority of all children living at home.

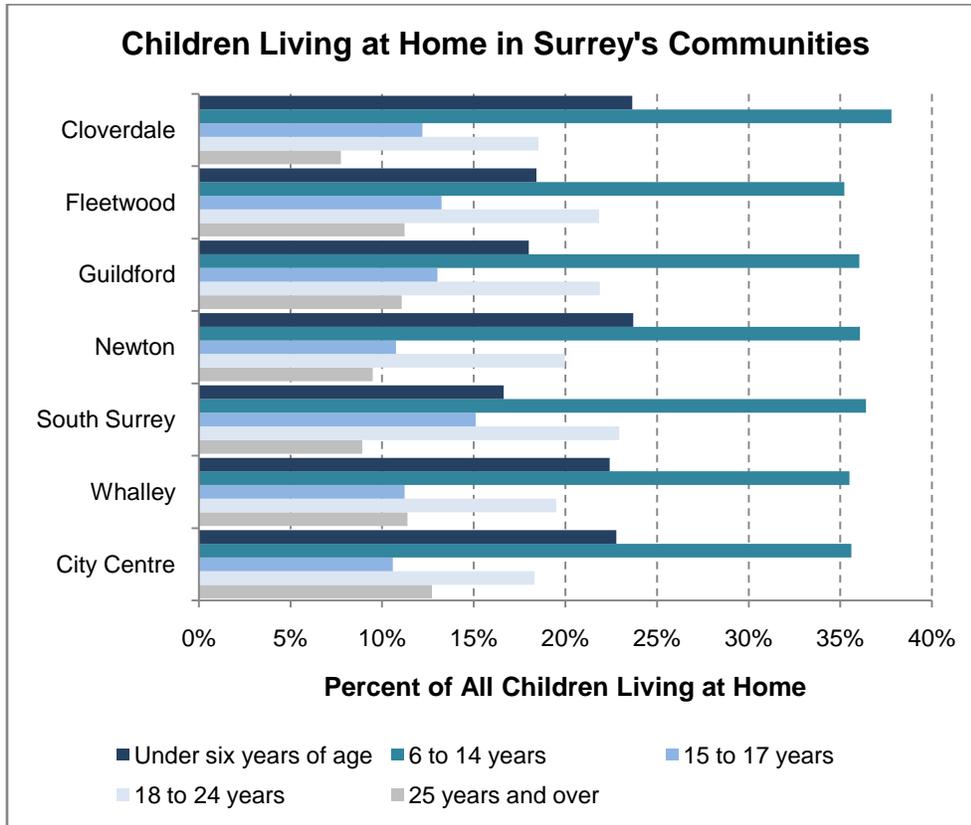


	2001	2006
Total number of children at home	123,680	138,110
Under 6 years of age	28,835	29,005
6 to 14 years	45,805	49,775
15 to 17 years	14,620	16,870
18 to 24 years	23,910	28,510
25 years and over	10,515	13,950

## Children at Home in Surrey's Communities

Of children living at home in Surrey as part of a census family, 30.7% were adults. Among Surrey's communities Cloverdale had the fewest adult children as a proportion of all children living at home (26.3%). Cloverdale also had the largest proportion of children six to fourteen years living at home (37.8%).

The greatest variability between communities occurred for children under six years of age. In South Surrey 16.7% of children living at home were under six years of age while 23.7% of children living at home in Cloverdale and the same percentage in Newton were in the same age group.

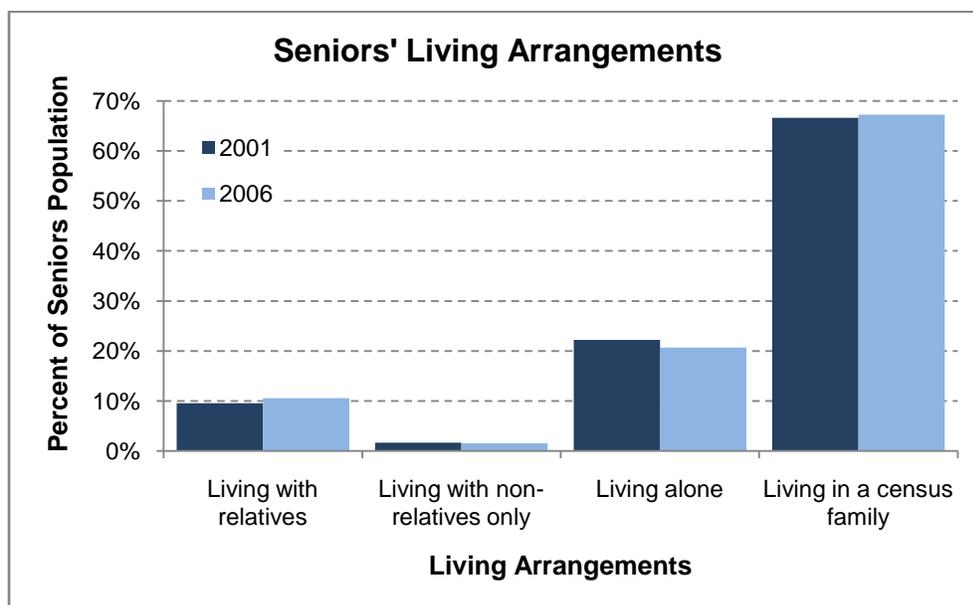


	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey Total
Total Number of Children at Home	13,150	18,835	19,105	40,275	18,005	28,740	4,915	138,110
Under six years of age	3,110	3,470	3,440	9,545	2,995	6,440	1,120	29,005
6 to 14 years	4,970	6,635	6,885	14,530	6,555	10,205	1,750	49,775
15 to 17 years	1,605	2,495	2,485	4,335	2,720	3,225	520	16,870
18 to 24 years	2,435	4,115	4,180	8,040	4,130	5,605	900	28,510
25 years and over	1,020	2,115	2,115	3,820	1,605	3,270	625	13,950

## Seniors' Living Arrangements

Between 2001 and 2006 there have been only minor changes in the living arrangements of seniors. The Census classifies seniors as those living in a census family (as previously defined) or those not living in a census family. The former group is split between those living with relatives (but not in a census family), those living with non-relatives, and those living alone).

Between 2001 and 2006 there was a marginal increase (to 67.2%) in the proportion of seniors living in a census family. With the strong growth in the seniors population this has meant an additional 5,030 seniors living in a census family.

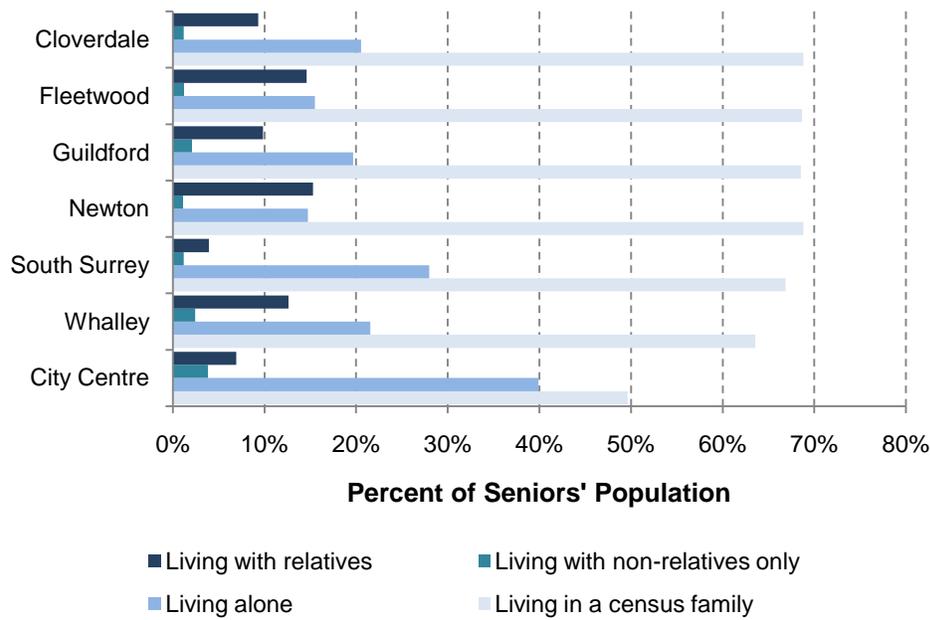


	2001	2006
Total seniors population	36,290	43,430
Seniors not living in families	12,115	14,225
Living with relatives	3,470	4,575
Living with non-relatives only	595	650
Living alone	8,050	8,995
Seniors living in families	24,175	29,205

## Seniors' Living Arrangement in Surrey's Communities

The majority of seniors in each community are part of a census family. In contrast, less than half of seniors in the City Centre sub-area of Whalley are part of a census family. In fact, 39.9% live alone. This is nearly twice the city-wide average of 20.7%.

### Seniors' Living Arrangement in Surrey's Communities



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey Total
Total seniors population	3,430	4,965	4,830	10,305	11,835	8,055	1,955	43,430
Seniors not living in families	1,070	1,550	1,525	3,215	3,920	2,945	990	14,225
Living with relatives	320	725	475	1,575	465	1,015	135	4,575
Living with non-relatives only	40	60	100	115	140	195	75	650
Living alone	705	770	950	1,520	3,310	1,735	780	8,995
Seniors living in families	2,360	3,410	3,310	7,090	7,915	5,120	970	29,205