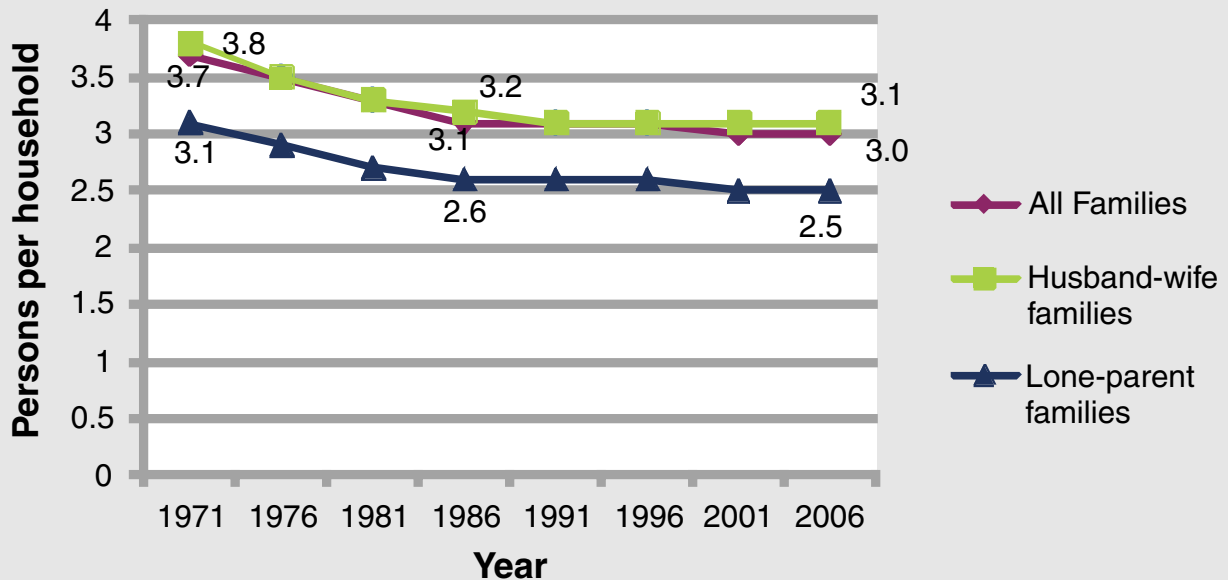




2.1.11 Family Structure

Fig. 2.1.11 Average family size by family structure, Canada, 1971 to 2006 (select years)



Note: Includes families without children.

Adapted from Statistics Canada <http://www40.statcan.ca/101/cst01/famil40-eng.htm>, accessed on December 13, 2011.

The average family size among all Census families—with or without children—has declined over the last generation. In 1971, the average family in Canada had 3.7 people; by 2006, that number had dropped to 3.0. Similar decreases have been observed among husband–wife families (from 3.8 to 3.0) and among lone-parent families (3.1 to 2.5).

