



Marital Status, 1996 — Separated

In Canada, separation is usually seen as a transitional state before divorce or marriage annulment and perhaps remarriage. Many chose to remain single. In 1996, only 3% of persons 15 years of age or older were separated. These individuals are still considered legally married, but no longer live with their spouse. Overall, the rate of marriage breakdowns has continued to rise significantly since the early 1900's as a result of changes to attitudes and perceptions of the institution of marriage. To a certain extent, religion and the influence of the church has maintained some control over formal marriage dissolution through divorce.

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

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| Separated | Populated Places | Boundaries |
| 1% - 2% | • 1 - 4 999 | — International |
| 2% | • 5 000 - 49 999 | — Provincial / Territorial |
| 3% | • 50 000 - 99 999 | — Canada / Kalaallit Nunaat dividing line |
| 4% - 6% | • 100 000 and greater | — EEZ (200 mile) |
| Census Division Boundaries | ○ Provincial and Territorial Capital | — Water area |
| — Census Division Boundaries | ★ National Capital | — Regions outside Canada |

Source(s):
Separated
Separated (still legally married) marital status as a proportion of the total population based on the data derived from the 1996 Census (100% data). Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Population.

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