

CENSUS 2000, FACTS FOR YOU TO KNOW!

A Profile of Bermuda's Household Composition

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HOUSEHOLD SIZE

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE DROPS IN 2000

The average household size in 1980 was 2.93 persons, decreasing to 2.61 persons in 1991, with a further drop to 2.47 persons in 2000. The steady decline in household size is related directly to the increase in the number of persons living alone and the declining fertility rate.

Households with only one or two persons increased significantly from 1991 to 2000. **Table 1** shows sizeable shifts of 23% and 19%, respectively. These households together accounted for 59% or 14,897 households.

Table 1
Distribution of Households by Number of Persons, 2000 and 1991

Number of Persons	2000	1991	Percentage Change 2000-1991
Total	25,148	22,430	12%
1	7,358	5,959	23%
2	7,539	6,359	19%
3	4,489	4,224	6%
4	3,683	3,716	-1%
5 or more	2,079	2,172	-4%

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

ONE-PERSON HOUSEHOLDS WERE MOST COMMON

The 2000 Census data reveals that the proportion of one-person households increased by 3 percentage points between 1991 and 2000, and replaced two-parent households as the most common household type.

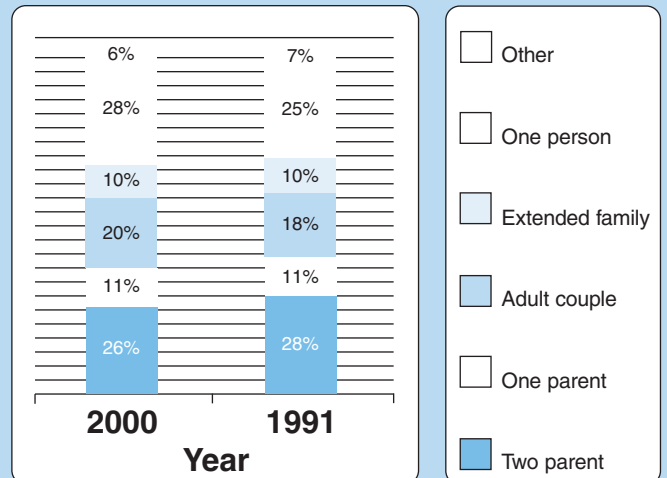
There were just over 7,000 one-person households recorded during the Census. This represented 28% of all households in Bermuda. (See **Chart 1** and **Table 2**.)

Households comprising adult couples only, also grew significantly and represented 20% or roughly 5,000 of total households.

Simultaneously, the number of households with two parents increased to 6,392 compared to 6,284 in 1991. One-parent households maintained their position at 11% of total households or 2,685.

Note: Copies of the Report on the 2000 Census of Population & Housing can be obtained from the Department of Statistics or from the Phoenix Store in Hamilton at a cost of \$20.

Chart 1
Households by Type, 2000 and 1991



YOUNG ADULTS LIVING ALONE

The proportion of people under 30 years old living alone in 2000 was 33% or 813 households. Men headed 58% or 472 of these households. (See **Table 2**.) The prevalence of one-person households among householders under 30 years old may reflect the view that some see it as a practical alternative to living in the family home, in an adult couple setting or in some other house-sharing arrangement.

SENIORS LIVING ALONE

Of all persons aged 65 years and over, more than one third (38% or 1,665 persons) were living alone. (See **Table 2**.) These comprised 466 males and 1,199 females. The number of elderly women living alone exceeds that of the men due to higher female life expectancy.

Table 2
Households by Type, 2000¹

Type of Household	Total	Under 65 & Over			
		30	30-44	45-64	65 & Over
Percentage Distribution					
Total	100	100	100	100	100
Two Parents	26	18	37	27	7
One Parent	11	10	12	11	8
Adult Couple	20	25	14	20	27
Extended Family	10	4	6	12	16
One Person	28	33	24	25	38
Other	6	11	7	5	4

¹Figures may differ from Census Report due to revisions.

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