

Select Definitions and Overview of Census Families

Families and living arrangements of New Brunswickers underwent further change and diversification between 2006 and 2011.

A **census family** is composed of a married or common-law couple, with or without children, or of a lone parent living with at least one child in the same dwelling. Couples can be of the opposite sex or of the same sex.

An **intact family** refers to a couple family in which all children in the household are the biological and/or adopted children of both members of the couple.

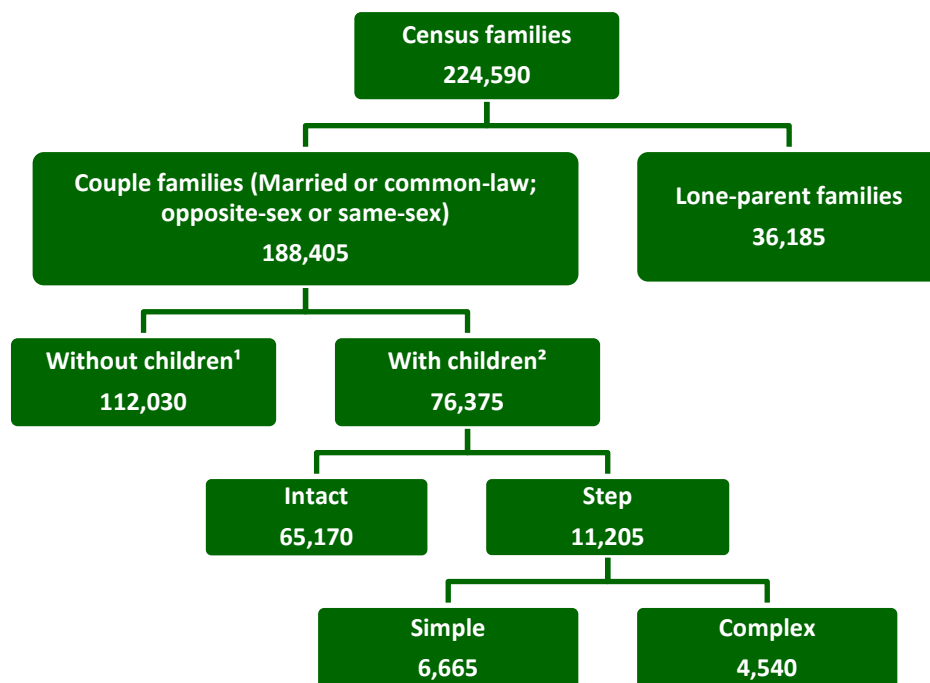
A **stepfamily** refers to a couple family in which at least one child is the biological or adopted child of only one married spouse or common-law partner and whose birth or adoption preceded the current relationship.

A **simple stepfamily** is one in which all children are the biological or adopted children of one and only one married spouse or common-law partner and whose birth or adoption preceded the current relationship.

A **complex stepfamily** refers to a couple family with at least one child of:

- both parents AND at least one child of only one parent; OR
- each parent; OR
- both parents AND at least one child of each parent.

Overview of New Brunswick Census Families, 2011



¹ Without children aged 24 and under. ² With children aged 24 and under.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 census of population.