



## 2021 Census Profile on the City of Richmond Hill

### Release #3 and #4: Families, households, marital status, and income, as well as linguistic diversity and use of English and French

#### Marital Status

- There's been a slight change in the marital status of Richmond Hill residents from 2016 (Table 1). In 2021, 57% of Richmond Hill residents 15 years of age or older are married (Figure 1). This represents a decline of 1.4% from the last census.

Marital status	2016	2021
Married	58.7%	57.0%
Living common law	3.0%	3.4%
Never married	27.2%	28.0%
Separated	2.0%	2.1%
Divorced	4.6%	5.0%
Widowed	4.5%	4.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Table 1: Marital Status of Richmond Hill Residents 2021 vs 2016

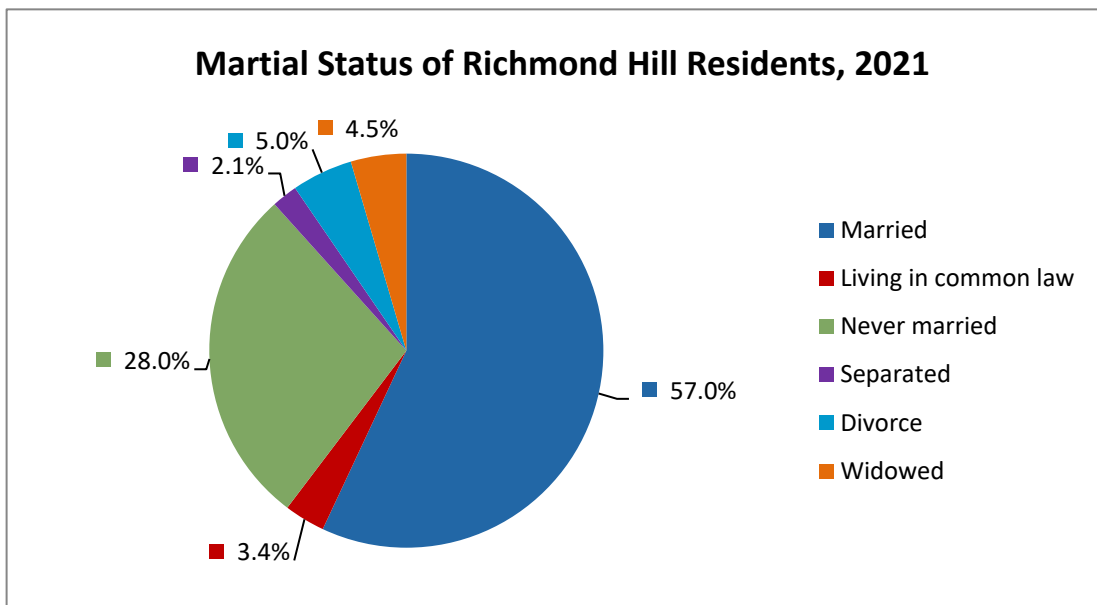


Figure 1: Marital Status of Richmond Hill Residents 2021

## Comparisons with other jurisdictions: Marital status

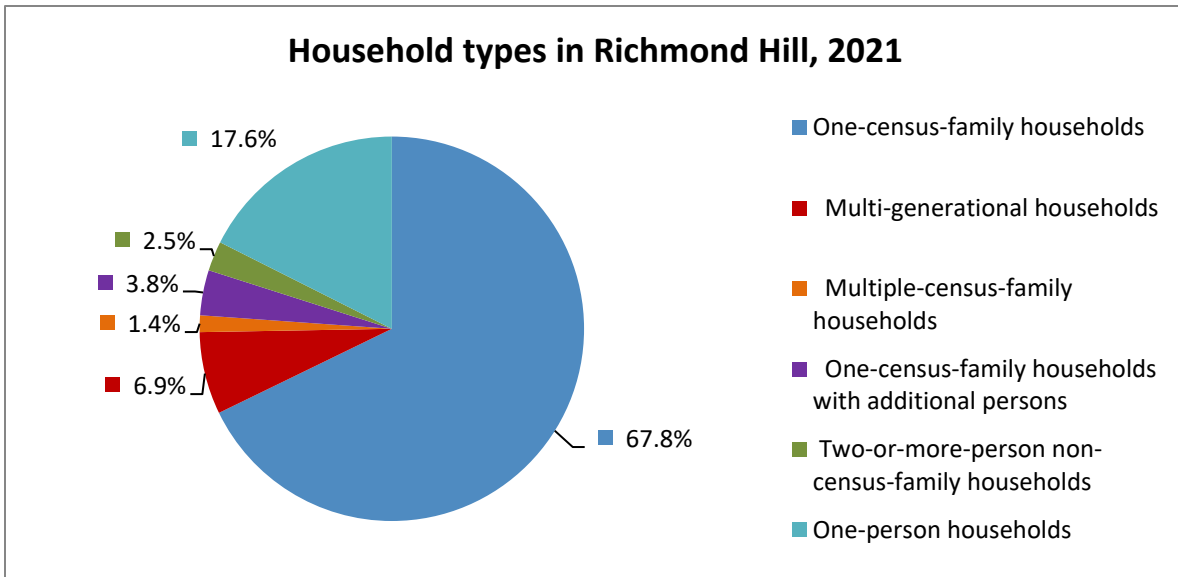
- Richmond Hill has a higher proportion of residents who are currently married compared to York Region, Toronto (CMA), Ontario, and Canada (Table 2).
- The number of residents that have never married is slightly higher than York Region, but lower than Toronto (CMA), Ontario, and Canada.
- Richmond Hill has a lower proportion of residents in common-law relationships.
- The proportion of residents who are separated, divorced, or widowed is fairly similar to York Region, but lower than Toronto (CMA), Ontario, and Canada

Martial Status	Richmond Hill	York Region	Toronto (CMA)	Ontario	Canada
<b>Married</b>	57.0%	56.2%	48.9%	47.9%	44.3%
<b>Living in common law</b>	3.4%	4.5%	6.2%	8.6%	12.6%
<b>Never married</b>	28.0%	27.6%	32.2%	29.4%	29.1%
<b>Separated</b>	2.1%	2.1%	2.5%	2.8%	2.4%
<b>Divorce</b>	5.0%	4.8%	5.4%	5.8%	6.2%
<b>Widowed</b>	4.5%	4.7%	4.8%	5.5%	5.4%

**Table 2: Inter-Jurisdictional Comparison of Population Martial Status**

## Household and census families

- In Richmond Hill, over two-thirds of households are comprised of a single census family (Figure 2). A census family is described by Statistics Canada as a married or common-law couple with or without children, or a lone parent with children living in the same dwelling. A census family includes adopted children and children living with grandparents without parents. While still the predominant household type, it has declined from 69.5% in 2016 to 67.8% in 2021 (Table 3).
- Conversely, the proportion of one-person households increased by 2 percentage points from 2016 (Table 3).
- Multi-generational households, such as families living with grandparents, comprise 6.9% of households in Richmond Hill (Table 4). This is much lower than in York Region (7.4%), but higher than Toronto (CMA) (5.7%), and much higher than Ontario (4.0%), and Canada (2.9%).
- Richmond Hill has a low number of one-person households with 17.6% of individuals living alone (Table 4), compared to 25% in Toronto (CMA), 26.5% in Ontario and 29.3% in Canada.
- At 2.5%, the proportion of non-family households with two or more people, for example two unrelated roommates living together, is also below the Toronto (CMA) (4.8%), Ontario (4.4%), and Canada (4.4%) averages.
- However, the change in number of individuals living with roommates from 2016 to 2021 (Table 5) is growing at a much faster rate in Richmond Hill (+45.8%) than Provincially (+20.1%) & Nationally (+14%). The growth in roommate and non-family household living arrangements in Richmond Hill outpaced growth in the Toronto (CMA) (+18.9%) while being reflective of the growth in roommate and roommate-like arrangements in York Region (+43.1%)



**Figure 2: Household Types in Richmond Hill 2021**

Private households by household type	2016		2021	
	#	%	#	%
<b>One-census-family households</b> <sup>1</sup>	44,590	69.5%	46,980	67.8%
<b>Multi-generational households</b>	4,900	7.6%	4,800	6.9%
<b>Multiple-census-family households</b> <sup>2</sup>			950	1.4%
<b>One-census-family households with additional persons</b> *	3,290	5.1%	2,655	3.8%
<b>Two-or-more-person non-census-family households</b> *	1,200	1.9%	1,750	2.5%
<b>One-person households</b>	10,130	15.8%	12,180	17.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,110</b>	<b>99.9%</b>	<b>69,315</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*Note: The 2021 Census has replaced the term "Census family households with non-family members" with " Multiple-census-family households" and "One-census-family households with additional persons"

**Table 3: Richmond Hill Household Types 2021 vs 2016**

<sup>1</sup> **One-Census Family Households** = households that contain only one census family. There may also be persons not in a census family in these households (Statistics Canada)

<sup>2</sup> **Census Family** = a married couple and the children, if any, of either and/or both spouses; a couple living common law and the children, if any, of either and/or both partners; or a parent of any marital status in a one-parent family with at least one child living in the same dwelling and that child or those children. All members of a particular census family live in the same dwelling. Children may be biological or adopted children regardless of their age or marital status as long as they live in the dwelling and do not have their own married spouse, common-law partner or child living in the dwelling. Grandchildren living with their grandparent(s) but with no parents present also constitute a census family. (Statistics Canada)

Private households by household type 2021	Richmond Hill	York Region	Toronto CMA	Ontario	Canada
<i>One-census-family households</i> <sup>1</sup>	67.8%	68.3%	59.3%	61.0%	59.6%
<i>Multi-generational households</i>	6.9%	7.4%	5.7%	4.0%	2.9%
<i>Multiple-census-family households</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.4%	1.2%	0.8%	0.6%
<i>One-census-family households with additional persons*</i>	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%	3.4%	3.0%
<i>Two-or-more-person non-census-family households*</i>	2.5%	2.5%	4.8%	4.4%	4.4%
<b>One-person households</b>	17.6%	16.4%	25.0%	26.5%	29.3%
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**Table 4: Inter-Jurisdictional Comparison of Household Types**

Individuals Living in 2+ Person Non-Family Households	Richmond Hill	York Region	Toronto (CMA)	Ontario	Canada
<b>2016</b>	1,200	6,850	91,795	200,365	582,345
<b>2021</b>	1,750	9,805	109,165	240,700	663,835
<b>% Change</b>	45.8%	43.1%	18.9%	20.1%	14.0%

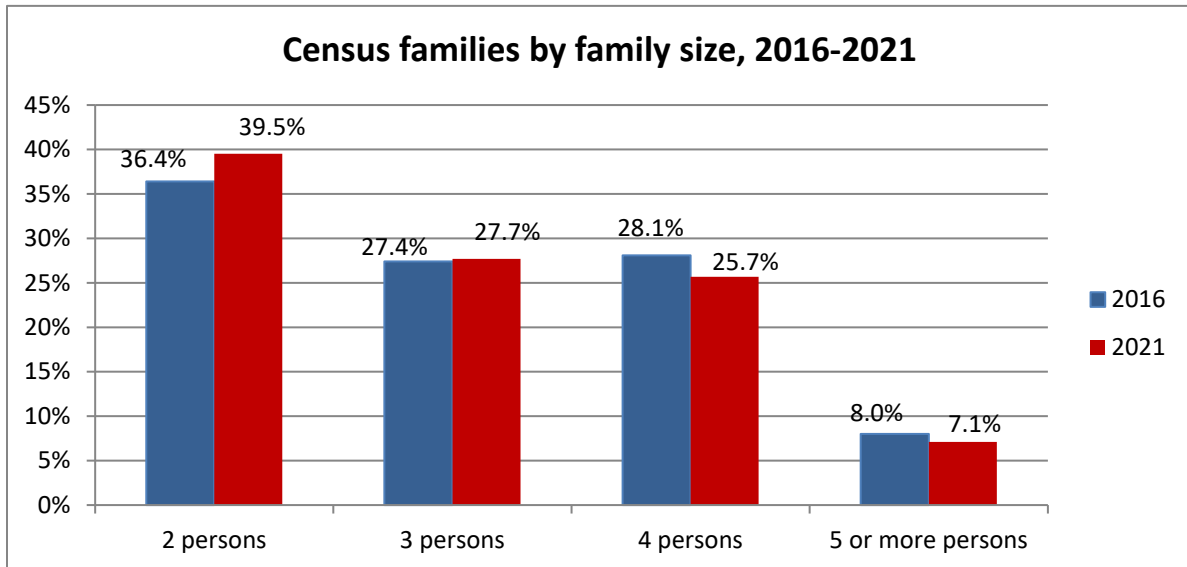
**Table 5: Inter-Jurisdictional Comparison of Non-Family Households**

- When further breaking down one-census-family households only (Table 6), most are comprised of couples with children. Households comprised of couples without children have increased between 2016 and 2021, and lone parent households also increased in this time period.

One census family households	2016		2021	
	#	%	#	%
<b>Couples without children</b>	10,085	24.1%	26,725	29.3%
<b>Couples with children</b>	26,530	63.5%	13,770	56.9%
<b>One-parent-family households</b>	5,170	12.4%	6,490	13.8%
<b>Total</b>	41,785	100.0%	46,985	100.0%

**Table 6: Richmond Hill Census Families with Children, 2016 vs 2021**

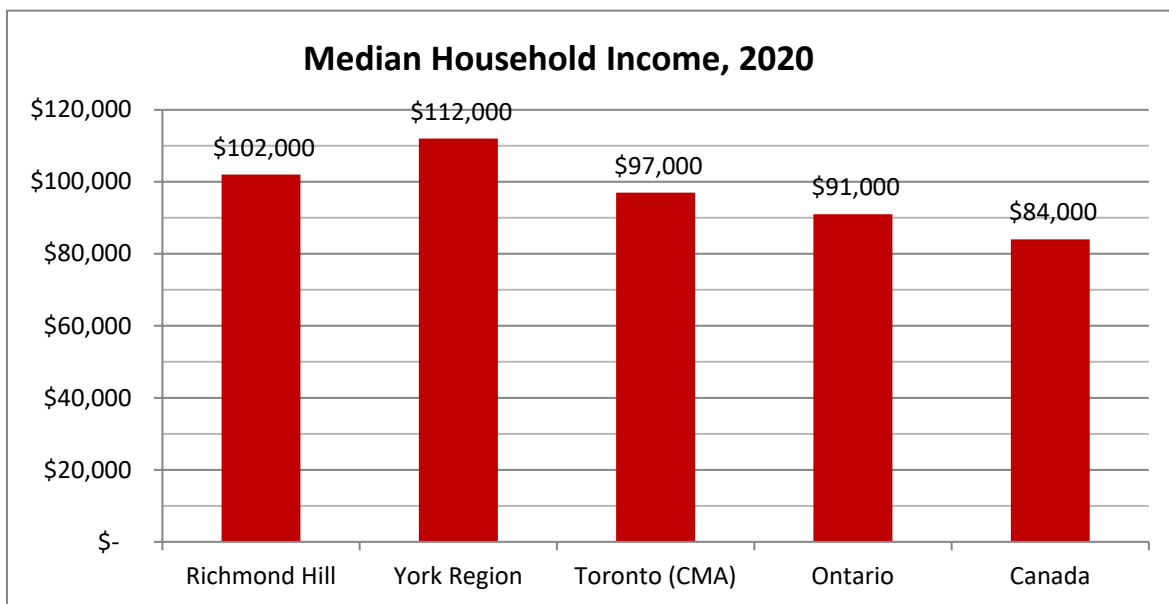
- The proportion of two- and three-person census families has increased from 2016 (Figure 3), while the proportion of census families with four or more members has decreased.
- The average census family size in Richmond Hill is 3.0 persons, a decrease from 3.1 persons in 2016.



**Figure 3: Richmond Hill Census Family Size, 2016 vs 2021**

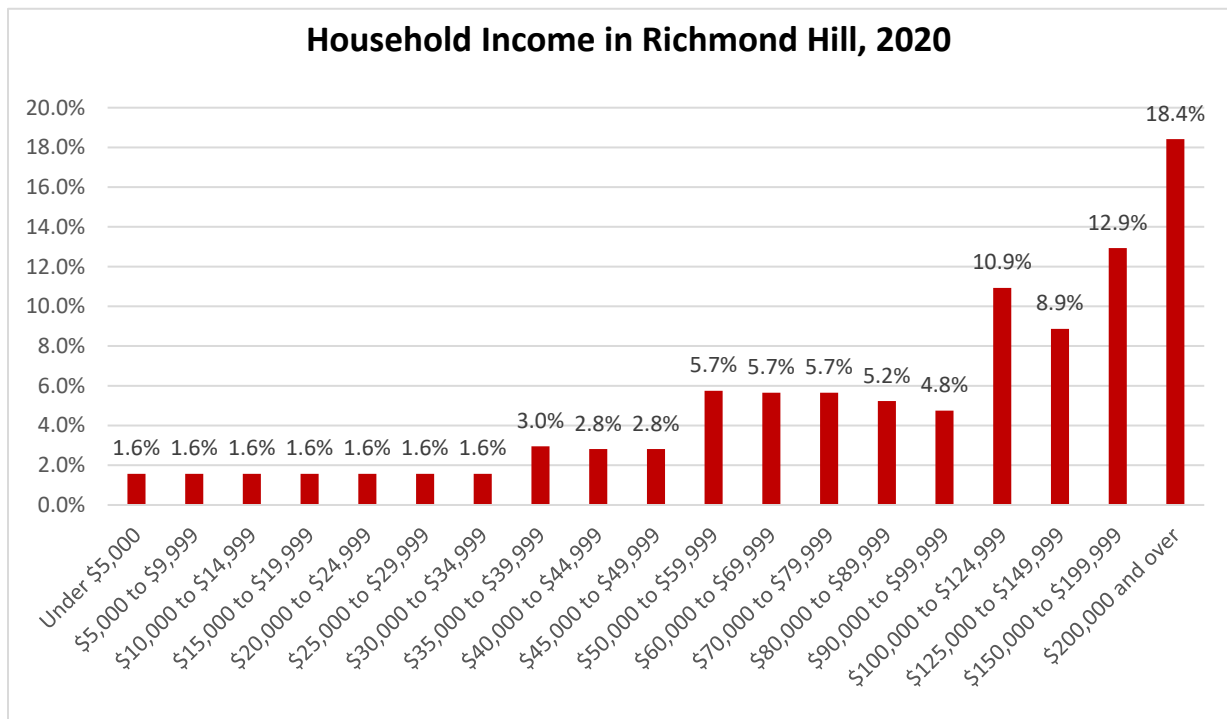
### Income of households

- The median household income for Richmond Hill in 2020 was \$102,000. This is lower than the York Region median, but higher than the Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada medians (Figure 4).



**Figure 4: Inter-Jurisdictional Comparison of Median Household Income 2020**

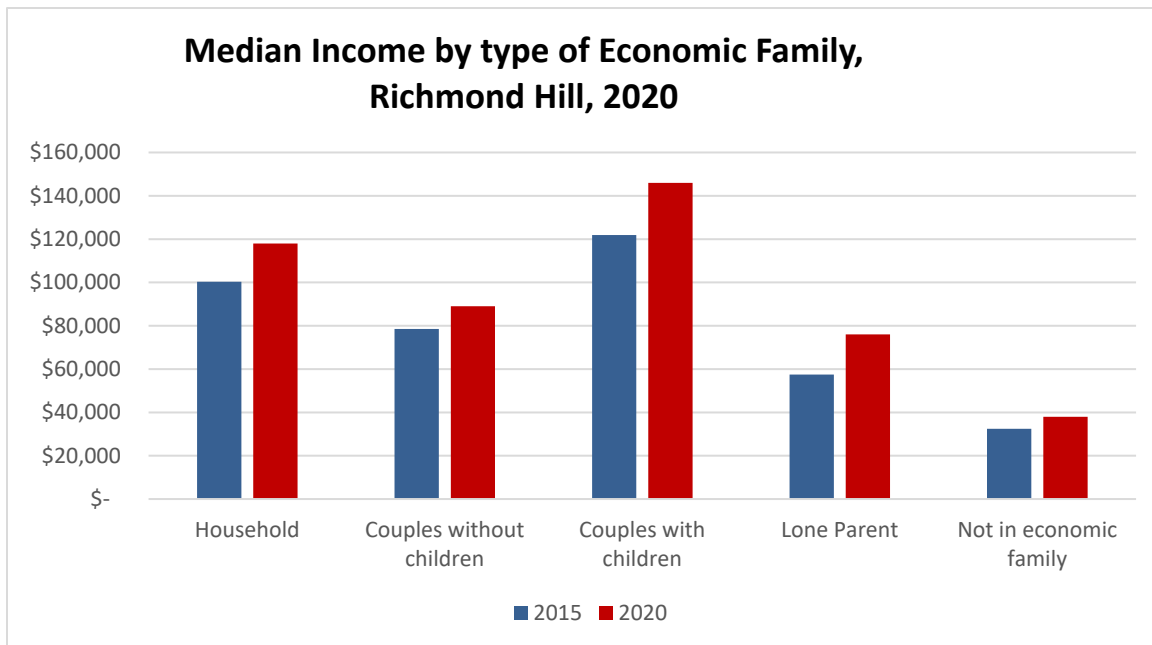
- When distributing household incomes into specific brackets, approximately 51.1% of households in Richmond Hill have incomes greater than \$100,000, and 18.4% of households have incomes greater than \$200,000. On the opposite side, 11% of all Richmond Hill households earn \$35,000 or less (which is about a third of the median household income of \$102,000). And 4.8% earn less than \$20,000 per year (Figure 5)
- Almost a third (31.3%) of Richmond Hill households have an income above \$150,000 and just over a third (35.4%) earn between \$70,000 and \$149,999 meanwhile 30.9% have an income that's under \$70,000.



**Figure 5: Distribution of Household Income in Richmond Hill, 2020**

## Income of economic families

- Overall, the median income for all households in Richmond Hill has risen year-over-year: from \$88,353 in 2015 to \$102,000 in 2021 (Figure 6).
- Couples with children have the highest median income compared to other types of economic families, at \$146,000.
- The median income for lone parent households is \$76,000, which equates to approximately 52% of the median income for couples with children.
- Couples without children have a median income at \$89,000.
- Persons who do not live in an economic family, i.e. those living alone, have a median income of \$38,000.



**Figure 6: Median Income by Economic Family Type in Richmond Hill, 2020**

## Low income

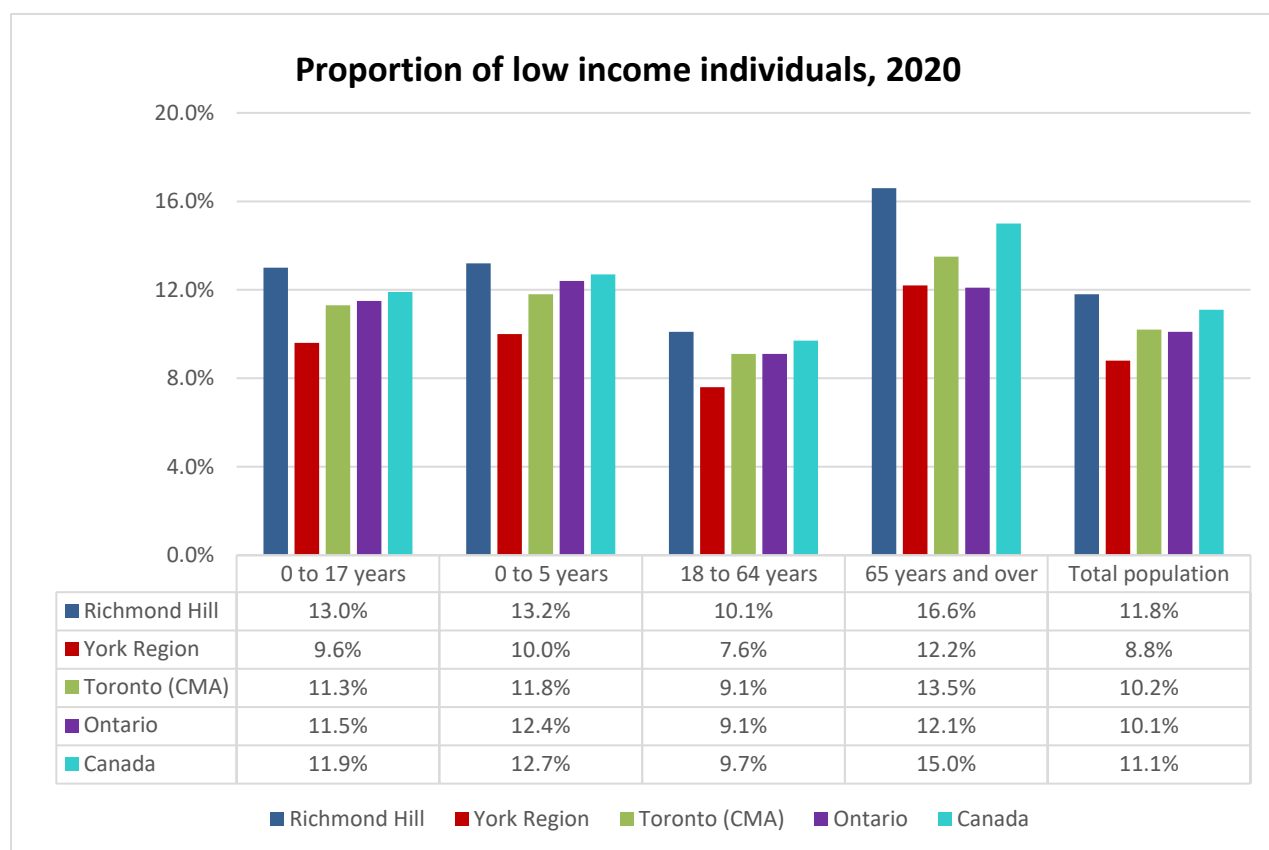
- The Census tracks the number and percentage of individuals that are living in low income households. Statistics Canada primarily uses the After Tax Low Income Measure (LIM-AT), which is an internationally used measure of low income. Under LIM-AT, a household is considered low income if its income is less than half of the median income of all households.
- In Richmond Hill, the median household income reported in the 2021 Census was \$102,000, meaning a household is considered low income if its income was below \$51,000.
- Over 23,000 Richmond Hill residents are classified as being low income (Table 7), which corresponds to 11.8% of the overall population. The proportion of low income residents is highest in seniors (ages 65+) at 16.6%, followed by children (ages 0-17) at 13%.
- The proportion of low income individuals in Richmond Hill has declined from 12.5% in 2010 to 11.8% in 2020 while also peaking at 15.9% in 2015, suggesting that some low income households had left the municipality due to being priced out (Table 7).
- However, the percentage of seniors in low-income households has steadily risen +7.7% from 2010 to 2020, almost doubling their proportion over this period. The 65+ age bracket is also the only one that saw an increase in proportion of low-income individuals from 2015 (+0.3%) (Table 7).

Number of individuals in low income households	2010		2015		2020	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
0 to 17 years	5,745	12.5%	7,370	18.1%	4,950	13.0%
0 to 5 years	1,315	13.8%	1,960	18.4%	1,230	13.2%
18 to 64 years	15,595	12.7%	18,905	15.1%	13,030	10.1%
65 years and over	1,790	8.9%	4,490	16.3%	5,625	16.6%
<b>Total - all ages</b>	<b>23,130</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>30,765</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>23,610</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

**Table 7: Comparison of Individuals in Low Income Household by Age Bracket, Richmond Hill 2010, 2015 & 2020**

### Comparison with other jurisdictions: Low income

- Richmond Hill has a much higher proportion of low income individuals in all age cohorts when compared to the average across York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario and Canada (Figure 7).



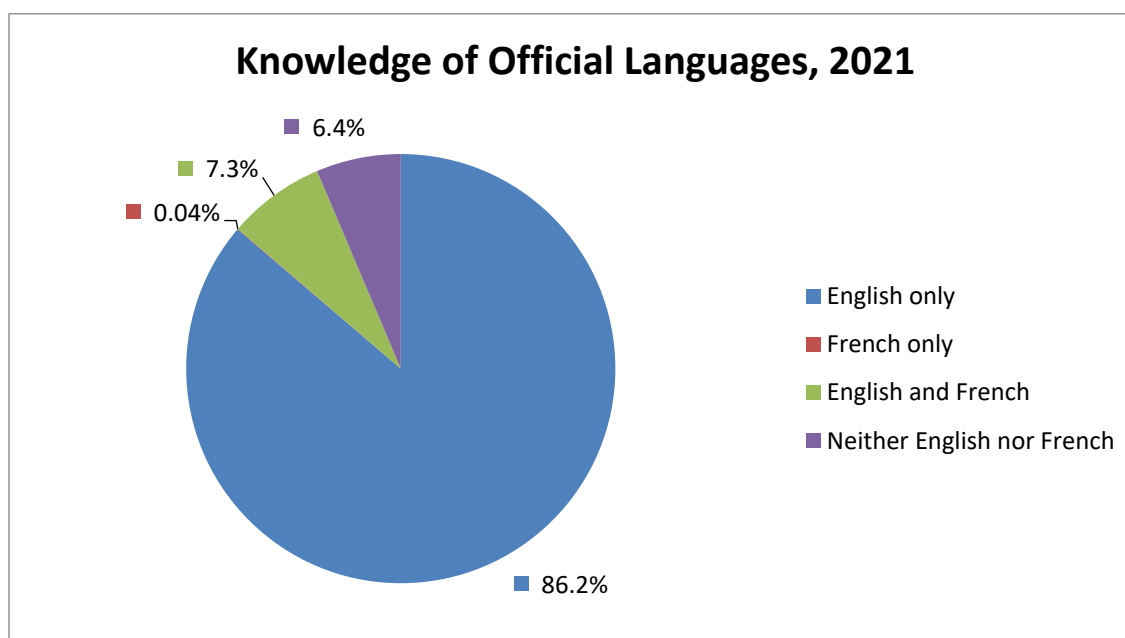
**Figure 7: Inter-Jurisdictional Comparison of Low Income Individuals by Age Group, 2020**

## Knowledge of Official Language

- English is the most common official language in Richmond Hill, with 93.5% of residents able to speak English (Figure 8).
- 6.4% of Richmond Hill residents have no knowledge of either official language (Table 8). This is an increase from 2016 (6.1%) and 2011 (5.1%). The proportion of Richmond Hill residents that cannot speak either official language is also higher than York Region (5.9%), Toronto CMA (4.3%), Ontario (2.4%), and Canada (1.9%).

Knowledge of official languages	2011	2016	2021
English only	87.2%	86.2%	86.2%
French only	0.1%	0.1%	0.04%
English and French	7.7%	7.7%	7.3%
Neither English nor French	5.1%	6.1%	6.4%

**Table 8: Cross-Census Knowledge of Official Language in Richmond Hill**



**Figure 8: Knowledge of Official Language in Richmond Hill, 2021**

## Mother Tongues

- Statistics Canada defines mother tongue as the first language learned by a child at home, and is still able to speak. For the purposes of data collection, only single responses (e.g. only one mother tongue identified) have been included in this analysis.
- English is the most common mother tongue spoken by Richmond Hill residents, with over one-third of residents identifying it as their mother tongue. In terms of non-official languages, Mandarin (13.7%) and Cantonese (12.2%) are the next most common mother tongue (Table 9).
- 50,065 Richmond Hill residents identify a Chinese language as their mother tongue. This represents 26.6% of the Richmond Hill population.
- 126 different languages have been identified as a mother tongue among Richmond Hill residents.
- Ten languages are identified as the mother tongue of 1% or more of Richmond Hill residents, as noted in the chart below (Table 9).

Mother Tongue Language	Number	Percentage
English	68,040	36.2%
Mandarin	25,795	13.7%
Yue (Cantonese)	22,710	12.1%
Persian (Farsi)	19,365	10.3%
Russian	8,610	4.6%
Italian	5,155	2.7%
Korean	4,635	2.5%
Arabic	2,645	1.4%
Spanish	2,310	1.2%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	1,850	1.0%
<i>Other languages</i>	22,960	12.2%

**Table 9: Most Common Mother Tongue Languages in Richmond Hill, 2021**