



NANTON

Demographics Report

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Executive Summary

Nanton is a small but growing town whose 2021 social and household profile was shaped more by stability and concentration than by rapid internal change. Household and family size were notably steady across the last decade, with average household size holding at 2.2 and average family size at 2.6. The town's overall structure leaned toward smaller households and mature family arrangements rather than larger family units. At the same time, the broader population trend moved upward, with growth strengthening after 2021 and the total population reaching 2,522 in 2025.

The clearest demographic pattern in Nanton is an older age profile. The largest age groups in 2021 were in the 60 to 74 range, and the median age was 52.8, continuing a longer-term aging trend that had slowed in recent years rather than reversed. Household responsibility was also concentrated in older age groups, especially among primary maintainers aged 55 to 64 and 65 to 74. This age structure is reflected in the town's household mix. Two-person households were the most common, one-person households were also numerous, and couple-family households without children formed the largest household type. Married couples without children were the largest family group, while couple households with children declined and one-parent families rose modestly. Marriage remained the largest marital status, but sizable numbers of residents were either not married or living common-law, giving the town a mixed but still family-centered living arrangement profile.

Nanton's cultural profile was also concentrated in a few dominant patterns. Religion was split almost evenly between Christian affiliation and no religion, with only small numbers in other faith categories. English overwhelmingly dominated both mother tongue and household language knowledge, though smaller language groups such as Tagalog and German were present and showed some change. Visible minority counts remained small and uneven across groups, while Indigenous identity and ancestry were centered on First Nations and Métis residents, both of which increased over the five years shown. The overall picture is of a town that has been expanding in population while retaining a settled character: older in age, centered on smaller households, and marked by modest but visible diversity within a largely stable social structure.

Average Household Size

Nanton's average household size was 2.2 people in 2021, unchanged from 2016 and 2011. The measure has shown no movement over five years, remaining stable at 2.2 throughout the period.

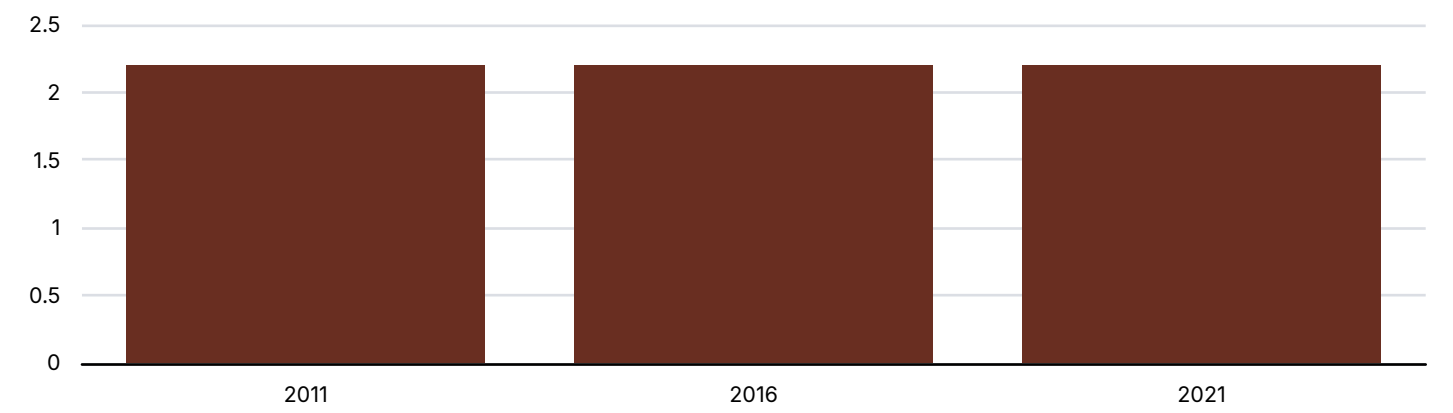


Figure 1.1: Shows the average number of people living in each household. It helps indicate typical living arrangements and the kinds of homes households may need. (Nanton, 2011-2021)¹

Nanton's average household size was stable at 2.2 people per private household in 2011, 2016, and 2021. The measure shows no change across the decade, with the 5-year change recorded as 0 in both later census points. That steady pattern suggests little movement in typical household living arrangements over time. Within the town, the data points to consistency rather than expansion or contraction in household size.

Nanton's average household size has remained steady at 2.2 people across 2011, 2016 and 2021. That stability suggests a very consistent household pattern over the decade, with no measurable five-year change in either interval. Compared with nearby places, Nanton sits near the lower-middle of the local range. It is below Cardston County at 2.9, Magrath at 3.0 and Piikani 147 at 3.2, but close to Claresholm at 2.1, Pincher Creek at 2.3 and Fort Macleod at 2.4.

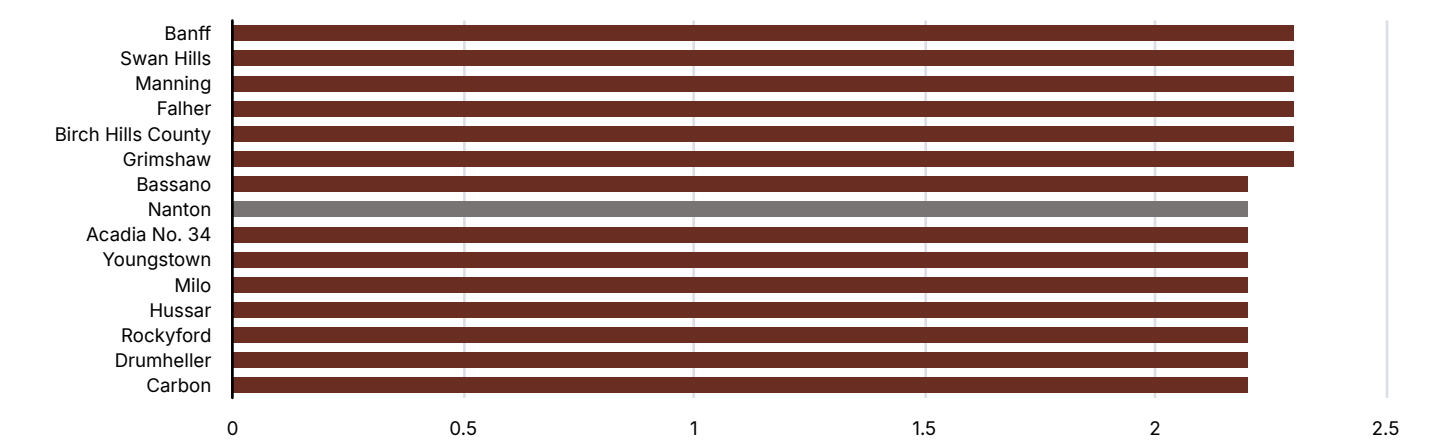


Figure 1.2: Comparison of Average Household Size with other locations (Nanton, 2021)¹

Average Number of Children per Family

Nanton’s census families with children averaged 1.7 children in 2021. That figure provides the typical family size for child-relevant planning, with no other year-to-year comparison available in the dataset.

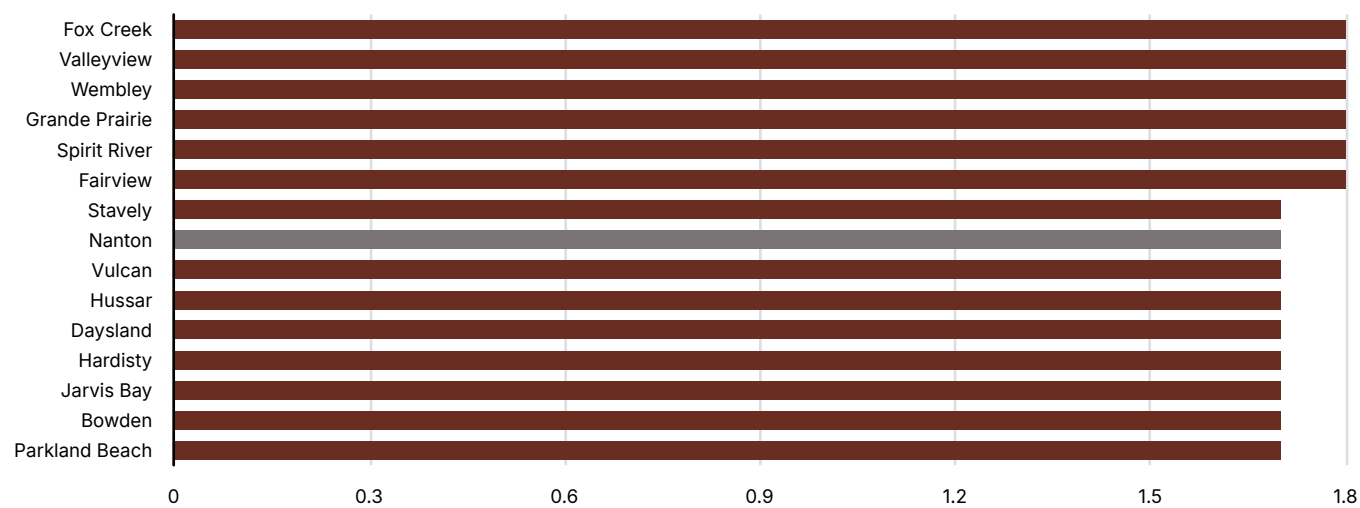


Figure 2.1: Comparison of Average Number of Children per Family with other locations (Nanton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Nanton had an average of 1.7 children per census family with children. That places it at the lower end of the local comparison group, matching Improvement District No. 4 Waterton and Stavely at 1.8, and sitting below several nearby places at 1.9 or more. By contrast, Cowley recorded 2.3, Cardston County 2.6, and Glenwood and Magrath 2.5. The figure suggests relatively smaller family size in Nanton compared with many surrounding communities, while still remaining close to the lowest values in the group.



In 2021, Nanton’s census families with children had an average of 1.7 children, a fairly compact family size for this measure. The nearby dissemination areas ranged from 1.6 to 1.8 children per family, placing Nanton in the middle of a narrow spread. This suggests a broadly similar family pattern across the area, with only modest variation.

Figure 2.2: Distribution of Average Number of Children per Family (Nanton, 2021)¹

Indigenous Ancestry

Nanton's largest Indigenous ancestry group was First Nations and non-Indigenous ancestry only at 80 people in 2021, up 128.6% from 35 in 2016. Métis single ancestry reached 30 people, rising 200.0%.

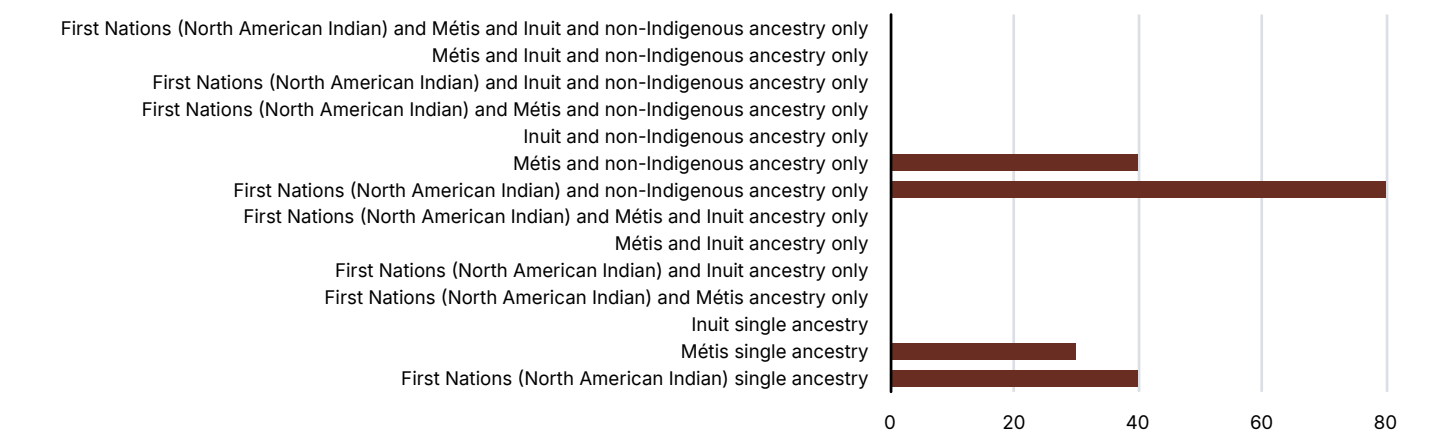


Figure 3.1: Shows residents with Indigenous ancestry. It helps indicate ancestral connections to First Nations, Métis, or Inuit peoples. (Nanton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Indigenous ancestry in Nanton was concentrated in a few categories within the population in private households. The largest group was First Nations (North American Indian) single ancestry at 40 people, followed by Métis single ancestry at 30. First Nations and non-Indigenous ancestry only accounted for 80 people, while Métis and non-Indigenous ancestry only counted 40. The five-year change points to mixed movement. First Nations single ancestry rose by 166.7%, Métis single ancestry increased by 200.0%, and First Nations and non-Indigenous ancestry only grew by 128.6%. Métis and non-Indigenous ancestry only fell by 27.3%. Inuit categories were reported at zero.



Figure 3.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Indigenous Ancestry - First Nations (North American Indian) and non-Indigenous ancestry only (Nanton)¹

Age Groups

Nanton's largest age group in 2021 was 65 to 69 years at 205 people, unchanged from 2016. The 5 to 9 years group rose 29.4% to 110, the largest five-year increase.

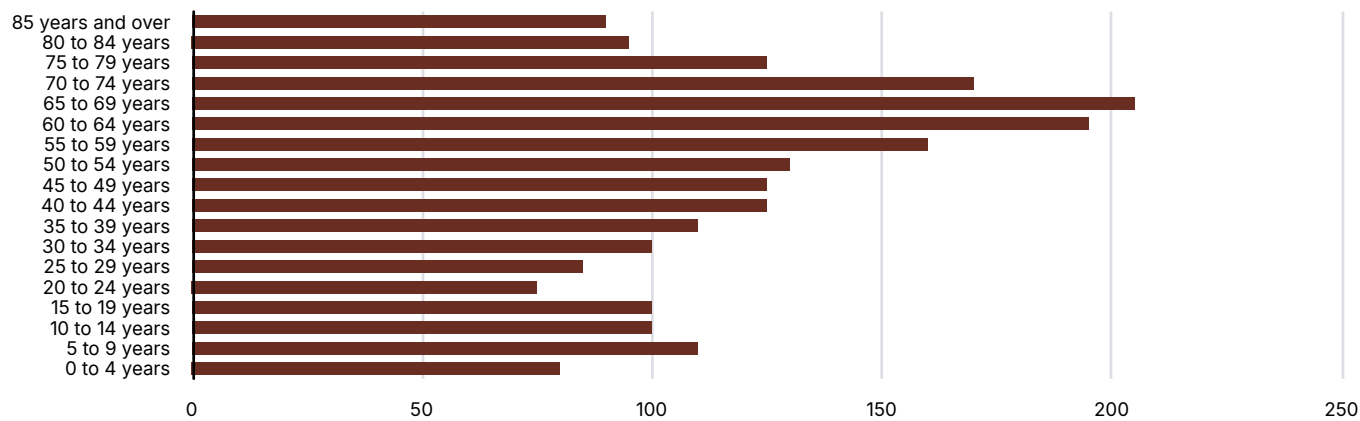


Figure 4.1: Shows how the population is distributed across age groups. It helps explain the community's age structure and stage of life profile. (Nanton, 2021)¹

Nanton's 2021 age profile shows a population spread across all life stages, with the largest cohorts in the older working and senior ages. The 65 to 69 group is the single biggest at 205 people, followed by 60 to 64 at 195 and 70 to 74 at 170. Recent change is mixed. The 5 to 9 group rose 29.4% and those 85 and over increased 28.6%, while children aged 0 to 4 fell 27.3% and 50 to 54 declined 10.3%. This points to shifting strength in different age bands rather than one clear direction.

Nanton's age profile in 2021 shows a community with a substantial older population alongside a smaller child cohort. The largest groups are 65 to 69 years, at 205 people, and 60 to 64 years, at 195. By contrast, the youngest group, ages 0 to 4, totals 80 people, while several working-age bands sit between 100 and 130. Recent change is mixed. The 0 to 4 group fell 27.3% over five years, while 70 to 74 rose 17.2% and 85 and over increased 28.6%.

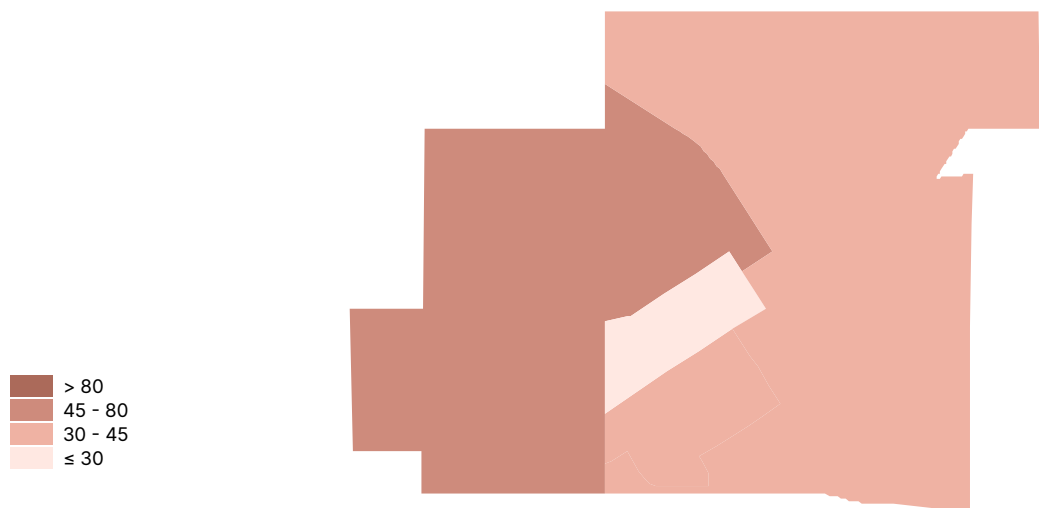


Figure 4.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Age Group - 65 to 69 years (Nanton)¹

Family Type

Married couples without children were the largest family type in Nanton at 300 people in 2021, down 14.3% from 2016. Married couples with children fell to 160, while one-parent families rose to 75.

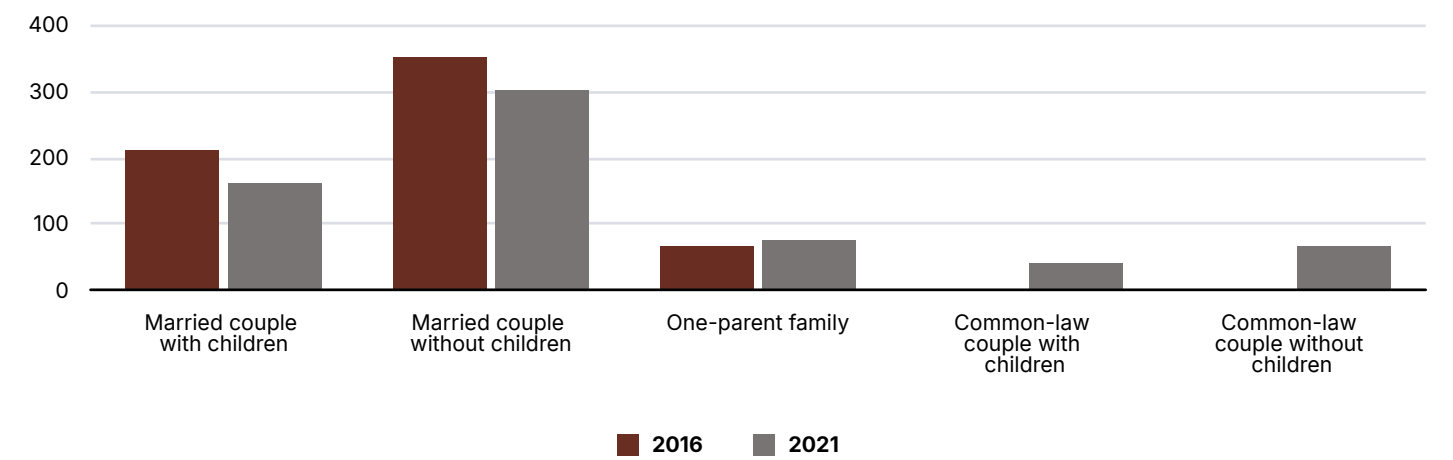


Figure 5.1: Shows the mix of family types, such as couple families and lone-parent families. It helps indicate the structure of family life in the community. (Nanton, 2016-2021)¹

In 2021, Nanton's census families were mostly couple families, with married couples without children forming the largest group. The family mix was concentrated, but it also showed some movement over five years. Married couples without children numbered 300, down 14.3%. Married couples with children stood at 160, a steeper decline of 23.8%. Common-law couples were smaller groups, at 65 without children and 40 with children. One-parent families numbered 75 and rose 15.4% over five years. That increase contrasts with the decline in both married-couple categories. The pattern suggests a family structure led by couple households in 2021, while the only growing category was one-parent families.



In Nanton, census families in private households are dominated by married couples, especially those without children. In 2021, there were 300 married couple families without children and 160 with children, compared with 75 one-parent families, 65 common-law couples without children, and 40 common-law couples with children. The five-year pattern shows fewer married couple families and a rise in one-parent families, suggesting a modest shift in family structure rather than a uniform change across all family types.

Figure 5.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Family Type - Married couple without children (Nanton)¹

Religion

In Nanton, Christian residents formed the largest group at 1,020 people in 2021, closely followed by 1,005 with no religion and secular perspectives. Other religions were much smaller, including 25 other and 10 Jewish residents.

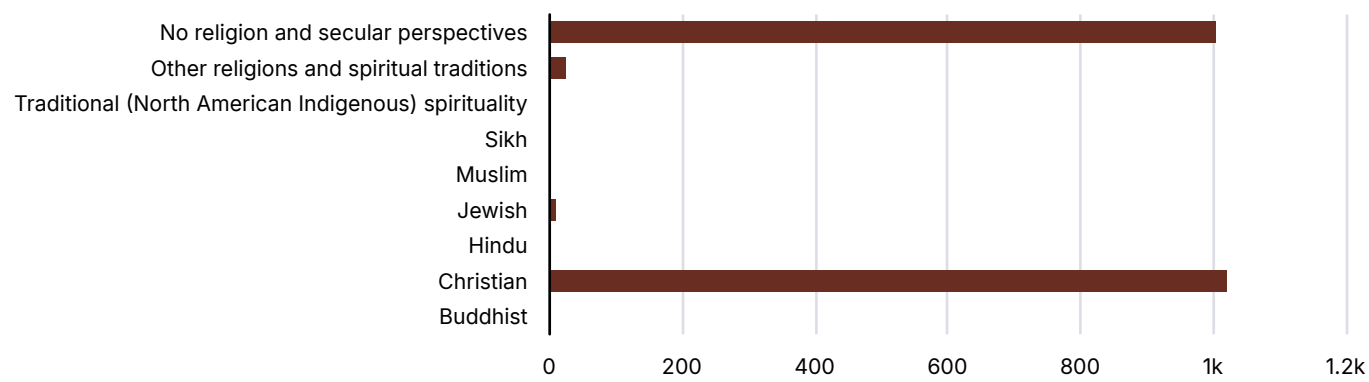


Figure 6.1: Shows residents' religious affiliation. It helps indicate the spiritual and faith-based diversity of the community. (Nanton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Nanton’s religious profile was split mainly between Christian affiliation and no religion or secular perspectives. Christians numbered 1,020 people, while 1,005 reported no religion. Smaller groups included 25 people with other religions and spiritual traditions and 10 Jewish residents. The remaining listed faiths were recorded at zero. With no earlier year provided, the dataset shows a single-point snapshot rather than a trend.

In Nanton, religion in 2021 was split mainly between Christian affiliation and no religion or secular perspectives. The town recorded 1,020 Christians and 1,005 people with no religion, leaving only small numbers in other categories. Other reported affiliations were 25 people with other religions and spiritual traditions and 10 Jewish residents; Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, and Traditional Indigenous spirituality each recorded 0. Across the local areas shown, Christian and non-religious counts dominated the profile.



Figure 6.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Religion - Christian (Nanton)¹

Mother Tongue

English remained the largest mother tongue in Nanton at 1,925 people, down 2.5% over five years. Tagalog reached 30 people, rising 50%, while German also totalled 30 and grew 20%.

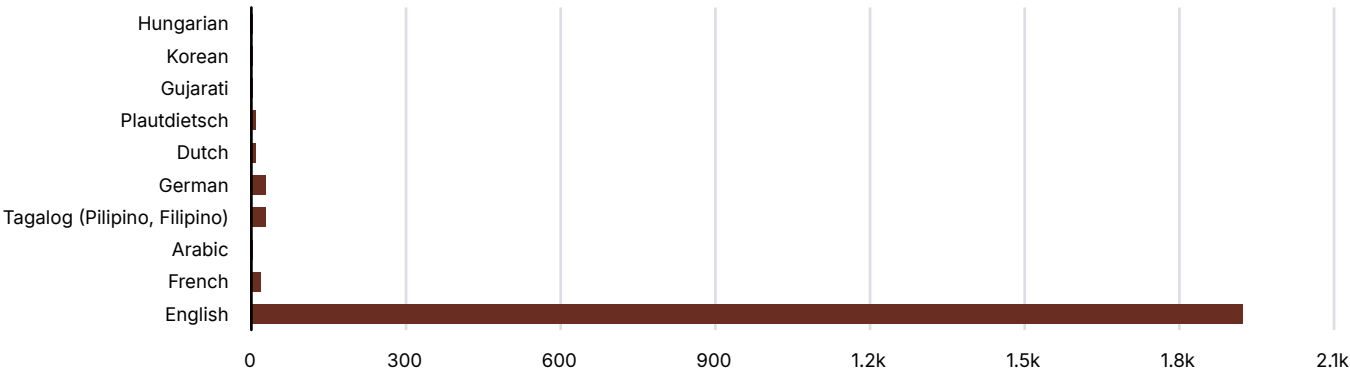


Figure 7.1: Shows the first language learned and still understood by residents. It helps indicate the linguistic roots of the population. (Nanton, 2021)¹

In Nanton, English was by far the most common mother tongue in 2021, with 1,925 people reporting it. Smaller language groups added modest diversity: Tagalog and German each had 30 speakers, while French had 20. Over five years, Tagalog rose by 50% and German by 20%, while English slipped by 2.5% and French fell by 20%. Several smaller languages, including Arabic, Gujarati, Korean and Hungarian, were each reported by five people.

In Nanton, mother tongue is strongly dominated by English, with 1,925 people reporting it in 2021. The next largest languages are far smaller: Tagalog and German at 30 each, French at 20, and Dutch, Plautdietsch, Gujarati, Korean, and Hungarian at 10 or 5. The pattern points to a largely English-speaking town with limited but visible linguistic diversity. Over five years, English fell slightly, French declined by 20, while Tagalog rose by 50 and German by 20. Smaller gains appear in some local areas, reinforcing a mixed but concentrated language profile.



Figure 7.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Language - English (Nanton)¹

Visible Minority

Nanton’s largest visible minority group in 2021 was South Asian at 30 people, up 100% from 2016. Chinese fell to zero, while Filipino declined to 20 and Black remained at 10.

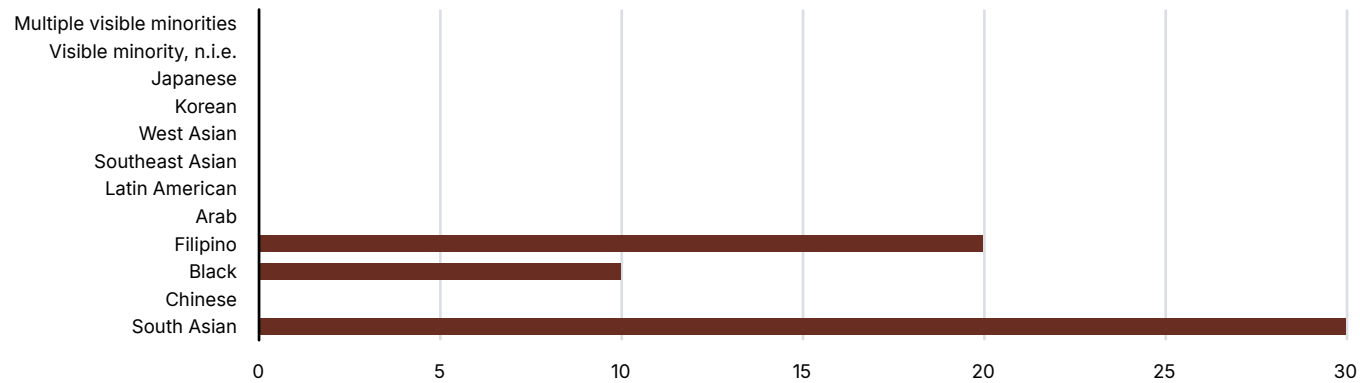


Figure 8.1: Shows residents who identify as belonging to visible minority groups. It helps indicate racialized population diversity in the community. (Nanton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Nanton’s visible minority population was small and concentrated in a few groups. South Asian residents were the largest group at 30 people, up 100% over five years. Filipino residents numbered 20, though this was down 20%. Black residents were 10, while Chinese, Southeast Asian and Multiple visible minorities each stood at 0 after declines of 100% where change was reported. Several other groups were also recorded at zero. The pattern suggests limited but uneven change rather than broad-based diversification.

In 2021, Nanton’s visible minority population was small and concentrated in a few groups. South Asian residents were the largest group at 30 people, followed by Filipino at 20 and Black at 10. Several other groups were recorded at zero. At the dissemination area level, the pattern was uneven. One area had 20 South Asian residents, another had 20 Filipino residents, while the remaining areas showed no visible minority residents in most categories. This suggests limited diversity across the town, with only a few visible minority groups appearing in the counts.



Figure 8.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Visible Minority - South Asian (Nanton)¹

Indigenous Identity

Nanton’s Indigenous population was led by First Nations residents at 70 people in 2021, up 600.0% from 2016. Métis residents numbered 65, rising 62.5%, while Inuit and other responses remained at zero.

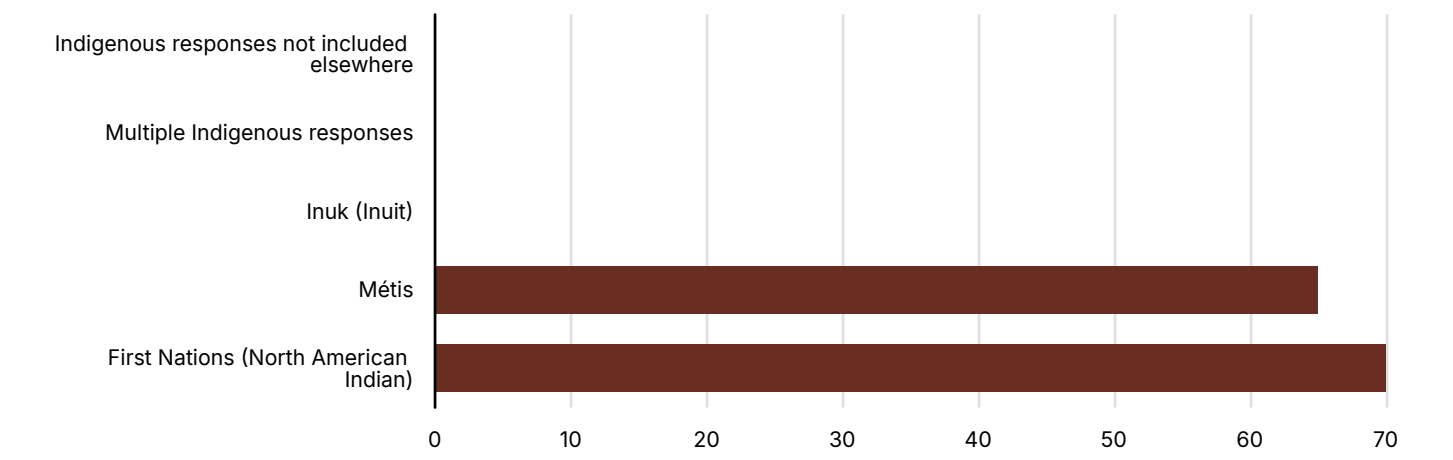


Figure 9.1: Shows residents who identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit. It helps indicate the presence of Indigenous communities in the area. (Nanton, 2021)¹

In Nanton, Indigenous identity in 2021 was concentrated in two reported groups: First Nations and Métis. The town counted 70 First Nations residents and 65 Métis residents in private households. Inuit, multiple Indigenous responses, and Indigenous responses not included elsewhere were each reported as 0. The 5-year change points in different directions. First Nations identity increased by 600%, while Métis identity rose by 62.5%. With no other Indigenous categories recorded, the profile is narrow but shows clear growth over the period. The available data suggest a small but expanding Indigenous presence in the town.



In 2021, Indigenous identity in Nanton was concentrated in First Nations and Métis responses, with no recorded Inuit, multiple, or other Indigenous responses in the town total. Nanton reported 70 First Nations residents and 65 Métis residents in private households. First Nations responses rose 600% over five years, while Métis responses increased 62.5%. The pattern was uneven across local areas, with one dissemination area showing 45 First Nations residents and another 40 Métis residents. This suggests a small but visible Indigenous population, with growth recorded in the two largest groups.

Figure 9.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Indigenous Identity - Métis (Nanton)¹

Household Size

In Nanton, two-person households were the largest group in 2021 at 435, up 10.1% from 2016. One-person households held at 275, while three-person households fell to 85, down 15.0%.

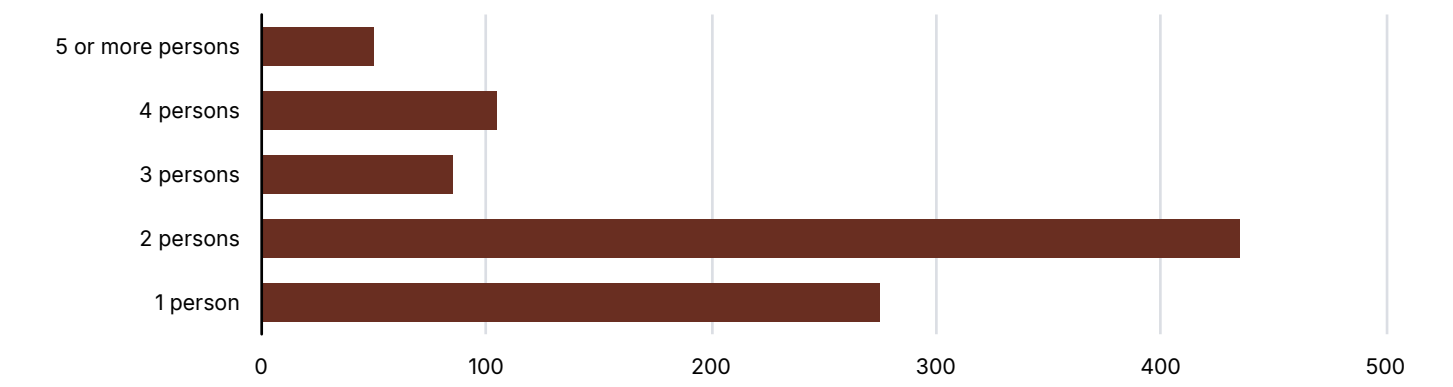


Figure 10.1: Shows the number of people living in households. It helps indicate common household arrangements and likely housing needs. (Nanton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Nanton’s private households were concentrated in smaller sizes. Single-person households numbered 275, while two-person households were the largest group at 435. Larger households were less common, with 85 three-person households, 105 four-person households, and 50 households with five or more people. Over five years, two-person households rose by 10.1% and five-or-more-person households by 11.1%, while three-person and four-person households declined by 15.0% and 4.5%, respectively.

In Nanton’s 2021 private households, two-person households were the most common at 435, followed by one-person households at 275. Larger households were less frequent, with 105 four-person households, 85 three-person households, and 50 households of five or more people. This pattern points to a household profile centered on smaller arrangements. The five-year change was strongest for two-person households at 10.1%, while three-person households fell 15.0% and four-person households slipped 4.5%.



Figure 10.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Household Size - 2 persons (Nanton)¹

Living Arrangement

Married spouses or common-law partners were the largest group in Nanton in 2021, at 1,130 people. Children in two-parent families numbered 370, and 280 people lived alone, showing a mixed household profile.

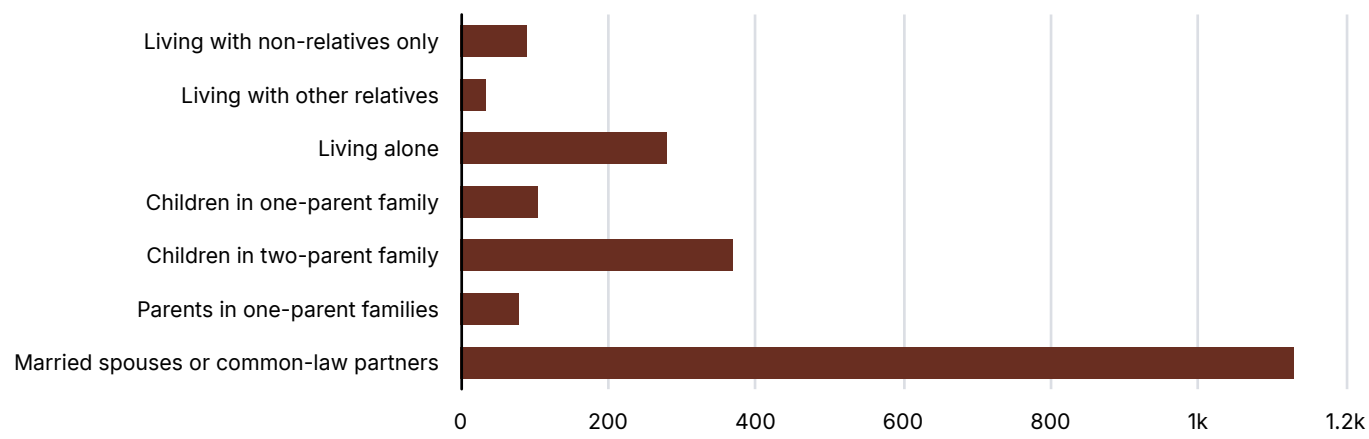


Figure 11.1: Shows residents' living arrangements, such as living alone, with family, or with others. It helps indicate household formation and support networks. (Nanton, 2021)¹

In Nanton, the 2021 living arrangement profile was centered on partnered households. Married spouses or common-law partners accounted for 1,130 people, far more than any other group in private households. Children in two-parent families were the next largest group at 370, followed by people living alone at 280. Smaller groups included children in one-parent families at 105, people living with non-relatives only at 90, parents in one-parent families at 80, and those living with other relatives at 35. With only a single year provided, the data show structure rather than change over time, and that structure is clearly weighted toward family-based living arrangements.

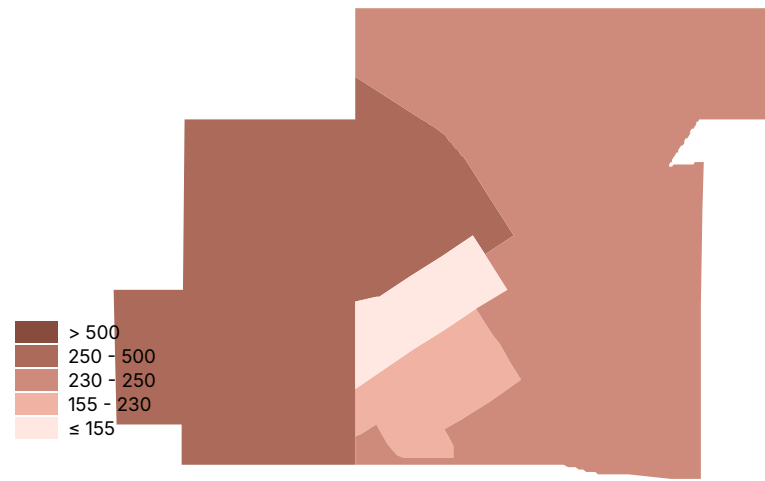


Figure 11.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Living Arrangement - Married spouses or common-law partners (Nanton)¹

In Nanton, living arrangements in 2021 were dominated by married spouses or common-law partners, at 1,130 people in private households. Living alone was the next largest group at 280, while children in two-parent families numbered 370 and children in one-parent families 105. The mix points to a household profile led by couples and families, with smaller shares living alone or with non-relatives. Other categories were limited: 90 people lived with non-relatives only, 35 with other relatives, and 80 were parents in one-parent families.

Marital Status

In Nanton, married residents remained the largest group at 945 people in 2021, down 6.4% from 2016. Living common-law rose to 210, up 40.0%, while not married and not living common-law reached 710.

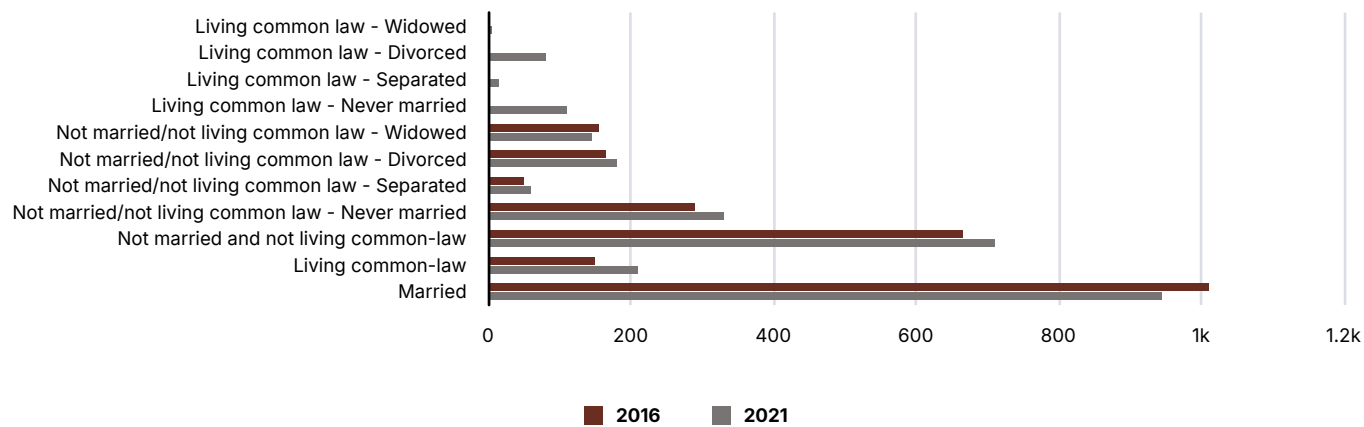


Figure 12.1: Shows the marital status of residents, such as single, married, divorced, separated, or widowed. It helps indicate relationship patterns and household formation. (Nanton, 2016-2021)¹

In 2021, Nanton's marital status profile for residents aged 15 and over was led by married people, alongside a sizable group who were not married and not living common-law. The distribution also included common-law relationships and smaller separated, divorced, and widowed categories. Married residents numbered 945, down 6.4% over five years. Those not married and not living common-law totaled 710, up 6.8%. Living common-law accounted for 210 people and rose 40%. Within the not married and not living common-law group, 330 were never married, 60 were separated, 180 were divorced, and 145 were widowed. Widowed residents declined 6.5%. The pattern shows a population where marriage remained the largest status, but several non-married categories also represented meaningful shares in 2021.

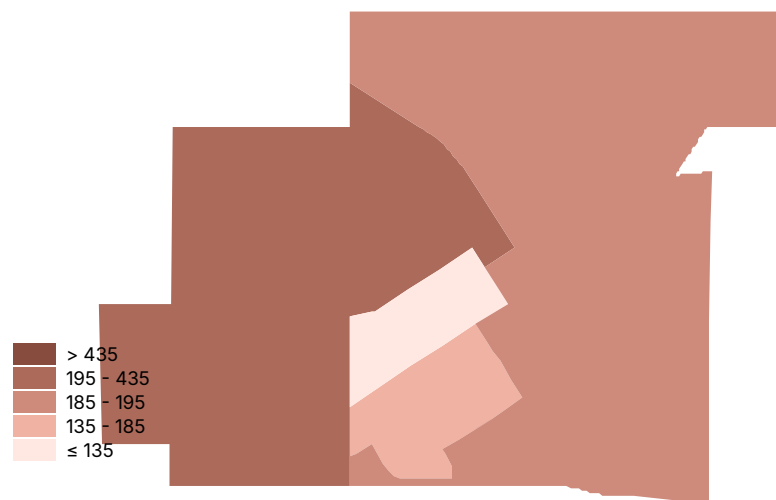


Figure 12.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Marital Status - Married (Nanton)¹

In Nanton, marital status in 2021 was fairly balanced between people who were married and those not living common-law, with common-law relationships a smaller but notable share. There were 945 married residents, 710 who were not married and not living common-law, and 210 living common-law. Within the unmarried group, 330 had never married and 180 were divorced. The pattern suggests a community where marriage remains the largest status, but a sizable unmarried population also shapes household formation. Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile.

Language Knowledge in Households

English was the largest household language group in Nanton at 2,105 households, up 3.4% over five years. French followed at 85, while Hindi and Spanish each reached 20, both doubling.

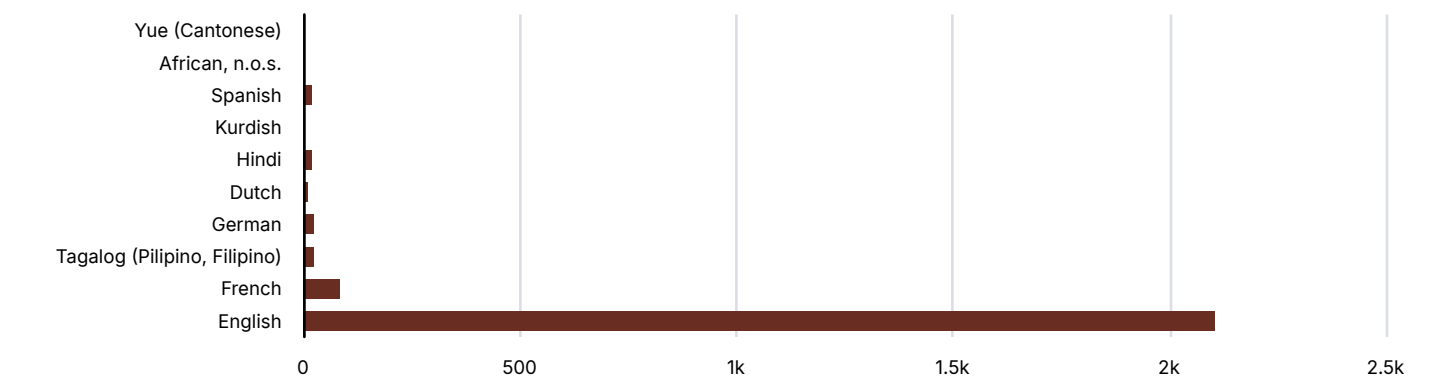


Figure 13.1: Shows the languages household members can speak. It helps indicate multilingual capacity and potential language access needs. (Nanton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Nanton’s language knowledge in private households was overwhelmingly English. English was reported in 2,105 households, far ahead of any other language. French appeared in 85 households and showed the strongest 5-year growth, up 88.9%. Hindi and Spanish each were reported in 20 households and doubled over five years, while Tagalog was at 25 households and declined 16.7%. German also fell, to 25 households. The pattern points to a mostly English-speaking community with a small but changing multilingual presence.

In Nanton, household language knowledge in 2021 was strongly centered on English, with 2,105 household members able to speak it. French was a distant second at 85, and several other languages appeared in much smaller numbers, including Tagalog and German at 25 each, and Hindi and Spanish at 20 each. The 5-year changes point to mixed movement: French nearly doubled, while Tagalog and German declined. The pattern suggests a largely English-speaking household profile with limited but varied multilingual capacity.



Figure 13.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Language - English (Nanton)¹

Household Type

In Nanton, couple-family households without children were the largest group in 2021 at 360 households, up 5.9% since 2016. One-person households were close behind at 280, while couple-family households with children fell to 180.

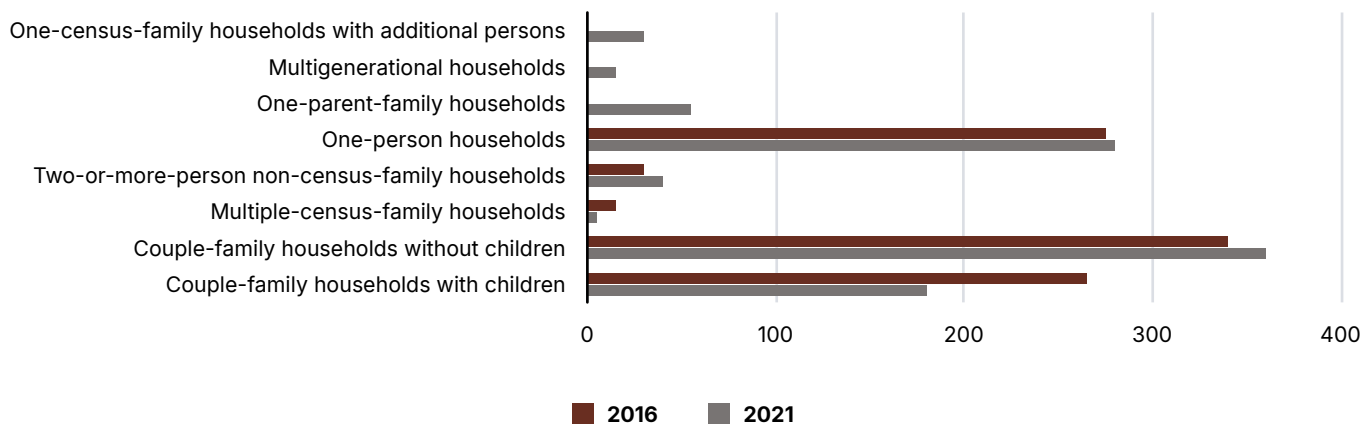


Figure 14.1: Shows the mix of household types, including one-person, family, and non-family households. It helps indicate how residents are organized across living arrangements. (Nanton, 2016-2021)¹

Nanton's household mix in 2021 was led by couple-family households without children and one-person households, with recent change showing a split pattern. Some household types grew over five years, while others declined, suggesting a shifting balance in living arrangements among private households. Couple-family households without children numbered 360 and were up 5.9% over five years. One-person households totaled 280 and edged up 1.8%. By contrast, couple-family households with children fell to 180, down 32.1%. Smaller categories moved unevenly. Two-or-more-person non-census-family households reached 40, a 33.3% increase, while multiple-census-family households fell to 5, down 66.7%. The pattern points to stability in some household forms, alongside a noticeable contraction in larger family arrangements with children.



Figure 14.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Household Type - Couple-family households without children (Nanton)¹

In Nanton, private households in 2021 were concentrated in couple families without children and one-person households. There were 360 couple-family households without children and 280 one-person households, compared with 180 couple-family households with children. Smaller categories included 55 one-parent families and 15 multigenerational households. Over five years, couple families with children fell 32.1%, while one-person households edged up 1.8%.

Average Family Size

Nanton's average family size was 2.6 people in 2021, unchanged from 2016 and 2011. The measure held flat over five years and a decade, with no variation across the period.

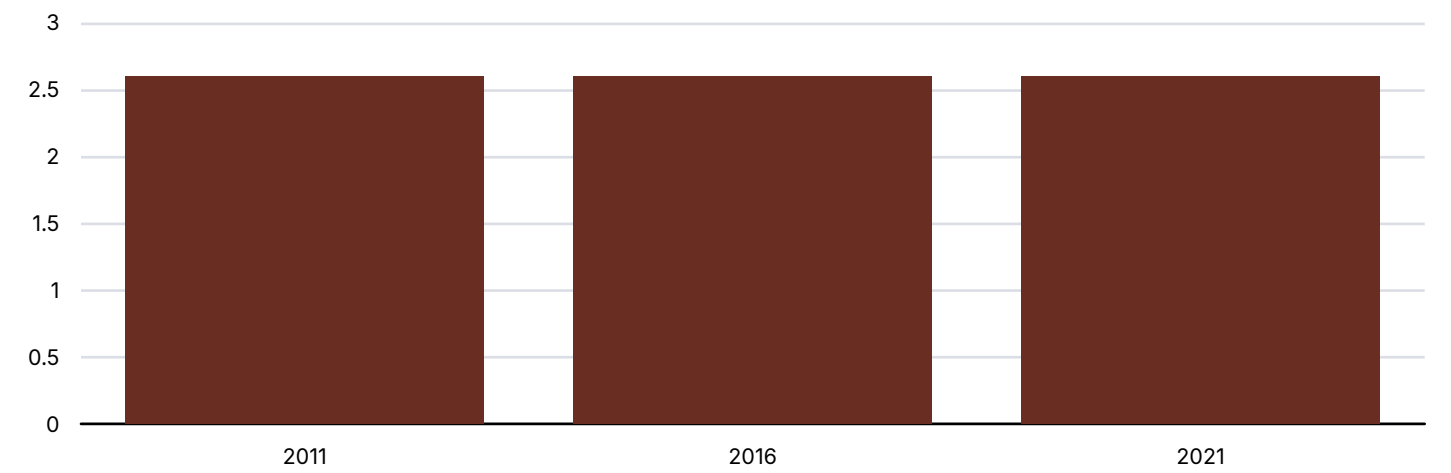
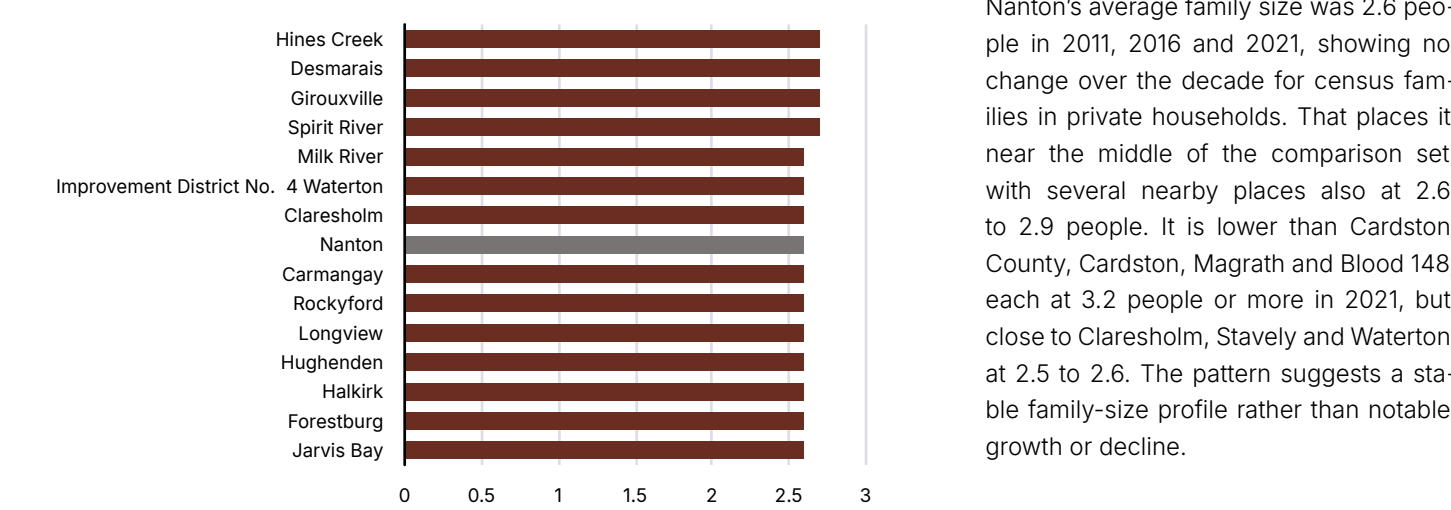


Figure 15.1: Shows the average number of people in family households. It helps indicate typical family living arrangements and space needs. (Nanton, 2011-2021)¹

Nanton's average family size has been stable across the last three census years. In 2011, 2016, and 2021, the figure remained at 2.6 people per census family in private households. That steady pattern leaves little year-to-year movement to describe. The 5-year change was 0 in both 2016 and 2021, matching the unchanged average of 2.6. With no shift over time, Nanton shows a consistent family size profile rather than growth or decline. The data do not point to any short-term change in typical household composition within the census family universe. For this measure, the main feature is stability: the average family size in Nanton stayed unchanged at 2.6 people from 2011 through 2021.



Nanton's average family size was 2.6 people in 2011, 2016 and 2021, showing no change over the decade for census families in private households. That places it near the middle of the comparison set, with several nearby places also at 2.6 to 2.9 people. It is lower than Cardston County, Cardston, Magrath and Blood 148, each at 3.2 people or more in 2021, but close to Claresholm, Stavely and Waterton at 2.5 to 2.6. The pattern suggests a stable family-size profile rather than notable growth or decline.

Figure 15.2: Comparison of Average Family Size with other locations (Nanton, 2021)¹

Total Population

Nanton's population reached 2,522 in 2025, up 13.25% over five years. Growth accelerated in recent years, rising from 2,221 in 2021 to 2,522, after a brief dip in 2017.

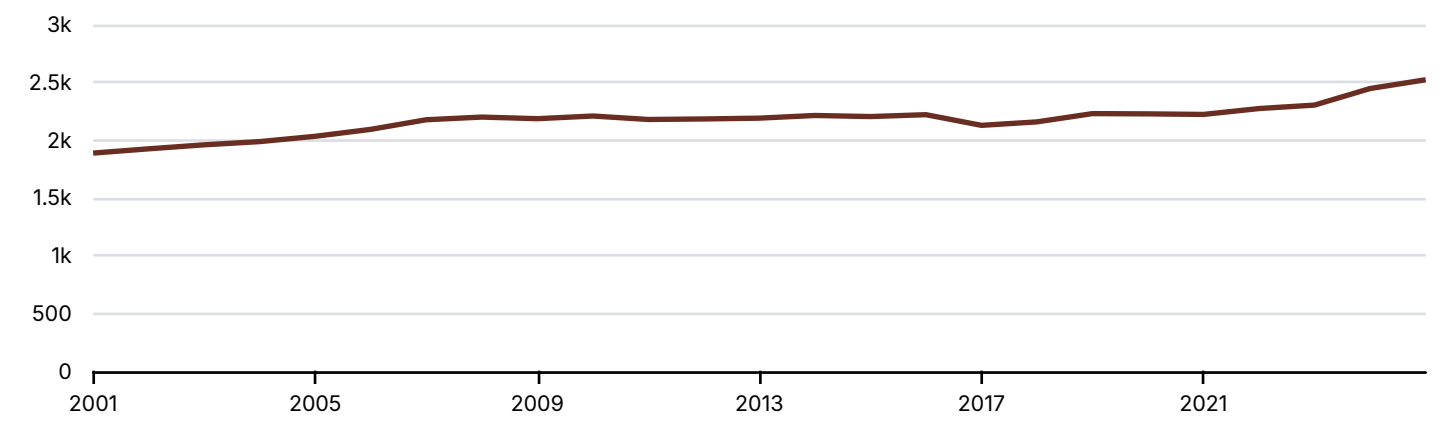


Figure 16.1: Shows the total number of people living in the area. It provides the basic population benchmark used across many other indicators. (Nanton, 2001-2025)²

Nanton's total population has edged upward over time, with small fluctuations along the way. The town had 1,887 people in 2001 and 2,522 in 2025, showing a gradual long-run increase. Growth was uneven across the period. Population reached 2,207 in 2010, slipped to 2,126 in 2017, then climbed again to 2,446 in 2024 and 2,522 in 2025. The recent gains stand out most. After modest changes early in the 2020s, the population rose by 6.9% in 2022, 6.7% in 2023, and 9.8% in 2024, pointing to a stronger upward trend in the latest years.

Nanton's total population has risen steadily in recent years, reaching 2,522 people in 2025. That marks growth from 2,221 in 2021 and 2,446 in 2024, showing clear upward momentum in the latest period. Among nearby places, Nanton remains smaller than Claresholm at 4,242 and Fort Macleod at 3,945, but it is well above Hill Spring's 183 and Cowley's 209. The pattern suggests a mid-sized local centre that has been expanding faster than some peers.

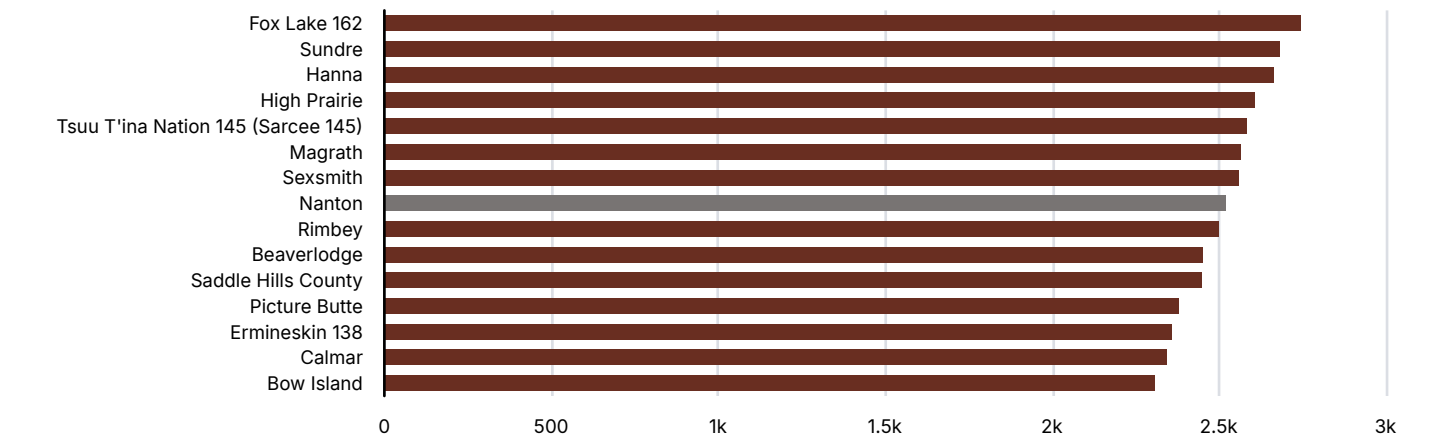


Figure 16.2: Comparison of Total Population with other locations (Nanton, 2025)²

Primary Maintainer Age

In Nanton, households maintained by people aged 55 to 64 years were the largest group at 225 in 2021, up 32.35% from 2016. The 25 to 34 group rose fastest, reaching 110.

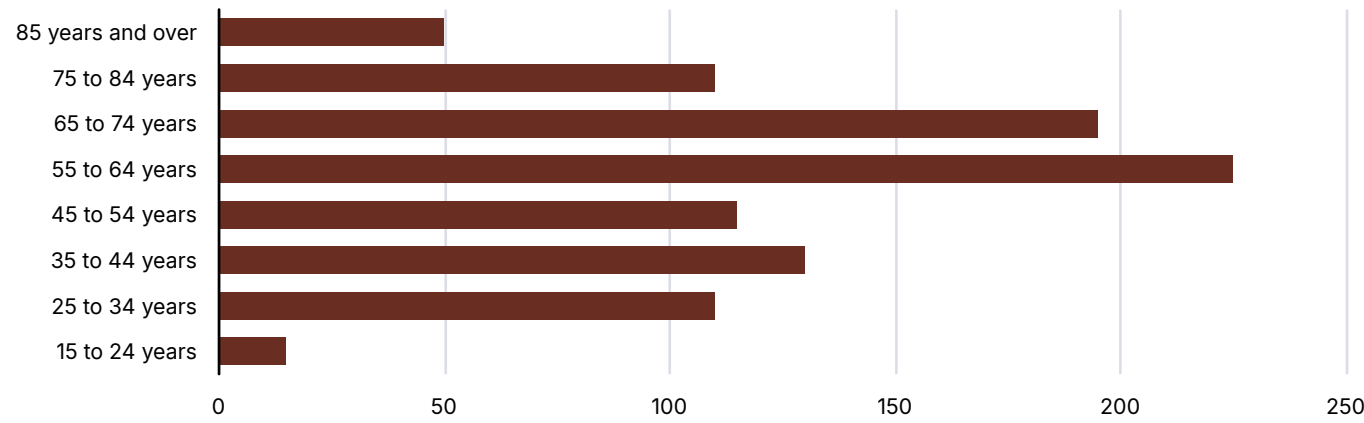


Figure 17.1: Shows the age of the primary household maintainer. It helps indicate which life stages are carrying primary financial responsibility for housing. (Nanton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Nanton's primary household maintainers were concentrated in older age groups, with the largest counts among those aged 55 to 64 years (225 households) and 65 to 74 years (195). Middle-age maintainers were also common, at 130 households for ages 35 to 44 and 115 for ages 45 to 54. Over five years, the sharpest rise was among ages 25 to 34, up 69.2%, while ages 45 to 54 fell 36.1%. The pattern suggests a shift in who is carrying housing responsibility across age groups.

In Nanton, primary household maintainers in 2021 were concentrated in older age groups, with the 55 to 64 cohort the largest at 225 households. The next largest groups were 65 to 74 years at 195 and 35 to 44 years at 130. By contrast, only 15 households were maintained by people aged 15 to 24, and 50 by those 85 and over. The age profile suggests housing responsibility was centered in later working life and early retirement years, while younger maintainers were fewer.



Figure 17.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Household Maintainer Age - 55 to 64 years (Nanton)¹

Median Age

Nanton's median age was 52.8 years in 2021, up slightly from 52.7 in 2016 and 49.4 in 2011. The five-year increase was 0.2%, while the 2011 to 2021 rise was 3.4%.

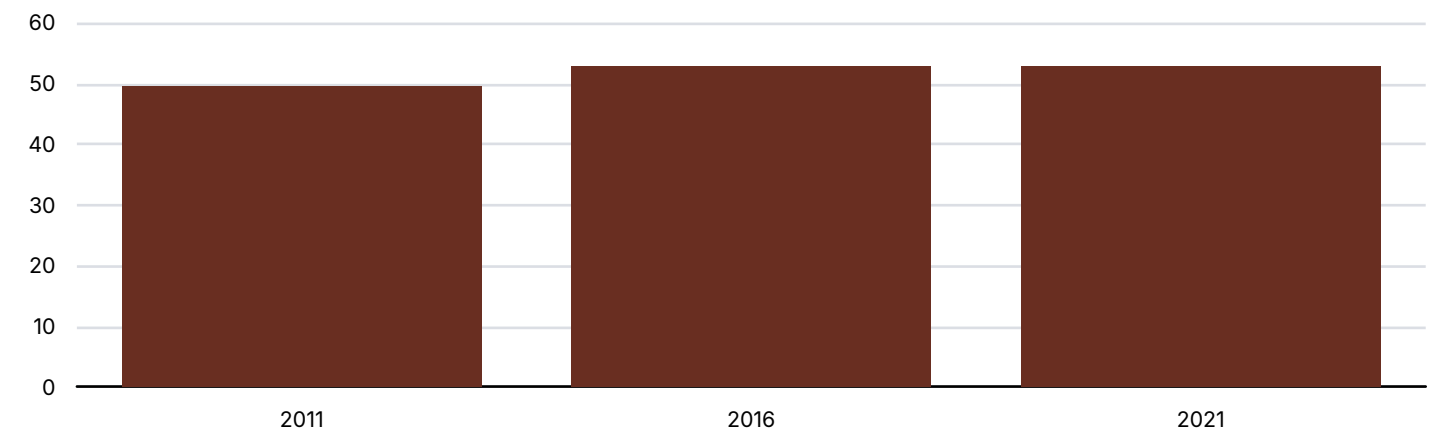


Figure 18.1: Shows the median age of residents. It helps indicate whether the population skews younger or older at the midpoint of the age distribution. (Nanton, 2011-2021)¹

Nanton's median age has remained high and fairly stable over the last decade. In 2011, the midpoint age of the town's population was 49.4 years. By 2016, it had risen to 52.7 years, a 6.7% increase, and in 2021 it edged up again to 52.8 years, a further 0.2% change. The pattern suggests a population that is older than a youthful midpoint and has changed only slightly in recent years.

Nanton's median age was 52.8 years in 2021, making it one of the older populations in the comparison group. It was little changed from 52.7 in 2016, but higher than 49.4 in 2011, showing a longer-term aging trend. In 2021, Nanton sat above Pincher Creek No. 9 at 49.6 and Fort Macleod at 42.4, though below Claresholm and Stavely, both at 54.8, and well below Claresholm's 56.8. The pattern points to a mature age profile that has stabilized recently.

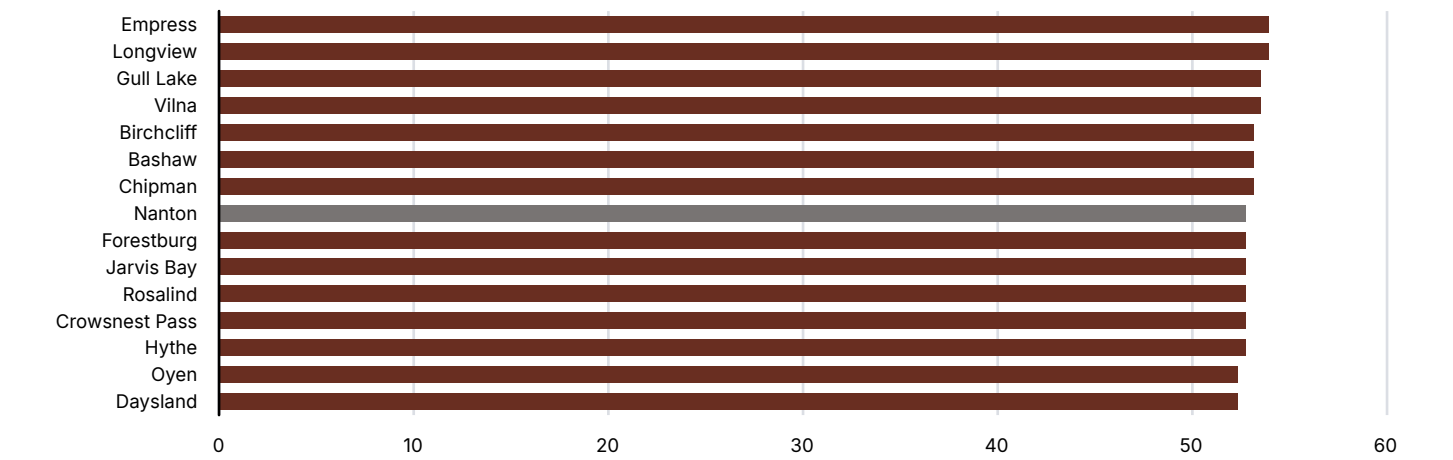


Figure 18.2: Comparison of Median Age with other locations (Nanton, 2021)¹

Family Size

Nanton's family households were led by 2-person families at 425 in 2021, up 6.3% from 2016. Three-person families fell to 80, while 4-person families held at 100 and 5-or-more-person families rose to 35.

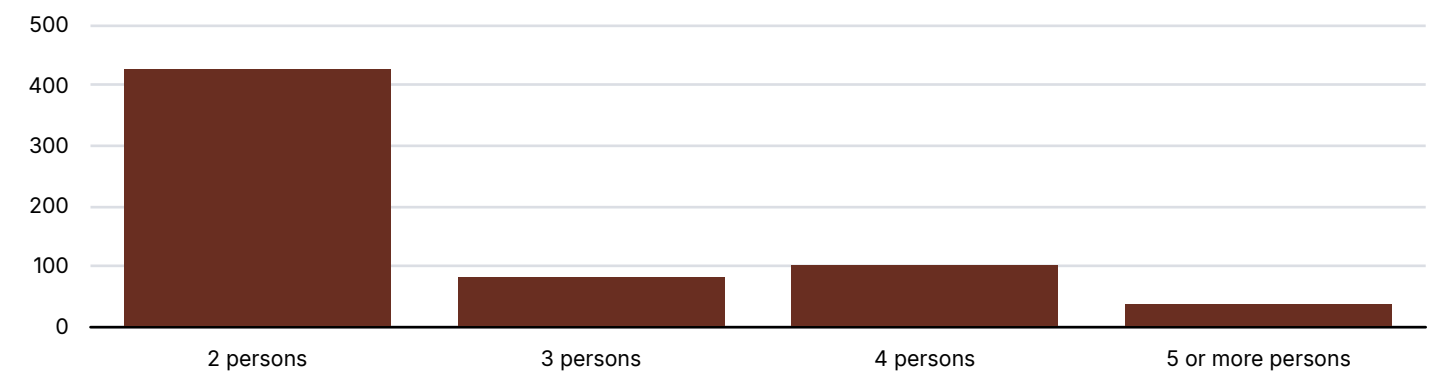


Figure 19.1: Shows the number of people in family households. It helps indicate household composition and the space families may need. (Nanton, 2021)¹

In Nanton's 2021 census families in private households, two-person families were the most common, with 425 households. Three-person families numbered 80, four-person families 100, and families with five or more persons 35. The five-year change shows a mixed pattern: two-person families grew by 6.3%, three-person families fell by 20.0%, four-person families were unchanged, and larger families rose by 16.7%. This points to a family-size profile dominated by smaller households, with some variation at the upper end.

Nanton's family households in 2021 were dominated by 2-person families, with 425 people in that category. Smaller shares were recorded for 4-person families at 100, 3-person families at 80, and families with 5 or more people at 35. The 5-year change points to mild growth in the smallest families, with 2-person households up 6.3% and 5-or-more-person households up 16.7%. By contrast, 3-person families fell 20%, while 4-person families were unchanged. This mix suggests a household pattern centered on smaller family sizes, with limited movement among larger groups.



Figure 19.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Family Size - 2 persons (Nanton)¹

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