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STAVELY

Demographics Report

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Executive Summary

Stavely is a small town whose recent profile combines modest population growth with a notably older and smaller-household population. After some fluctuation in the late 2010s, the population recovered and reached 577 in 2025, continuing an upward trend from the mid-2000s. Beneath that growth, the town's demographic structure remains shaped by aging. The median age rose over the past decade to 54.8 in 2021, and the largest age groups were concentrated from 60 to 74. Younger cohorts were present but noticeably smaller, giving the town a population profile weighted toward later life rather than early family formation.

That age structure is reflected in how households and families are organized. Average household size held steady at 2.0 across 2011, 2016, and 2021, while average family size edged down slightly to 2.5. Two-person households were by far the most common household form, and one-person households also accounted for a substantial share, while larger households were uncommon and became less so over time. Couple households without children led the household mix, and married couples without children were the largest family type, well ahead of couples with children. Living arrangements were centered on partnered households, but living alone also stood out as a visible part of the town's social pattern. Household maintenance was concentrated among residents aged 55 to 74, reinforcing the picture of a community where middle-aged and older adults carry much of the housing base.

Stavely's social profile is also narrowly concentrated in several cultural measures. English overwhelmingly dominated mother tongue and household language knowledge, with only very small counts in other languages. Religion was split mainly between Christian affiliation and no religion, with little recorded presence in other faith groups. The census tables provided also recorded no residents in the listed visible minority categories and no residents in the reported Indigenous identity or Indigenous ancestry categories in 2021. Taken together, these patterns describe a town that has regained population after a brief decline, but whose overall character remains defined by older residents, small households, and a highly concentrated cultural profile.

Average Household Size

Stavely's average household size was 2.0 people in 2021, unchanged from 2016 and 2011. The measure shows no five-year movement, holding at the same level across the full decade.

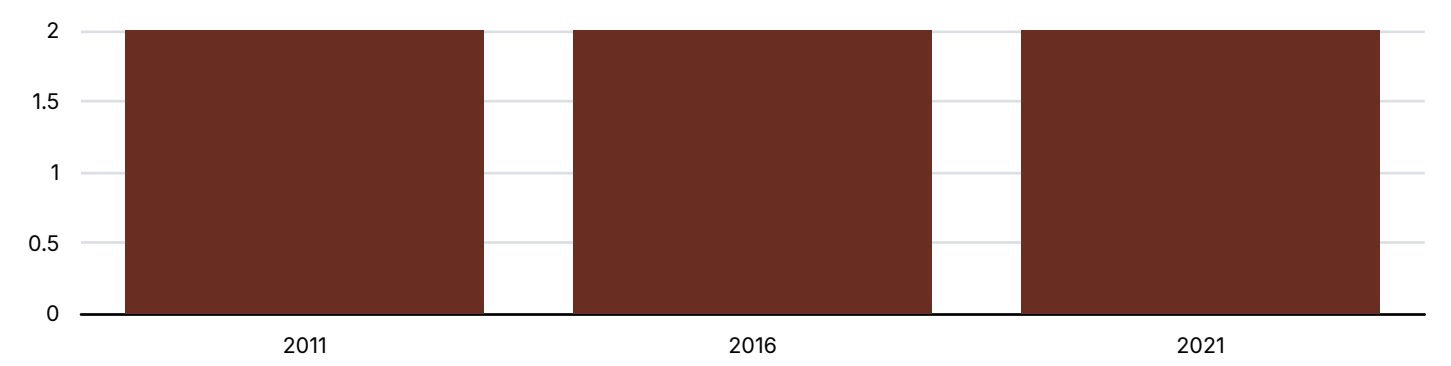


Figure 1.1: Shows the average number of people living in each household. It helps indicate typical living arrangements and the kinds of homes households may need. (Stavely, 2011-2021)¹

Stavely's average household size has remained unchanged across the census years shown, holding at 2 people per household in 2011, 2016, and 2021. The series shows no movement over time, with a 5-year change of 0 in both 2016 and 2021. That points to a stable household pattern rather than short-term fluctuation. In a private household context, the figure suggests consistency in typical living arrangements, with no sign of growth or contraction in household size over the period provided. The main takeaway is steadiness: Stavely's average household size stayed fixed at 2 people throughout the available timeline.

Stavely's average household size was 2.0 people in 2021, unchanged from 2016 and 2011. That places the town at the smaller end of the local comparison set, where several nearby communities were at 2.1 to 2.4 people per household and some larger nearby First Nations communities were higher. By contrast, Piiikani 147 and Blood 148 recorded 3.2 and 3.9 people per household in 2021. Stavely's flat pattern over the decade points to a stable household structure rather than visible change.

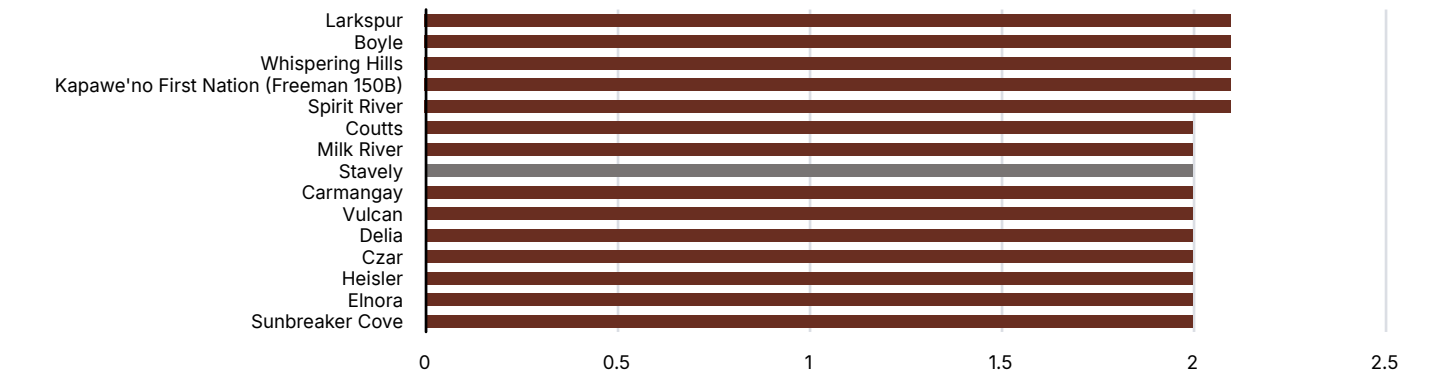


Figure 1.2: Comparison of Average Household Size with other locations (Stavely, 2021)¹

Average Number of Children per Family

In Stavely, census families with children averaged 1.7 children in 2021. This single figure places family size at 1.7 children per family for the year.

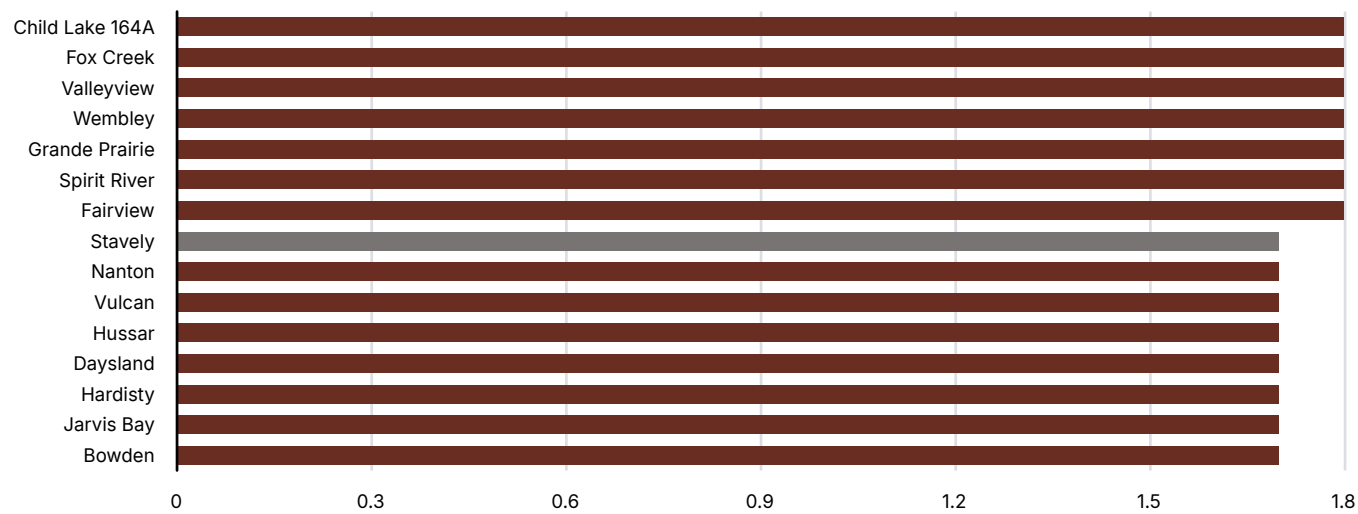


Figure 2.1: Comparison of Average Number of Children per Family with other locations (Stavely, 2021)¹

In 2021, Stavely had an average of 1.7 children per census family with children. That places it at the lower end of the comparison set and suggests a relatively small family size within this local group. Nearby values ranged from 0 in Peigan Timber Limit "B" and Blood 148A to 2.6 in Cardston County, with Hill Spring at 2.1 and several places, including Claresholm, Fort Macleod and Pincher Creek No. 9, at 1.9. Stavely matched Nanton at 1.7 and sat below most other comparators, including Cardston, Glenwood and Magrath at 2.5. The figure points to a modest family size pattern rather than a high-children profile.

In 2021, Stavely’s census families with children had an average of 1.7 children. That figure was the same as the descendant dissemination area, suggesting a consistent family-size pattern across the local area. Within the census-family-with-children universe, the measure points to a relatively modest average family size, with no sign in the data of variation between the town and its surrounding data area.



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

Indigenous Ancestry

Stavely recorded 0 people in the largest Indigenous ancestry group in 2021, down from 30 in 2016. The most changed group also fell to 0, a 100% five-year decline.

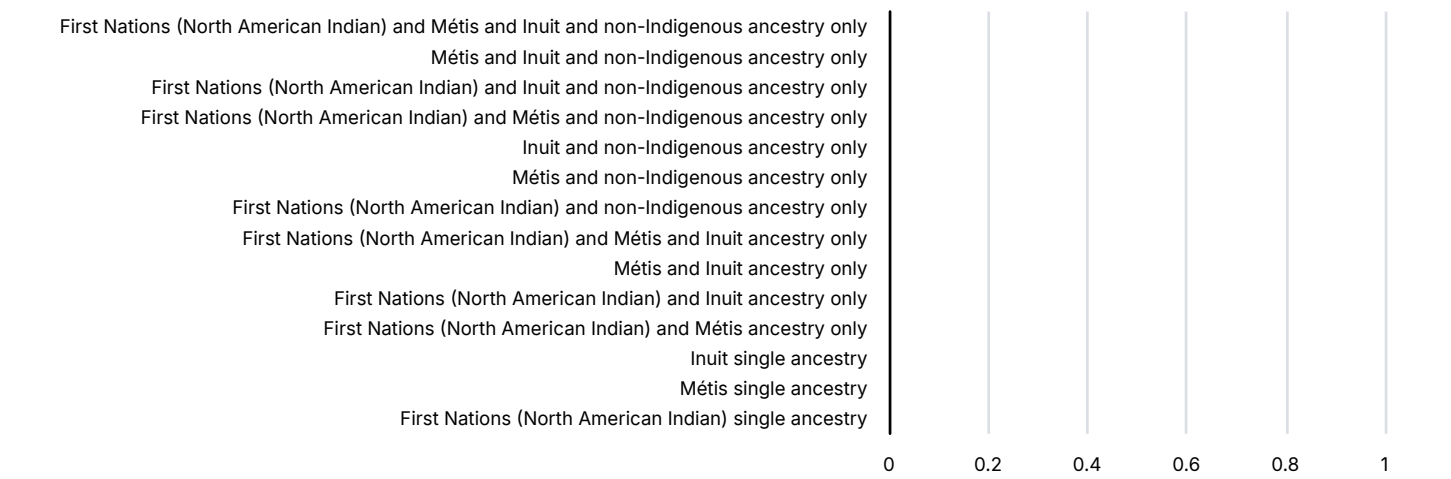
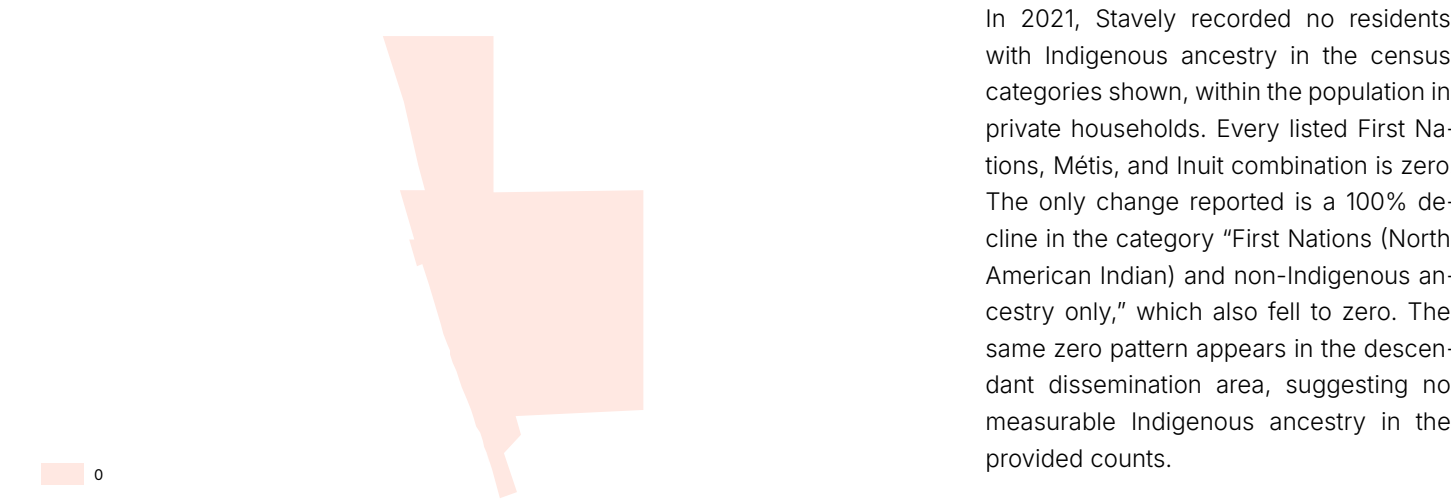


Figure 3.1: Shows residents with Indigenous ancestry. It helps indicate ancestral connections to First Nations, Métis, or Inuit peoples. (Stavely, 2021)¹

In 2021, Stavely shows no recorded residents with Indigenous ancestry in the census profile for the population in private households. Every listed ancestry category, including First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and combinations with non-Indigenous ancestry, has a value of 0 people. The pattern is consistent across the table. Single-ancestry categories are all zero, and mixed-ancestry categories are also zero. Even the category for First Nations and non-Indigenous ancestry only, which is the only item with a change measure, remains at 0 people after a 100.0% decline over five years. For this topic, the main finding is absence rather than distribution.



In 2021, Stavely recorded no residents with Indigenous ancestry in the census categories shown, within the population in private households. Every listed First Nations, Métis, and Inuit combination is zero. The only change reported is a 100% decline in the category “First Nations (North American Indian) and non-Indigenous ancestry only,” which also fell to zero. The same zero pattern appears in the descendant dissemination area, suggesting no measurable Indigenous ancestry in the provided counts.

Figure 3.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Indigenous Ancestry - First Nations (North American Indian) single ancestry (Stavely)¹

Age Groups

In Stavely, the 70 to 74 years group was largest in 2021 at 65 people, up 62.5% since 2016. The 35 to 39 years group rose 75% to 35 people.

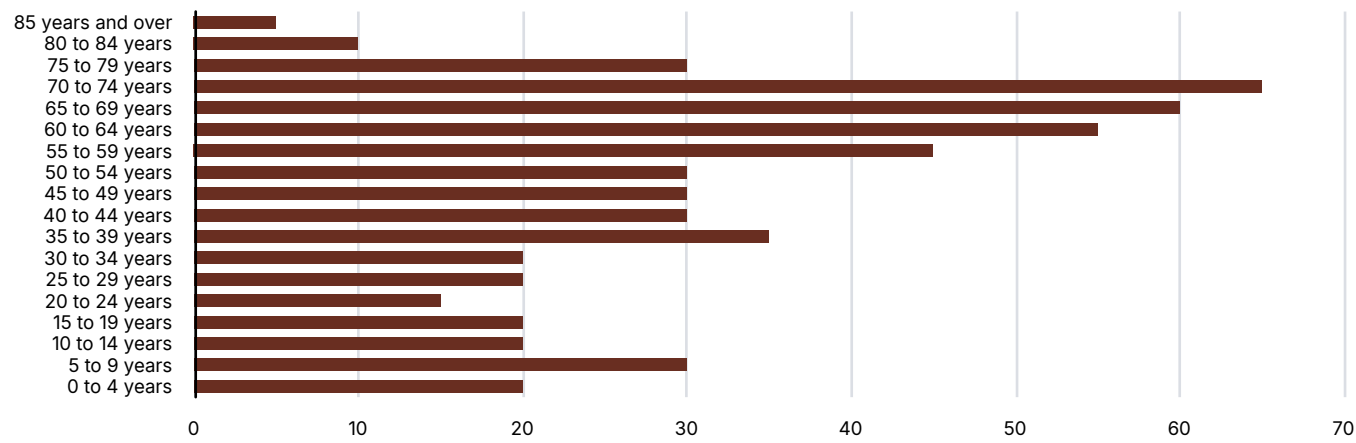


Figure 4.1: Shows how the population is distributed across age groups. It helps explain the community's age structure and stage of life profile. (Stavely, 2021)¹

Stavely’s 2021 age profile is weighted toward older residents, with the largest cohorts in the 60 to 74 range: 55 people aged 60 to 64, 60 aged 65 to 69, and 65 aged 70 to 74. Younger groups are smaller, including 20 children aged 0 to 4 and 15 people aged 20 to 24. Recent change is mixed. The 35 to 39 group rose 75% over five years, and 70 to 74 grew 62.5%, while several younger groups declined by about one-third.

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Figure 4.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Age Group - 70 to 74 years (Stavely)¹

Family Type

Married couples without children were the largest family type in Stavelly in 2021 at 75 people, down 21.1% from 2016. Married couples with children fell to 30 people, down 40.0%.

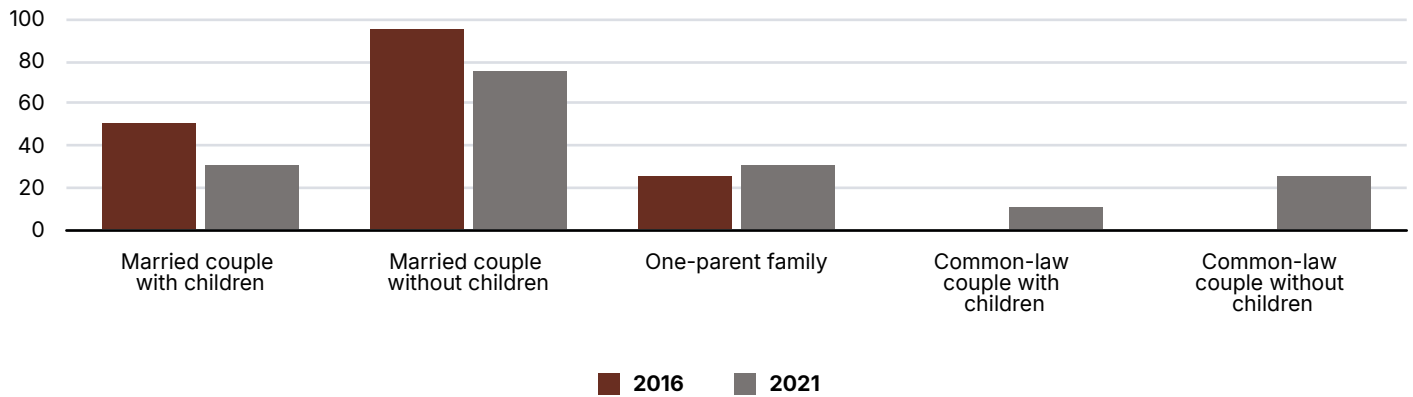


Figure 5.1: Shows the mix of family types, such as couple families and lone-parent families. It helps indicate the structure of family life in the community. (Stavelly, 2016-2021)¹

In 2021, Stavelly's family profile was led by married couples without children, with 75 people in that category. Married couples with children and one-parent families were both at 30 people, while common-law couples without children accounted for 25 and common-law couples with children for 10. The 5-year changes point to a mixed trend: married couples declined, while one-parent families rose 20%. The data suggest a family structure with more childless couple families than child-rearing ones.

In 2021, Stavelly's family profile was led by married couple families without children, with 75 people, compared with 30 married couples with children and 25 common-law couples without children. One-parent families accounted for 30 people, while common-law couples with children were the smallest group at 10. Over five years, married couples with children fell 40, married couples without children declined 21.1%, and one-parent families rose 20. The mix suggests a community where couple families remain dominant, but family forms are shifting.



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

Religion

Christian residents were the largest religious group in Stavelly in 2021, with 275 people. No religion and secular perspectives followed closely at 255, while all other listed affiliations recorded zero people.

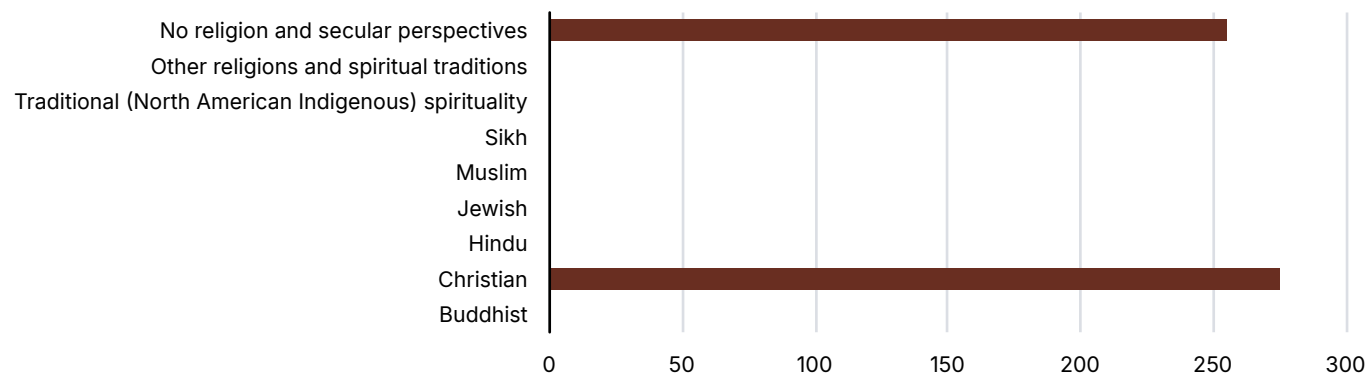


Figure 6.1: Shows residents' religious affiliation. It helps indicate the spiritual and faith-based diversity of the community. (Stavelly, 2021)¹

In 2021, Stavelly's religious profile was concentrated in two groups, with Christianity accounting for 275 people and no religion and secular perspectives for 255. All other listed affiliations were recorded at zero, including Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Traditional (North American Indigenous) spirituality, and other religions and spiritual traditions. The pattern points to limited religious diversity in the town's private-household population, with one faith tradition and non-religion dominating the distribution.

In Stavelly, the 2021 religion profile is narrowly concentrated. Christian affiliation was recorded for 275 people, while 255 people reported no religion and secular perspectives. All other listed faith groups were at 0, including Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, traditional Indigenous spirituality, and other religions and spiritual traditions. That leaves the community divided mainly between Christian and non-religious residents, with little visible representation in the smaller categories. Source data: Statistics Canada, Census Profile, 2021.



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

Mother Tongue

English was Stavelly’s largest mother tongue in 2021 at 515 people, and also the most changed group, rising 4.0% over five years. Dutch followed with 5 people.

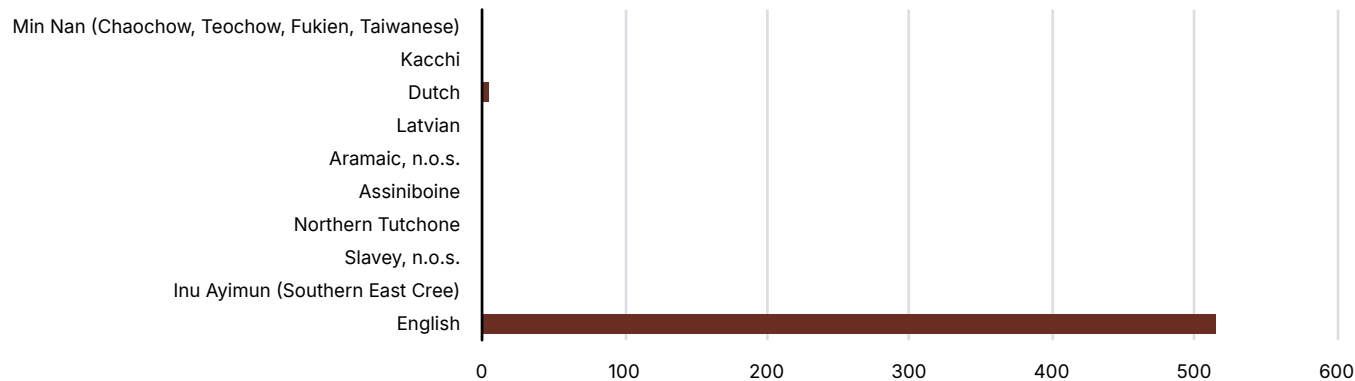


Figure 7.1: Shows the first language learned and still understood by residents. It helps indicate the linguistic roots of the population. (Stavelly, 2021)¹

In 2021, Stavelly’s mother tongue profile was strongly concentrated in English. English was reported for 515 residents, and it was the only language with a recorded 5-year change, rising 4.0%. A much smaller number of residents reported Dutch as their mother tongue, at 5 people. Several other listed languages, including Inu Ayimun, Slavey, Northern Tutchone, Assiniboine, Aramaic, Latvian, Kacchi and Min Nan, were recorded at zero. The pattern points to a very limited linguistic mix, with English far outweighing other mother tongues and showing modest growth over the five-year period.

In Stavelly, mother tongue is overwhelmingly English. In 2021, 515 residents reported English as their first language still understood, while Dutch was reported by 5 people. The remaining languages listed in the data were recorded at zero. The same pattern appears in the related dissemination area, where English also stood at 515 and Dutch at 5. With no other languages represented in the dataset, the profile is highly concentrated and suggests very limited linguistic diversity in this measure.



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

Visible Minority

Stavelly’s largest visible minority group in 2021 was Filipino, at 0 people, while Korean and visible minority, n.i.e. each fell from 10 people in 2016 to zero, a 100% decline over five years.

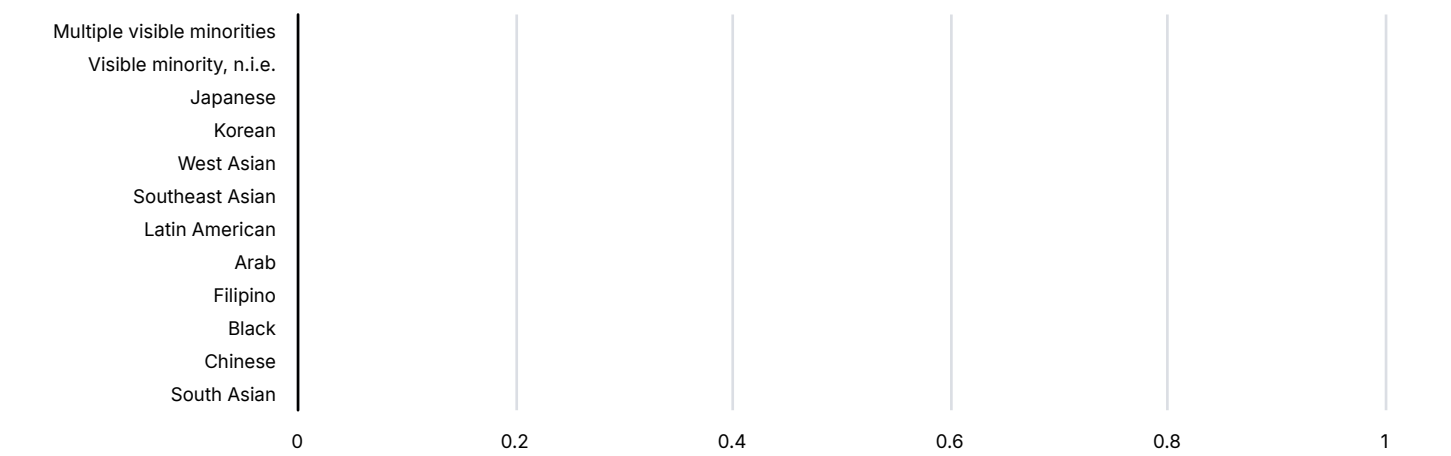
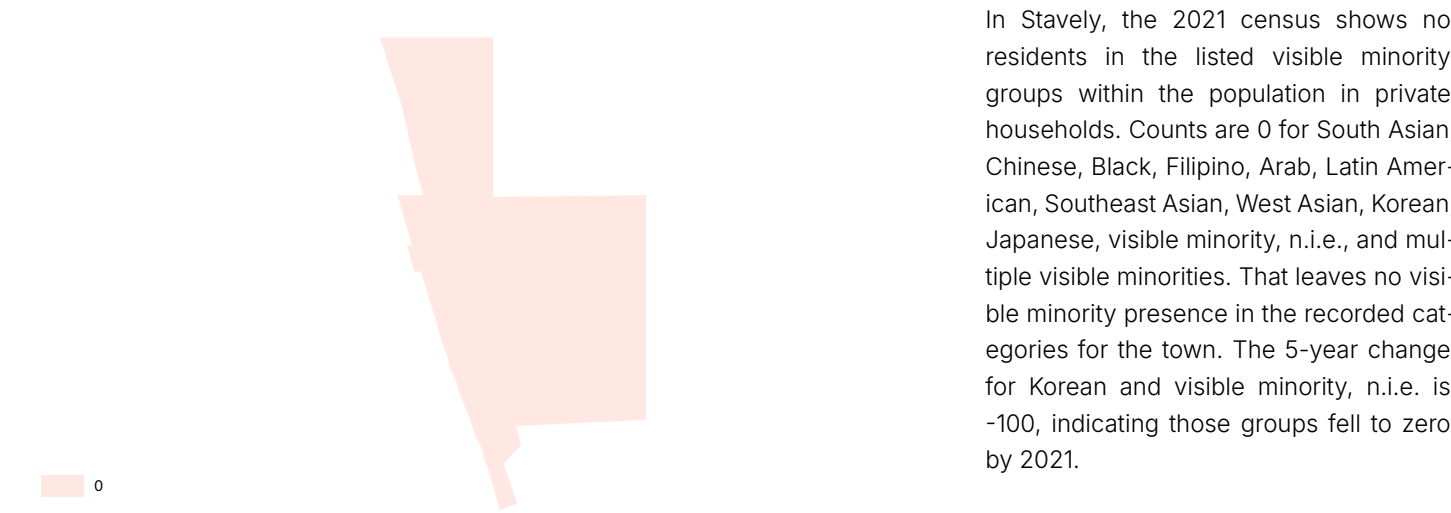


Figure 8.1: Shows residents who identify as belonging to visible minority groups. It helps indicate racialized population diversity in the community. (Stavelly, 2021)¹

In Stavelly, the visible minority population was recorded as zero in 2021 across every listed group in the census profile. That includes South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino, Arab, Latin American, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Japanese, and multiple visible minorities, along with Korean and visible minority, n.i.e., which also showed zero. The two categories with a 5-year change measure, Korean and visible minority, n.i.e., were both unchanged at -100, reflecting a drop to zero. Within the population in private households, the profile shows no measured visible minority presence in any of the reported categories.



In Stavelly, the 2021 census shows no residents in the listed visible minority groups within the population in private households. Counts are 0 for South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino, Arab, Latin American, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Korean, Japanese, visible minority, n.i.e., and multiple visible minorities. That leaves no visible minority presence in the recorded categories for the town. The 5-year change for Korean and visible minority, n.i.e. is -100, indicating those groups fell to zero by 2021.

Figure 8.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Visible Minority – South Asian (Stavelly)¹

Indigenous Identity

Stavelly had no residents reporting First Nations, Inuit, Multiple Indigenous responses, or Indigenous responses not included elsewhere in 2021. Métis also fell to 0 from 10 in 2016, a 100.0% decline.

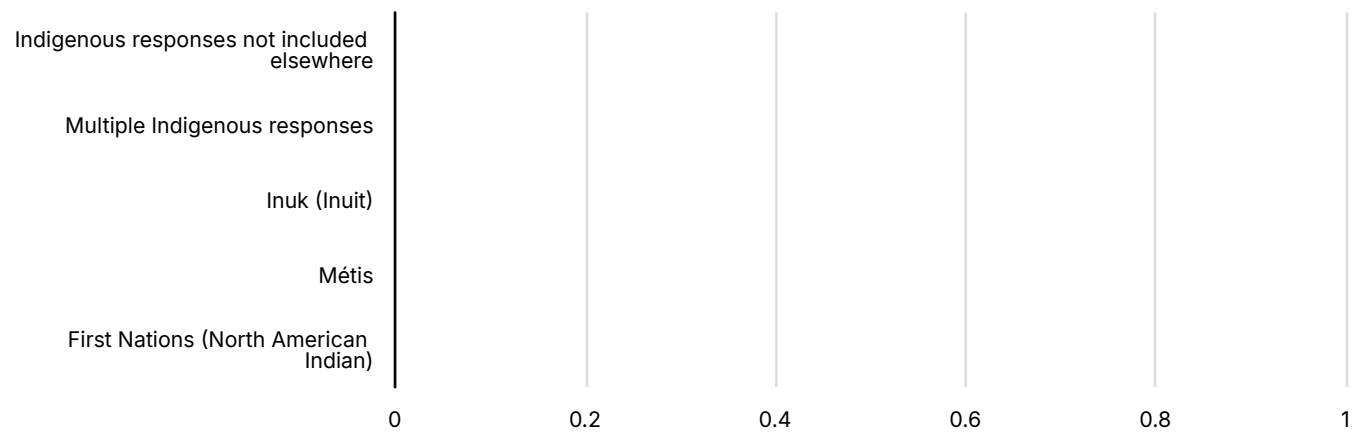
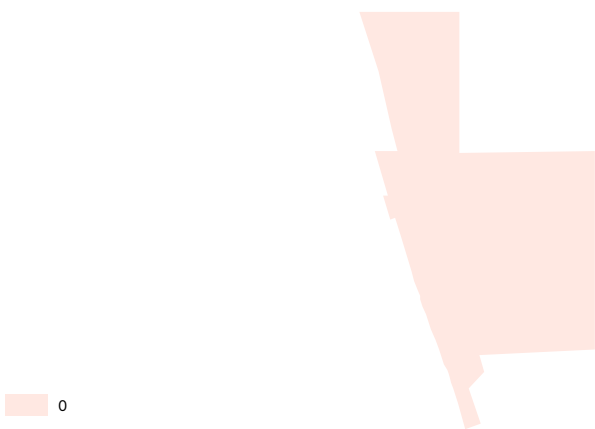


Figure 9.1: Shows residents who identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit. It helps indicate the presence of Indigenous communities in the area. (Stavelly, 2021)¹

In Stavelly, the 2021 census shows no residents recorded in any of the Indigenous identity categories reported for the population in private households. Counts were 0 for First Nations, Métis, Inuit, multiple Indigenous responses, and Indigenous responses not included elsewhere. The only change figure provided is for Métis identity, which fell by 100% over five years, from a previously recorded count to 0 in 2021. The other categories have no change value listed. With every reported category at zero, Stavelly stands out for the absence of Indigenous identity responses in this table rather than for any internal mix. The pattern is simple and static in 2021: no measured Indigenous identity population appears in the available data.



In Stavelly, Indigenous identity counts were recorded at zero across all reported categories in 2021. First Nations, Métis, Inuk, multiple Indigenous responses, and Indigenous responses not included elsewhere each had 0 people in the private household population. The only change measure shown was for Métis, which was -100.0% over five years. That pattern points to no recorded Indigenous-identifying population in the town's census profile at that time, with no category standing out above the others.

Figure 9.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Indigenous Identity - First Nations (North American Indian) (Stavelly)¹

Household Size

Two-person households were the largest group in Stavely in 2021, at 135, up 17.4% from 2016. One-person households numbered 85, while five-or-more-person households fell to 5, down 50.0%.

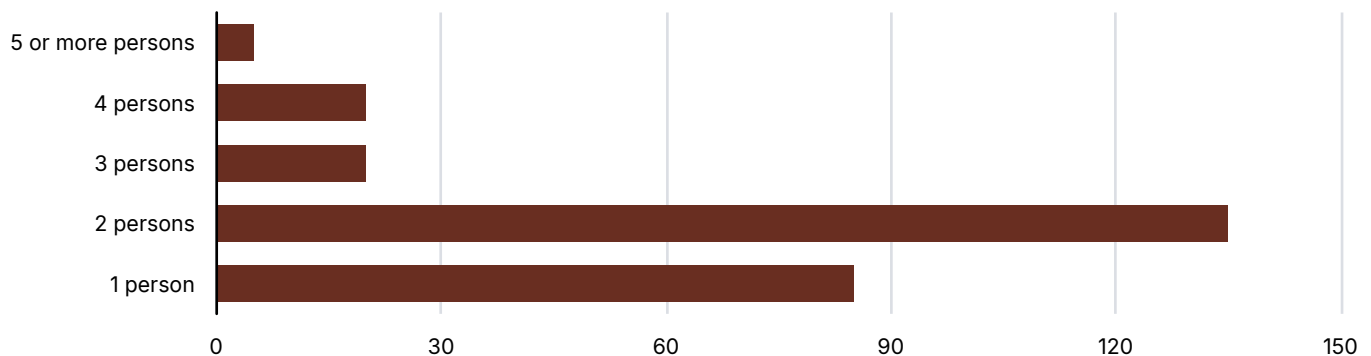


Figure 10.1: Shows the number of people living in households. It helps indicate common household arrangements and likely housing needs. (Stavely, 2021)¹

Stavely's household-size profile in 2021 was led by two-person households, with 135 private households, followed by 1-person households at 85. Smaller shares were recorded for larger households, including 20 three-person households, 20 four-person households, and 5 households with five or more people. The 5-year change was mixed. Two-person households rose 17.4%, while 1-person households declined 5.6%. Four-person households fell 20%, and five-or-more-person households dropped 50%. That pattern suggests a shift toward smaller households rather than larger ones.

In Stavely, household size is weighted toward smaller households. In 2021, two-person households were the largest group at 135 households, followed by one-person households at 85. Three-person and four-person households were much smaller, at 20 each, and households with five or more people were the least common at 5. Over five years, two-person households grew by 17.4%, while four-person and larger households declined, pointing to a modest shift toward smaller household arrangements.



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

Living Arrangement

Married spouses or common-law partners were the largest group in Stavely in 2021, at 285 people. Living alone ranked next at 85, while children in two-parent families totalled 70 and non-relatives only 25.

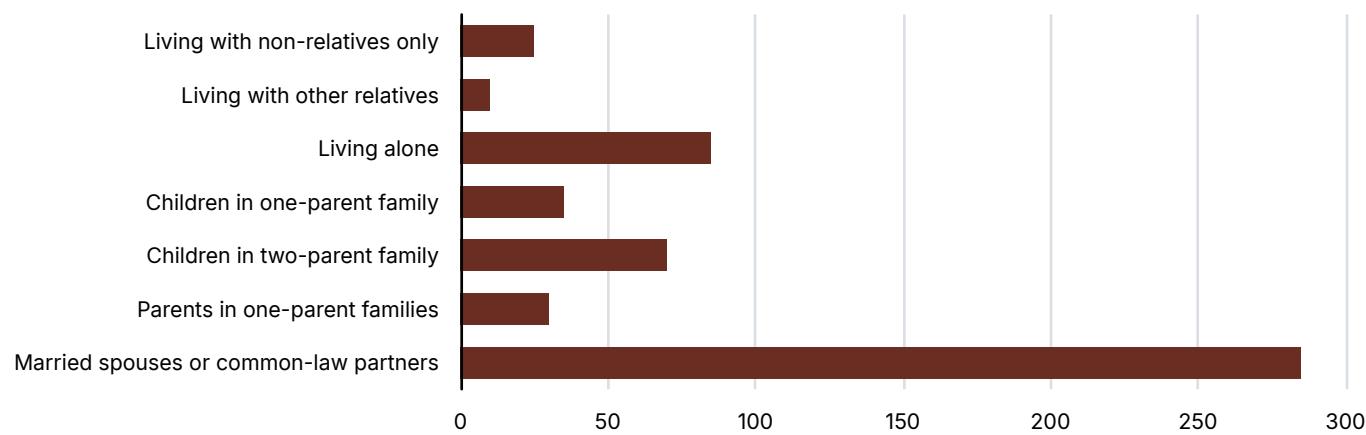


Figure 11.1: Shows residents' living arrangements, such as living alone, with family, or with others. It helps indicate household formation and support networks. (Stavely, 2021)¹

In 2021, Stavely's living arrangement profile was centered on family households. Married spouses or common-law partners made up the largest group at 285 people, while children in two-parent families accounted for 70 and children in one-parent families for 35. Living alone was also a notable pattern, with 85 people in this category. Smaller numbers lived with non-relatives only, at 25, or with other relatives, at 10. The dataset gives a single time point, so it does not show change over time. It does show a mix of partnered living, parent-child households, and a smaller but visible share of people living alone. This points to a community where family-based arrangements dominate, while non-family living is present but limited.



In Stavely, living arrangements in 2021 were centered on couple-based households, with 285 people living with married spouses or common-law partners out of a population in private households of 540. Another 85 people lived alone, while 70 children lived in two-parent families. Smaller groups included 35 children in one-parent families, 30 parents in one-parent families, 25 people living with non-relatives only, and 10 living with other relatives.

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

Marital Status

In Stavelly, married residents remained the largest group at 220 people in 2021, down 2.2% from 2016. The biggest five-year increase was among separated residents, up 33.3% to 20.

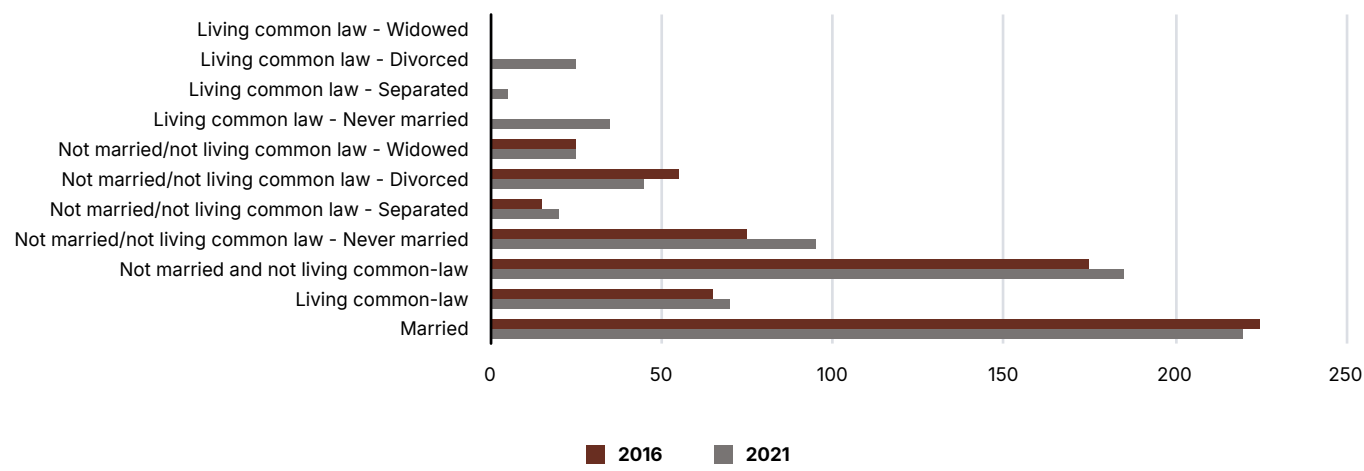
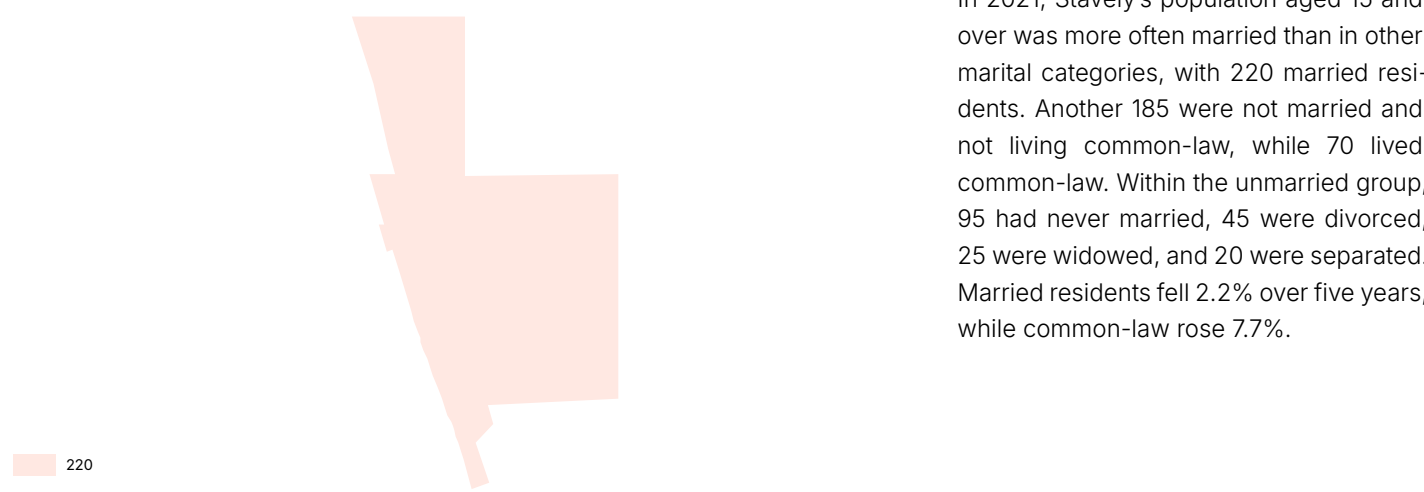


Figure 12.1: Shows the marital status of residents, such as single, married, divorced, separated, or widowed. It helps indicate relationship patterns and household formation. (Stavelly, 2016-2021)¹

In Stavelly, marital status in 2021 shows a population aged 15 and over that is split between married, common-law, and not married or not living common-law residents. Married people formed the largest group at 220, while 185 people were in the not married and not living common-law category and 70 were living common-law. Within the smaller categories, 95 people were never married, 45 were divorced, 25 were widowed, and 20 were separated. Among common-law residents, 35 were never married and 25 were divorced. Over five years, married fell slightly, common-law rose, and never-married counts increased.



In 2021, Stavelly's population aged 15 and over was more often married than in other marital categories, with 220 married residents. Another 185 were not married and not living common-law, while 70 lived common-law. Within the unmarried group, 95 had never married, 45 were divorced, 25 were widowed, and 20 were separated. Married residents fell 2.2% over five years, while common-law rose 7.7%.

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

Language Knowledge in Households

English remained the largest language group in Stavely households at 530, up 6% over five years. French reached 20 households and doubled, while German fell to 15 and Dutch also counted 15.

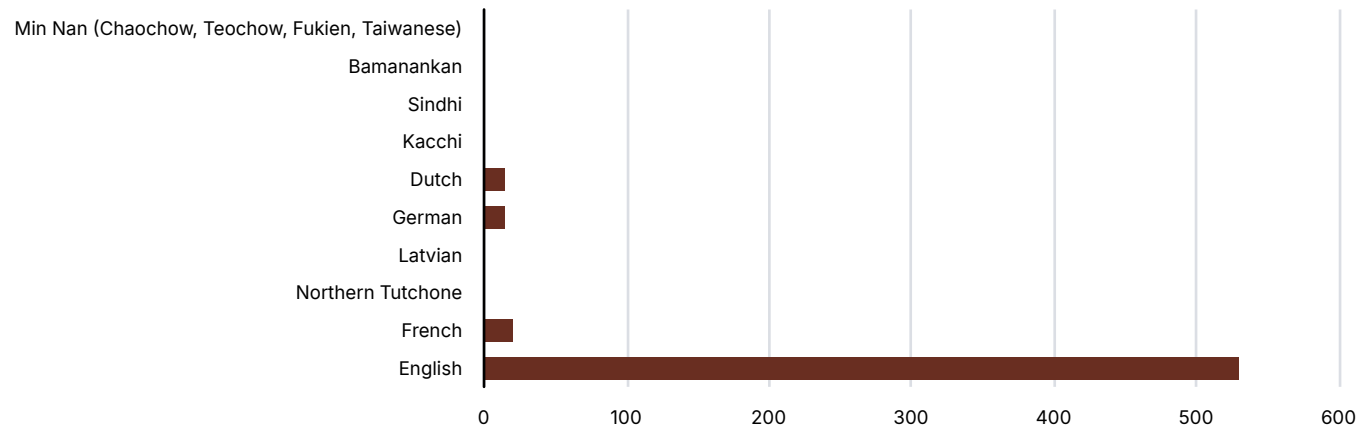


Figure 13.1: Shows the languages household members can speak. It helps indicate multilingual capacity and potential language access needs. (Stavely, 2021)¹

In Stavely, household language knowledge in 2021 was heavily centered on English, with 530 households able to speak it. Far fewer households reported French, at 20, while German and Dutch were each reported by 15 households. The pattern points to a strongly English-dominant household language profile. The 5-year change suggests limited movement for most languages. English rose by 6, French increased by 100, and German declined by 50. Several languages, including Northern Tutchone, Latvian, Kacchi, Sindhi, Bamanankan, and Min Nan, were reported at zero. Taken together, the data show a small but persistent multilingual presence alongside a much larger English base.

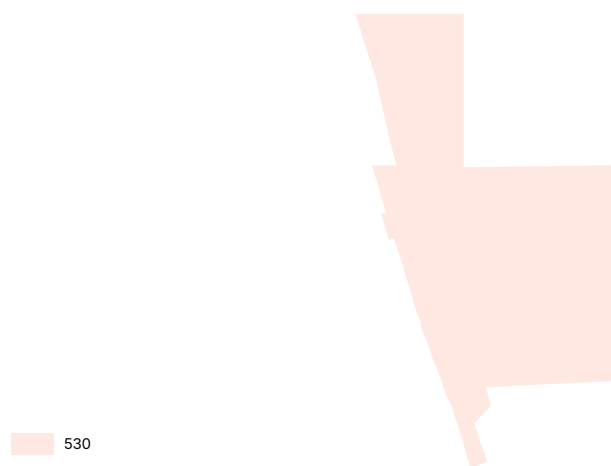


Figure 13.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Language - English (Stavely)¹

In Stavely, household language knowledge is concentrated in English, with 530 households able to speak it in 2021. French is a distant second at 20 households, while German and Dutch each appear in 15 households. Several other listed languages register no households at all. The 5-year change points to modest movement rather than broad diversification. English rose by 6 households, French doubled to 20, and German fell by half. This profile suggests a strongly English-speaking household base with limited multilingual capacity beyond a small set of languages.

Household Type

Couple-family households without children were the largest group in Stavelly in 2021 at 100 households, up 5.3% since 2016. One-person households followed at 85, while two-or-more-person non-census-family households doubled to 10.

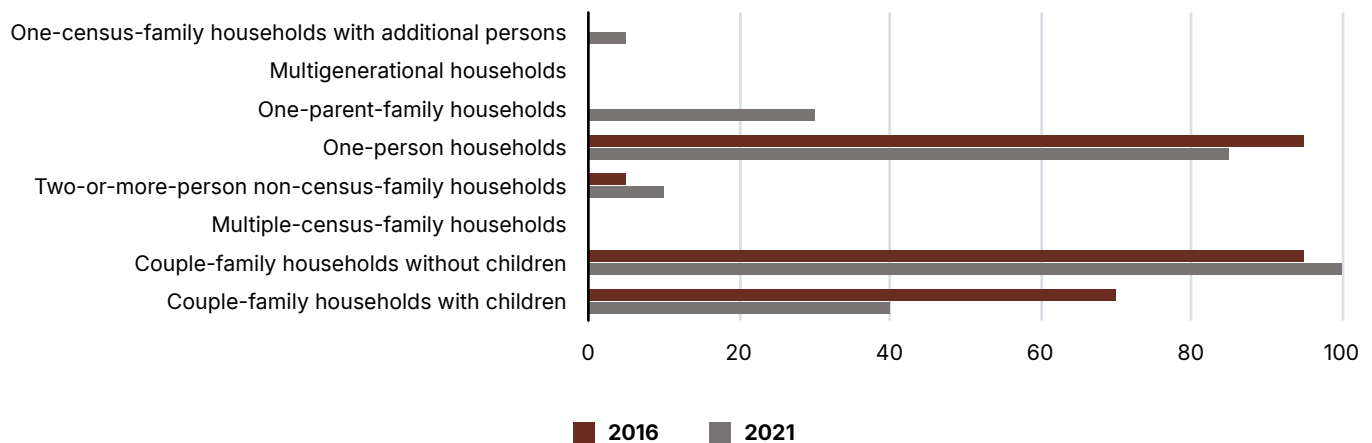


Figure 14.1: Shows the mix of household types, including one-person, family, and non-family households. It helps indicate how residents are organized across living arrangements. (Stavelly, 2016-2021)¹

In 2021, Stavelly's private households were concentrated in couple-family living arrangements. Couple-family households without children were the largest group at 100 households, while one-person households numbered 85 and couple-family households with children totaled 40. One-parent-family households accounted for 30 households, and two-or-more-person non-census-family households were limited to 10. The recent pattern is mixed. Over five years, couple-family households without children rose 5.3%, while one-person households fell 10.5% and couple-family households with children dropped 42.9%. Two-or-more-person non-census-family households doubled from a small base.

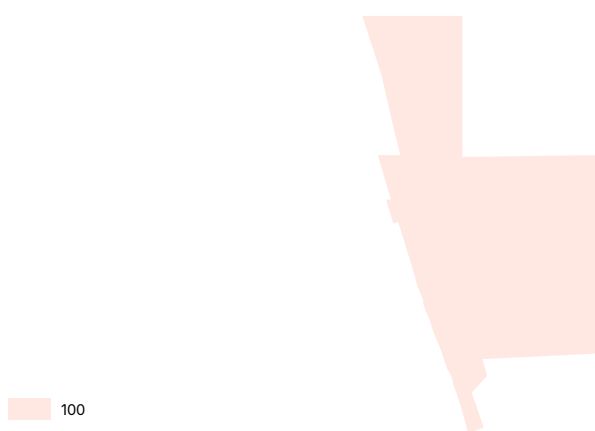


Figure 14.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Household Type - Couple-family households without children (Stavelly)¹

Stavelly's private households in 2021 were led by couple-family households without children, with 100 households. One-person households were also substantial at 85, while couple-family households with children accounted for 40 and one-parent-family households for 30. Smaller categories were limited: two-or-more-person non-census-family households numbered 10, one-census-family households with additional persons 5, and multigenerational and multiple-census-family households were both at 0. Over five years, couple-family households with children fell 42.9%, while one-person households declined 10.5%.

Average Family Size

Stavely's average family size was 2.5 people in 2021, down from 2.6 in 2011 and 2016. The five-year change was -3.85%, indicating a small decline after no change over the previous period.

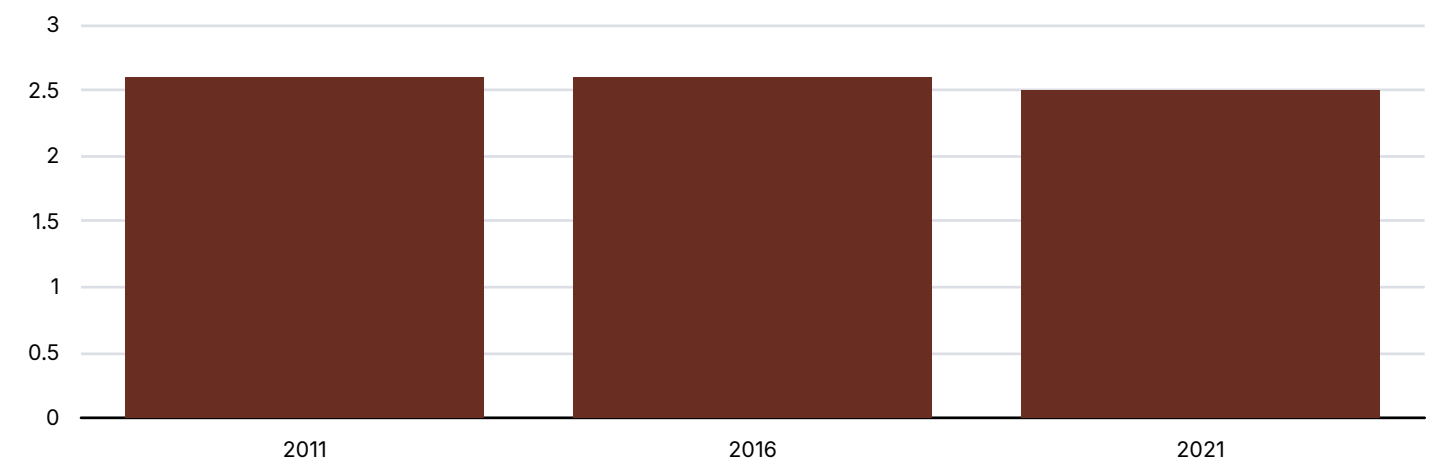
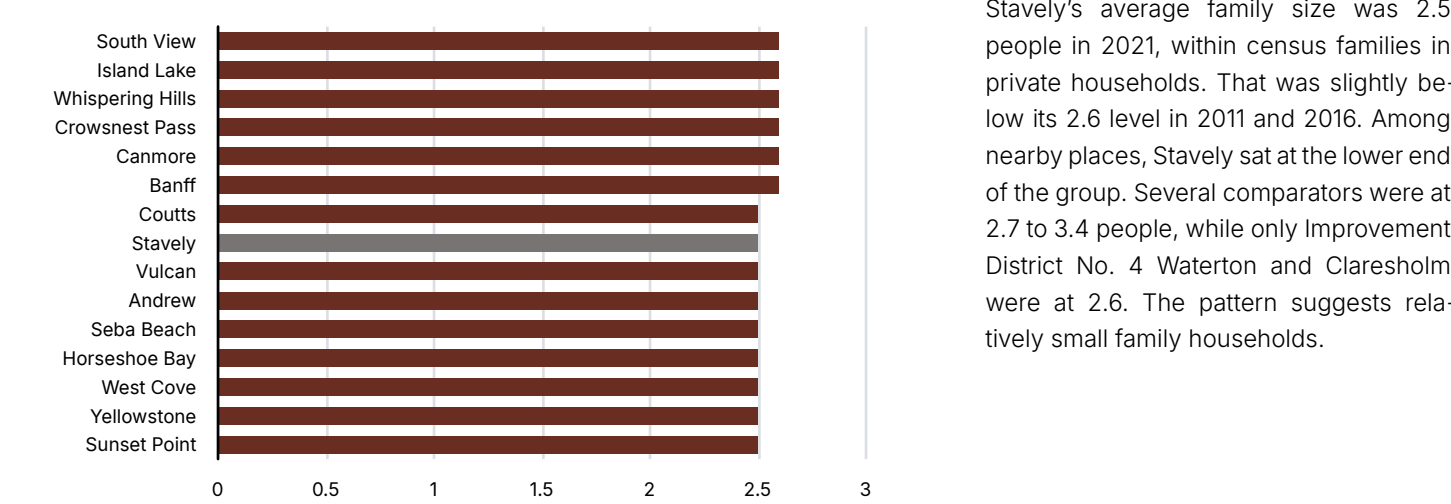


Figure 15.1: Shows the average number of people in family households. It helps indicate typical family living arrangements and space needs. (Stavely, 2011-2021)¹

In Stavely, average family size has been stable and slightly lower in the most recent census year. Census families in private households averaged 2.6 people in 2011 and again in 2016, before edging down to 2.5 in 2021. The five-year change from 2016 to 2021 was -3.9%, while the earlier period showed no change at all. That pattern suggests a small but recent shift rather than a long run of decline. For family living arrangements, the town's figures point to relatively steady household size with only modest movement over time.



Stavely's average family size was 2.5 people in 2021, within census families in private households. That was slightly below its 2.6 level in 2011 and 2016. Among nearby places, Stavely sat at the lower end of the group. Several comparators were at 2.7 to 3.4 people, while only Improvement District No. 4 Waterton and Claresholm were at 2.6. The pattern suggests relatively small family households.

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

Total Population

Stavelly’s population reached 577 in 2025, up 13.8% over five years. After rising from 434 in 2005 to 552 in 2016, it dipped to 484 in 2018 before recovering.

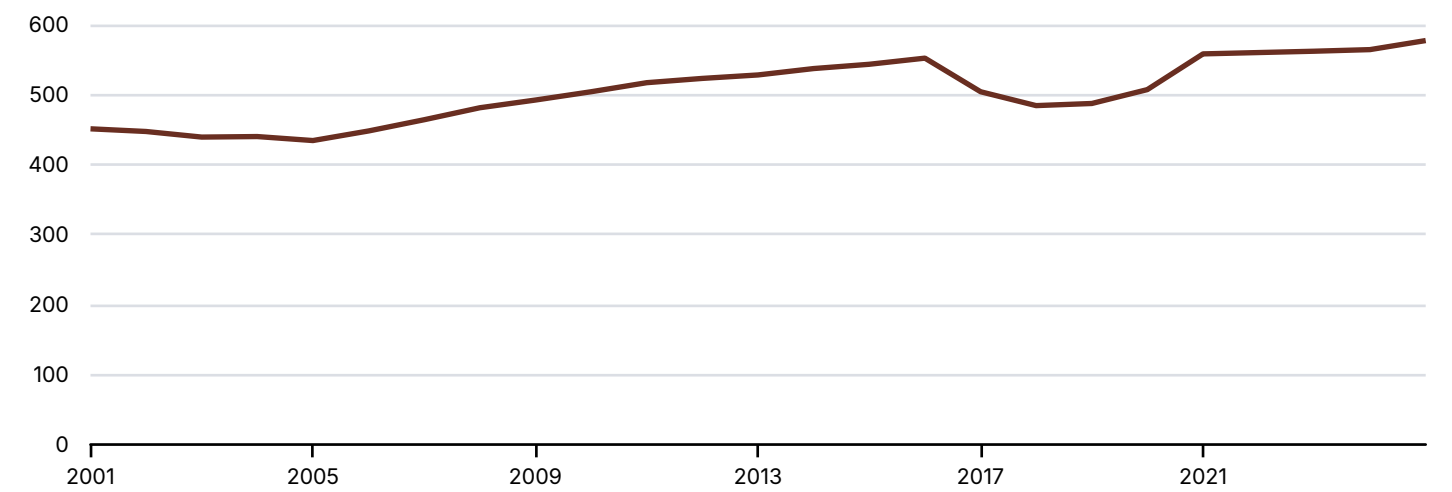
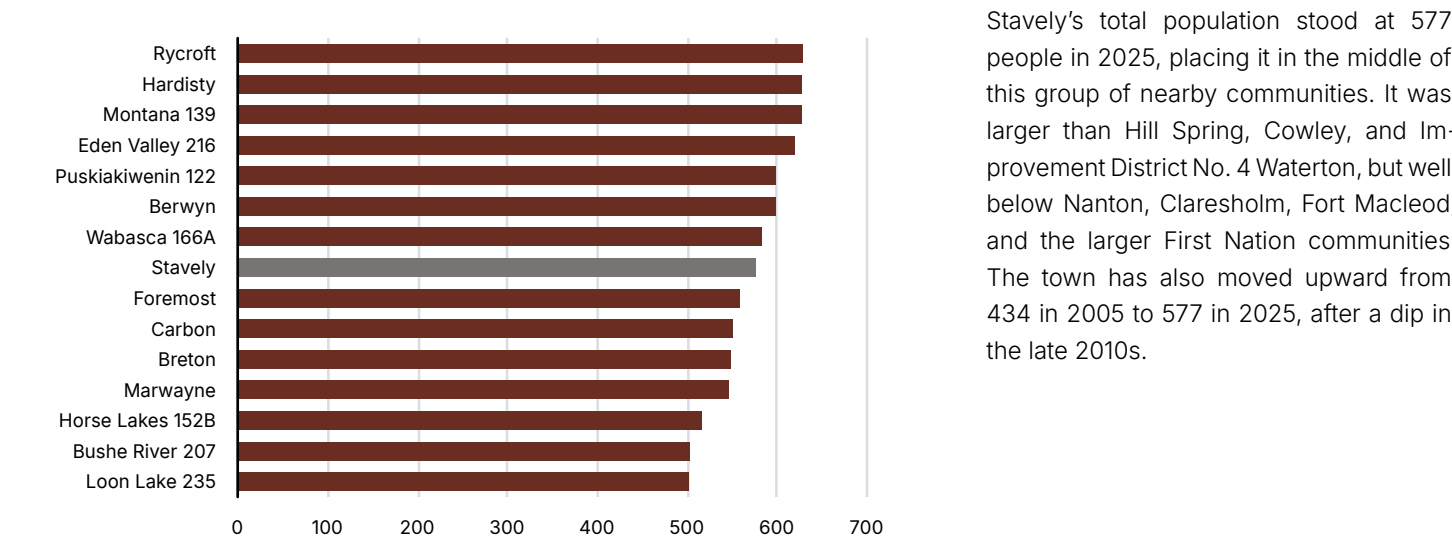


Figure 16.1: Shows the total number of people living in the area. It provides the basic population benchmark used across many other indicators. (Stavelly, 2001-2025)²

Stavelly’s total population has been fairly steady over time, but the long view shows modest growth punctuated by a few short declines. The town began the period at 451 people in 2001 and ended at 577 in 2025, a net increase of 126 residents. Growth was strongest in the late 2000s and early 2010s, when the population rose from 448 in 2006 to 552 in 2016. That was followed by a brief dip to 504 in 2017 and 484 in 2018, before the count recovered to 577 in 2025. The recent pattern points to a rebound after that mid-period decline. From 2021 onward, the population increased every year, from 558 to 577. Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile



Stavelly’s total population stood at 577 people in 2025, placing it in the middle of this group of nearby communities. It was larger than Hill Spring, Cowley, and Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, but well below Nanton, Claresholm, Fort Macleod, and the larger First Nation communities. The town has also moved upward from 434 in 2005 to 577 in 2025, after a dip in the late 2010s.

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

Primary Maintainer Age

In Stavely, households maintained by people aged 55 to 64 years were the largest group at 80 in 2021, up 60% from 2016. The 15 to 24 years group fell to zero households.

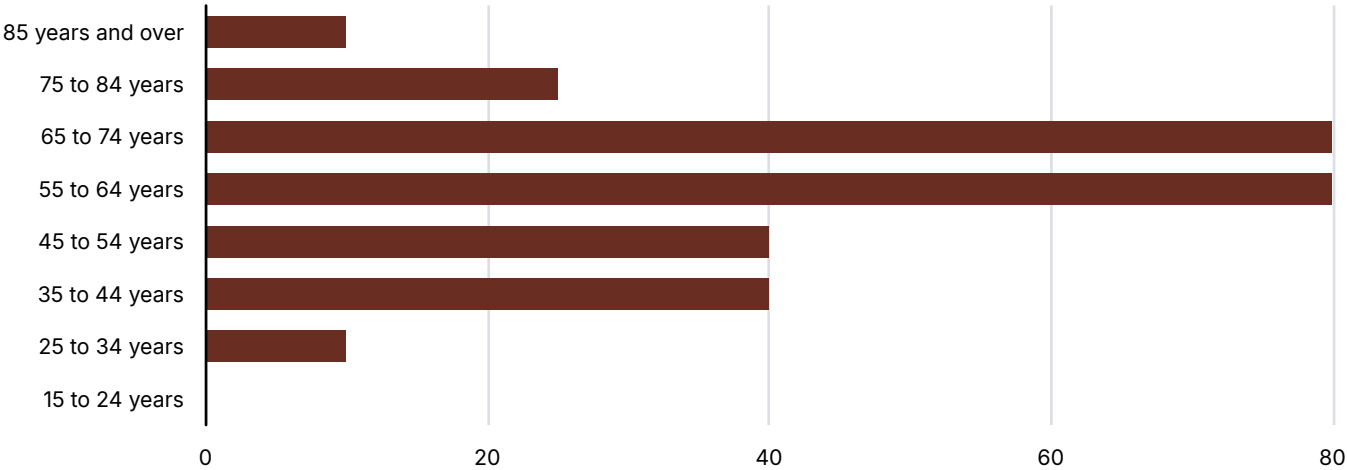
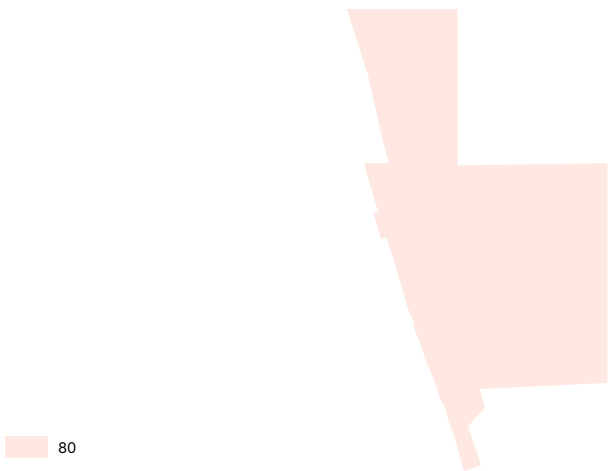


Figure 17.1: Shows the age of the primary household maintainer. It helps indicate which life stages are carrying primary financial responsibility for housing. (Stavely, 2021)¹

In Stavely, primary household maintainers in 2021 were concentrated in later working-age and early senior groups. The largest counts were among those aged 55 to 64 and 65 to 74, at 80 households each. By comparison, 35 to 44 years and 45 to 54 years each accounted for 40 households, while 25 to 34 years had 10 and 15 to 24 years had none. The five-year pattern points to mixed movement. Households maintained by people aged 35 to 64 each rose by 60%, while the 75 to 84 group fell by 44.4%. The 65 to 74 and 85-plus groups were unchanged. Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile.



In Stavely, primary household maintenance in 2021 was concentrated among older age groups rather than younger adults. The largest counts were among maintainers aged 55 to 64 and 65 to 74, at 80 households each, while 35 to 44 and 45 to 54 each had 40. There were 10 households in the 25 to 34 group and none in the 15 to 24 group. This pattern points to housing responsibility being carried mainly by middle-aged and older households.

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

Median Age

Stavely’s median age reached 54.8 years in 2021, up from 53.5 in 2016 and 50.0 in 2011. The five-year increase was 2.4%, following a 7.0% rise over the previous five years.

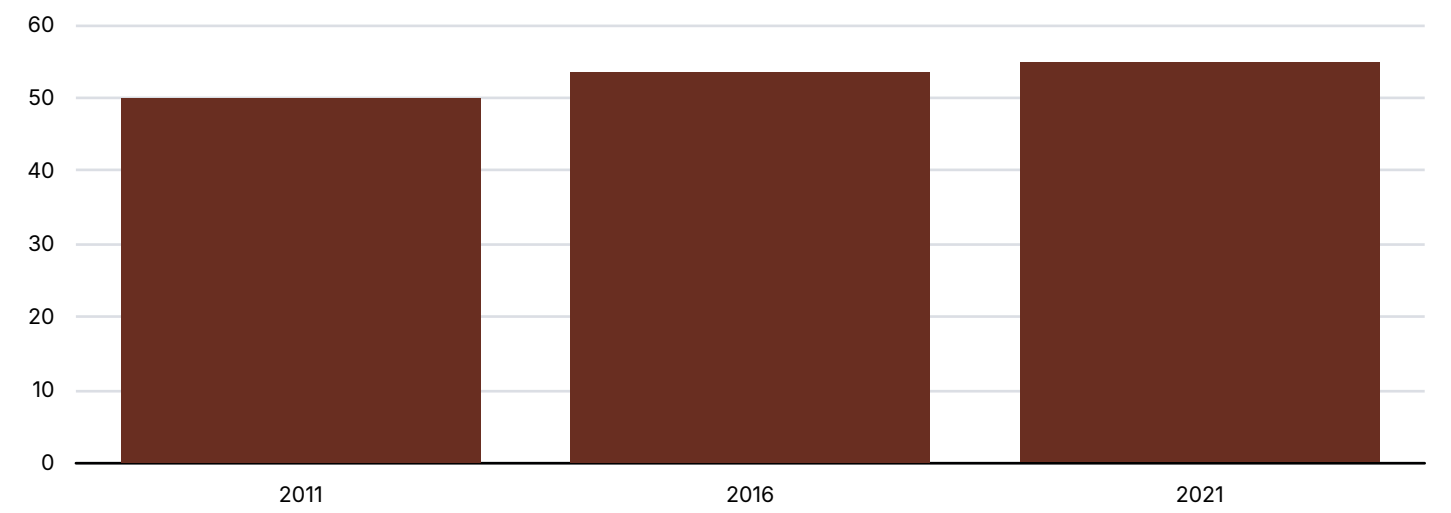
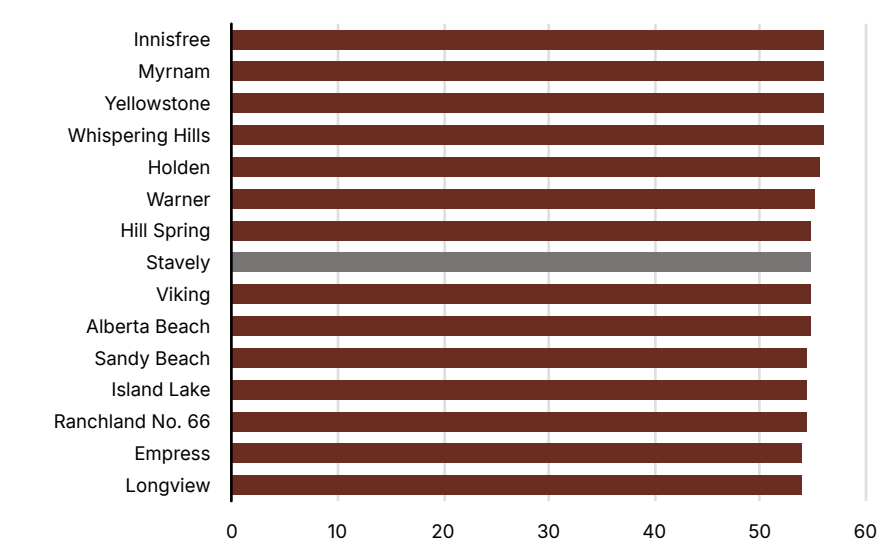


Figure 18.1: Shows the median age of residents. It helps indicate whether the population skews younger or older at the midpoint of the age distribution. (Stavely, 2011-2021)¹

Stavely’s median age has trended upward over the past decade, pointing to a steadily older population at the midpoint of the age distribution. The median age was 50 years in 2011, rose to 53.5 in 2016, and reached 54.8 in 2021. That is a gain of 4.8 years across the full period, with most of the increase occurring between 2011 and 2016. The pace of change slowed after 2016, but the direction remained upward. The 5-year change from 2016 to 2021 was 2.4 percent. The pattern shows gradual aging rather than a sharp shift.



Stavely’s median age is high by regional standards and has edged upward over time. In 2021, the median age reached 54.8 years, up from 53.5 in 2016 and 50.0 in 2011. That places Stavely above several nearby comparators, including Nanton at 52.8 years, Pincher Creek No. 9 at 49.6, and Fort Macleod at 42.4. It is close to Hill Spring and Claresholm, both at 54.8 and 56.8 respectively. The pattern suggests an older population midpoint than many surrounding places, with only modest recent aging.

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

Family Size

Two-person families were the largest group in Stavely in 2021 at 125, up 8.7% from 2016. Families with five or more persons doubled to 10, while three-person families held at 20.

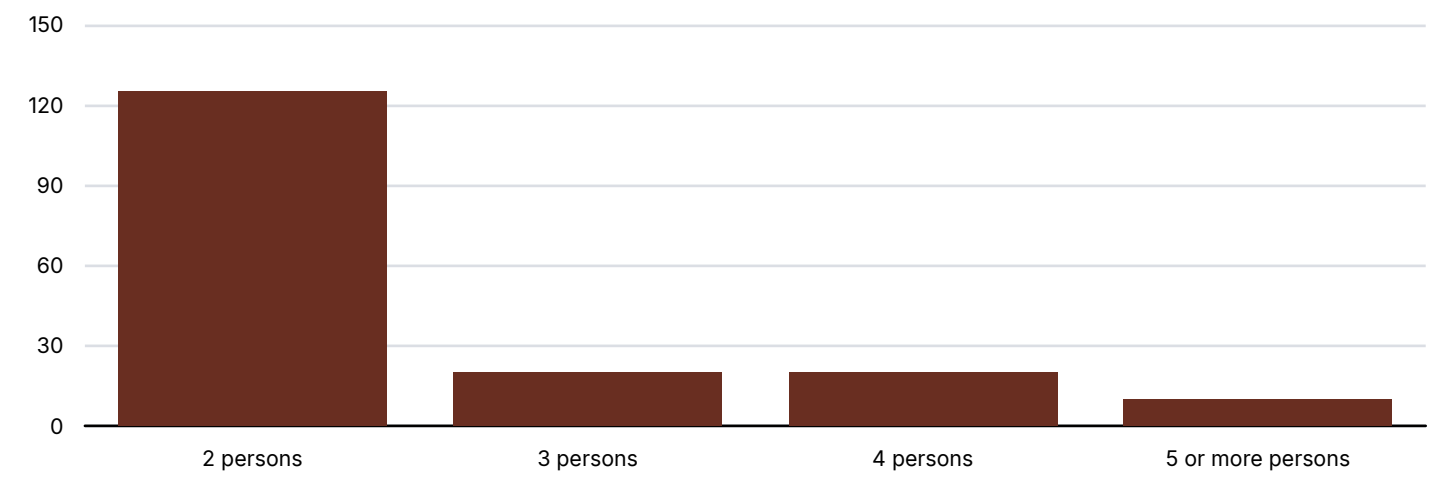
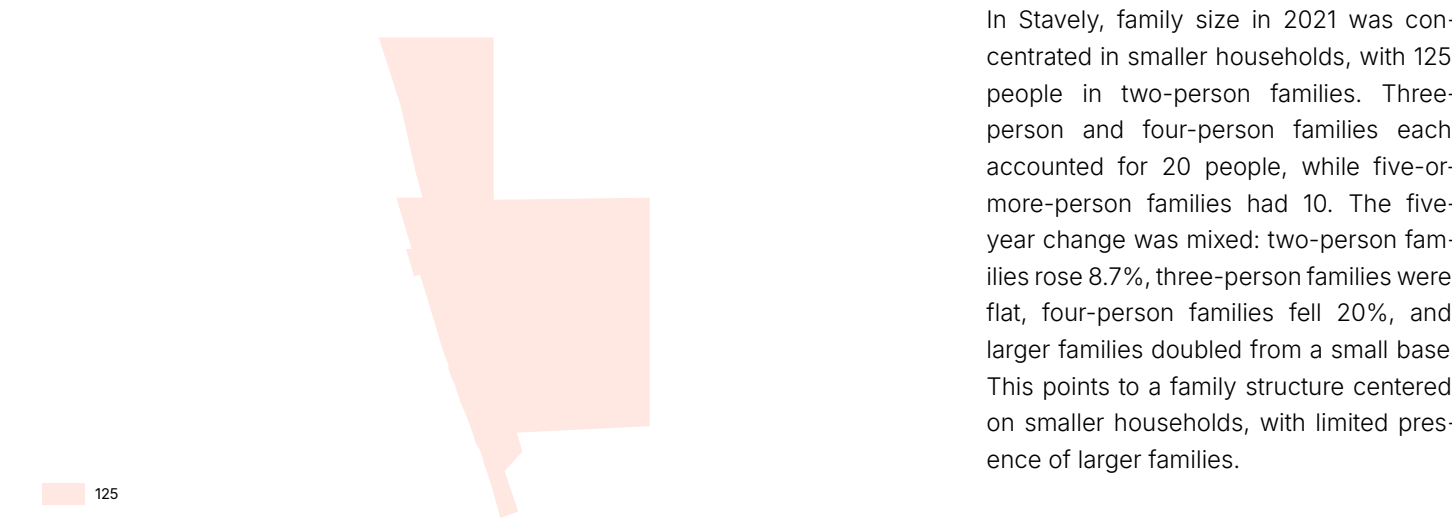


Figure 19.1: Shows the number of people in family households. It helps indicate household composition and the space families may need. (Stavely, 2021)¹

In Stavely, family households in 2021 were concentrated in the smaller sizes. Two-person families were by far the most common group, with 125 people recorded in that category, and they were up 8.7% over five years. Three-person families were much smaller at 20 and showed no change. Four-person families also stood at 20, but declined 20%, while five-or-more-person families remained the smallest group at 10, even though that category doubled. The pattern points to a family-size profile dominated by smaller households. The limited movement across categories suggests stability at the middle of the distribution, with the clearest changes at the edges.



In Stavely, family size in 2021 was concentrated in smaller households, with 125 people in two-person families. Three-person and four-person families each accounted for 20 people, while five-or-more-person families had 10. The five-year change was mixed: two-person families rose 8.7%, three-person families were flat, four-person families fell 20%, and larger families doubled from a small base. This points to a family structure centered on smaller households, with limited presence of larger families.

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

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