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IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 WATERTON

Demographics Report

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Executive Summary

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton is a very small community whose recent profile is shaped by recovery in population, a younger age midpoint than in 2016, and a household structure centered on small adult living arrangements. After falling from an earlier peak to a low in 2011, the population rose again through the following decade, reaching 144 in 2024 before easing slightly to 141 in 2025. Within the 2021 census picture, the age profile was uneven but leaned toward working-age adults, with notable growth in the 20 to 34 range and a median age that dropped sharply from 49.5 in 2016 to 36.8 in 2021. Children and the oldest age groups remained limited in number, leaving a profile that is youthful in midpoint but still thinly spread across age bands.

That demographic pattern is reflected in the area's households and families. Average household size fell from 2.3 in 2011 and 2016 to 1.8 in 2021, while one-person households became the largest household type and two-person households also made up a large share of the total. Living arrangements were dominated by partnered adults and people living alone, and family structure was concentrated in couple families, especially married couples without children. Married couples with children increased over the five years, but larger households and more complex family forms remained uncommon, and one-parent families were absent in the reported counts. Average family size changed only slightly, suggesting that the main shift was not toward larger families but toward smaller household arrangements overall.

The social profile shown in the census is also highly concentrated. English overwhelmingly dominated both mother tongue and household language knowledge, with almost no other languages recorded. Religious affiliation was split mainly between Christianity and no religion, while other listed religions were absent. The visible minority profile showed no recorded residents in any listed category in 2021, and Indigenous ancestry was also reported at zero across the recorded categories, even as Indigenous identity was limited to a small Métis count. The result is a place with a narrow demographic and cultural profile, modest family size, and a recent pattern of population rebound paired with smaller, more adult-focused households.

Average Household Size

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton’s average household size was 1.8 people in 2021, down 21.7% from 2.3 in 2016. The figure was also 2.3 in 2011, showing a later decline.

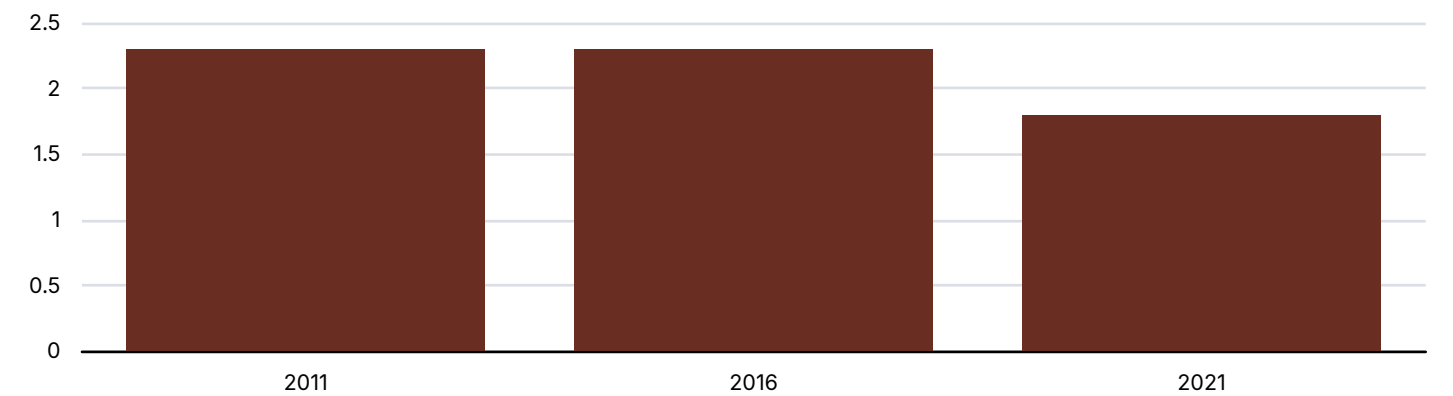


Figure 1.1: Shows the average number of people living in each household. It helps indicate typical living arrangements and the kinds of homes households may need. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2011-2021)¹

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton’s average household size has been stable at 2.3 people in both 2011 and 2016, then declined to 1.8 in 2021. The measure applies to private households. The 2021 figure is 0.5 people below the 2016 level, a 21.7% drop over five years. That marks a clear shift after the earlier period of no change. With only three census points, the main pattern is recent contraction rather than long-run volatility. The data suggest smaller households became more common by 2021.

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton had an average household size of 1.8 people in 2021, down from 2.3 in both 2011 and 2016. That 21.7% five-year decline stands out as the sharpest change in the local series. Most nearby places were higher. In 2021, values ranged from 2.0 in Stavelly to 3.9 in Blood 148 and Blood 148A also recorded 0.0. Waterton’s 1.8 was below every comparable community with a reported household size. The pattern points to smaller households than in much of the surrounding area, alongside a recent contraction after several years of stability.

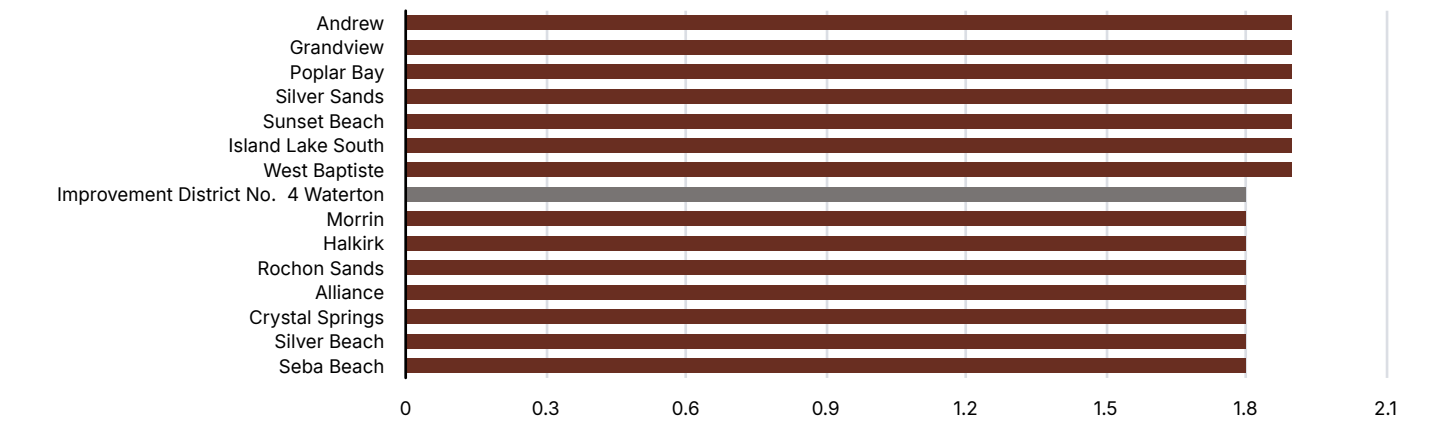


Figure 1.2: Comparison of Average Household Size with other locations (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

Average Number of Children per Family

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton had 1.8 children per census family with children in 2021. This provides a snapshot of family size in the area, with no other periods available for comparison.

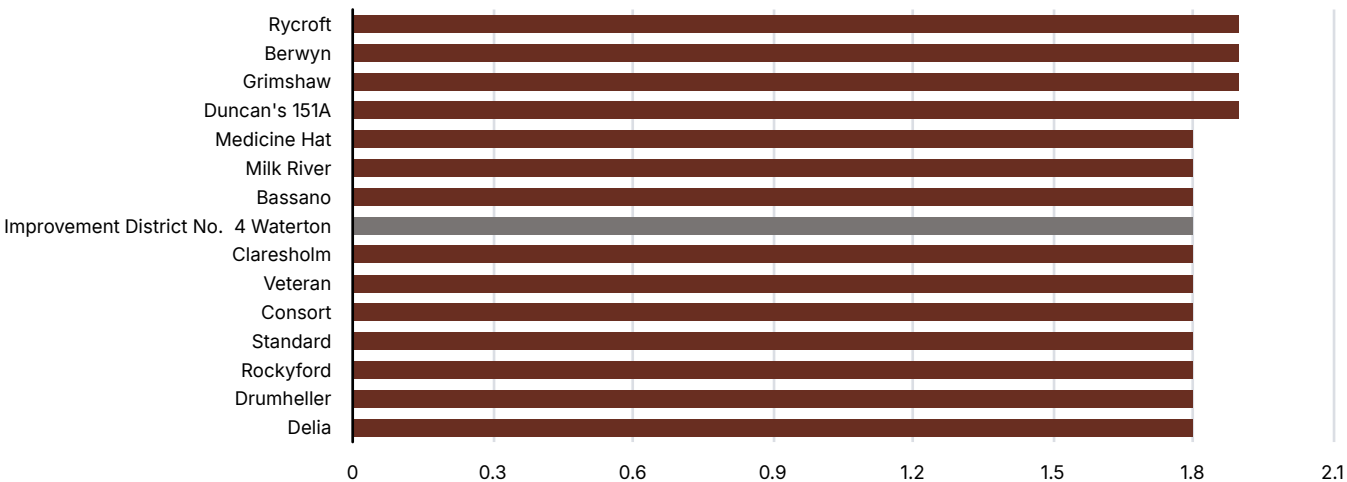


Figure 2.1: Comparison of Average Number of Children per Family with other locations (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton reported an average of 1.8 children per census family with children. That places it near the middle of the listed comparators, matching Claresholm and sitting slightly above Nanton and Stavely at 1.7. It is below Hill Spring at 2.1, and well under Cardston County's 2.6, Glenwood's 2.5, and Magrath's 2.5. At the lower end of the range, Peigan Timber Limit "B" and Blood 148A both recorded 0.0. The figure suggests a family size pattern that is modest compared with several nearby locations, while still above the smallest values in the comparison set.

In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton had an average of 1.8 children per census family with children. That places family size in a relatively modest range within the children-at-home population, suggesting a small average household composition for this measure. The same value appears in the linked dissemination area, which points to a consistent pattern at the local level. With only this figure available, the dataset supports a concise description rather than a broader explanation of family dynamics or service demand.

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Figure 2.2: Distribution of Average Number of Children per Family (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

Indigenous Ancestry

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton reported no residents with Indigenous ancestry in 2021. Every ancestry category was 0 people, including First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and mixed Indigenous and non-Indigenous combinations.

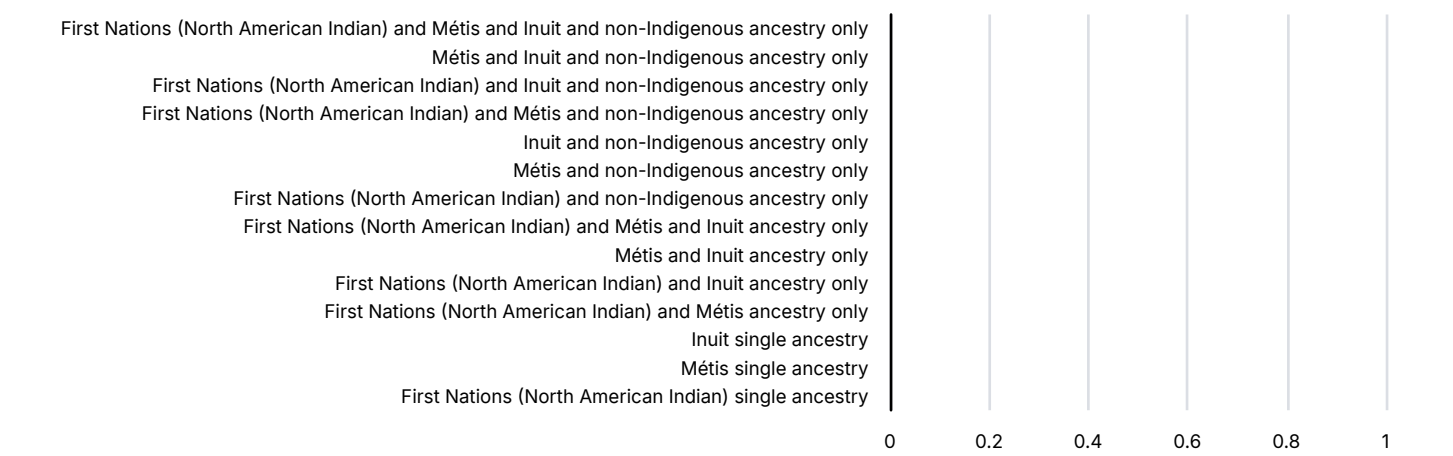
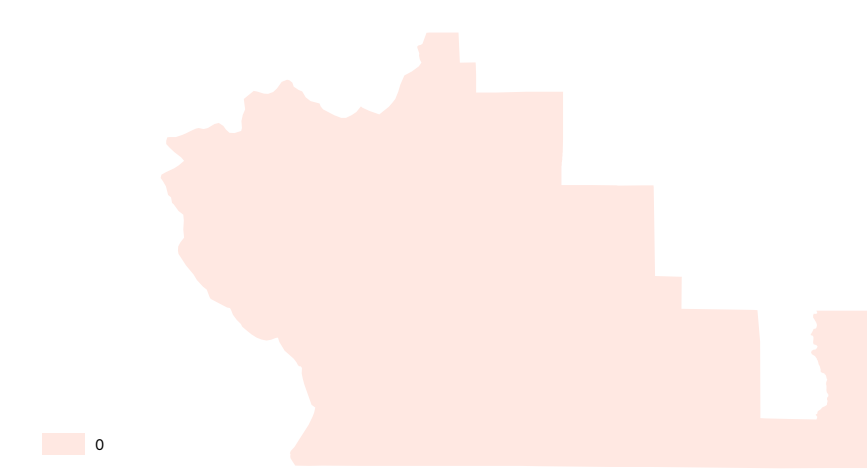


Figure 3.1: Shows residents with Indigenous ancestry. It helps indicate ancestral connections to First Nations, Métis, or Inuit peoples. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton reported no residents with Indigenous ancestry in the population living in private households. Every recorded category was zero, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit single ancestry, as well as all mixed-ancestry combinations. That pattern leaves no internal variation to describe: the location's count was 0 people in each of the 15 ancestry categories. With no Indigenous ancestry recorded in the census profile for this population, the data show a complete absence across the measured categories, rather than a split among groups or a small concentration in any one ancestry type.



In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton recorded no residents with Indigenous ancestry in the census profile categories shown. All reported counts, including First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and mixed ancestry combinations, were zero in the population in private households. The accompanying dissemination area also showed zero across the same categories. With no reported presence in these measures, the pattern is one of complete absence in the data provided.

Figure 3.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Indigenous Ancestry - First Nations (North American Indian) single ancestry (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Age Groups

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton's population was largest among those aged 30 to 34 years at 25 people in 2021, up 400.0% from 5 in 2016. Ages 20 to 24 and 25 to 29 also grew to 15 and 20 people.

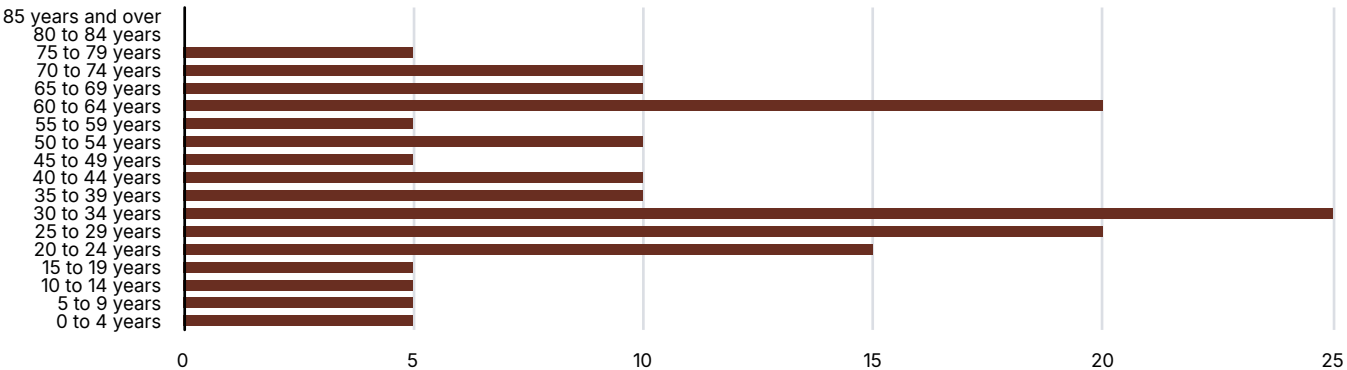


Figure 4.1: Shows how the population is distributed across age groups. It helps explain the community's age structure and stage of life profile. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton had a small and uneven age profile, with the largest cohort in the 30 to 34 years group at 25 people. Several nearby adult groups were also notable, including 25 to 29 years and 60 to 64 years at 20 each, while 20 to 24 years reached 15. Recent change was strongest in the adult ages: 30 to 34 years rose 400%, 20 to 24 years 200%, and 25 to 29 years 100%. Younger children and the oldest group were smaller, at 5 or 0 people.

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton's 2021 age profile is concentrated in working-age and older-adult groups, with smaller numbers at the youngest and oldest ends of the spectrum. The largest cohorts are ages 30 to 34 and 60 to 64, at 25 and 20 people. Ages 25 to 29 and 20 to 24 account for 20 and 15 people, while several other groups sit at 10 or 5. Compared with the rest of its age spread, the profile is fairly even but thin. Recent change is strongest in ages 30 to 34, 20 to 24, and 60 to 64.

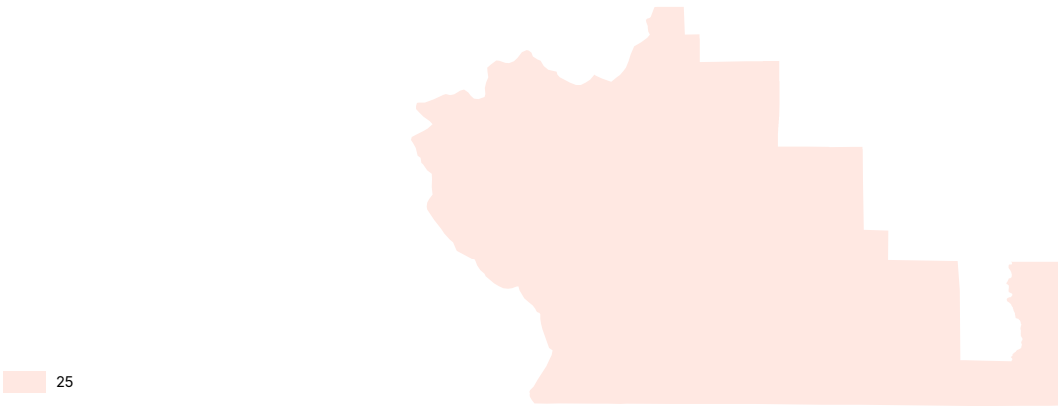


Figure 4.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Age Group - 30 to 34 years (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Family Type

Married couple without children remained the largest family type in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton at 15 people in 2021, unchanged from 2016. Married couples with children doubled to 10 people.

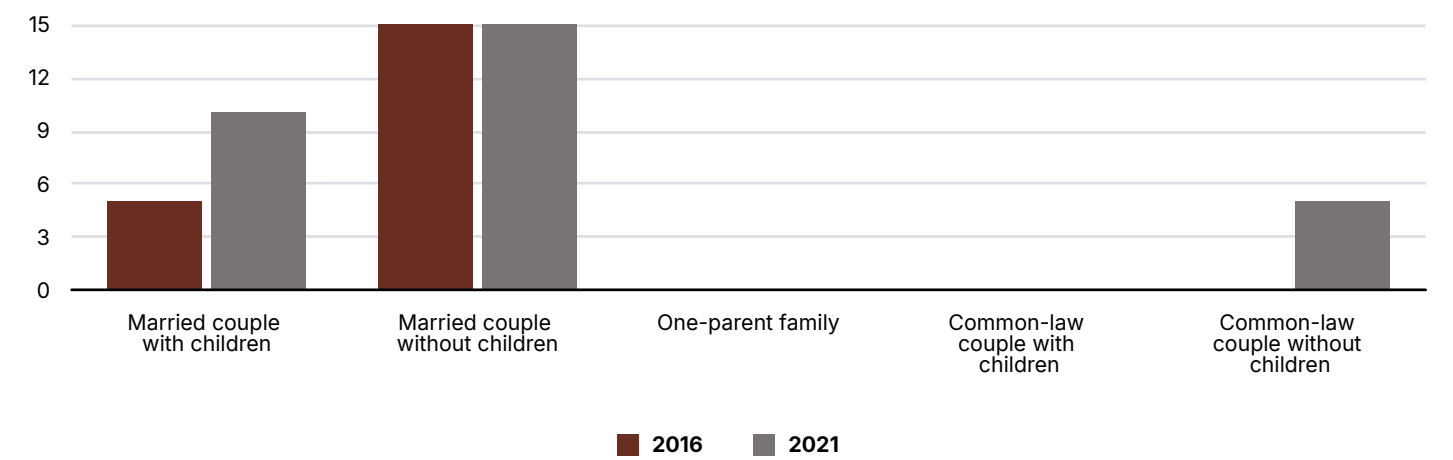


Figure 5.1: Shows the mix of family types, such as couple families and lone-parent families. It helps indicate the structure of family life in the community. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2016-2021)¹

In Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, the 2021 family-type profile for census families in private households is concentrated in couple families. Married couples without children numbered 15 people, compared with 10 married couples with children and 5 common-law couples without children. One-parent families and common-law couples with children were recorded at 0. The clearest time trend is the sharp rise in married couples with children, which increased by 100% over five years, while married couples without children showed no change. The pattern points to a small family population with a limited mix of family forms. Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile.

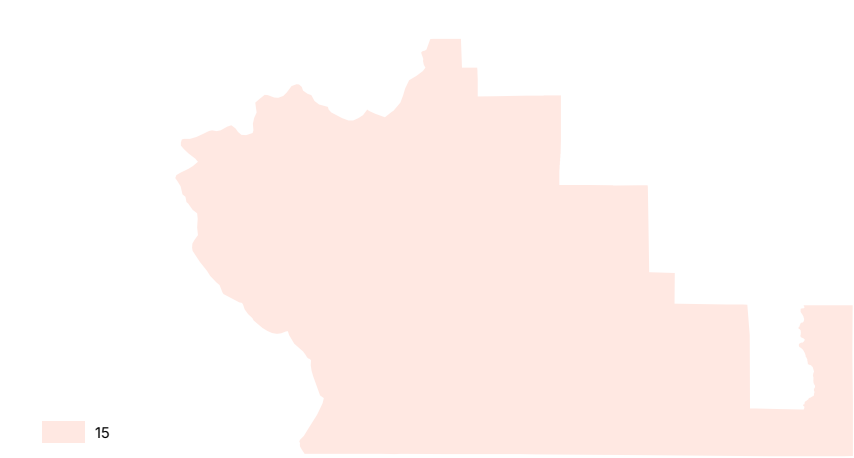


Figure 5.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Family Type - Married couple without children (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

In 2021, family structure in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton was concentrated in couple families, with married couples without children the largest group at 15 people. Married couples with children accounted for 10 people, while common-law couples without children numbered 5. Common-law couples with children and one-parent families were both recorded at 0. The married couple with children category also rose by 100% over five years, while married couples without children were unchanged. The pattern points to a small family profile centered on couple households rather than lone-parent families.

Religion

No religion and secular perspectives was the largest group in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton in 2021, at 65 people. Christian residents followed at 55, while all other listed religions were recorded at 0.

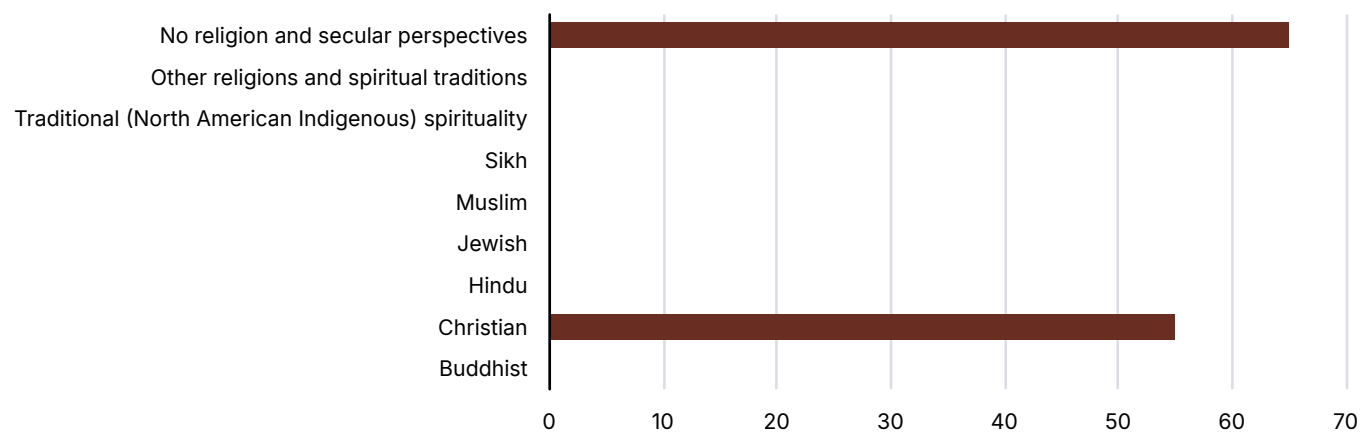
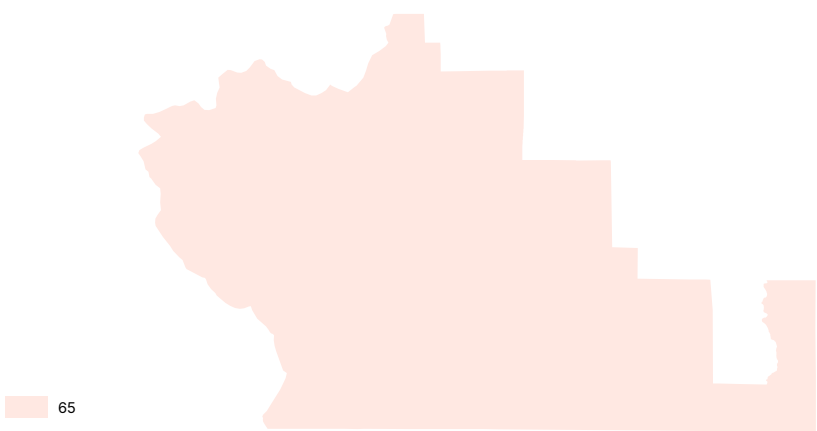


Figure 6.1: Shows residents' religious affiliation. It helps indicate the spiritual and faith-based diversity of the community. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In 2021, religion in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton was marked by a small and fairly simple profile. The largest group was people with no religion and secular perspectives, at 65 people, while 55 people identified as Christian. All other recorded affiliations were reported at zero, including Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Traditional (North American Indigenous) spirituality, and other religions and spiritual traditions. That leaves the community with a notably concentrated pattern rather than a broad mix of faith traditions. The data suggest that religious affiliation in this census subdivision is limited to two reported categories, with no smaller faith groups recorded.



In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton's religion profile was concentrated in two groups. No religion and secular perspectives accounted for 65 people, while Christianity accounted for 55. All other listed religions and spiritual traditions were reported at zero. Within the population in private households, the distribution shows very limited religious diversity and a clear split between these two affiliations.

Figure 6.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Religion - No religion and secular perspectives (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Mother Tongue

English was the largest and most changed mother tongue in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton in 2021, at 150 people, up 66.7% over five years. Ukrainian followed with 5 people.

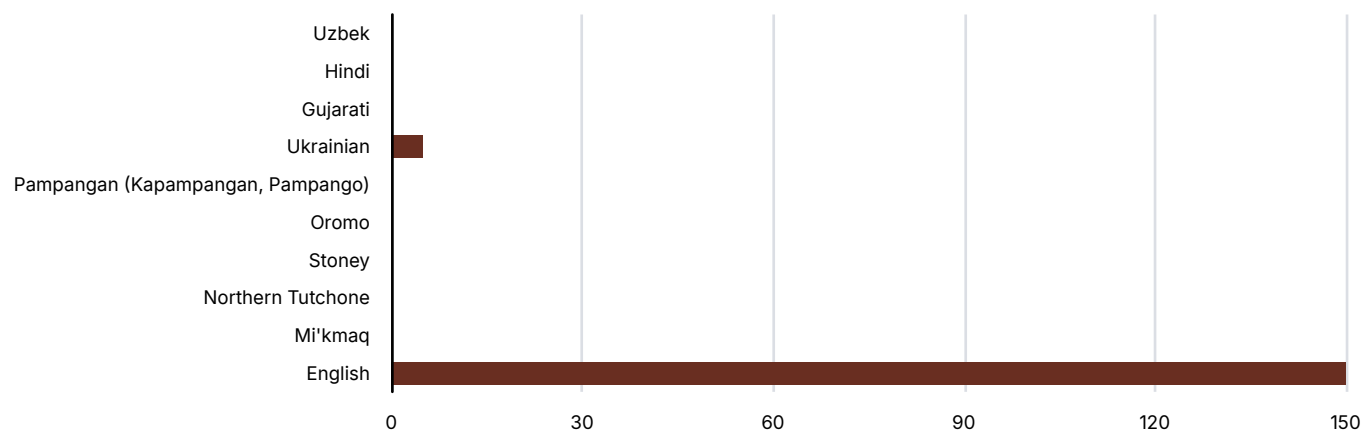
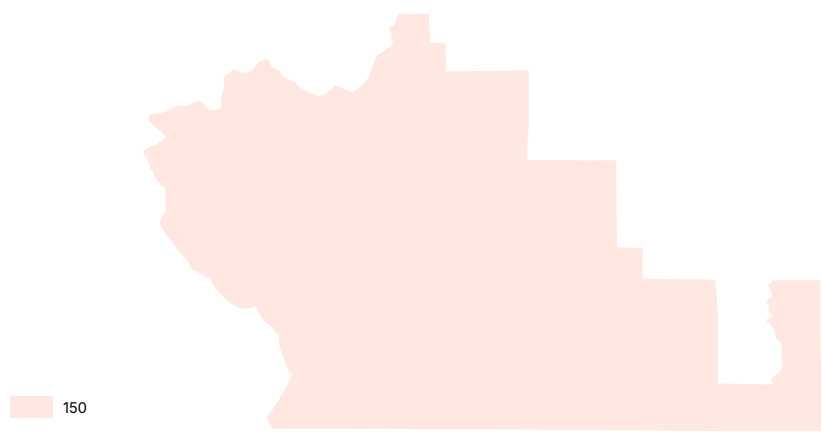


Figure 7.1: Shows the first language learned and still understood by residents. It helps indicate the linguistic roots of the population. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, mother tongue data for 2021 is dominated by English. The census profile shows 150 residents with English as their first language learned and still understood, far ahead of any other listed language. Ukrainian is a distant second at 5 people, while the remaining languages shown are at zero. The recent trend is also concentrated in English. Its 5-year change is 66.7%, suggesting a substantial increase over the period covered by the census comparison. No change is shown for the smaller language counts listed. This leaves the mother tongue profile highly concentrated rather than diverse. Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile.



In Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, mother tongue is overwhelmingly English. In 2021, 150 residents reported English as their first language and still understood it, while Ukrainian was the only other non-zero language shown, at 5 people. The distribution is highly concentrated, with the remaining listed languages recorded at zero. That pattern suggests a very narrow linguistic profile in the area, with little visible mother-tongue diversity in this census count.

Figure 7.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Language - English (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Visible Minority

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton had no visible minority group counts in 2021. In 2016, Southeast Asian was largest at 25 people, while Filipino and Latin American each counted 10.

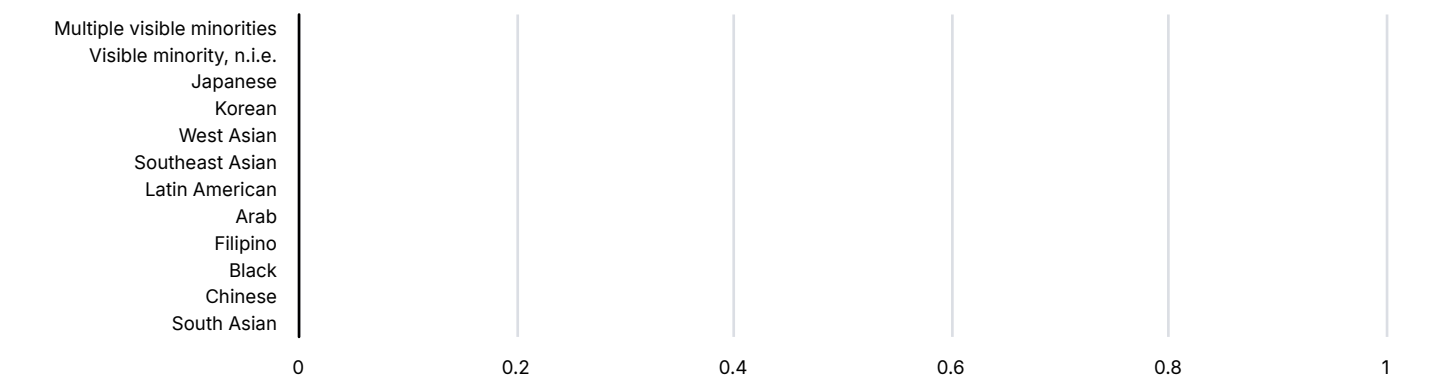


Figure 8.1: Shows residents who identify as belonging to visible minority groups. It helps indicate racialized population diversity in the community. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton recorded no residents in any visible minority category within the population in private households. The profile shows zero people for South Asian, Chinese, Black, Arab, West Asian, Korean, Japanese, and visible minority, n.i.e. Three categories also show a 5-year change of -100%: Filipino, Latin American, and Southeast Asian. With every listed group at zero, the pattern is one of complete absence in this measure rather than a diversified visible minority population.

In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton recorded no residents in any of the visible minority categories listed for the population in private households. South Asian, Chinese, Black, Arab, Japanese and several other groups were all recorded at 0 people, and the same was true for multiple visible minorities and visible minority, n.i.e. The pattern is uniform rather than varied, with no category showing a recorded presence. That leaves the visible minority profile essentially absent in the census data for this location.

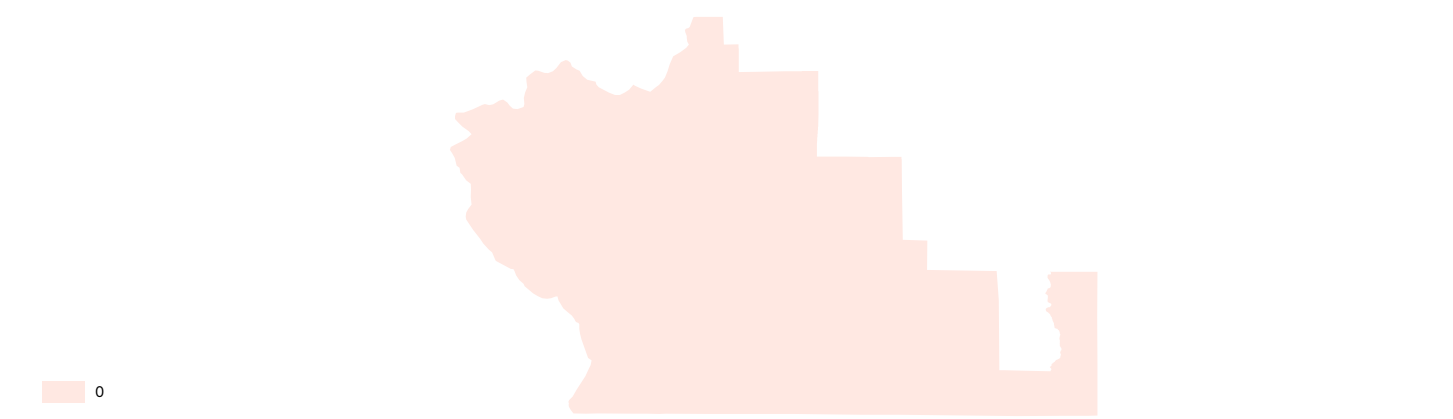


Figure 8.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Visible Minority - South Asian (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Indigenous Identity

In 2021, the Métis population was the only reported Indigenous group in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, with 15 people. In 2016, all listed Indigenous identity counts were zero.

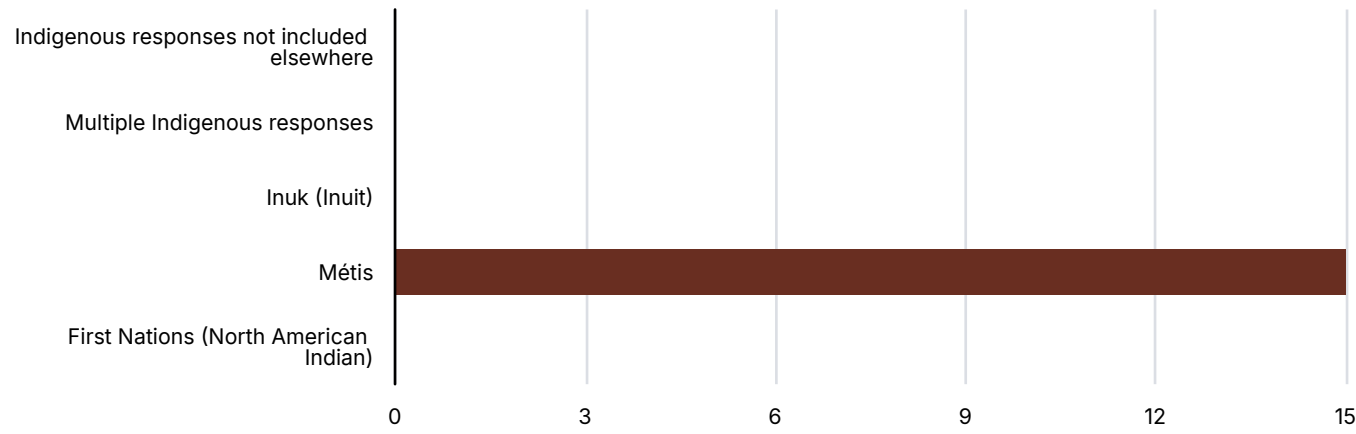
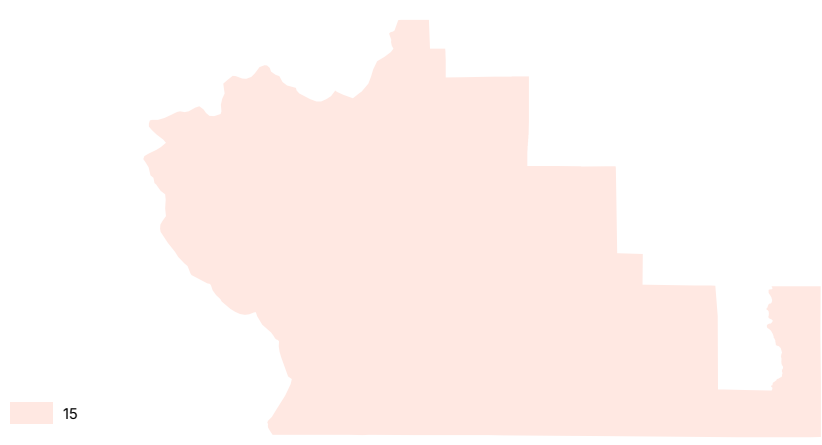


Figure 9.1: Shows residents who identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit. It helps indicate the presence of Indigenous communities in the area. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton had a very small Indigenous identity count in the population in private households. The only group reported with a non-zero value was Métis, at 15 people. First Nations, Inuk, multiple Indigenous responses, and Indigenous responses not included elsewhere were each recorded at 0. That means the local Indigenous identity count was concentrated entirely in Métis identity, with no reported presence in the other listed categories. With such small numbers, the data suggests limited scale rather than a broad mix of Indigenous identities. The figures provide a narrow snapshot of the community’s composition in that census year.



In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton recorded a small Indigenous identity population in private households. Métis was the only group reported, with 15 people, while First Nations, Inuit, multiple Indigenous responses, and Indigenous responses not included elsewhere were all zero. The pattern is highly concentrated rather than diverse. With no First Nations or Inuit responses recorded, the area’s Indigenous identity count is defined entirely by Métis residents. Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile.

Figure 9.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Indigenous Identity - Métis (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Household Size

Single-person households were the largest group in 2021 at 30, up from 10 in 2016, a 200.0% increase. Two-person households followed at 25, while 3- and 4-person households were 5 each.

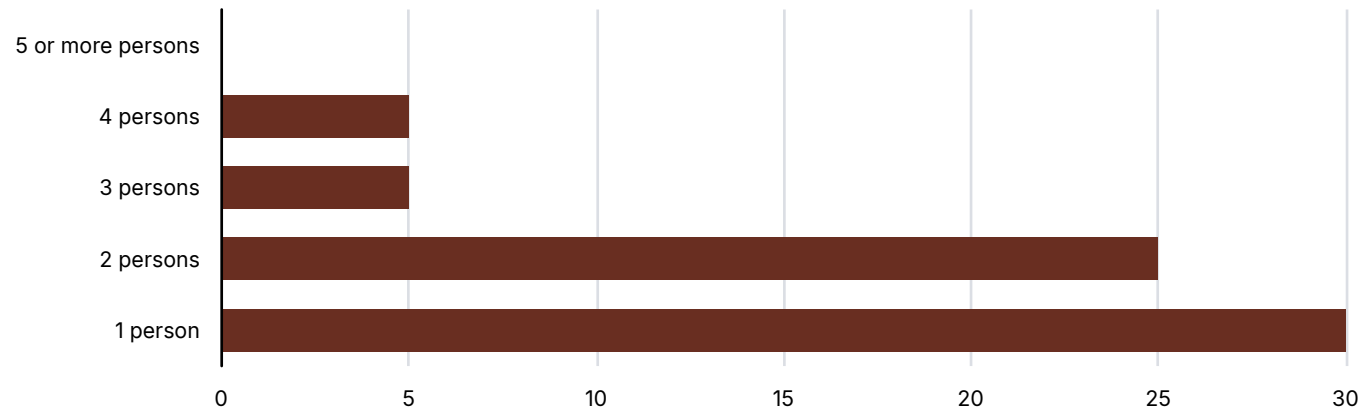
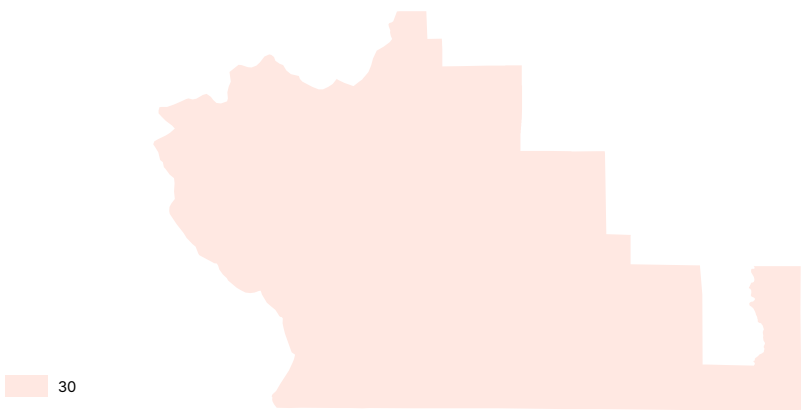


Figure 10.1: Shows the number of people living in households. It helps indicate common household arrangements and likely housing needs. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In 2021, household size in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton was concentrated in smaller households. One-person and two-person households made up most of the total, while larger households were uncommon. There were 30 one-person households and 25 two-person households. Three-person households and four-person households each numbered 5, and no households had five or more persons. That pattern shows a strong tilt toward small household arrangements. The 5-year change suggests that these smaller household types became more common over time: one-person households increased by 200% and two-person households by 66.7%, while four-person households were unchanged. The data points to a household profile dominated by single adults and couples rather than larger family households.



In Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, private households in 2021 were mostly small. One-person households numbered 30, and two-person households were also 25. Three-person and four-person households were far fewer, at 5 each, while households with five or more people were absent. The mix points to a strongly small-household profile, with recent growth concentrated in one- and two-person living arrangements.

Figure 10.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Household Size - 1 person (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Living Arrangement

In 2021, married spouses or common-law partners were the largest group at 55 people in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton. Living alone followed with 35, while children in two-parent families and non-relatives each counted 15.

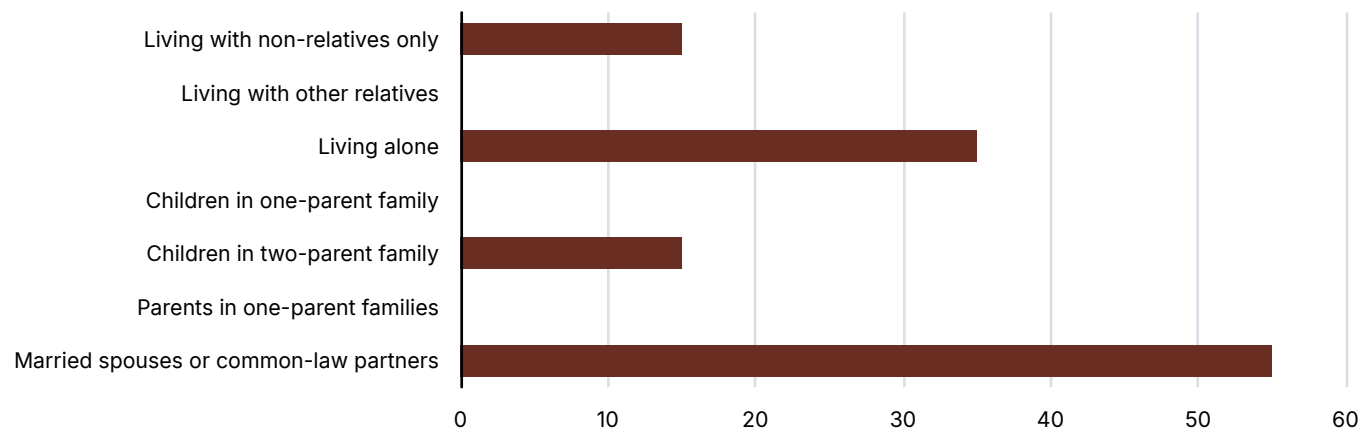
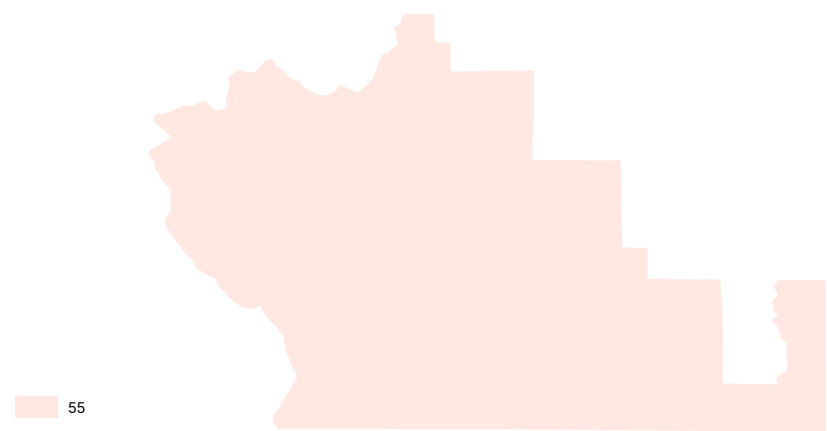


Figure 11.1: Shows residents' living arrangements, such as living alone, with family, or with others. It helps indicate household formation and support networks. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In 2021, living arrangements in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton were centered on partnered adults and people living alone. The profile suggests a small private-household population with a mix of family and non-family arrangements. Married spouses or common-law partners accounted for 55 people, while 35 people lived alone. Children in two-parent families numbered 15, and 15 people lived with non-relatives only. Parents in one-parent families, children in one-parent families, and people living with other relatives were each recorded at 0. The largest category was partnered adults, but the presence of a sizeable group living alone shows a notable secondary pattern. Taken together, the data point to a simple household structure with limited complexity in 2021.



In 2021, living arrangements in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton were concentrated in a few household types. Married spouses or common-law partners made up the largest group at 55 people, followed by 35 people living alone. Smaller groups included 15 children in two-parent families and 15 people living with non-relatives only, while several categories had no residents. The pattern points to a small, adult-focused household structure.

Figure 11.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Living Arrangement - Married spouses or common-law partners (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Marital Status

In Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, residents aged 15 and over were mainly not married and not living common-law at 75 people in 2021, up 66.7% from 2016, while married residents reached 60 and common-law residents 10.

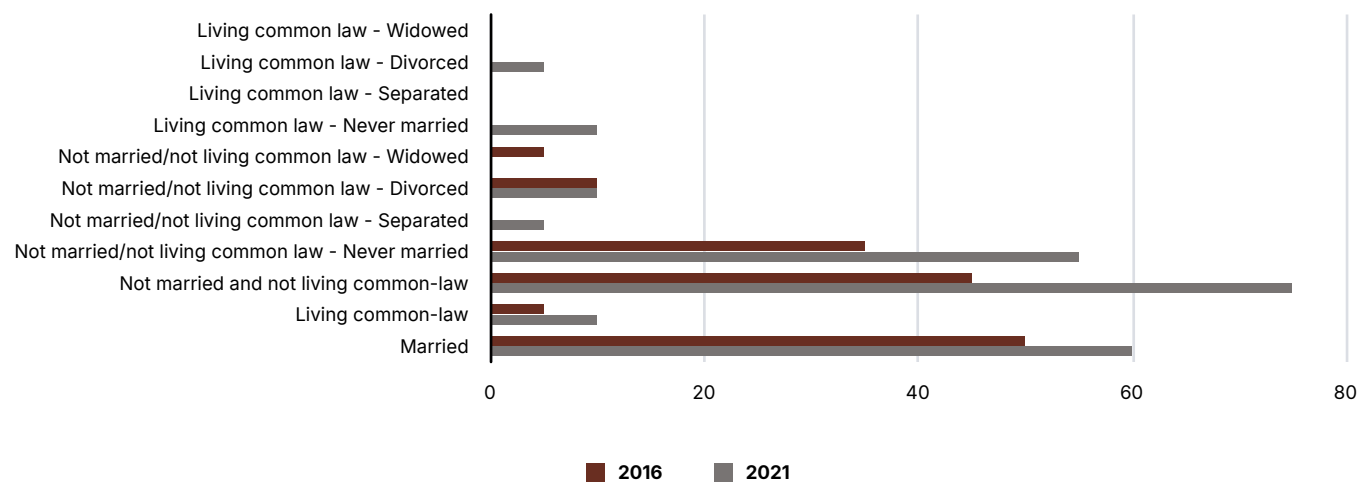
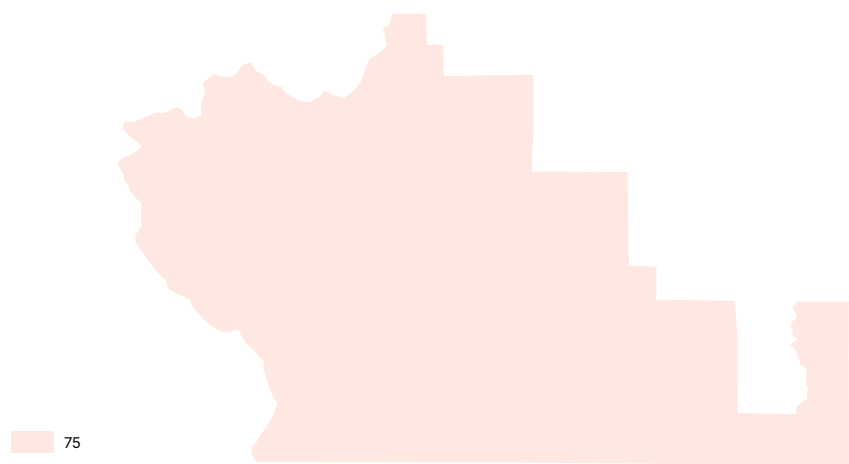


Figure 12.1: Shows the marital status of residents, such as single, married, divorced, separated, or widowed. It helps indicate relationship patterns and household formation. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2016-2021)¹

In 2021, marital status in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton was led by married residents, with 60 people, while 75 people were not married and not living common-law. The largest recent shift was in the not married and not living common-law group, which rose 66.7% over five years. Married residents also increased, up 20%, and those living common-law doubled to 10. The profile suggests a small population with notable growth in non-married categories.



In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton's population aged 15 and over was mostly outside marriage or common-law unions. The largest group was not married and not living common-law, at 75 people, while 60 were married and 10 lived common-law. The profile points to a relatively small, unmarried population share.

Figure 12.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Marital Status - Not married and not living common-law (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Language Knowledge in Households

English was the only language reported in households, with 120 households in 2021. That count was 14.3% higher than five years earlier, while Hindi and Gujarati both fell to zero households.

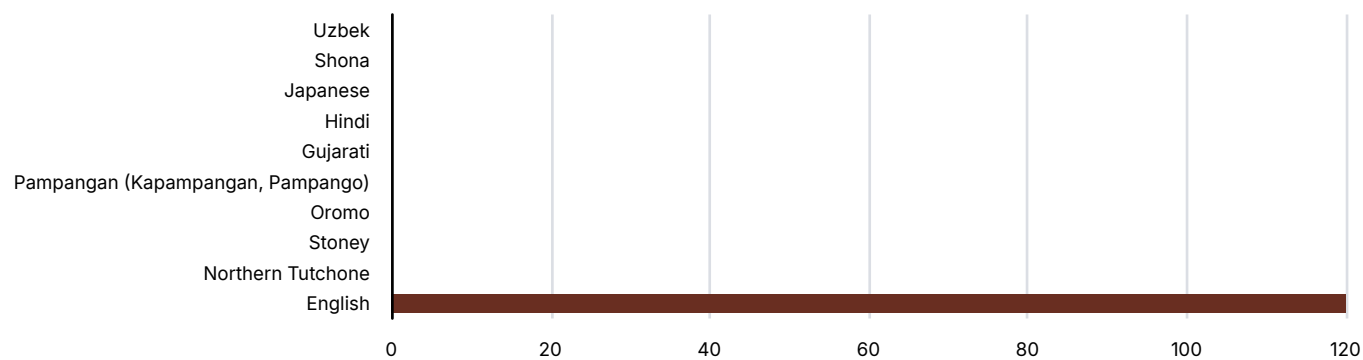


Figure 13.1: Shows the languages household members can speak. It helps indicate multilingual capacity and potential language access needs. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In 2021, household language knowledge in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton was concentrated almost entirely in English. English was reported in 120 households, and it rose 14.3% over five years. By contrast, the other listed languages were all recorded at zero households. The only non-zero figure suggests a very narrow language profile in the population living in private households. Gujarati and Hindi both fell by 100% over five years, while several other languages remained at zero with no change reported. This leaves English as the clear dominant language knowledge measure in the subdivision.

In Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, household language knowledge in 2021 was entirely concentrated in English. The census counts 120 households with English, and the figure is up 14.3% over five years. By contrast, the listed other languages, including Hindi and Gujarati, were recorded at zero households. The same pattern appears in the descendant dissemination area, where English also stands at 120 households, with a 9.1% five-year increase. That leaves little sign of multilingual household capacity in the data provided.

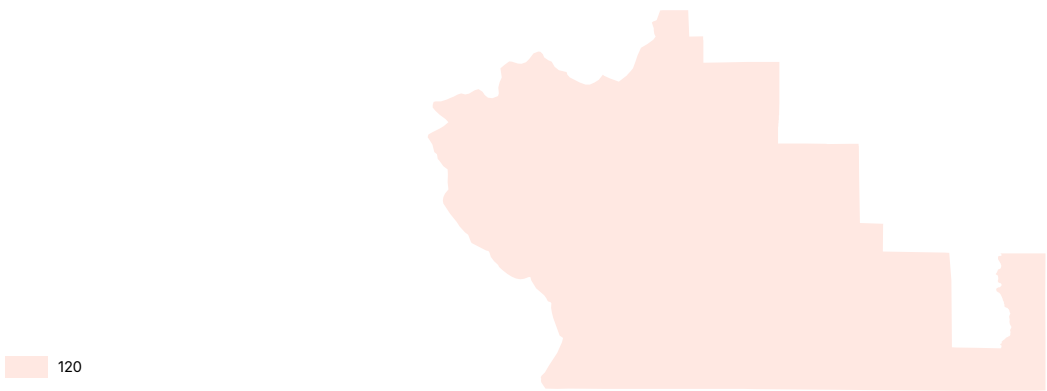


Figure 13.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Language - English (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Household Type

One-person households were the largest group in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton in 2021, rising to 30 households from 10 in 2016. Couple-family households without children were next at 20, and with children at 10.

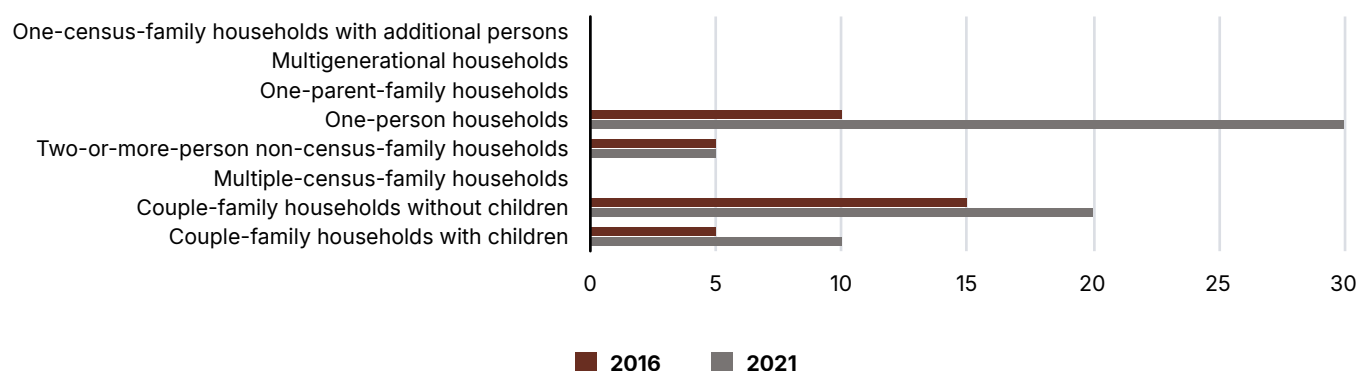


Figure 14.1: Shows the mix of household types, including one-person, family, and non-family households. It helps indicate how residents are organized across living arrangements. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2016-2021)¹

In 2021, household type in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton was concentrated in one-person and couple-family households. One-person households numbered 30 and rose 200% over five years, while couple-family households without children totaled 20, up 33.3%. Couple-family households with children were fewer at 10, but also increased 100%. Other household types were minimal: two-or-more-person non-census-family households numbered 5, and several family forms were absent. The pattern suggests a small household base with recent growth centered on single-person living.

In 2021, Improvement District No. 4 Waterton's private households were shaped mainly by smaller living arrangements. One-person households were the largest type at 30, followed by couple-family households without children at 20 and couple-family households with children at 10. Two-or-more-person non-census-family households accounted for 5. More complex family forms were absent in the data, including one-parent, multigenerational, multiple-census-family, and one-census-family households with additional persons, all at zero.

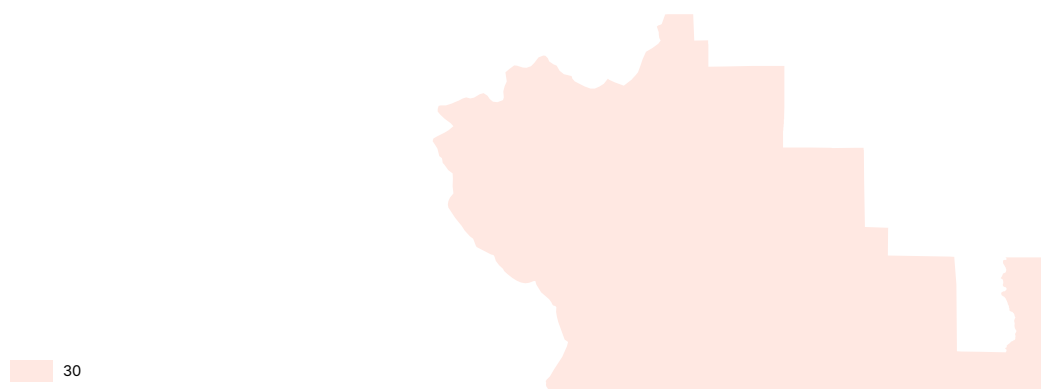


Figure 14.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Household Type - One-person households (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Average Family Size

Average family size in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton was 2.6 people in 2021, up from 2.5 in 2016 and unchanged from 2011 to 2016, a 4.0% five-year increase.

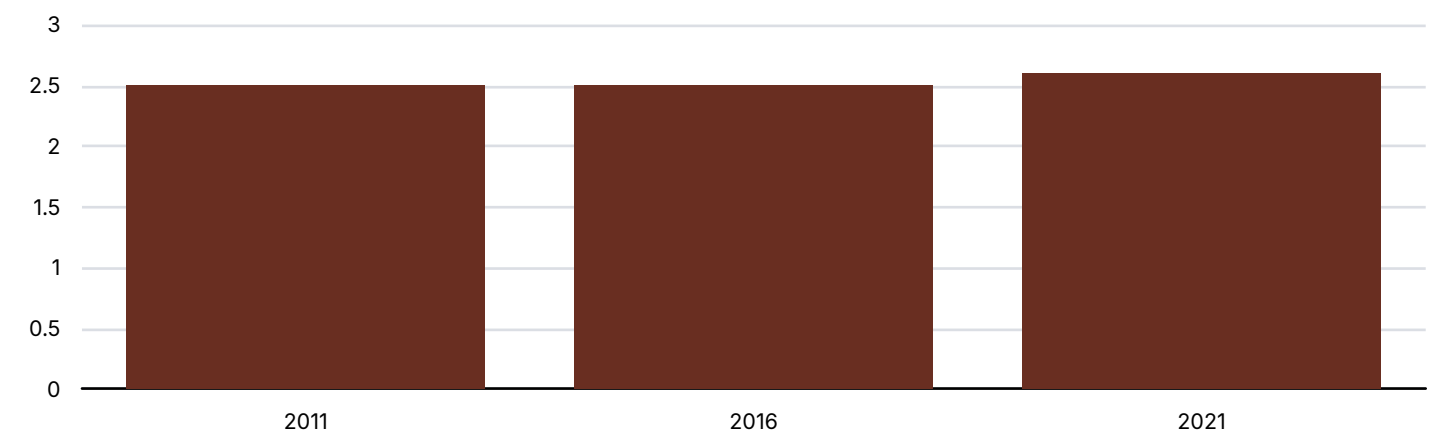


Figure 15.1: Shows the average number of people in family households. It helps indicate typical family living arrangements and space needs. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2011-2021)¹

Average family size in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton was stable at 2.5 people in both 2011 and 2016, then edged up to 2.6 in 2021. The five-year change was 4%, pointing to a modest recent increase after a period of no change. Within census families in private households, the pattern is one of consistency rather than sharp movement. The 2021 figure suggests only a slight shift in typical family living arrangements and space needs.

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton had an average family size of 2.6 people in 2021, up slightly from 2.5 in 2011 and 2016. The change over the five-year period was 4%. That places it below several nearby comparators, including Hill Spring at 2.8, Fort Macleod at 2.9, and Cardston County at 3.2, while matching Claresholm and Stavely at 2.6 and 2.5. The pattern suggests a relatively small family size within this local group.

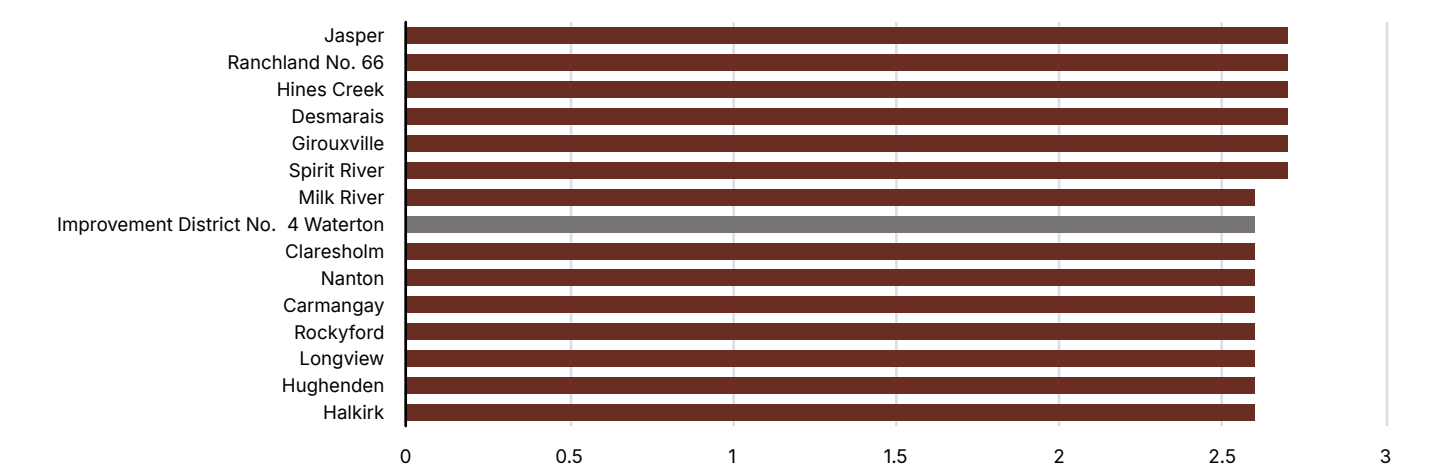


Figure 15.2: Comparison of Average Family Size with other locations (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

Total Population

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton's population was 141 in 2025, down from 144 in 2024 but up 50.0% from 2020. The series peaked at 164 in 2006 and bottomed at 91 in 2011.

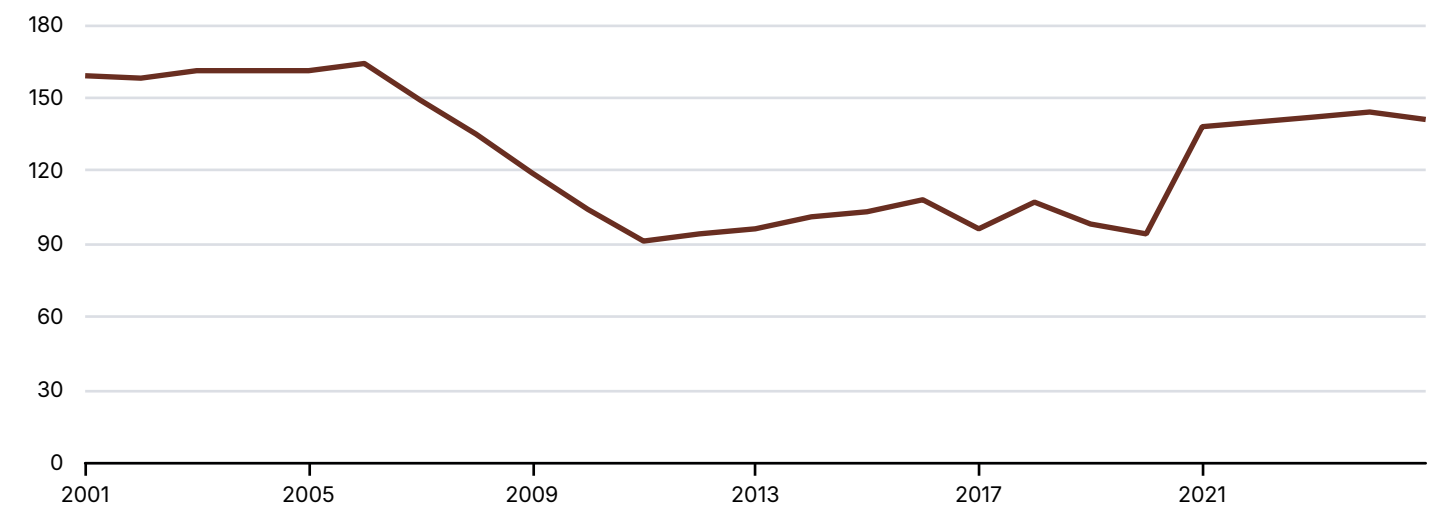
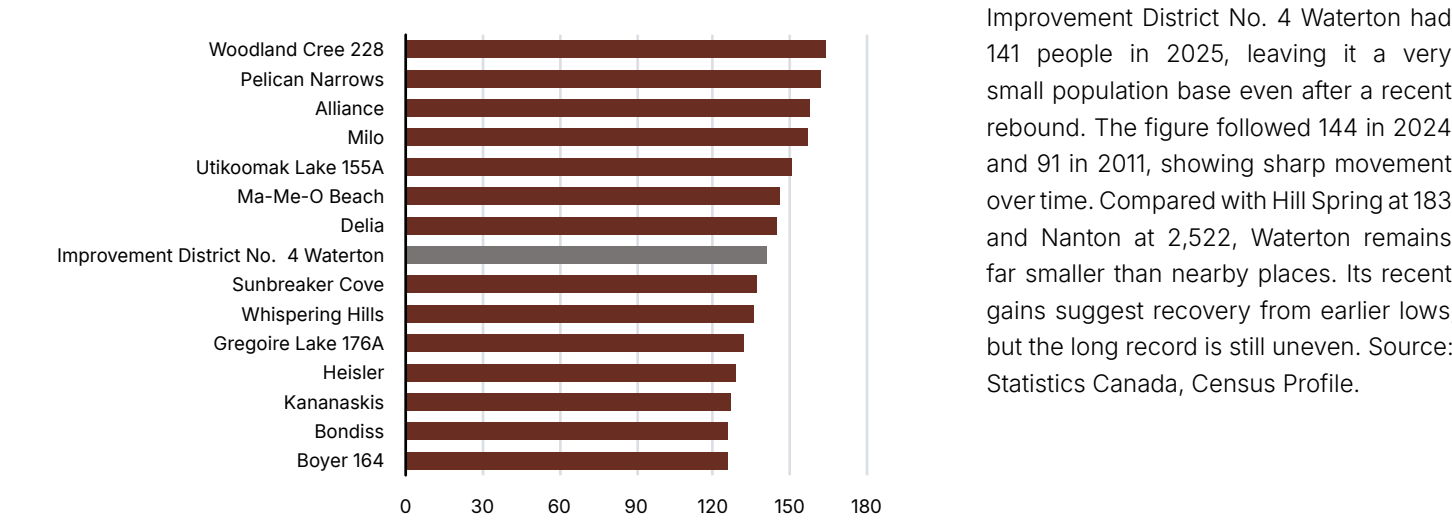


Figure 16.1: Shows the total number of people living in the area. It provides the basic population benchmark used across many other indicators. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2001-2025)²

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton's total population has been relatively small and uneven over time, with clear swings rather than steady growth. It stood at 159 people in 2001, peaked early at 164 in 2006, then fell to 91 by 2011. After that low point, the population recovered gradually, reaching 108 in 2016 and then climbing more sharply to 144 in 2024 before easing slightly to 141 in 2025. The recent 5-year change of 50% shows strong momentum compared with the earlier decline.



Improvement District No. 4 Waterton had 141 people in 2025, leaving it a very small population base even after a recent rebound. The figure followed 144 in 2024 and 91 in 2011, showing sharp movement over time. Compared with Hill Spring at 183 and Nanton at 2,522, Waterton remains far smaller than nearby places. Its recent gains suggest recovery from earlier lows, but the long record is still uneven. Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile.

Figure 16.2: Comparison of Total Population with other locations (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2025)²

Primary Maintainer Age

In 2021, households with a primary maintainer aged 25 to 34 were largest at 30, while 65 to 74 rose to 15. The 55 to 64 group fell from 20 in 2016 to zero.

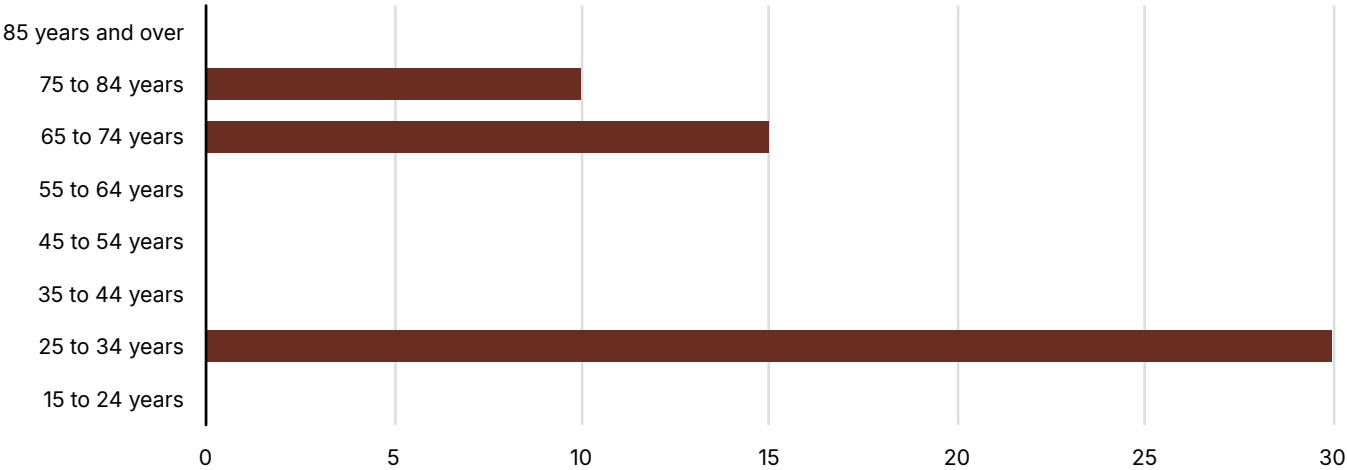
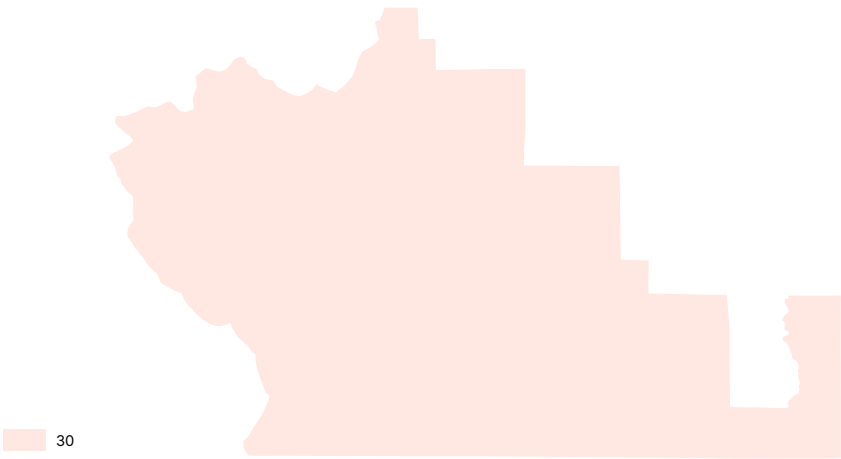


Figure 17.1: Shows the age of the primary household maintainer. It helps indicate which life stages are carrying primary financial responsibility for housing. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In 2021, primary household maintainers in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton were concentrated in older age groups, with the 25 to 34 years group the largest at 30 households. The 65 to 74 years group accounted for 15 households, and the 75 to 84 years group for 10. Several age groups recorded no households, including 15 to 24, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64, and 85 years and over. The pattern points to a limited and uneven age distribution among household maintainers, with activity centered in middle adulthood and later life.



In 2021, primary household maintainers in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton were concentrated in a few older age groups. The largest group was 25 to 34 years, with 30 households, followed by 65 to 74 years with 15 and 75 to 84 years with 10. Several other age groups recorded zero households, including 15 to 24, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64, and 85 years and over. The pattern points to a small household base with limited spread across ages.

Figure 17.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Household Maintainer Age - 25 to 34 years (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

Median Age

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton’s median age was 36.8 years in 2021, down 25.66% from 2016’s 49.5 years. It remained below 2011’s 41.0 years, showing a younger midpoint over the decade.

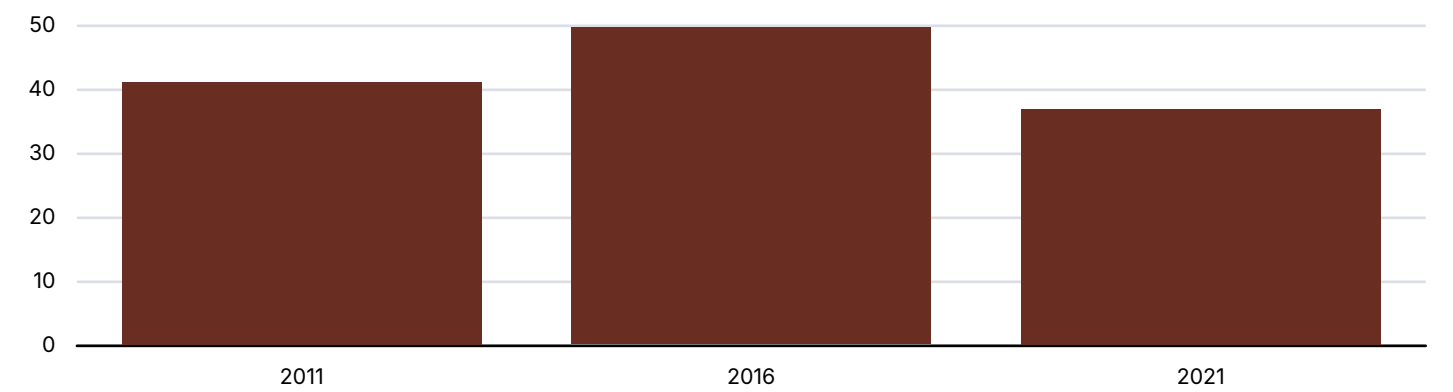


Figure 18.1: Shows the median age of residents. It helps indicate whether the population skews younger or older at the midpoint of the age distribution. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2011-2021)¹

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton’s median age shifted markedly over the last three census points. It was 41.0 years in 2011, rose to 49.5 years in 2016, then fell to 36.8 years in 2021. That pattern shows a sharp mid-period aging followed by a younger median age five years later. The 2021 figure is 12.7 years lower than in 2016 and 4.2 years below 2011. With no comparator in the dataset, the clearest story is the size of the swing over time rather than a relative ranking.

Improvement District No. 4 Waterton had a median age of 36.8 years in 2021, placing it among the younger places in this local group. That figure was down from 49.5 in 2016, after rising from 41.0 in 2011. By comparison, several nearby communities were older in 2021, including Claresholm at 56.8, Hill Spring and Stavely at 54.8, and Nanton at 52.8. Waterton was close to Cardston County at 36.4 and Magrath at 36.0. The pattern shows a sharp recent shift toward a younger midpoint, though it remains within a mixed regional range.

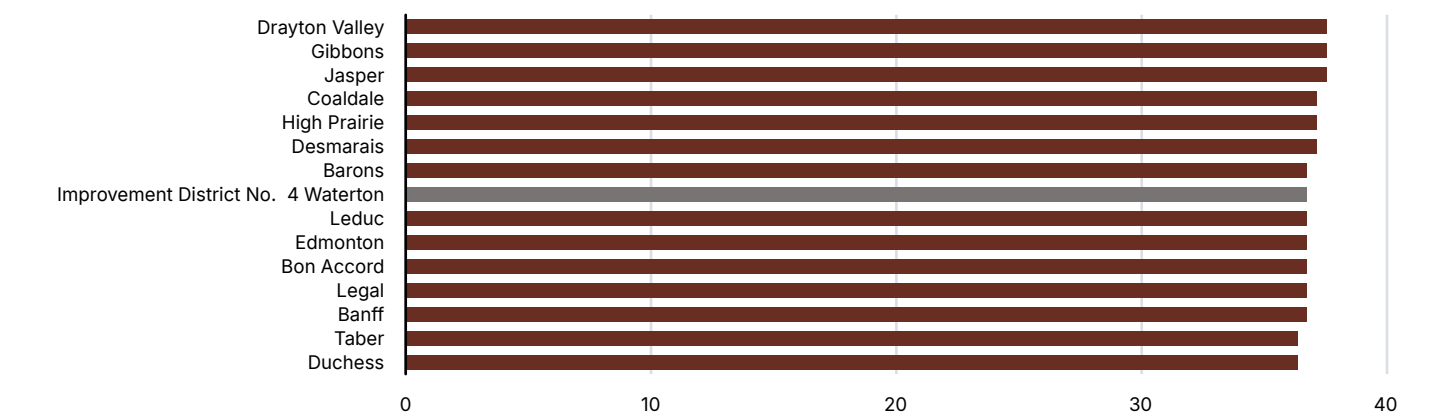


Figure 18.2: Comparison of Median Age with other locations (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

Family Size

Two-person families were the largest group in Improvement District No. 4 Waterton in 2021, at 15 people, unchanged from 2016. Four-person families followed with 5 people, while three-person and larger families were at 0.

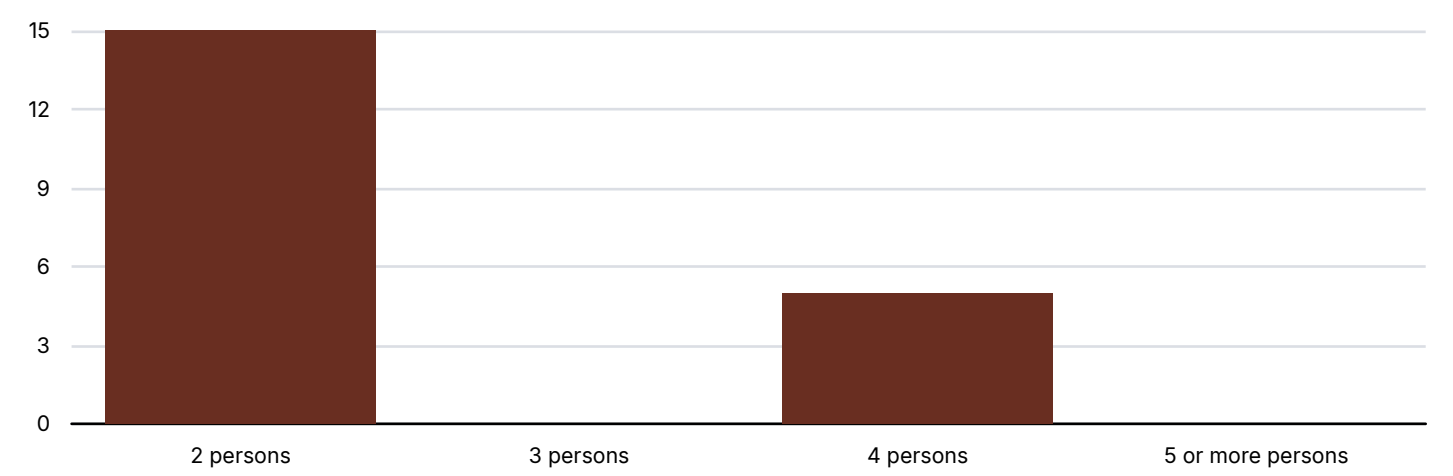
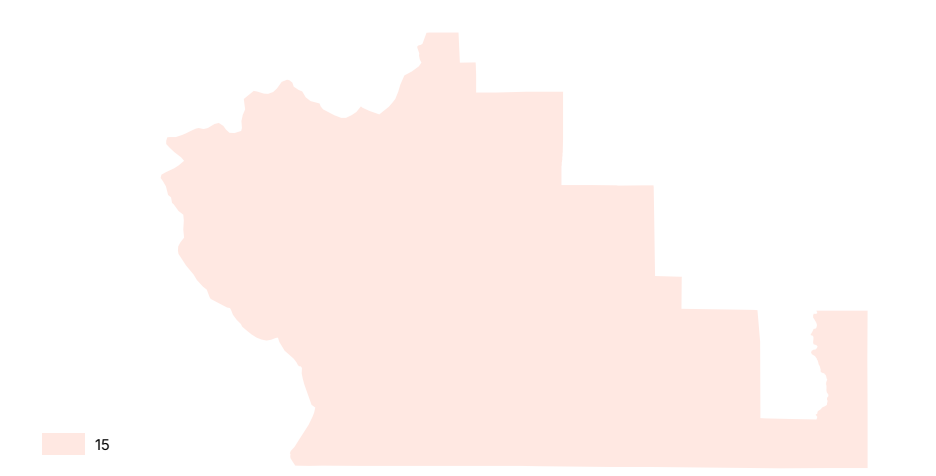


Figure 19.1: Shows the number of people in family households. It helps indicate household composition and the space families may need. (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, 2021)¹

In Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, family size in 2021 was concentrated in smaller households. Among census families in private households, 2-person families accounted for 15, while 4-person families accounted for 5. There were no 3-person families and no families with 5 or more persons. The 5-year change is flat for the reported size groups, with both 2-person and 4-person families showing no change. That leaves the overall pattern steady rather than shifting toward larger or smaller family households. The distribution suggests a family structure centered on smaller households, with little sign of change over the recent period.



In Improvement District No. 4 Waterton, family size in 2021 was concentrated in smaller households within census families in private households. Two-person families accounted for 15 people, while four-person families accounted for 5. No families of three or of five or more persons were recorded. The pattern was the same in the descendant dissemination area, suggesting a narrow household-size profile rather than a mixed one. Five-year change was flat where reported, with no movement shown for two- and four-person families.

Figure 19.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Family Size - 2 persons (Improvement District No. 4 Waterton)¹

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