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Demographics Report

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Executive Summary

Crowsnest Pass is a mature, slow-changing community whose recent profile is shaped more by aging and household structure than by rapid growth or broad demographic turnover. The population reached 6,011 in 2025 after earlier decline and a modest rebound in recent years, suggesting a place that has regained some ground without changing its basic scale. By 2021, the age structure was already weighted toward older residents, with the largest cohorts in the late 50s and 60s, and the median age had risen to 52.8. Growth was strongest among people in their 70s, while some younger age groups, especially very young children, became smaller. The result is a community whose demographic centre of gravity is moving upward rather than broadening at the younger end.

That age pattern is closely reflected in how households and families are organized. Households are increasingly small, with two-person households the most common and one-person households also growing strongly, while larger households have become less common. Average household size edged down to 2.0, reinforcing the picture of compact living arrangements. Family life is still centered on couple households, but the balance has shifted toward couples without children rather than child-rearing families. Couple-family households without children were the largest household type, and married couples without children remained the largest family grouping even as both married-couple categories declined. Average family size, however, held steady at 2.6, suggesting that while the mix of households is changing, the size of family units themselves has been relatively stable.

Crowsnest Pass also appears socially concentrated in a few dominant identities rather than marked by wide diversity. English overwhelmingly defines both mother tongue and language knowledge, with other languages present only in small numbers despite some movement among smaller groups. Religious affiliation is split mainly between residents reporting no religion and those identifying as Christian, with little presence from other traditions. Indigenous identity and ancestry remain visible but limited in scale, with Métis and First Nations accounting for most recorded counts and several other categories at zero. The combined picture is of a community that is stable in character, older in profile, and increasingly oriented toward smaller households and less child-centered family arrangements.

Average Household Size

Crowsnest Pass had an average household size of 2.0 people in 2021, down from 2.1 in 2016 and 2011. Over five years, the figure declined 4.8%.

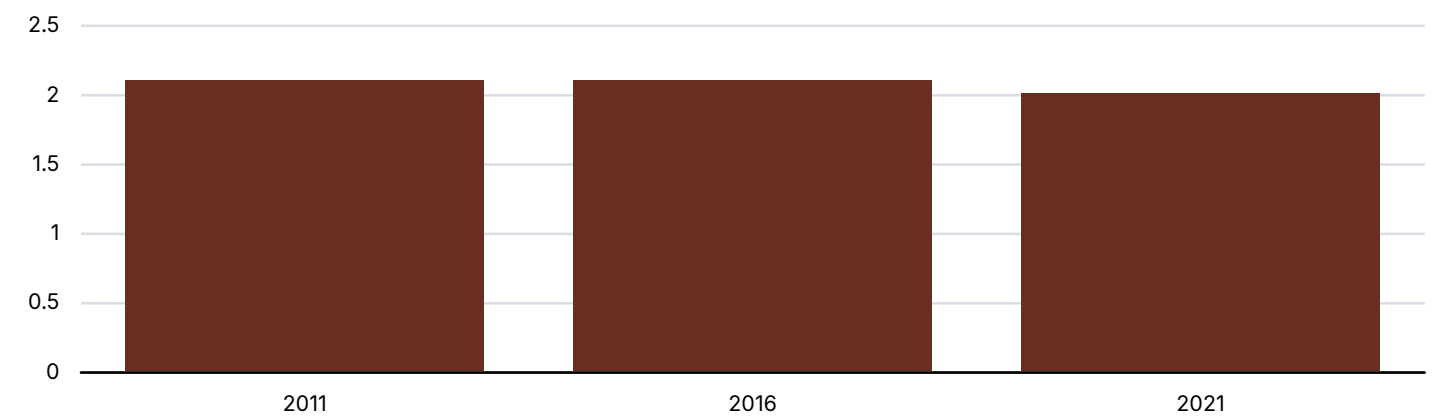


Figure 1.1: Shows the average number of people living in each household. It helps indicate typical living arrangements and the kinds of homes households may need. (Crowsnest Pass, 2011-2021)¹

Average household size in Crowsnest Pass has been steady but edged down in the latest census period. In private households, the average was 2.1 people in 2011 and 2016, then slipped to 2.0 in 2021. That 2021 figure represents a 5-year decline of 4.8%, after no change in the earlier period. The pattern is modest rather than abrupt: a flat midpoint followed by a small reduction. For household planning, it suggests slightly smaller living arrangements than before, without a major shift in the local household profile.

Crowsnest Pass had an average household size of 2.0 people in 2021, down from 2.1 in both 2011 and 2016. The five-year change was -4.8%, showing a modest decline after a period of stability. Compared with nearby places, it sits close to Jasper and Canmore at 2.3 people, below Bighorn No. 8 at 2.4, and above several special-case locations recorded at 0. This places Crowsnest Pass near the lower end of the regional range, with relatively small households.

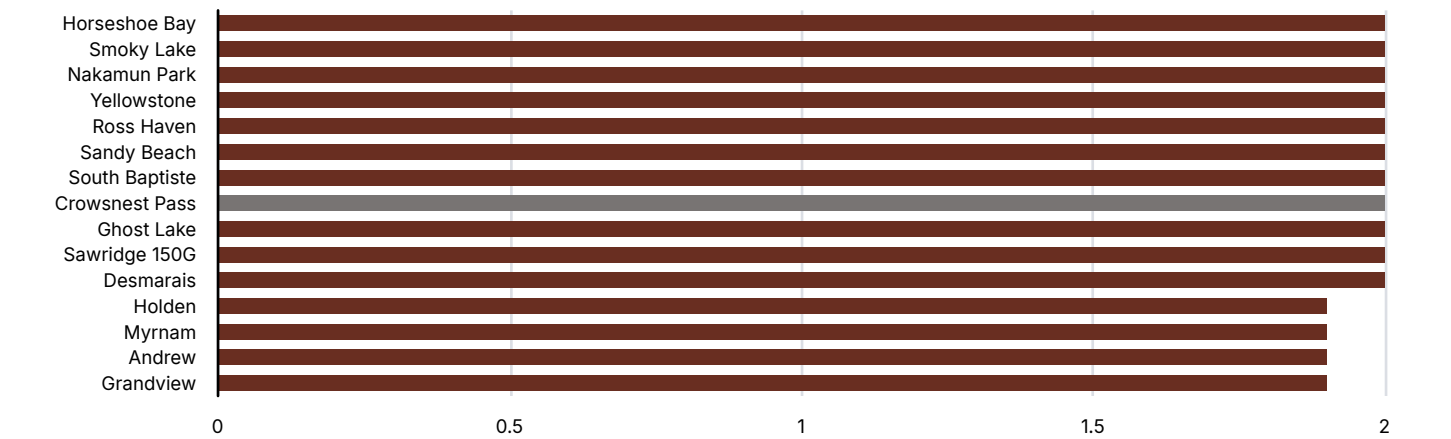


Figure 1.2: Comparison of Average Household Size with other locations (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

Average Number of Children per Family

Crowsnest Pass had an average of 1.6 children per census family with children in 2021. The figure is reported for 2021 and reflects family size among census families with children.

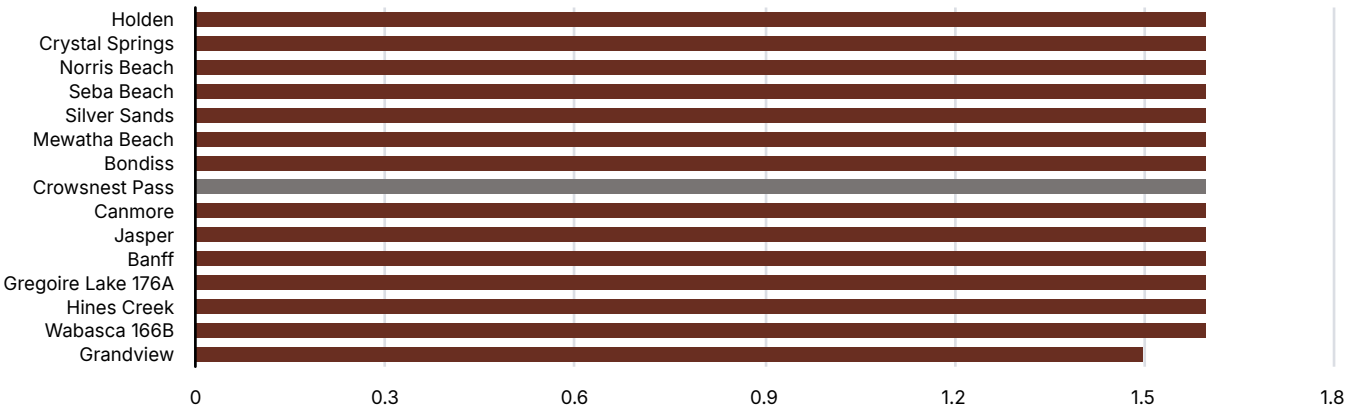


Figure 2.1: Comparison of Average Number of Children per Family with other locations (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

In 2021, Crowsnest Pass had an average of 1.6 children per family with children. That places it in the middle of the comparator range and suggests a family size that is neither especially small nor especially large within this group. Several nearby or similar municipalities recorded the same level, including Jasper, Banff and Canmore at 1.6. Crowsnest Pass was above Kananaskis and Ranchland No. 66 at 1.4, but below Bighorn No. 8 at 1.7, Improvement District No. 9 Banff at 1.8, and Waiparous and Ghost Lake at 2.0.

In 2021, Crowsnest Pass had an average of 1.6 children per census family with children. That places the area in a fairly narrow band of family size, with nearby dissemination areas ranging from 1.4 to 1.8 children per family. Most local areas cluster around 1.5 to 1.7, which suggests little variation across the municipality. The pattern points to a relatively consistent family structure rather than sharp differences in household size across neighbourhoods.

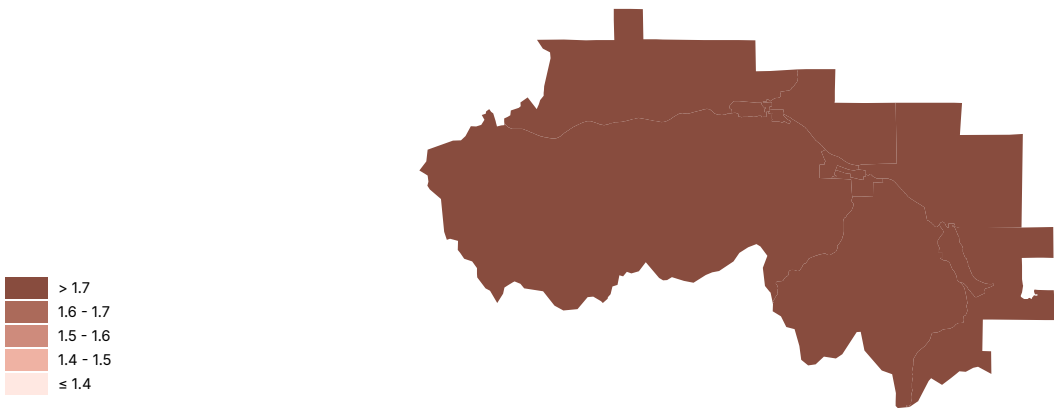


Figure 2.2: Distribution of Average Number of Children per Family (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

Indigenous Ancestry

Crowsnest Pass had 145 residents with Métis and non-Indigenous ancestry only in 2021, down 31.0% from 2016. First Nations single ancestry rose to 70, while Métis single ancestry fell to zero.

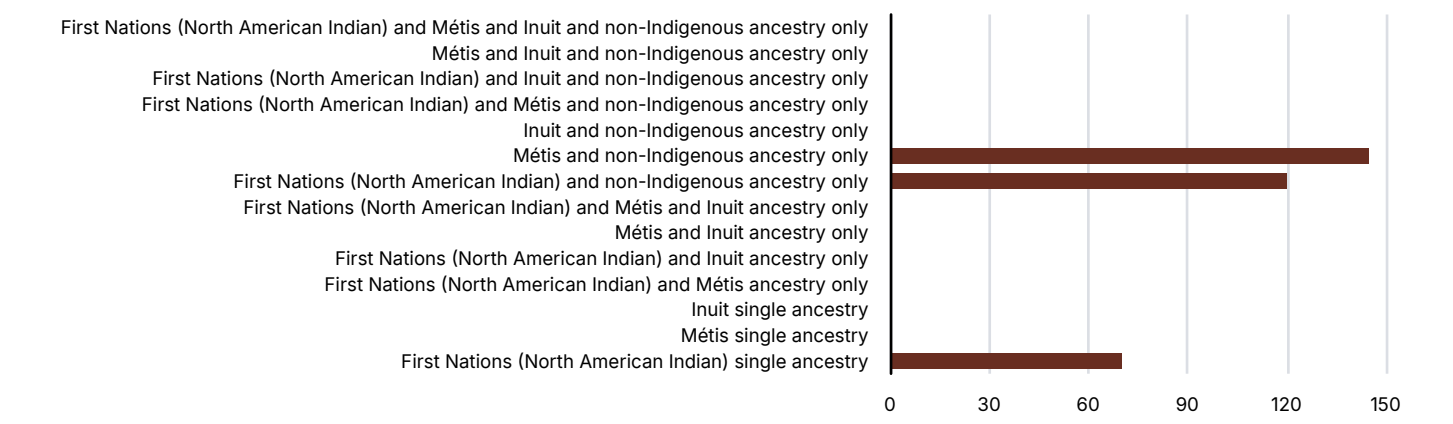


Figure 3.1: Shows residents with Indigenous ancestry. It helps indicate ancestral connections to First Nations, Mv@tis, or Inuit peoples. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

In 2021, Crowsnest Pass showed a small but visible presence of Indigenous ancestry within the population in private households. The largest count was for First Nations single ancestry, at 70 people, followed by Métis and non-Indigenous ancestry only, at 145 people, and First Nations and non-Indigenous ancestry only, at 120 people. Change over five years varied. First Nations single ancestry rose by 55.6%, while Métis and non-Indigenous ancestry only fell by 31.0% and First Nations and non-Indigenous ancestry only declined by 52.0%. Several other ancestry combinations were recorded at zero, including Inuit-only and multiple-ancestry categories. The pattern suggests that Indigenous ancestry in the area is present, but concentrated in a few categories rather than broadly spread across all combinations.



Figure 3.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Indigenous Ancestry - Métis and non-Indigenous ancestry only (Crowsnest Pass)¹

Age Groups

Crowsnest Pass’s largest age group in 2021 was 60 to 64 years, at 600 people, while 70 to 74 years rose the most over five years, climbing 46.0% to 460 people.

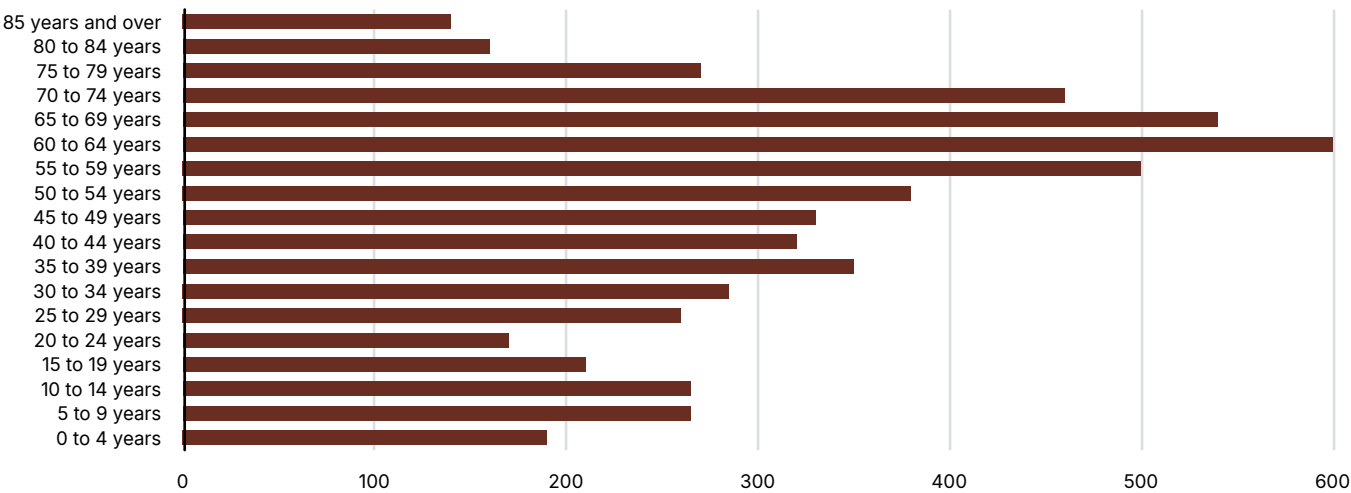
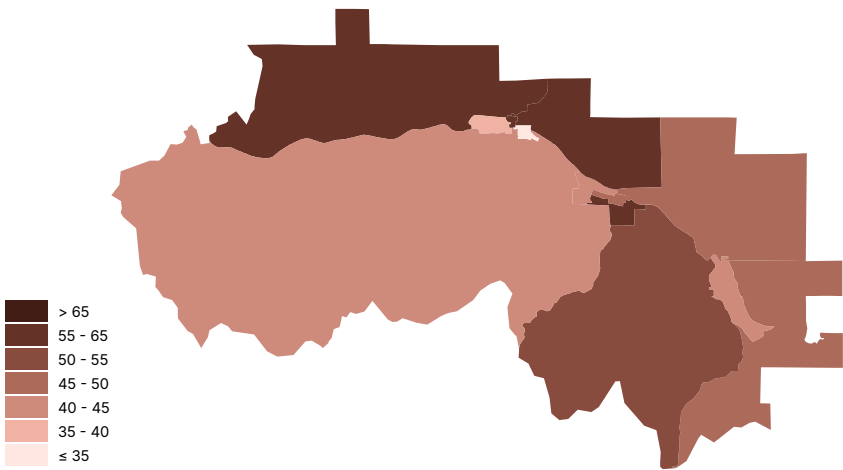


Figure 4.1: Shows how the population is distributed across age groups. It helps explain the community's age structure and stage of life profile. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

Crowsnest Pass shows a population profile that is weighted toward older age groups in 2021, with the largest cohorts in the 55 to 59, 60 to 64, and 65 to 69 ranges. At the same time, several younger groups are smaller, including ages 0 to 4 and 20 to 24. Recent change is mixed. The 70 to 74 group rose 46.0% over five years, and ages 75 to 79 increased 42.1%, while the 0 to 4 group fell 25.5% and 50 to 54 declined 20.0%.



Crowsnest Pass has an age profile weighted toward older residents in 2021. The largest groups are 60 to 64 years at 600 people, 65 to 69 years at 540, and 55 to 59 years at 500, while children aged 0 to 4 number 190. Recent change is mixed: 70 to 74 years rose 46.0%, 75 to 79 years rose 42.1%, and 0 to 4 years fell 25.5%. The pattern points to a community with a strong older-age concentration.

Figure 4.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Age Group - 60 to 64 years (Crowsnest Pass)¹

Family Type

Married couple without children remained the largest family type in Crowsnest Pass at 825 people in 2021, down 16.7% from 2016. Married couples with children also declined, falling 19.6% to 430 people.

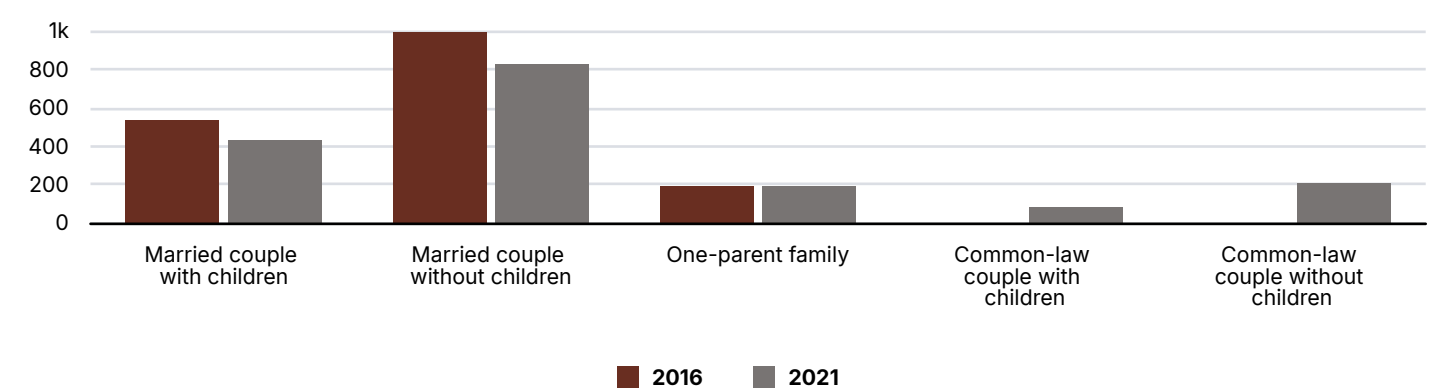


Figure 5.1: Shows the mix of family types, such as couple families and lone-parent families. It helps indicate the structure of family life in the community. (Crowsnest Pass, 2016-2021)¹

In 2021, Crowsnest Pass had a family profile led by couples without children, with 825 people in married couple families and 205 in common-law couple families. Families with children were smaller by comparison, including 430 people in married couple with children families and 80 in common-law couple with children families. Change over five years was negative for the two married-couple categories, down 19.6% and 16.7%. One-parent families were steady at 190. The pattern suggests a family structure tilted toward couples without children, with fewer child-rearing families than in 2016.

In Crowsnest Pass, census families in private households are most often married couples without children, with 825 people in 2021. Married couples with children account for 430, while one-parent families number 190 and common-law couples without children 205. Common-law couples with children are the smallest group at 80. The family mix is therefore weighted toward couple families, especially those without children, with one-parent families a smaller presence.

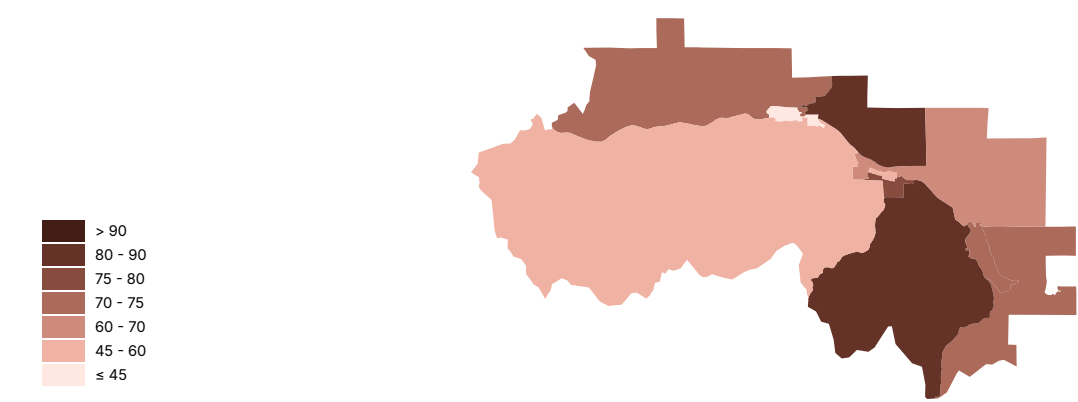


Figure 5.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Family Type - Married couple without children (Crowsnest Pass)¹

Religion

No religion and secular perspectives was the largest group in Crowsnest Pass in 2021, at 2,845 people. Christian affiliation followed at 2,725, while other religions and spiritual traditions totalled 40 and Muslim 10.

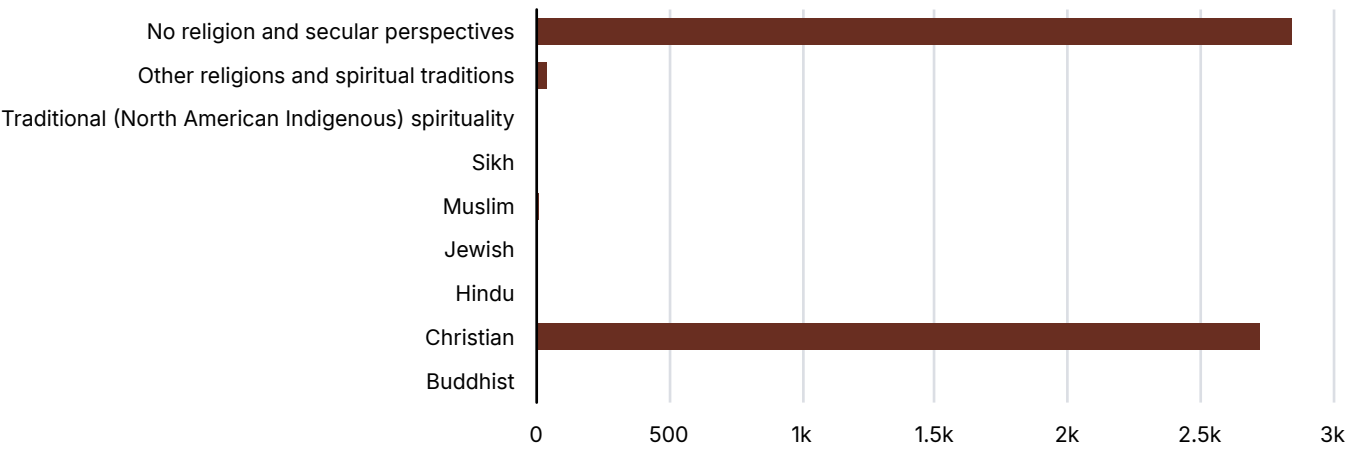
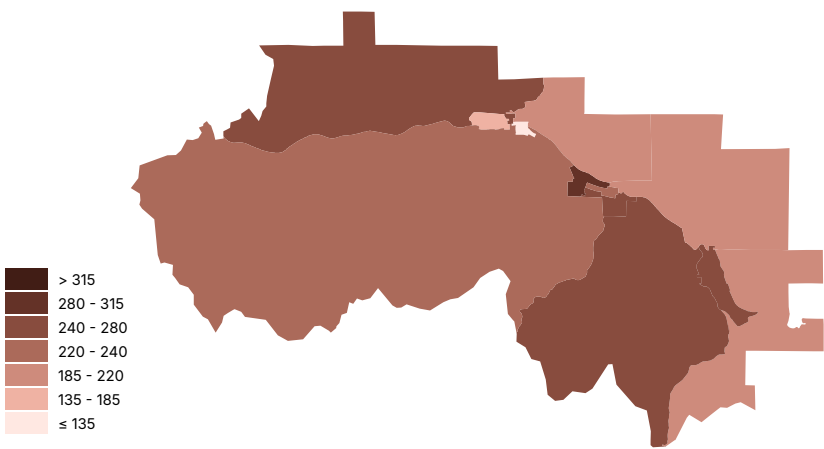


Figure 6.1: Shows residents' religious affiliation. It helps indicate the spiritual and faith-based diversity of the community. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

In 2021, religion in Crowsnest Pass was marked by a split between people reporting no religion and those identifying as Christian. The census counted 2,845 residents with no religion and secular perspectives, slightly more than the 2,725 who identified as Christian. Smaller groups were recorded for other religions and spiritual traditions, at 40 people, and Muslim residents, at 10. Several affiliations, including Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Sikh, and Traditional North American Indigenous spirituality, were reported at zero. The pattern points to a community with limited religious diversity and a near-even balance between secular and Christian affiliation.



In Crowsnest Pass, religion in 2021 was defined by two large groups: 2,845 people with no religion and secular perspectives and 2,725 Christians. Smaller affiliations were much less common, including 40 people in other religions and spiritual traditions and 10 Muslims, while Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Sikh, and traditional Indigenous spirituality were recorded at zero. The pattern points to a community with limited religious diversity.

Figure 6.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Religion - No religion and secular perspectives (Crowsnest Pass)¹

Mother Tongue

English remained the largest mother tongue in Crowsnest Pass at 5,210 people, up 3.6% over five years. Arabic was the fastest-growing group, rising 200% to 15, while French fell 13.3% to 65.

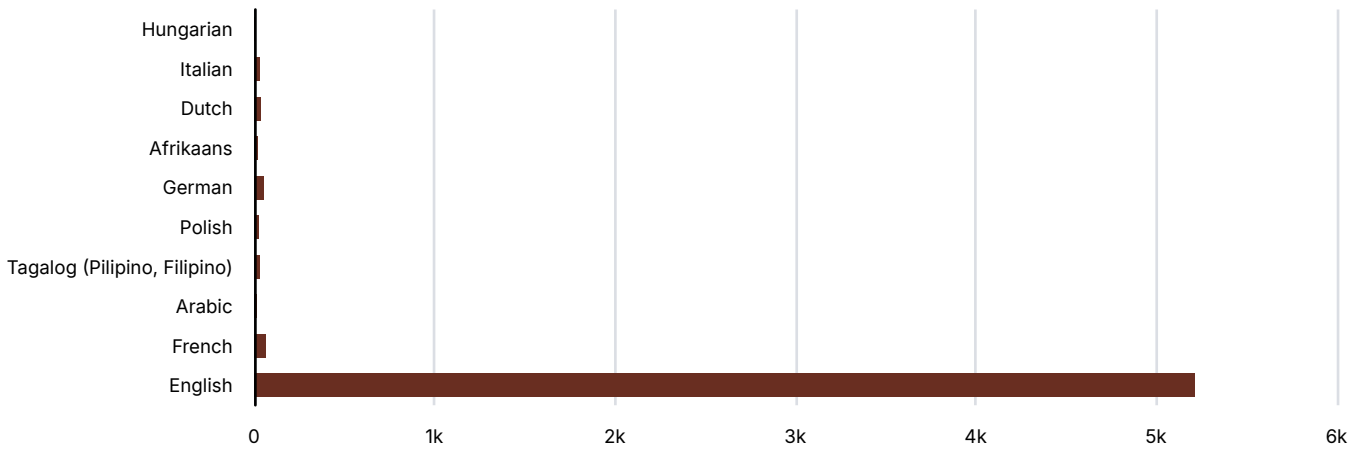
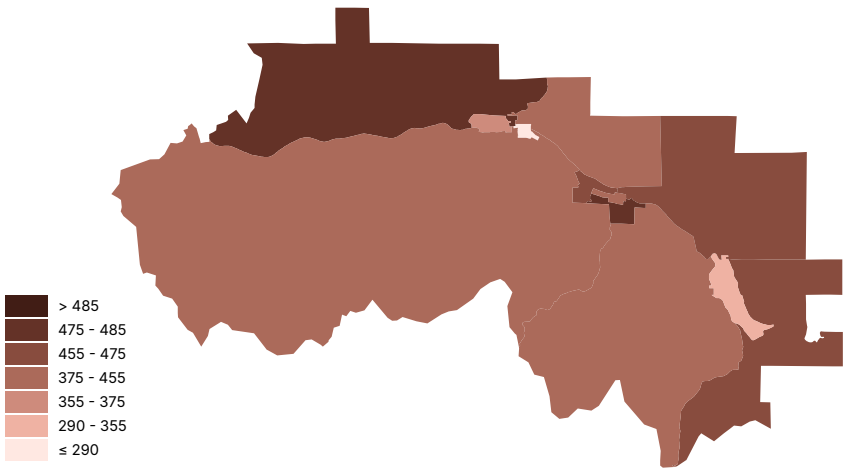


Figure 7.1: Shows the first language learned and still understood by residents. It helps indicate the linguistic roots of the population. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

Mother tongue in Crowsnest Pass is strongly concentrated in English, which was reported by 5,210 people in 2021. The other languages appear in much smaller numbers, with French at 65, German at 55, Dutch at 35, Tagalog at 30, and Italian at 30. The five-year changes point to a mixed pattern beneath that concentration. English rose by 3.6%, Tagalog doubled, and Arabic increased from a very small base, while French, German, Polish, Italian, and Afrikaans all declined. Dutch was unchanged, and Hungarian also held steady.



In Crowsnest Pass, mother tongue is dominated by English, with 5,210 people in 2021. French is a distant second at 65, while German stands at 55. Smaller groups include Dutch at 35 and Tagalog and Italian at 30 each. Recent change is mixed. English rose 3.6% over five years, while French fell 13.3% and German declined 21.4%. A few smaller languages moved sharply, including Arabic up 200% and Tagalog up 100%, though from low bases. The pattern points to a strongly English-speaking community with limited but changing linguistic diversity.

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

Visible Minority

In Crowsnest Pass, Filipino remained the largest visible minority group at 35 people in 2021, down 12.5% from 2016. Chinese was the fastest-growing group, rising from 10 to 30 people, while Japanese was also 35.

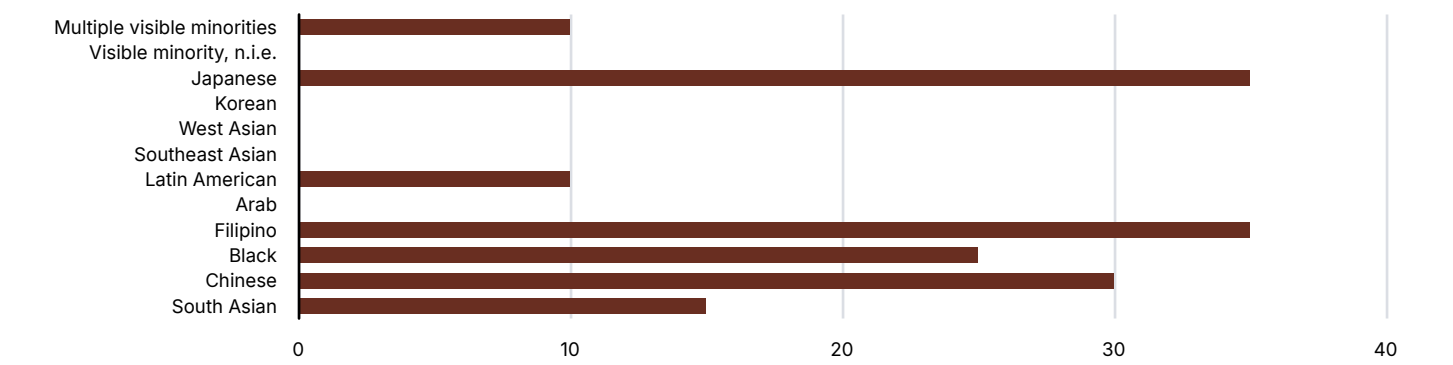


Figure 8.1: Shows residents who identify as belonging to visible minority groups. It helps indicate racialized population diversity in the community. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

In 2021, Crowsnest Pass had a small visible minority population in private households, with the largest counts in Filipino and Japanese communities at 35 people each, followed by Chinese at 30 and Black at 25. Several groups were much smaller, including South Asian at 15 and Latin American at 10, while Arab, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Korean and visible minority, n.i.e. were recorded at zero. The five-year changes were mixed: Chinese rose by 200%, while South Asian fell by 70% and Latin American by 50%. Filipino and Japanese both declined by 12.5%.

In 2021, Crowsnest Pass had a small visible minority population within the private-houshold population. The largest groups were Filipino and Japanese, at 35 people each, followed by Chinese at 30 and Black at 25. South Asian stood at 15, while Latin American and Multiple visible minorities were each 10. Several groups were not reported in the community. The five-year changes were mixed: Chinese rose by 200%, while South Asian fell by 70% and Black by 28.6%. This points to a limited but shifting visible minority profile.

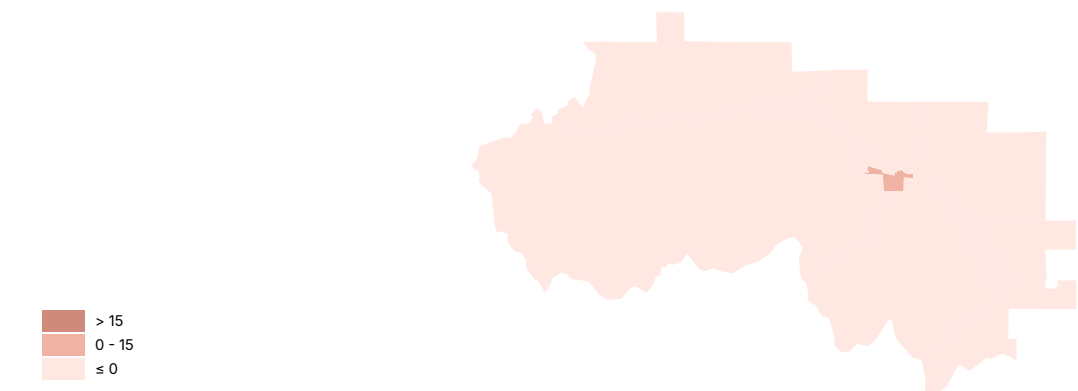


Figure 8.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Visible Minority - Japanese (Crowsnest Pass)¹

Indigenous Identity

Métis was the largest Indigenous identity group in Crowsnest Pass in 2021 at 195 people, down 23.5% from 2016. First Nations counted 100 people, while multiple responses and other responses fell to zero.

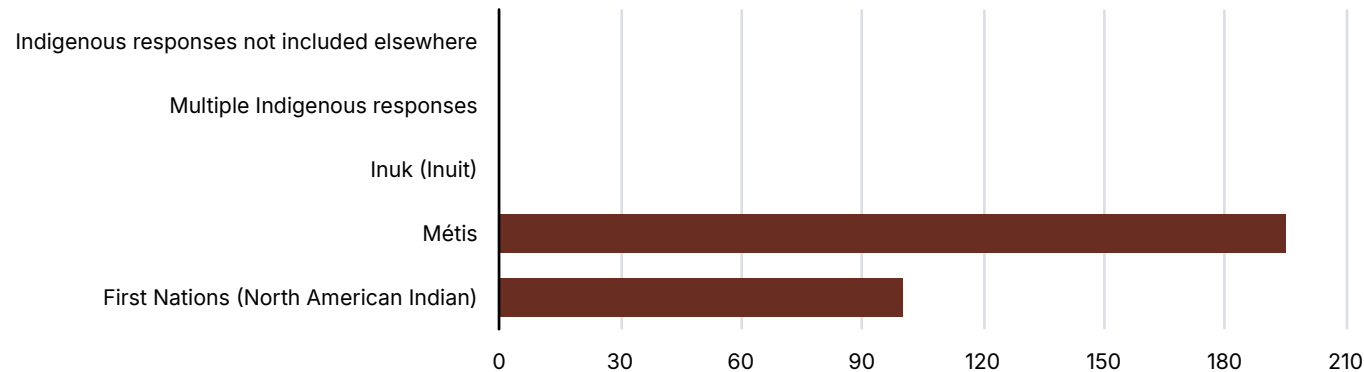


Figure 9.1: Shows residents who identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit. It helps indicate the presence of Indigenous communities in the area. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

In 2021, Crowsnest Pass reported Indigenous identity counts concentrated in two groups: 195 Métis residents and 100 First Nations residents. Other categories were recorded at zero, including Inuk (Inuit), multiple Indigenous responses, and Indigenous responses not included elsewhere. The 5-year change was negative for the two non-zero groups, down 23.5% for Métis and 9.1% for First Nations. That pattern points to a smaller, more narrowly distributed Indigenous population in the census subdivision, with recent declines in the recorded counts.

In 2021, Crowsnest Pass had a modest Indigenous identity count within the population in private households. The largest group was Métis, at 195 people, compared with 100 First Nations people. Inuit, multiple Indigenous responses, and Indigenous responses not included elsewhere were each recorded at 0. Over five years, Métis fell 23.5% and First Nations declined 9.1%, pointing to a small but shrinking total.

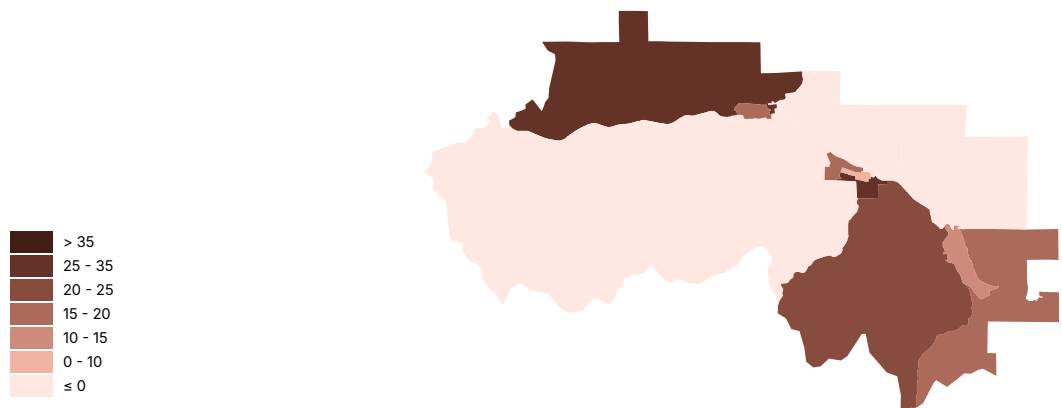


Figure 9.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Indigenous Identity - Métis (Crowsnest Pass)¹

Household Size

Two-person households were the largest group in Crowsnest Pass in 2021 at 1,205, up 6.6% from 2016. One-person households followed at 950, rising 20.3%, while larger households declined.

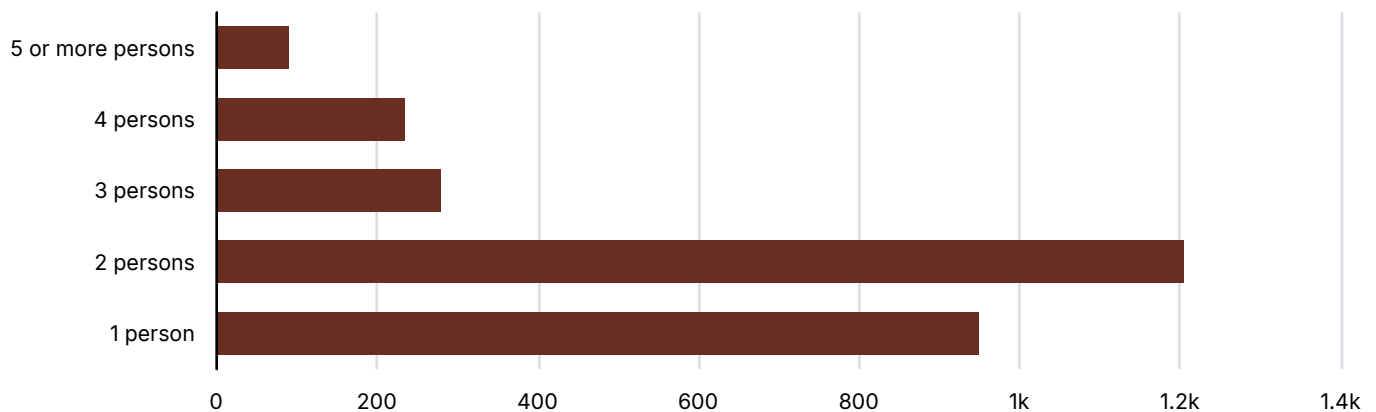
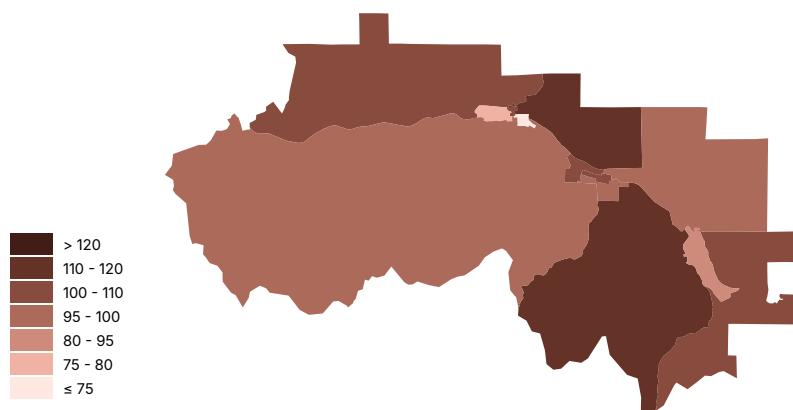


Figure 10.1: Shows the number of people living in households. It helps indicate common household arrangements and likely housing needs. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

In Crowsnest Pass, household size in 2021 was concentrated in smaller living arrangements. The clearest pattern is the strength of one- and two-person households, with fewer larger households. There were 950 one-person households and 1,205 two-person households. Three-person households numbered 280, while four-person households totaled 235 and households with five or more persons were 90. The 5-year change shows mixed movement. One-person households rose 20.3% and two-person households increased 6.6%, while three-person households fell 6.7%, four-person households declined 2.1%, and five-or-more-person households dropped 14.3%. That distribution points to a household profile tilted toward smaller sizes, with recent growth strongest at the single-person end.



In Crowsnest Pass, private households in 2021 were dominated by smaller sizes. Two-person households were the largest group at 1,205, followed by one-person households at 950. Larger households were less common: 280 had three people, 235 had four, and 90 had five or more. Smaller household types also showed recent growth.

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

Living Arrangement

Married spouses or common-law partners were the largest living arrangement in Crowsnest Pass in 2021, with 3,075 people. Living alone followed at 945, while children in two-parent families numbered 870 and children in one-parent families 265.

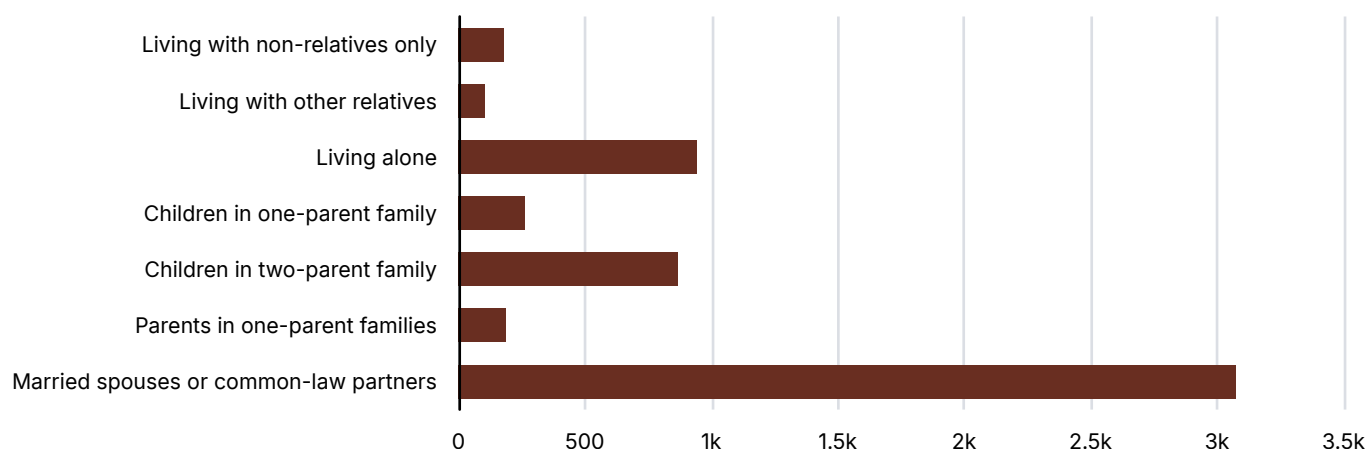
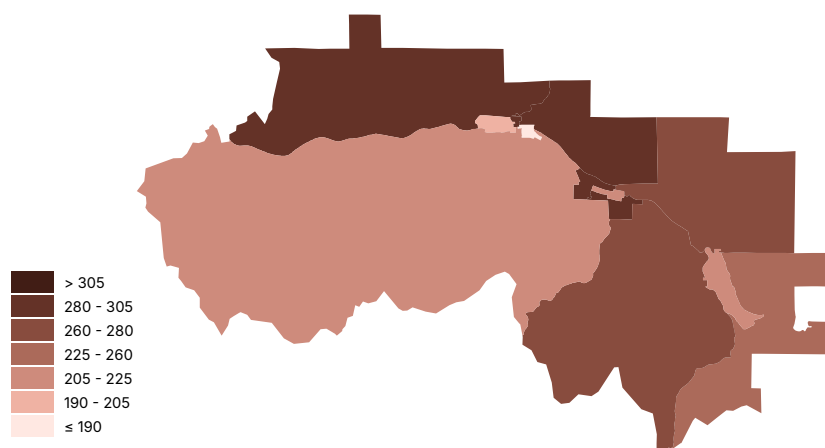


Figure 11.1: Shows residents' living arrangements, such as living alone, with family, or with others. It helps indicate household formation and support networks. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

In Crowsnest Pass, living arrangements in 2021 were centered on couple households, with 3,075 people living with married spouses or common-law partners. Living alone was the next most common situation at 945 people, followed by children in two-parent families at 870. Smaller groups included children in one-parent families at 265, living with non-relatives only at 180, parents in one-parent families at 190, and living with other relatives at 105. The pattern shows a clear tilt toward family-based households, with a substantial secondary share of people living alone.



In 2021, Crowsnest Pass showed a household pattern led by married spouses or common-law partners, with 3,075 people. Living alone was also common at 945, while children in two-parent families numbered 870 and children in one-parent families 265. Smaller groups included 190 parents in one-parent families, 105 living with other relatives, and 180 living with non-relatives only.

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

Marital Status

Married residents remained the largest group in Crowsnest Pass at 2,555 people in 2021, down 0.8% from 2016. Not married and not living common-law reached 1,845, led by 955 never married.

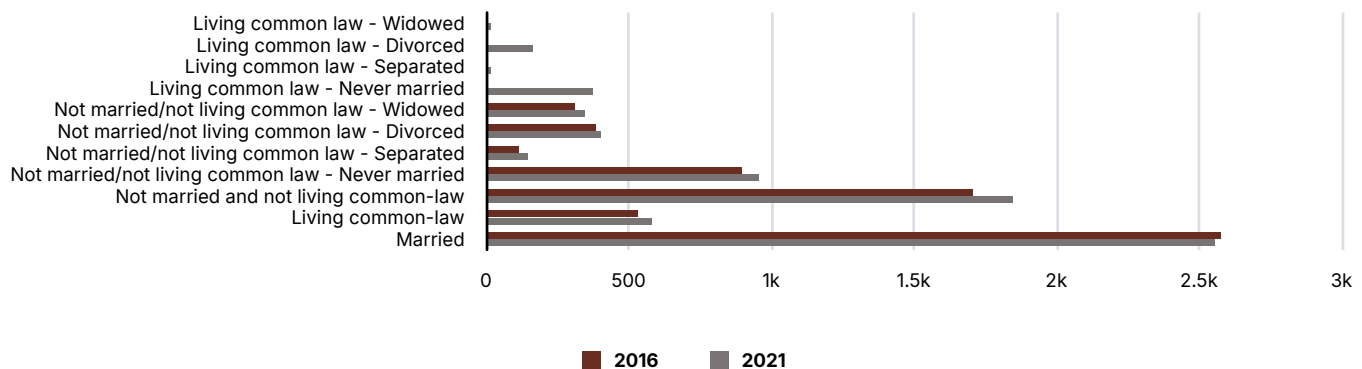


Figure 12.1: Shows the marital status of residents, such as single, married, divorced, separated, or widowed. It helps indicate relationship patterns and household formation. (Crowsnest Pass, 2016-2021)¹

In 2021, marital status in Crowsnest Pass was still centered on married residents, with 2,555 people in that category. The other main groups were 580 people living common-law and 1,845 who were not married and not living common-law. Over the previous five years, married residents edged down 0.8%, while common-law living rose 9.4% and those not married and not living common-law increased 8.2%. Within the latter group, the largest counts were never married at 955, divorced at 400, and widowed at 345. The pattern points to a stable married core alongside gradual growth in other relationship statuses.

In 2021, Crowsnest Pass had 2,555 married residents, 580 living common-law, and 1,845 who were not married and not living common-law among people aged 15 and over. Married residents edged down 0.8% over five years, while common-law grew 9.4% and the not-married group rose 8.2%. That mix suggests a community still dominated by married residents, but with modest growth in other relationship statuses. Among those not married and not living common-law, the separated group increased 26.1%, while widowed residents grew 11.3%, pointing to some internal shift in relationship structure.

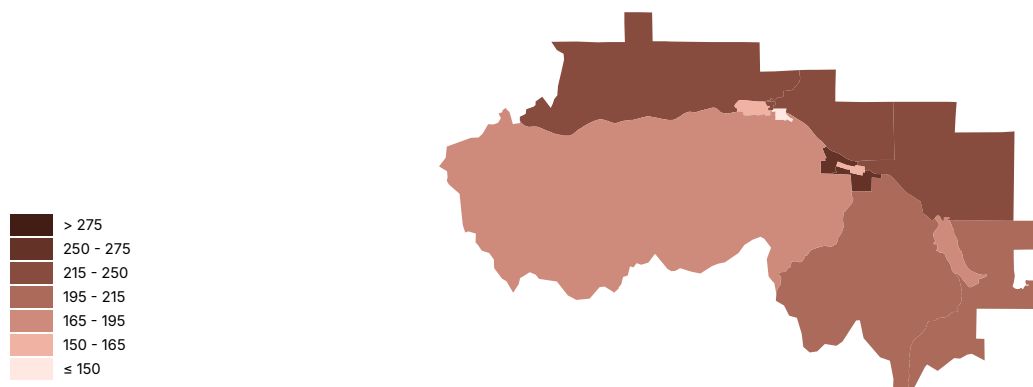


Figure 12.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Marital Status - Married (Crowsnest Pass)¹

Language Knowledge in Households

English dominates household language knowledge in Crowsnest Pass, with 5,620 households in 2021, up 2.5% over five years. Dutch rose fastest at 83.3% to 55 households, while French fell 34.2% to 125.

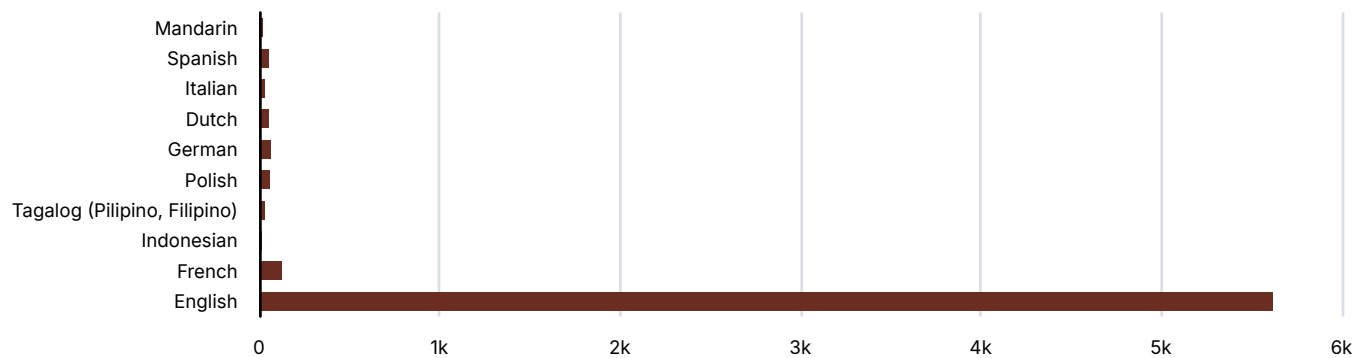


Figure 13.1: Shows the languages household members can speak. It helps indicate multilingual capacity and potential language access needs. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

In Crowsnest Pass, English dominated household language knowledge in 2021, with 5,620 people able to speak it in private households. French was a distant second at 125, while the next largest languages were German at 65 and Polish at 60. Smaller counts for Dutch and Spanish, both at 55, show a limited but varied multilingual profile. Recent changes were mixed, with English up 2.5% over five years and French down 34.2%.

In Crowsnest Pass, language knowledge in private households is dominated by English, which is reported for 5,620 households in 2021. French is much smaller at 125, and the other named languages appear in still lower counts, including German at 65, Polish at 60, Dutch and Spanish at 55 each, Tagalog at 30, Italian at 30, and Mandarin at 20. The clearest recent shift is mixed: Dutch rose 83.3% over five years, while French fell 34.2% and Spanish fell 42.1%. The pattern points to a strongly English-speaking household profile with limited but changing multilingual presence.

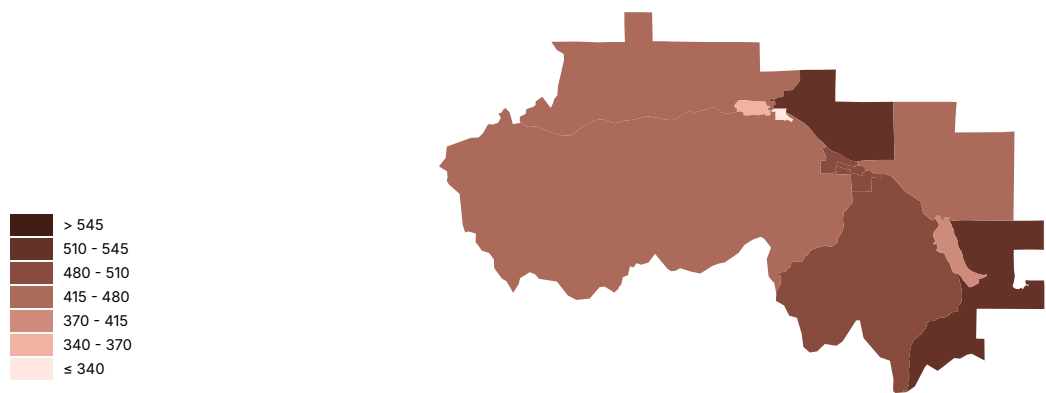


Figure 13.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Language - English (Crowsnest Pass)¹

Household Type

Couple-family households without children remained the largest group in Crowsnest Pass at 995 households in 2021, up 1.0% from 2016. One-person households followed at 945, while couple-family households with children fell 31.2% to 485.

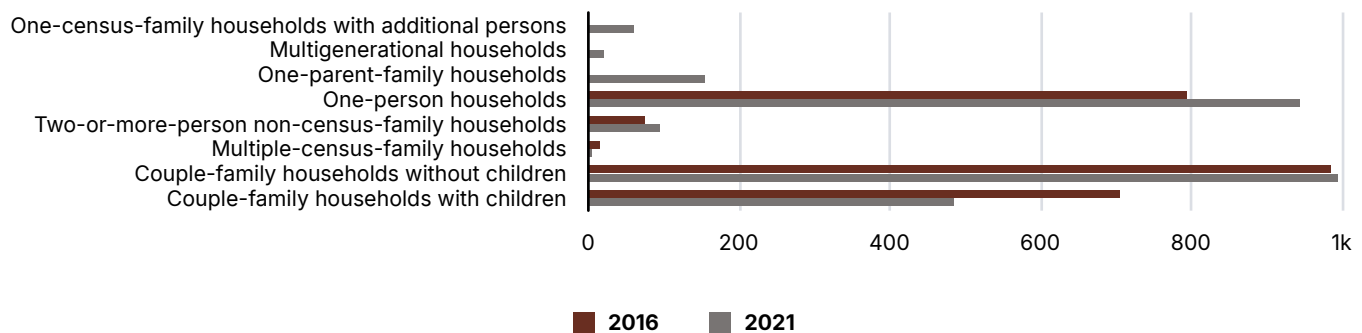


Figure 14.1: Shows the mix of household types, including one-person, family, and non-family households. It helps indicate how residents are organized across living arrangements. (Crowsnest Pass, 2016-2021)¹

Crowsnest Pass's household mix in 2021 was led by couple-family households without children, with 995 households, followed closely by one-person households at 945. Couple-family households with children were also substantial at 485, while one-parent-family households numbered 155. The five-year change shows mixed movement. One-person households rose 18.9%, and non-census-family households with two or more persons increased 26.7%. By contrast, couple-family households with children fell 31.2%, and multiple-census-family households dropped 66.7%. This points to a shift toward smaller or less family-centered household types, while some family forms remained stable or declined.

In Crowsnest Pass, private households in 2021 were spread across family and non-family types, with couple families without children the largest group at 995 households. One-person households were also substantial at 945, while couple families with children totaled 485. Over five years, one-person households rose 18.9%, while couple families with children fell 31.2%. This points to a shifting mix toward smaller households.

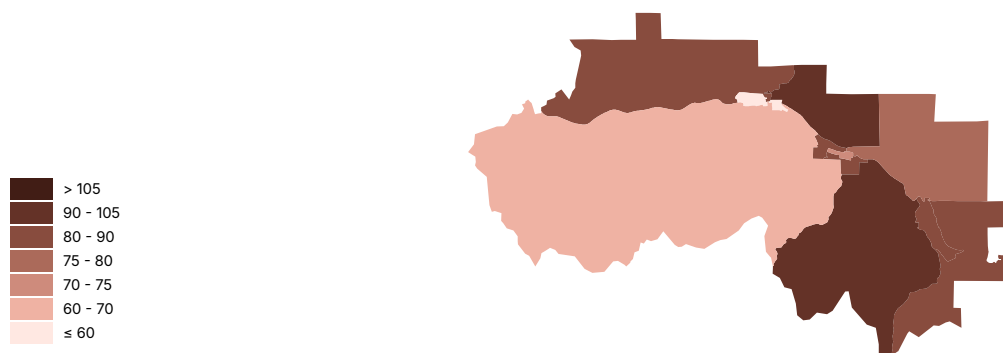


Figure 14.2: Distribution of Largest Group: Household Type - Couple-family households without children (Crowsnest Pass)¹

Average Family Size

Crowsnest Pass had an average family size of 2.6 people in 2021, unchanged from 2016 and 2011. The figure remained flat over five years and across the decade.

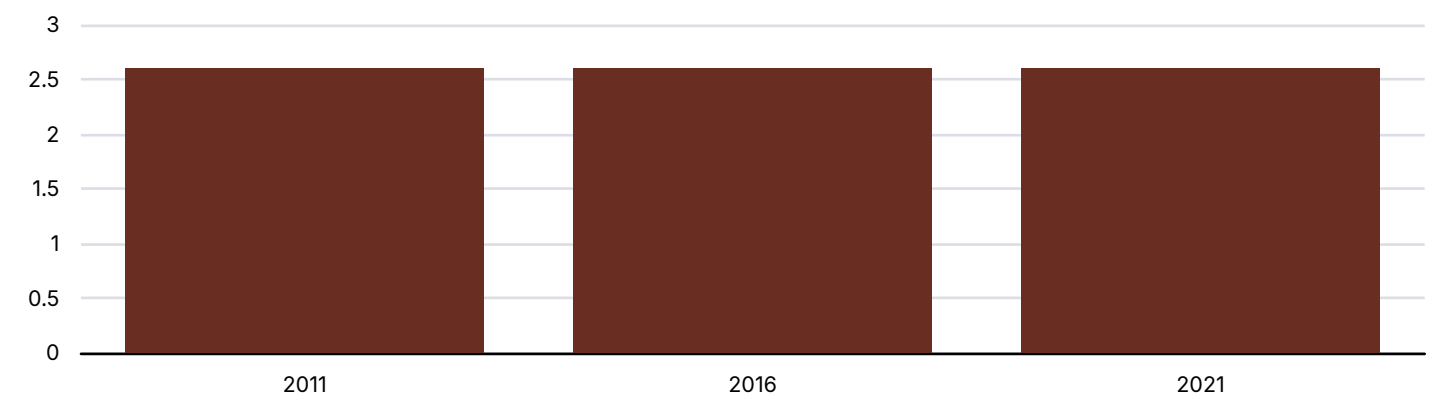


Figure 15.1: Shows the average number of people in family households. It helps indicate typical family living arrangements and space needs. (Crowsnest Pass, 2011-2021)¹

Crowsnest Pass has shown a stable average family size over the last three censuses. Within census families in private households, the figure has remained unchanged at 2.6 people in 2011, 2016, and 2021. The pattern is consistent rather than volatile. The 2016 value matched 2011 at 2.6, and 2021 was again 2.6, with a five-year change of 0 each time. That flat trend suggests little movement in typical family household size over the period covered by the census data. For a measure like this, Crowsnest Pass appears steady, with no visible shift in average family composition.

Crowsnest Pass recorded an average family size of 2.6 people in 2011, 2016 and 2021. That stability suggests family households have remained consistent over the period in this census subdivision. Compared with nearby places, Crowsnest Pass sat close to Banff, Canmore and Jasper at 2.6 to 2.7 people in 2021, below Bighorn No. 8 at 2.8 and Waiparous at 2.8, and above locations with zero reported value. The pattern is steady rather than changing.

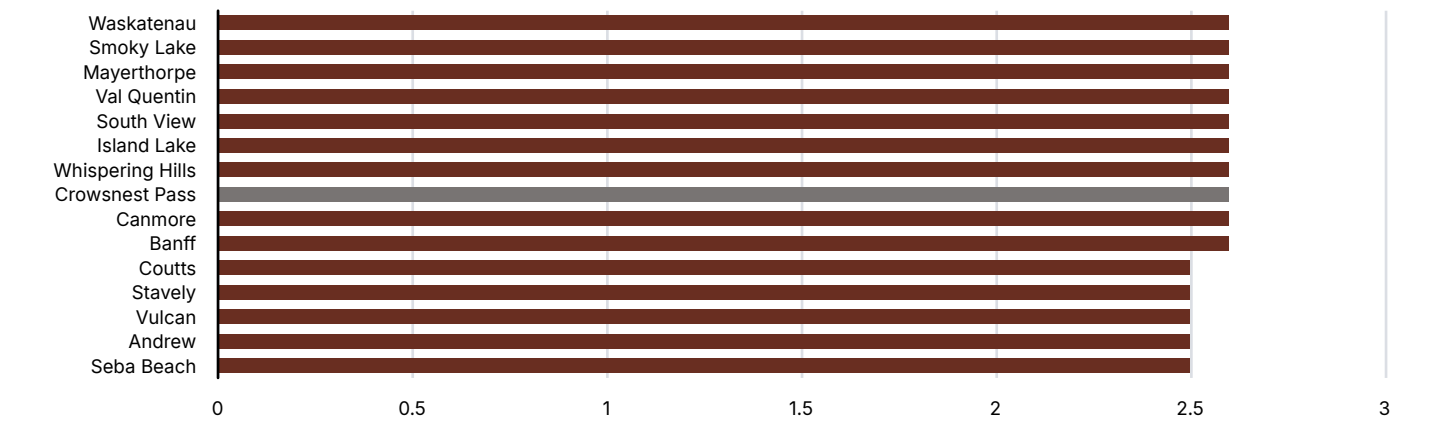


Figure 15.2: Comparison of Average Family Size with other locations (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

Total Population

Crowsnest Pass had 6,011 people in 2025, up 2.3% over five years. The population was 5,641 in 2015, dipped to 5,672 in 2017, then rose to 6,087 in 2024.

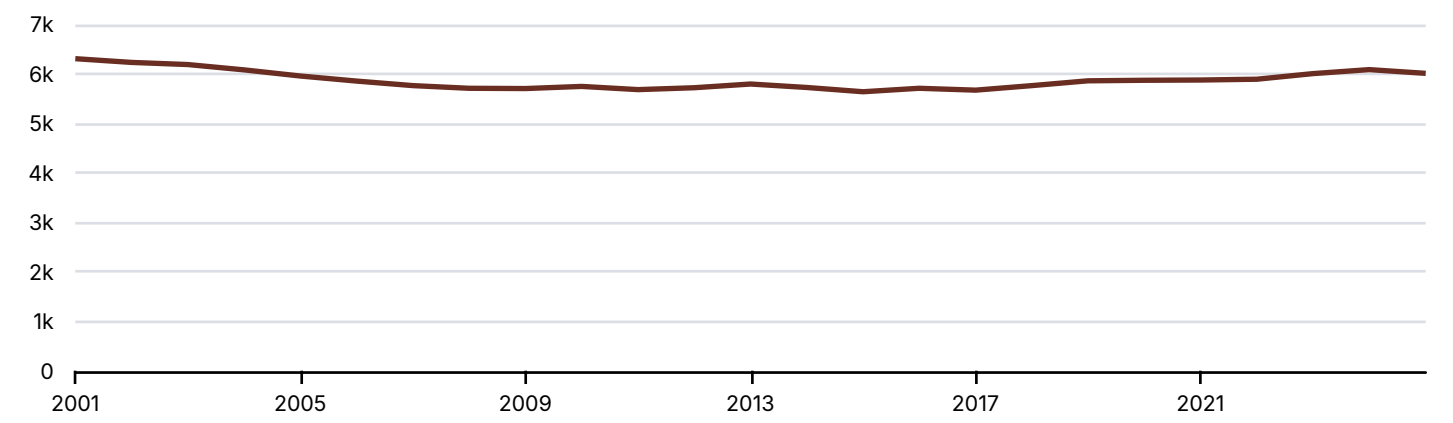


Figure 16.1: Shows the total number of people living in the area. It provides the basic population benchmark used across many other indicators. (Crowsnest Pass, 2001-2025)²

Crowsnest Pass has a total population of 6,011 people in 2025, with the series showing a long period of decline followed by a gradual rebound. Population fell from 6,308 in 2001 to 5,855 in 2006, then edged down to 5,641 in 2015 before recovering to 6,087 in 2024. Recent years were stronger than the earlier part of the period: the count rose from 5,874 in 2020 to 6,011 in 2025. The pattern suggests a community whose population has been relatively stable in the long run, but with clear shifts from early decline to modest recent growth.

Crowsnest Pass had 6,011 people in 2025, making it a mid-sized community in this regional group. Its population has been fairly stable after earlier declines, with 5,855 in 2006, 5,711 in 2016, and 6,087 in 2024. Compared with nearby places, Crowsnest Pass is smaller than Canmore, Banff, and Jasper, but far larger than Kananaskis, Waiparous, Ghost Lake, and the smaller rural or reserve locations. The recent pattern suggests modest recovery rather than rapid growth, with gains since 2020 followed by a slight dip in 2025.

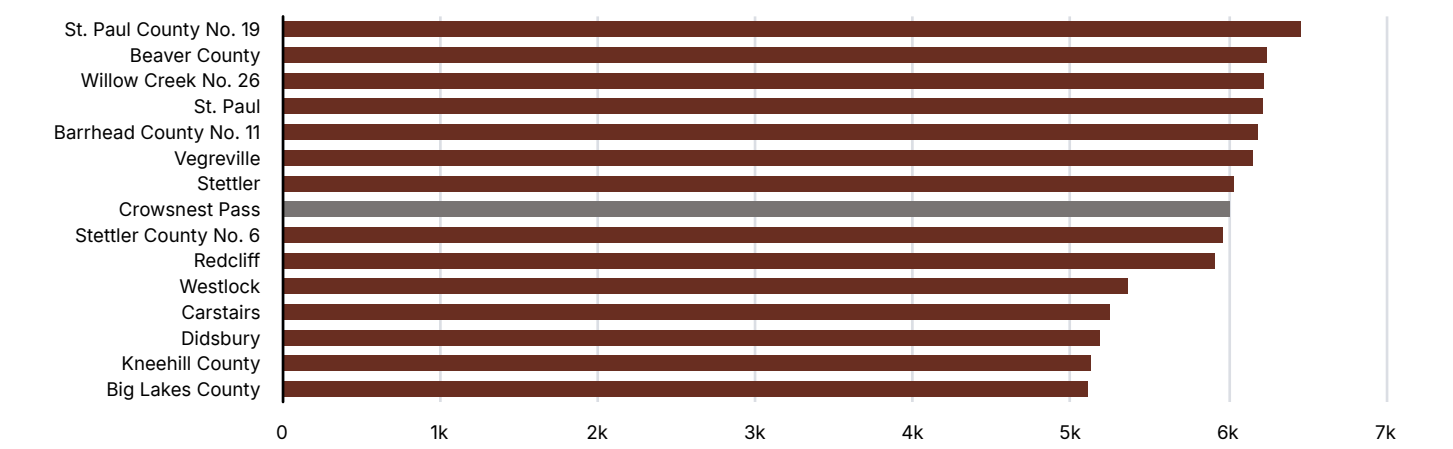


Figure 16.2: Comparison of Total Population with other locations (Crowsnest Pass, 2025)²

Primary Maintainer Age

In Crowsnest Pass, households maintained by people aged 55 to 64 were the largest group in 2021 at 720, while ages 75 to 84 grew fastest over five years to 285, up 42.5%.

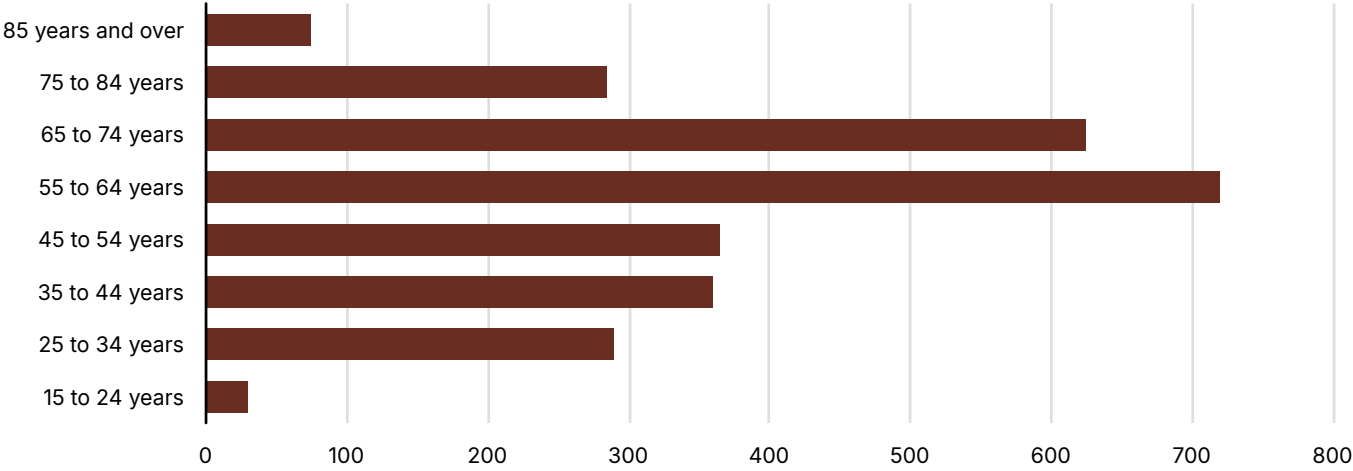
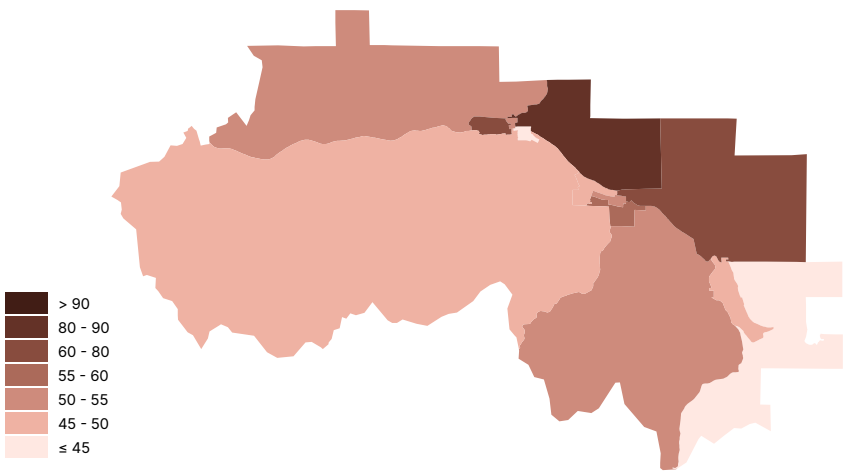


Figure 17.1: Shows the age of the primary household maintainer. It helps indicate which life stages are carrying primary financial responsibility for housing. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

In Crowsnest Pass, primary household maintainer age skews older, with the largest counts in the 55 to 64 and 65 to 74 age groups. In 2021, there were 720 households maintained by someone aged 55 to 64, followed by 625 in the 65 to 74 group and 365 in the 45 to 54 group. The younger end of the distribution is much smaller: 30 households were maintained by someone aged 15 to 24, and 290 by those aged 25 to 34. Over five years, the strongest increase was among ages 75 to 84, up 42.5%, while ages 15 to 24 fell 33.3% and ages 45 to 54 declined 18.9%.



In Crowsnest Pass, primary household maintainers in 2021 were concentrated in older age groups, with the largest counts among ages 55 to 64 and 65 to 74. There were 720 households in the 55 to 64 group and 625 in the 65 to 74 group, compared with 290 for ages 25 to 34 and 30 for ages 15 to 24. The pattern points to an older housing responsibility profile, with some recent growth in the 65 to 84 groups.

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

Median Age

Crowsnest Pass had a median age of 52.8 years in 2021, up from 50.9 in 2016 and 50.8 in 2011. The five-year change was 3.7%, showing an older midpoint age.

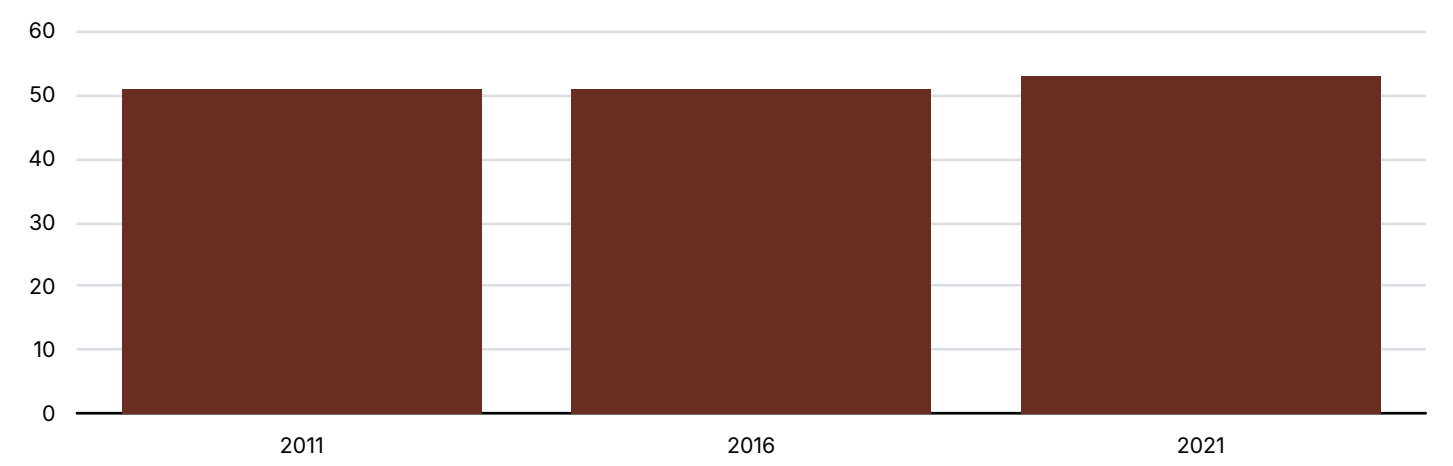


Figure 18.1: Shows the median age of residents. It helps indicate whether the population skews younger or older at the midpoint of the age distribution. (Crowsnest Pass, 2011-2021)¹

Crowsnest Pass has an older median age profile, and that midpoint has edged upward over time. The median age was 50.8 years in 2011, 50.9 years in 2016, and 52.8 years in 2021. The increase was modest between 2011 and 2016, then more pronounced over the next five years, with a 3.7% rise from 2016 to 2021. Read together, the figures show a gradual aging pattern in the total population rather than a sharp shift.

Crowsnest Pass had a median age of 52.8 years in 2021, up from 50.9 in 2016 and 50.8 in 2011. That places it among the older communities in the comparison set, above Canmore at 42.8 and Banff at 36.8, though below Ghost Lake at 60.0 and Waiparous at 57.2. The five-year increase of 3.7% suggests a modest shift toward an older population. In this group, the local age profile sits on the older side rather than near the middle.

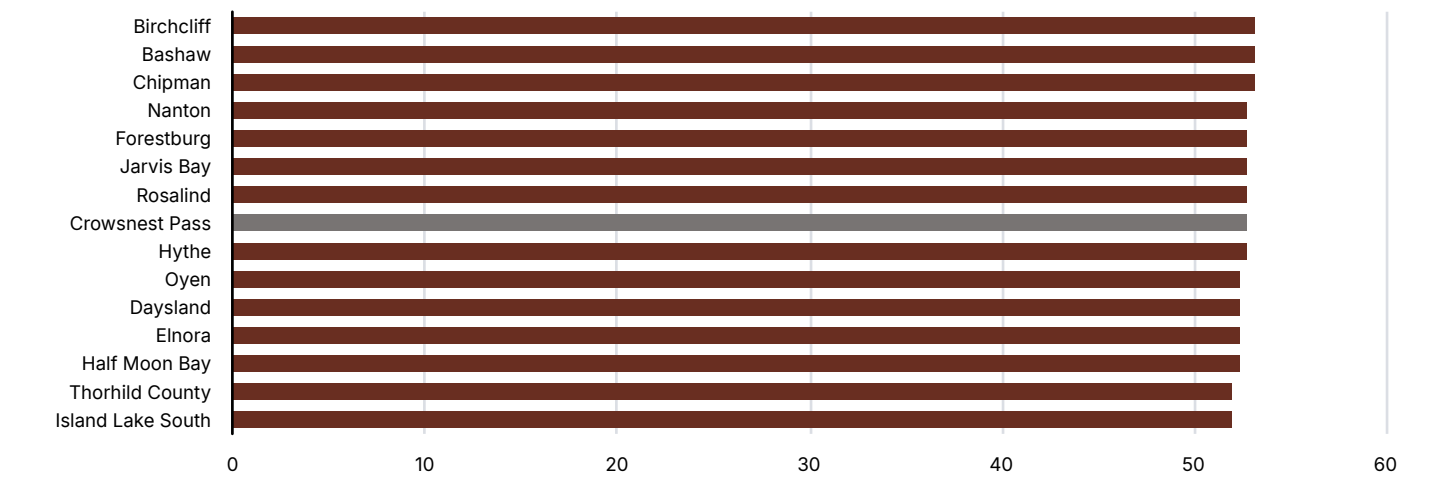


Figure 18.2: Comparison of Median Age with other locations (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

Family Size

Two-person families were the largest group in Crowsnest Pass in 2021, at 1,170 people, up 3.5% from 2016. Families of five or more fell to 70, down 22.2%.

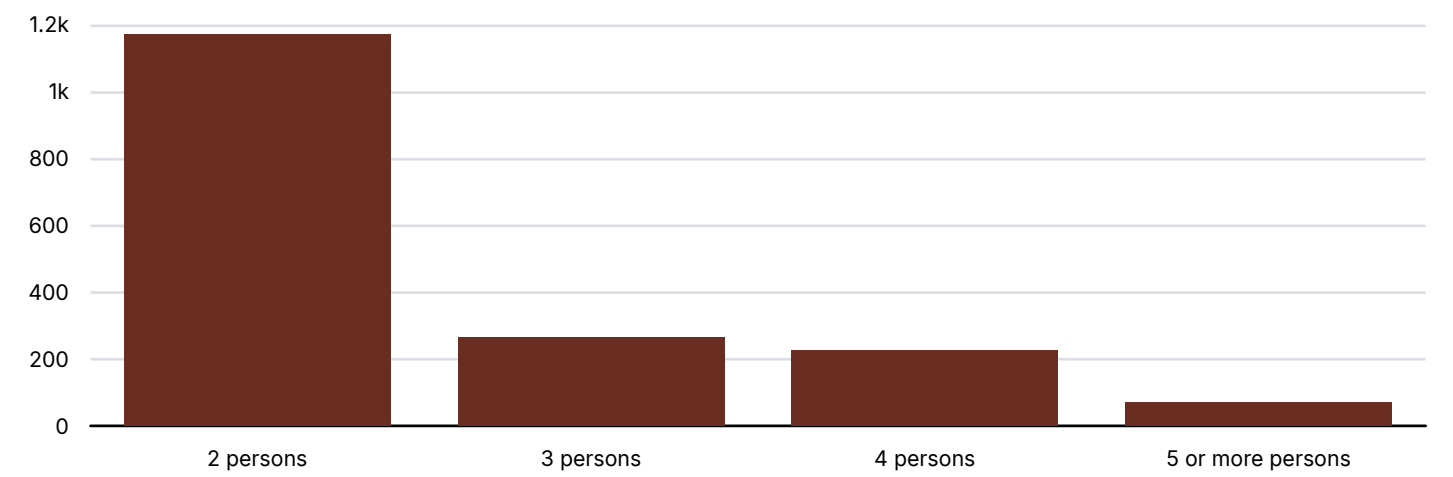
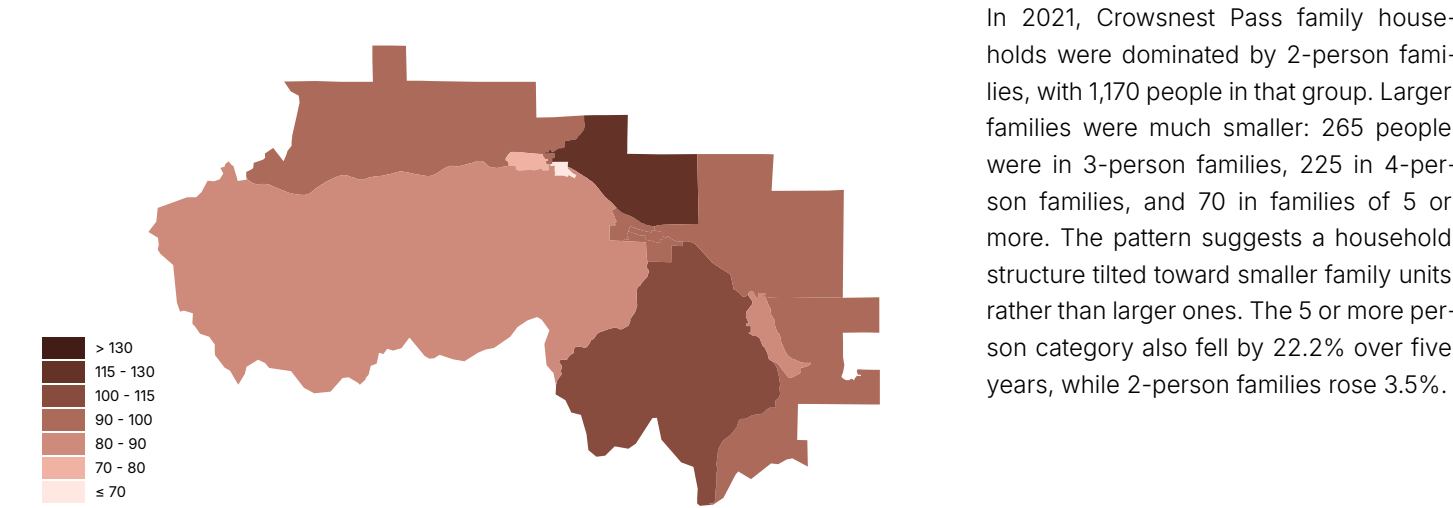


Figure 19.1: Shows the number of people in family households. It helps indicate household composition and the space families may need. (Crowsnest Pass, 2021)¹

In Crowsnest Pass, family size in 2021 was concentrated in smaller households, with 1,170 census families consisting of 2 persons. That was the clearest pattern in the family-household mix. Larger families were less common. There were 265 families with 3 persons, 225 with 4 persons, and 70 with 5 or more persons. The 5-year change points to a mixed trend. Two-person families grew by 3.5%, while 3-person and 4-person families edged down by 1.9% and 2.2%. The sharpest shift was in the largest family size group, which fell by 22.2%. The distribution suggests that family households in Crowsnest Pass were increasingly centered on smaller sizes rather than larger ones.



In 2021, Crowsnest Pass family households were dominated by 2-person families, with 1,170 people in that group. Larger families were much smaller: 265 people were in 3-person families, 225 in 4-person families, and 70 in families of 5 or more. The pattern suggests a household structure tilted toward smaller family units rather than larger ones. The 5 or more person category also fell by 22.2% over five years, while 2-person families rose 3.5%.

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

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