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Demographics Report

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Executive Summary

Parklands is a small Manitoba economic region whose recent demographic picture is defined less by growth than by stabilization and internal change. After a prolonged population decline through the 2000s and mid-2010s, the total population has largely levelled off, with only a modest increase by 2025. Within that steady overall count, the age structure is more mixed than a simple aging narrative suggests. Older cohorts remain prominent, especially in the pre-retirement and early senior years, but some younger groups also expanded between 2016 and 2021, and the region's median age moved down over that period. The result is a population that appears relatively settled in size while becoming more varied in composition.

That same pattern of continuity and change runs through households and families. Couple-based households still account for the largest share of residents, yet one-person households are the single largest household type and have continued to grow. Smaller households remain common, with average household size unchanged at 2.3, but larger households also increased, especially those with five or more people. Family structure shifted at the same time: married residents and married-couple families declined, while common-law and never-married populations increased, and one-parent families grew. These changes do not point to a single dominant household model so much as a broader rebalancing away from traditional married-couple arrangements toward a more mixed household profile.

Parklands also shows a strong English-language majority alongside visible change in its cultural makeup. English remains dominant as both mother tongue and household language, but several smaller language communities posted rapid growth, even from low bases. The region also has a substantial Indigenous presence, led by First Nations and Métis identities, with notable increases in several Indigenous identity and ancestry counts between 2016 and 2021. Visible minority populations remain relatively small in absolute terms but expanded across several groups, particularly Filipino and South Asian residents. In religious affiliation, Christianity remains the largest category, though it sits alongside a sizeable population reporting no religion. Parklands emerges as a region that is stable in scale, older in profile than some peers, and increasingly diverse in how people live, identify, and organize family life.

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Total Population

Parklands' population remains stable, reaching 42,376 residents in 2025 with a modest 0.7% increase over five years, up from 42,433 in 2021. This steadiness follows a decade of gradual decline that ended around 2016.

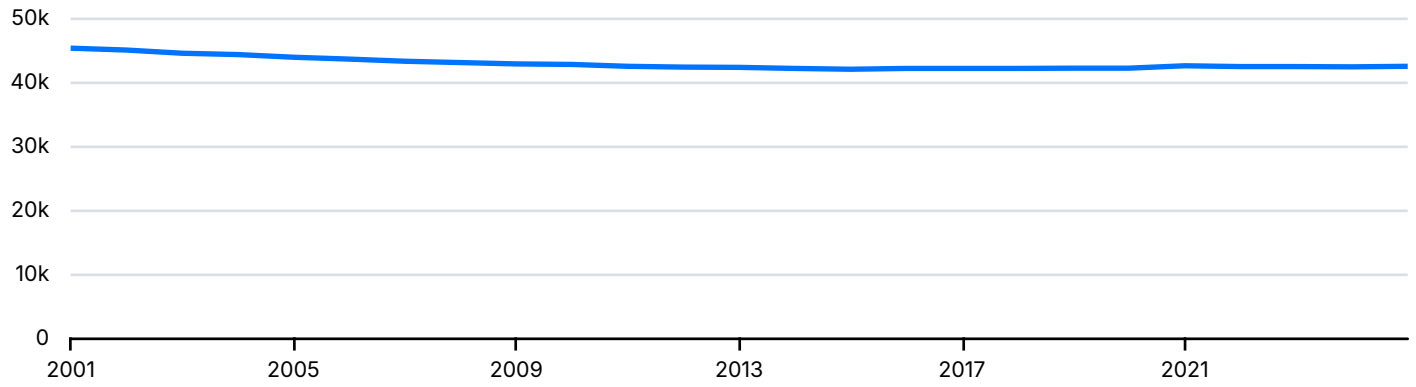

Figure 1.1: *Shows the total number of people living in the area. It provides the basic population benchmark used across many other indicators. (Parklands, 2001-2025)*[1,2]

Parklands' total population shows a clear multi-decade shift from decline toward stabilization. Between 2001 and 2015 the region's headcount fell from 45,217 to 41,902, marking the primary downward phase in the record. After 2015 the series flattens and edges upward: the most recent figure is 42,376 people in 2025. Five-year change entries capture this contrast, for example −3.8% in 2006 and +0.7% in 2025. The data suggest a transition from sustained decline to low-growth stability over the last decade.

Parklands has a modest, stable population compared with other Manitoba economic regions. Its population fell from 45,217 in 2001 to 42,376 in 2025, with a period of decline through the 2000s and low volatility after 2015. Recent momentum shows small gains: the 2025 five-year change is 0.7%. Compared with peers, Parklands is one of the smaller regions — for 2025 Southeast reports 145,963, Southwest 129,480 and Winnipeg 855,628. The data portray a region with a relatively steady population and limited recent growth.

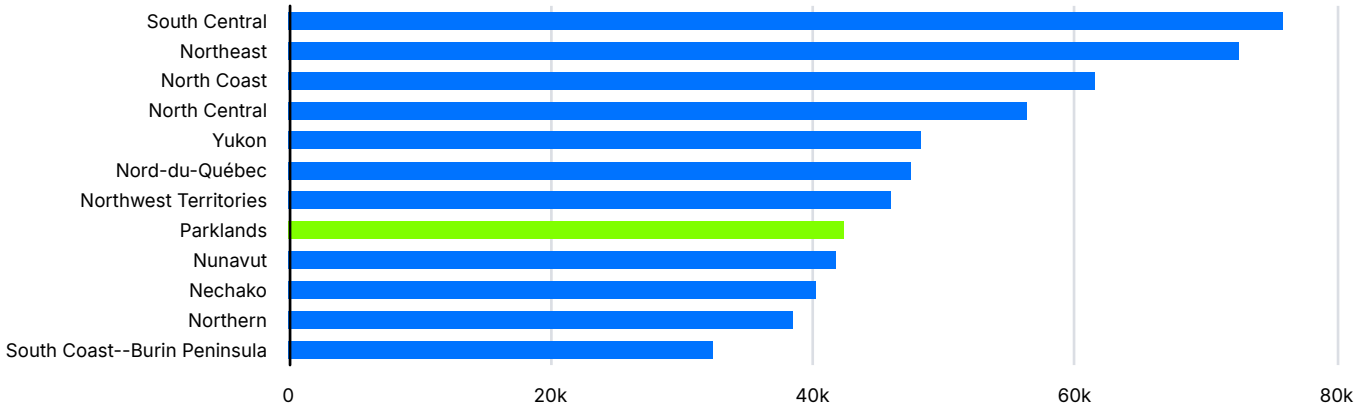

Figure 1.2: *Comparison of Total Population with other locations (Parklands, 2025)*[1,2]

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Age Groups

Parklands' largest age cohort in 2021 is the 60-64 group with 3,085 residents, but the 50-54 cohort experienced the biggest decline, dropping 17.2% to just 2,365 people, indicating an aging shift.

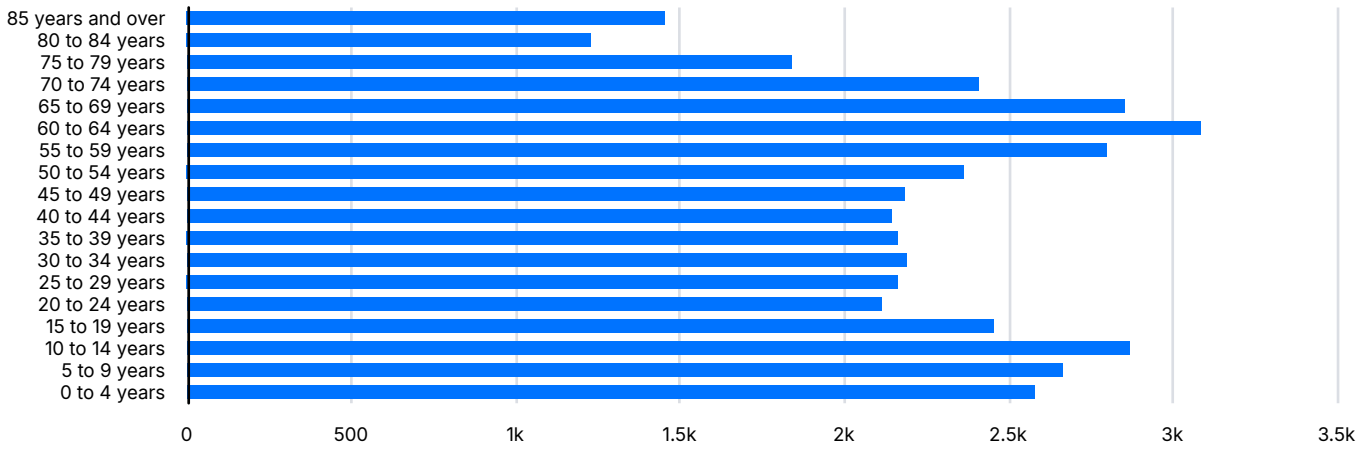
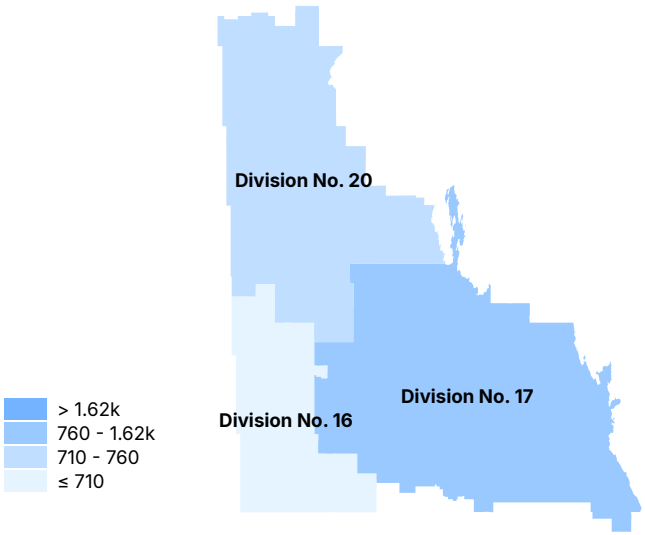


Figure 2.1: *Shows how the population is distributed across age groups. It helps explain the community's age structure and stage of life profile. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

Parklands' population in 2021 shows a mixed age profile with notable concentrations in the immediate pre-retirement and early senior brackets. The largest single group is ages 60 to 64 at 3,085 people, followed by 55 to 59 (2,800) and 65 to 69 (2,855). Younger cohorts grew in the five years to 2021: ages 10 to 14 rose 14.6% and 0 to 4 grew 6.4%. By contrast, several middle and older groups declined, notably ages 50 to 54 down 17.2% and 85+ down 11.0%. Relative movements suggest recent gains among children and some senior bands while the 50–59 band contracted. These shifts affect the age mix of the total population in 2021.



Parklands' population in 2021 shows concentration in both younger and older cohorts rather than a single dominant age group. Notable counts include 3,085 people aged 60 to 64, 2,870 aged 10 to 14, and 2,580 aged 0 to 4. The 10-to-14 group rose 14.6% over five years; ages 50 to 54 fell 17.2%. Compared with nearby divisions, several child and senior cohorts also increased. The mixed-age profile implies simultaneous needs across child-oriented and elder-oriented services.

Figure 2.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Age Group - 60 to 64 years (Parklands)*[1]

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Marital Status

Married residents remain the largest group in Parklands at 15,445 people, but that number fell 7.9% since 2016, while the widowed segment dropped to 2,805, the steepest decline among categories.

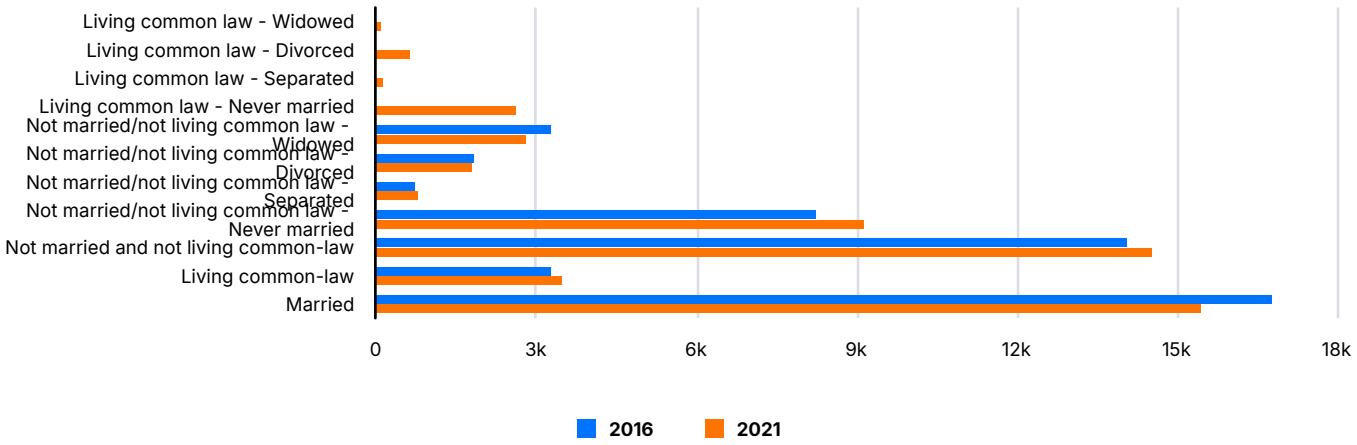

Figure 3.1: *Shows the marital status of residents, such as single, married, divorced, separated, or widowed. It helps indicate relationship patterns and household formation. (Parklands, 2016-2021)*[1]

Marital status in Parklands (population aged 15 and over, 2021) shows modest shifts over the five years to 2021, with declines in traditional marriage and gains among non-married categories. The largest single category remains married residents at 15,445 people, down 7.9% over five years. Not married and not living common-law counts total 14,540 people, up 3.4%, while those living common-law number 3,475 people, up 6.4% over the same period. Within non-married groups, never-married residents rose by 11.1% to 9,145 people; widowed residents fell 14.1% to 2,805 people. These changes indicate gradual rebalancing between married, common-law and non-married statuses in Parklands.

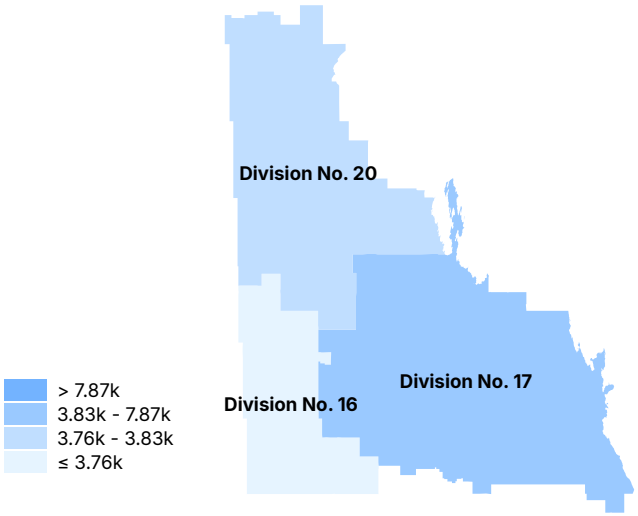

Figure 3.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Marital Status - Married (Parklands)*[1]

Parklands' adult population shows a shift in relationship status between 2016 and 2021. The largest group remains married (15,445 people) but that count fell by 7.9%. Not married and not living common-law residents total 14,540 (up 3.4%), while those living common-law number 3,475 (up 6.4%); never-married individuals within the not-married group are 9,145 (up 11.1%). Nearby census divisions display similar patterns: Division No. 17 reports married down 9.9% and common-law up 9.3%. The data point to decreasing marriage counts alongside rising common-law and never-married populations.

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Living Arrangement

Married couples or common-law partners are the biggest household group in Parklands 2021 with 18,490 people, above the next largest groups such as children in two-parent families at 7,905 and those living alone at 6,075.

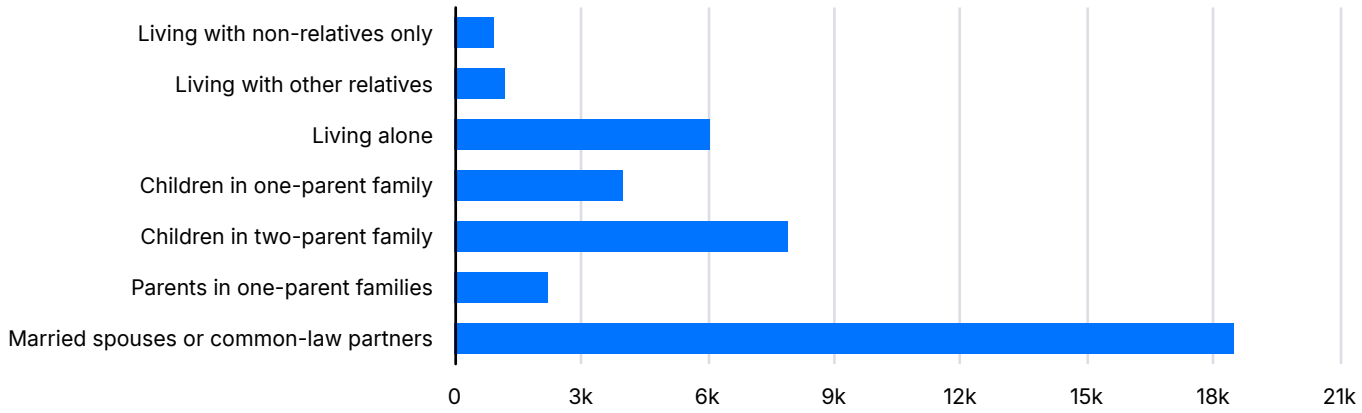

Figure 4.1: *Shows residents' living arrangements, such as living alone, with family, or with others. It helps indicate household formation and support networks. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

Parklands' 2021 living-arrangement profile describes how residents share households within private dwellings. The table records counts for partners, parents, children and people living alone or with others, providing a snapshot of household composition for that census year. The largest category is married spouses or common-law partners at 18,490 people. Children in two-parent families number 7,905, while 6,075 people live alone. One-parent family children total 4,000 and parents in one-parent families number 2,215. Because the dataset contains only 2021 values, time trends cannot be measured from these figures alone. The distribution shows a population concentrated in partnered households alongside meaningful counts of lone-person households and single-parent family members.

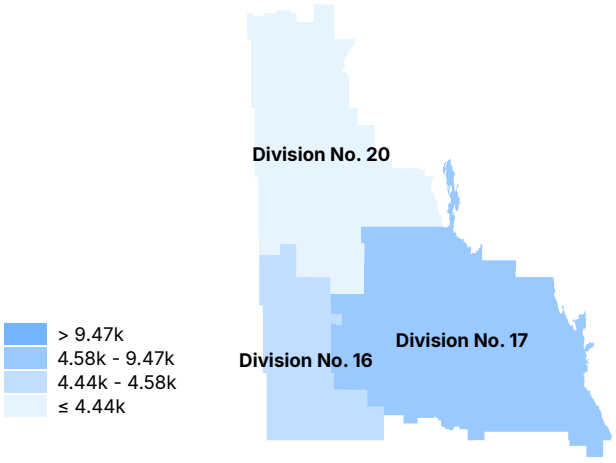

Figure 4.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Living Arrangement - Married spouses or common-law partners (Parklands)*[1]

Parklands' living arrangement profile (private households, 2021) shows the composition of households by relationship type and household role. The largest group is married spouses or common-law partners at 18,490 people. Children in two-parent families number 7,905; children in one-parent families number 4,000. Individuals living alone total 6,075. Compared with its descendant census divisions, Parklands reports higher absolute counts (for example, Division No. 17 records 9,470 married partners and 3,280 living alone). The data indicate households are concentrated around couple-based families while single-person and one-parent households are also substantial.

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Mother Tongue

English remains the dominant mother tongue in Parklands with 35,975 speakers, up 2.2% over five years, while Punjabi, though only 80 speakers, surged 433% among local languages in the same period.

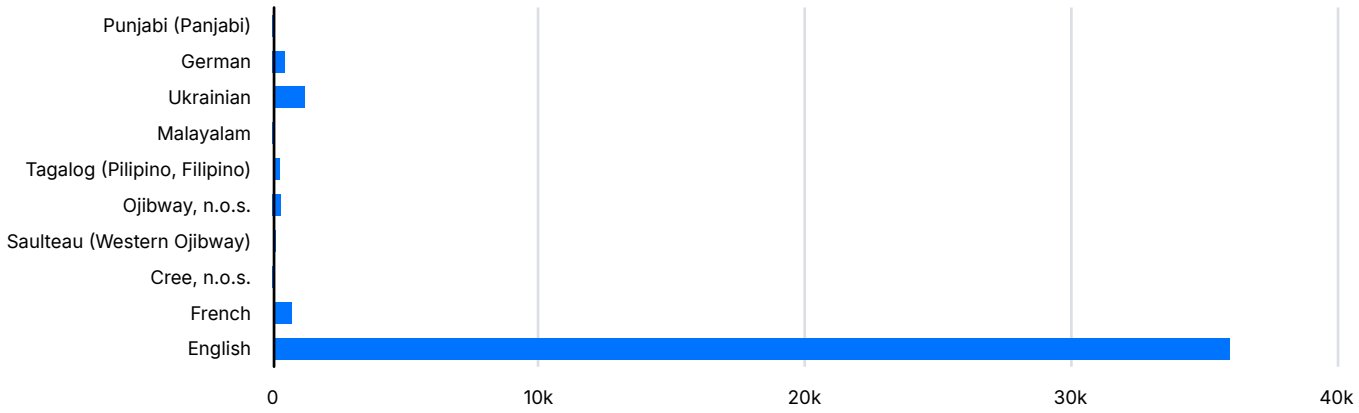
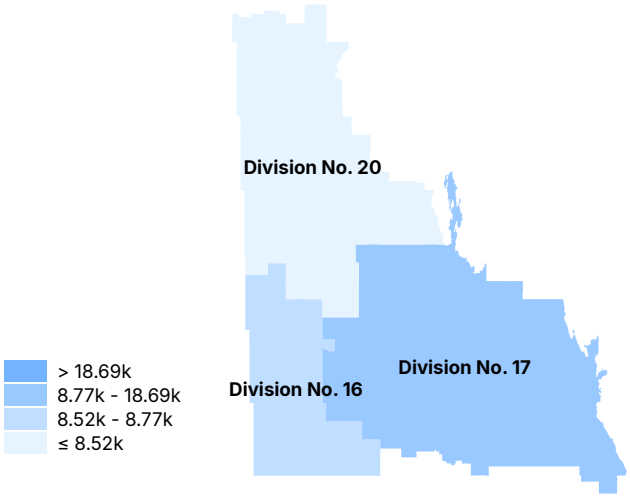


Figure 5.1: *Shows the first language learned and still understood by residents. It helps indicate the linguistic roots of the population. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

Parklands' mother tongue profile in 2021 is dominated by English, with 35,975 residents reporting it as the first language learned and still understood. The dataset lists several other languages, both Indigenous and immigrant, with much smaller counts. Other recorded languages include Ukrainian (1,195), German (465), French (705), Tagalog (265), Ojibway, n.o.s. (310), Saulteau (Western Ojibway) (105), Cree, n.o.s. (90), Malayalam (80) and Punjabi (80). Five-year changes show contrasting momentum: Punjabi rose sharply (+433.3%), Malayalam increased (+60.0%) and Tagalog grew (+23.3%), while Ukrainian fell (-39.6%), German declined (-31.6%) and French decreased (-15.6%). Taken together, the data show a largely English-speaking population alongside small but changing language communities; recent five-year gains are concentrated among a few non-official languages.



Parklands' most common mother tongue is English, with 35,975 residents reporting it in 2021. French is spoken by 705 residents (−15.6% over five years). Tagalog speakers number 265 (+23.3%), while Punjabi counts 80 but rose sharply (+433.3%). Indigenous languages appear: Ojibway at 310 and Cree at 90. The data show a strong English majority alongside growth in some immigrant languages and notable declines for Ukrainian (−39.6%) and German (−31.6%).

Figure 5.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Language - English (Parklands)*[1]

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Language Knowledge in Households

English is the dominant household language in Parklands, with 40,725 households and a modest 1.1% rise over five years, while Russian households, though only 165, surged 135.7%, the fastest growth.

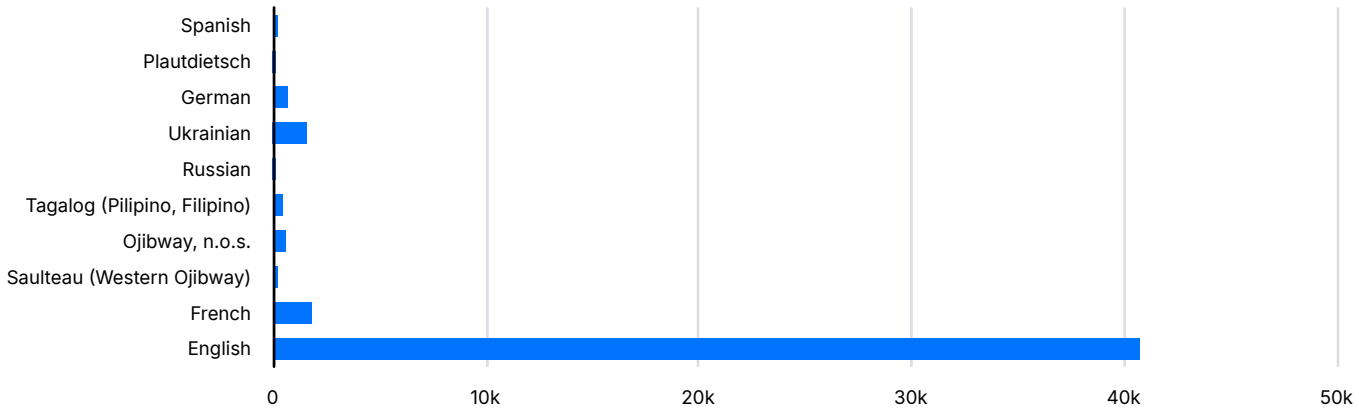
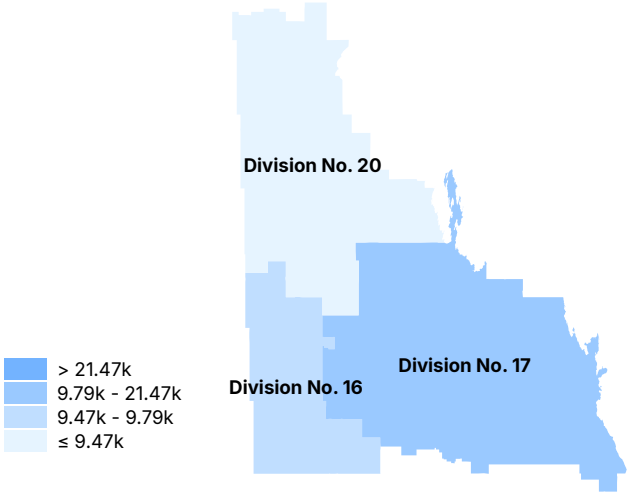


Figure 6.1: *Shows the languages household members can speak. It helps indicate multilingual capacity and potential language access needs. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

The 2021 household language profile for Parklands shows a clear dominance of English alongside a range of smaller language communities. Data cover households in private dwellings. English is reported in 40,725 households (5-year change +1.1%). French appears in 1,835 households (−6.6%). Ukrainian is recorded in 1,600 households (−26.9%). Several non-official languages have smaller counts but strong growth: Tagalog 445 (+61.8%), Spanish 225 (+60.7%), Russian 165 (+135.7%). Saulteau (Western Ojibway) 225, Ojibway n.o.s. 600 and Plautdietsch 145 are also present (no 5-year change shown). The pattern shows one large majority language with multiple smaller languages and notable short-term increases in some immigrant languages. This indicates pockets of multilingual households within the region in 2021.



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Parklands' household language profile is dominated by English-speaking households, with 40,725 reported in 2021, while other languages appear in much smaller counts. French appears in 1,835 households and declined by 6.6% over five years. Tagalog households numbered 445 and rose 61.8%; Russian households numbered 165, up 135.7%. Among the region's census divisions, Division No. 17 reports 21,465 English households and Division No. 16 shows Tagalog growth of 87.5%. The data show a large English majority alongside rising representation of several non-official languages.

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Indigenous Identity

In Parklands, First Nations remain the largest Indigenous group with 7,025 people in 2021, a 17.6% rise since 2016; the fastest-growing category is 'Indigenous responses not included elsewhere', up 575% to 135 people.

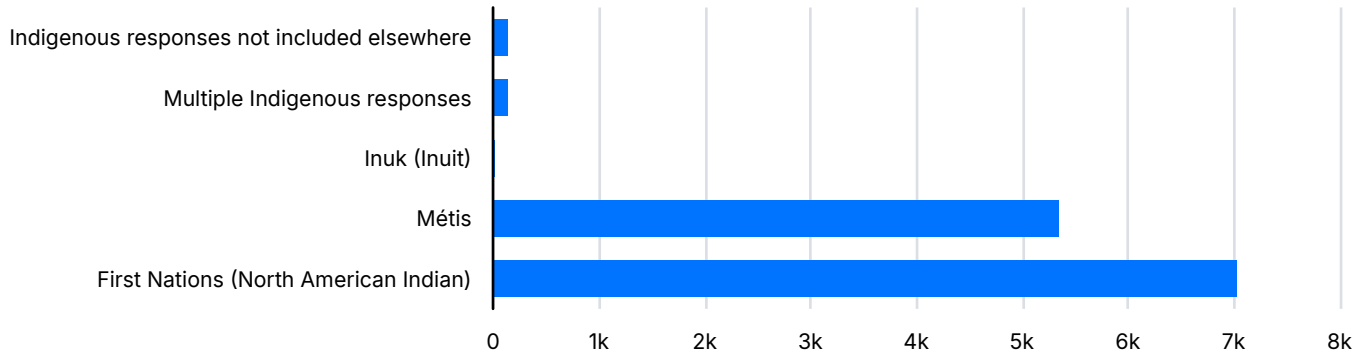

Figure 7.1: *Shows residents who identify as First Nations, M√©tis, or Inuit. It helps indicate the presence of Indigenous communities in the area. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

Parklands in 2021 had a visible Indigenous presence within the population in private households. The municipality-level counts show multiple Indigenous identities recorded in the census. The largest group was First Nations with 7,025 people (5-year change +17.6%). Métis numbered 5,345 (5-year change +8.8%). Inuit were 15 people (5-year change 0.0%), while multiple Indigenous responses fell to 135 (−10.0%) and responses not included elsewhere rose to 135 (5-year change +575.0%). These figures highlight differing recent trends across identity categories within the same community.

Parklands shows a substantial Indigenous presence in private households, led by First Nations and Métis identities. The 2021 counts are 7,025 First Nations (up 17.6% over five years) and 5,345 Métis (up 8.8%). Smaller counts include 15 Inuit and 135 reporting multiple Indigenous responses (down 10.0%), while 135 are classified as Indigenous responses not included elsewhere (up 575.0%). Compared with nearby census divisions, Division No. 20 recorded a sharper five-year rise in First Nations (1,130; +63.8%). These figures document recent population momentum within Indigenous identity categories.

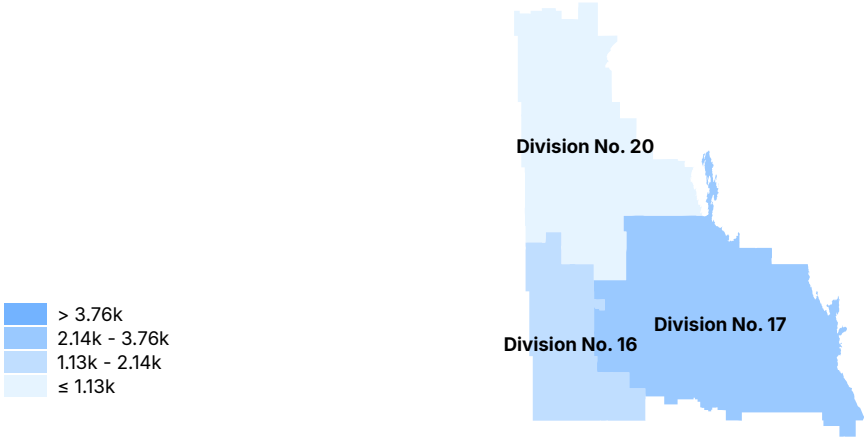

Figure 7.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Indigenous Identity - First Nations (North American Indian) (Parklands)*[1]

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Indigenous Ancestry

Parklands' Indigenous population grew sharply, with First Nations individuals now numbering 6,195—a 46.6% rise since 2016—while the Métis group rose 62.7% to 1,895 people, signaling stronger cultural presence locally today.

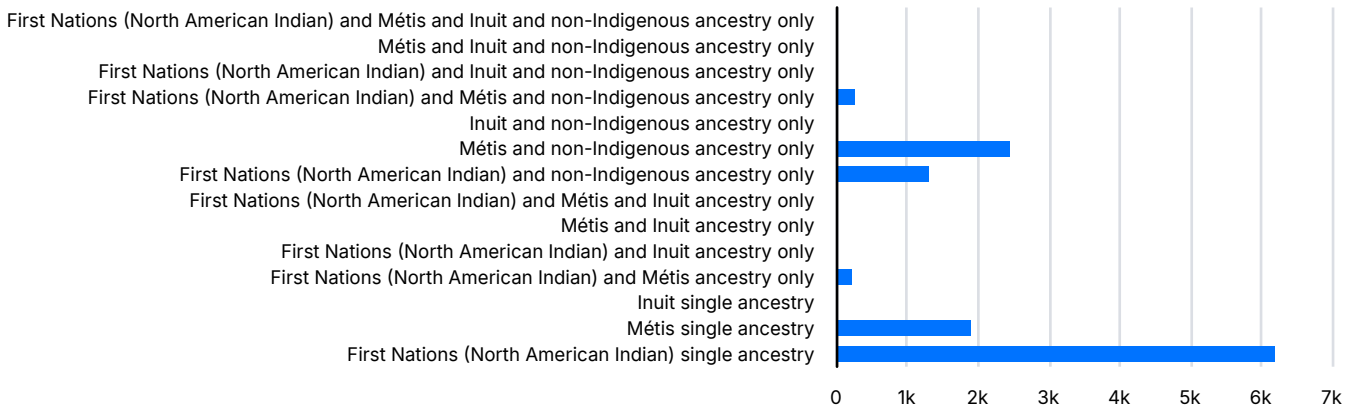

Figure 8.1: *Shows residents with Indigenous ancestry. It helps indicate ancestral connections to First Nations, M√©tis, or Inuit peoples. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

Parklands has a sizeable population reporting Indigenous ancestry in the 2021 census, with data split between single-ancestry responses and combinations. The counts and recent five-year changes show where growth and decline occurred. The largest single-ancestry group is First Nations at 6,195 people, up 46.6% over five years. Métis single ancestry totals 1,895, rising 62.7%. Inuit single ancestry is 15 people and shows no change. Small multigroup counts include 215 reporting First Nations and Métis only (+2.4%). Several categories that combine Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestry fell, for example Métis and non-Indigenous at 2,445 (−17.9%). The pattern is one of strong recent growth in single-ancestry identification, alongside declines in multiple-ancestry responses that include non-Indigenous origins.

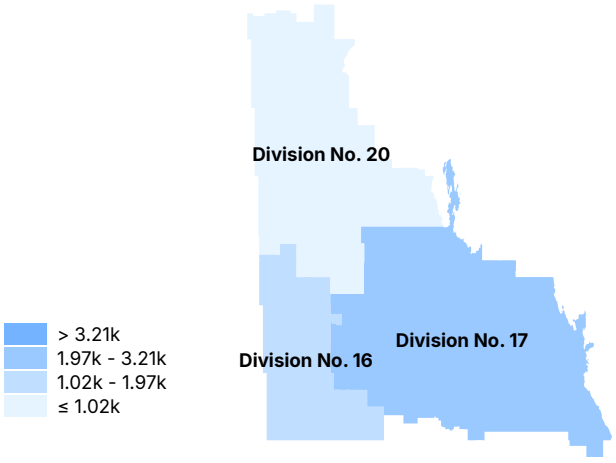

Figure 8.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Indigenous Ancestry - First Nations (North American Indian) single ancestry (Parklands)*[1]

Parklands shows a pronounced presence of Indigenous ancestry in the population. The census records 6,195 people reporting First Nations single ancestry (up 46.6% over five years), 1,895 reporting Métis single ancestry (up 62.7%), and 15 reporting Inuit single ancestry. Mixed responses that pair Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestry are sizable but falling: First Nations and non-Indigenous 1,305 (−8.7%); Métis and non-Indigenous 2,445 (−17.9%). These figures point to recent growth in single-ancestry First Nations and Métis reporting within Parklands.

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Visible Minority

Filipino residents are Parklands' largest visible-minority group with 560 people, up 86.7% since 2016, while the Southeast Asian community grew fastest in the area, rising to 65 people, which is a 550% increase.

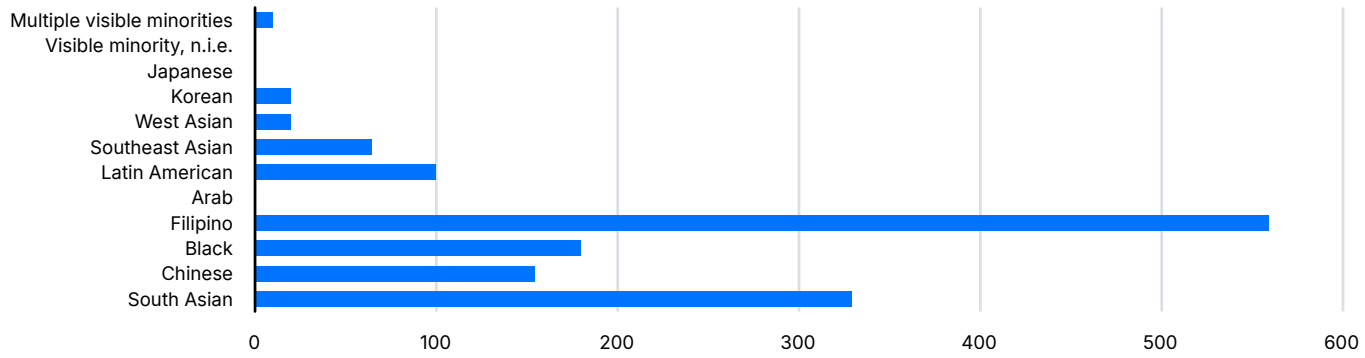

Figure 9.1: *Shows residents who identify as belonging to visible minority groups. It helps indicate racialized population diversity in the community. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

Parklands' resident population includes multiple visible minority groups recorded in 2021. The counts show the largest groups were Filipino (560), South Asian (330) and Chinese (155). Recent five-year change highlights rapid growth among several groups: Southeast Asian rose by 550.0%, Black by 140.0%, and Filipino by 86.7%. Some groups declined, with Korean down 33.3% and Japanese recorded as zero with a −100.0% change. The Arab category shows zero count with no change value provided. These figures point to shifting composition within the visible-minority population.

Parklands shows a growing visible minority population with several groups increasing notably between censuses. The largest counts in 2021 were Filipino 560 (+86.7%), South Asian 330 (+78.4%), Black 180 (+140.0%) and Chinese 155 (+63.2%). Southeast Asian rose sharply in percent terms, 65 people (+550.0%). Compared with a nearby division, Division No. 16 reports 290 Filipino residents (+123.1%), indicating Parklands has the larger Filipino population count but a lower five-year percent change. These figures point to recent growth in multiple visible-minority groups, varying by size and pace.

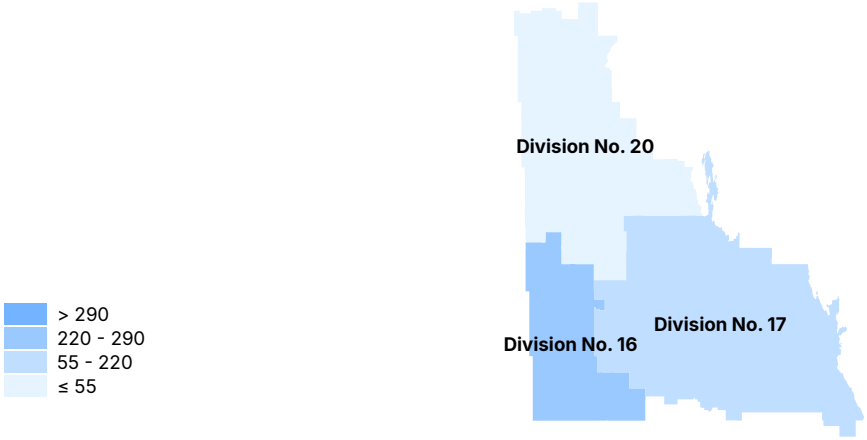

Figure 9.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Visible Minority - Filipino (Parklands)*[1]

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Religion

In Parklands, Christianity remains the dominant faith with 23,265 followers, far surpassing those reporting no religion (16,175) and Indigenous spirituality (795), indicating a strong Christian presence in the community overall.

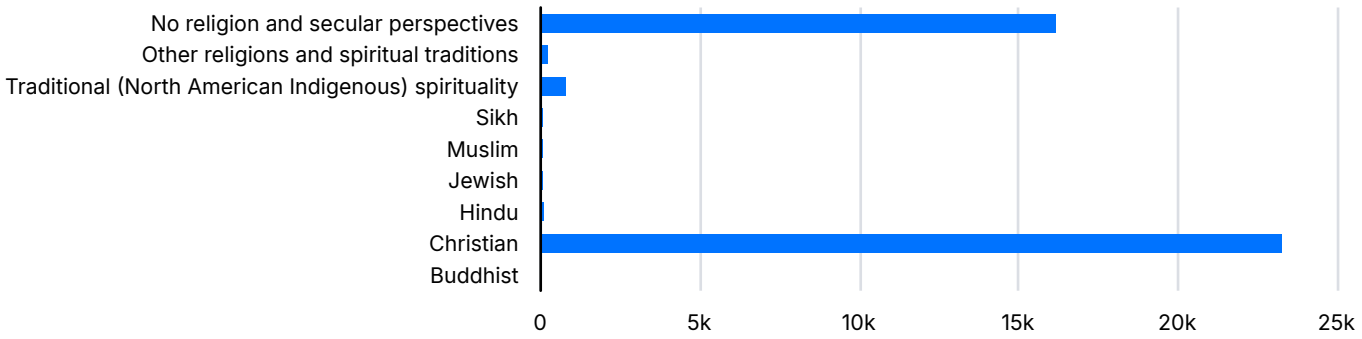

Figure 10.1: *Shows residents' religious affiliation. It helps indicate the spiritual and faith-based diversity of the community. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

Parklands' residents reported a range of religious affiliations in 2021, offering a snapshot of the region's spiritual composition within private households. Christian affiliation is the largest single category at 23,265 people, followed by those reporting no religion at 16,175. Traditional North American Indigenous spirituality is reported by 795 residents, while smaller counts include Hindu (105), Sikh (80), Muslim (65), Jewish (70) and Buddhist (50). The dataset shows several small but present faith communities alongside a substantial non-religious population. This is a single-year portrait (2021) and does not show change over time.

In 2021 Parklands reported detailed counts of residents by religion. Christianity is the largest affiliation with 23,265 people, followed by those reporting no religion at 16,175 and Traditional (North American Indigenous) spirituality at 795. Smaller groups include Hindu (105), Sikh (80), Jewish (70), Muslim (65) and Buddhist (50), with 230 in other religions. Compared with its constituent census divisions, Parklands records higher absolute counts across most categories. The data indicate a community with both a large Christian presence and a substantial secular population.

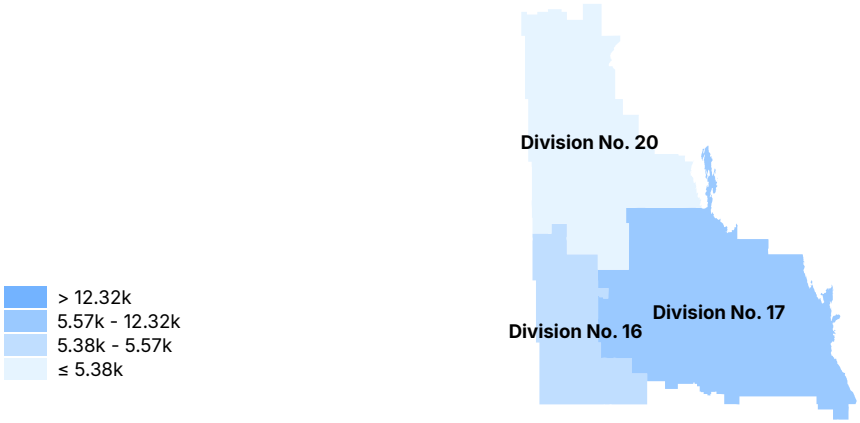

Figure 10.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Religion - Christian (Parklands)*[1]

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Household Size

Two-person households dominate Parklands with 6,495 homes in 2021, while large families are growing fastest, rising 11.6% to 1,535 households.

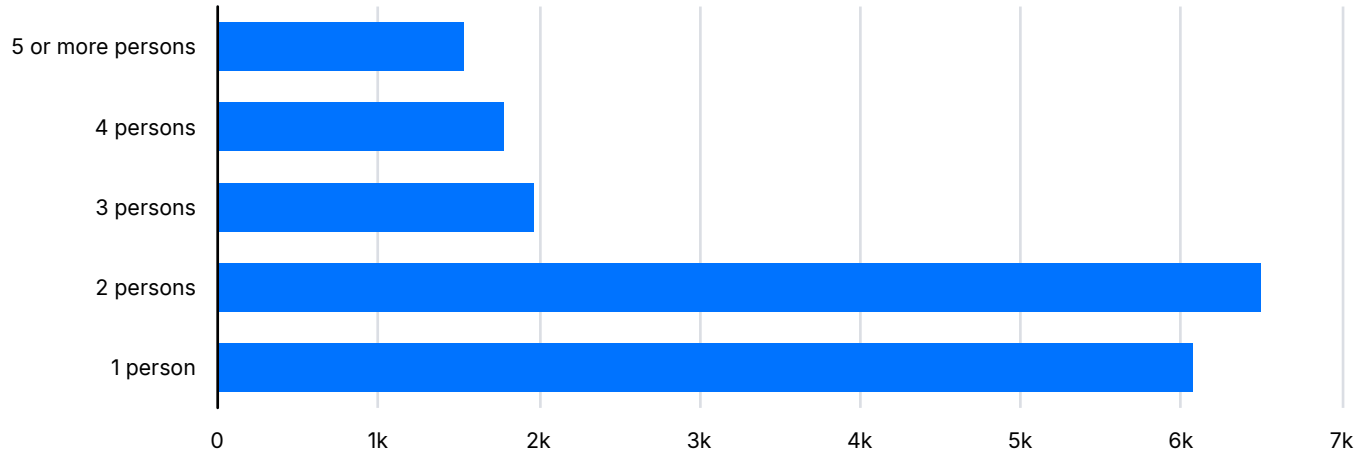
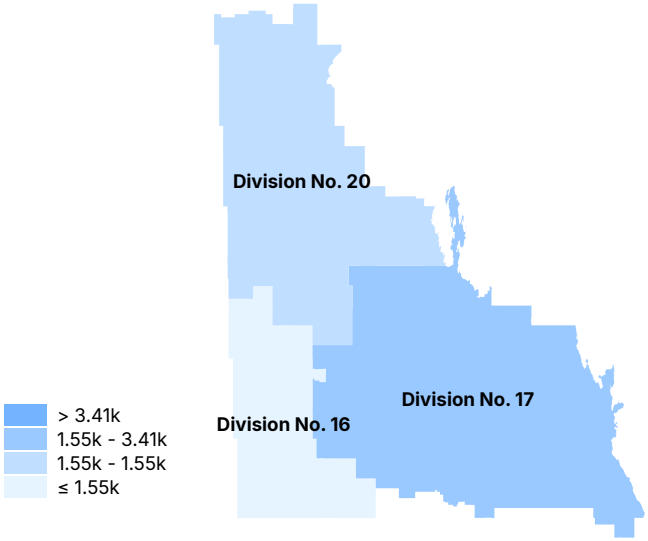


Figure 11.1: *Shows the number of people living in households. It helps indicate common household arrangements and likely housing needs. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

Parklands' private households in 2021 are concentrated at the smaller end of the size spectrum. The census counts show 6,075 one-person households and 6,495 two-person households, with smaller totals in larger groupings. Three-person households number 1,970 and four-person households 1,785; households of five or more total 1,535. Over the five years to 2021, one-person households rose by 3.8% while two-, three- and four-person households declined by 2.3%, 3.4% and 3.3% respectively. Households of five or more grew markedly, up 11.6% over five years. This pattern shows modest growth at both extremes of household size in the period measured.



Household size in Parklands shows a mix of small and larger households in 2021 for private households. Two-person households are the largest group at 6,495 households, while one-person households are close behind at 6,075. Three- and four-person households total 1,970 and 1,785 respectively. Households of five or more increased most strongly, 1,535 households and a 11.6% rise over five years. The pattern points to a region with many small households alongside growing larger-family households.

Figure 11.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Household Size - 2 persons (Parklands)*[1]

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Household Type

Parklands' biggest household type is one-person homes, numbering 6,075 in 2021 and up 3.9% over five years; meanwhile multiple-census-family households plunged to 40, a 77% decline, reflecting shifting demographics in the area.

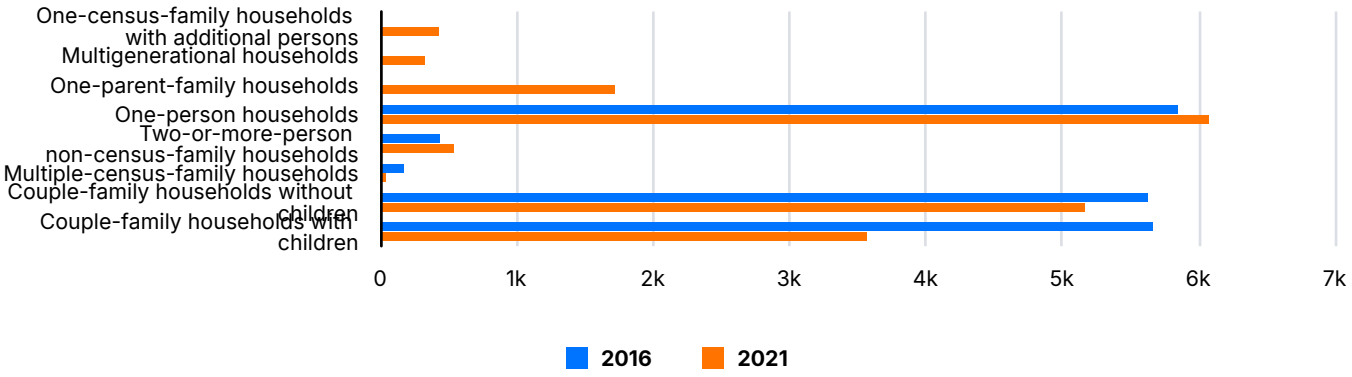

Figure 12.1: *Shows the mix of household types, including one-person, family, and non-family households. It helps indicate how residents are organized across living arrangements. (Parklands, 2016-2021)*[1]

Parklands' household mix in 2021 shows a marked shift in family composition and a sizeable share of single-person households. The largest single category is one-person households at 6,075 (+3.9% over five years), while couple-family households with children numbered 3,565 and fell by 37.1% over the same period. Couple-family households without children total 5,165 (−8.3%). Smaller categories include one-parent families (1,720), multigenerational households (325), and multiple-census-family households (40, −77.1%). Two-or-more-person non-census-family households rose 23.0% to 535.

Parklands' household mix in 2021 shows a strong presence of single-person households alongside traditional family forms. One-person households number 6,075 and rose 3.9% over five years, while couple-family households without children total 5,165 and declined 8.3%. Couple-family households with children are 3,565 and fell sharply, down 37.1% since 2016. Smaller categories include 535 two-or-more-person non-census-family households (+23.0%) and 40 multiple-census-family households (-77.1%). These patterns point to rising solo living and fewer larger family groupings within the region.

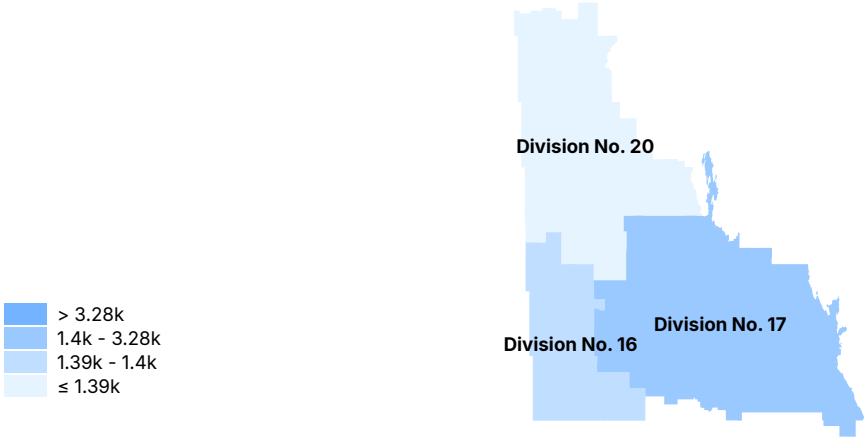

Figure 12.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Household Type - One-person households (Parklands)*[1]

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Average Household Size

Parklands households stay small, averaging 2.3 people per home. The figure was 2.3 in 2011, 2016 and 2021, showing a consistent zero percent change over the past five years overall.

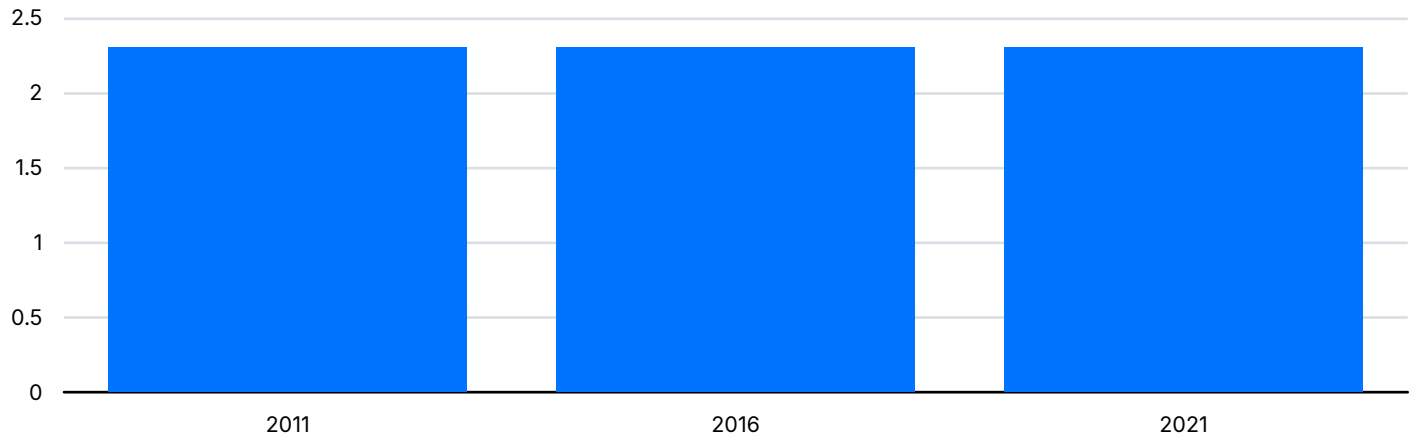
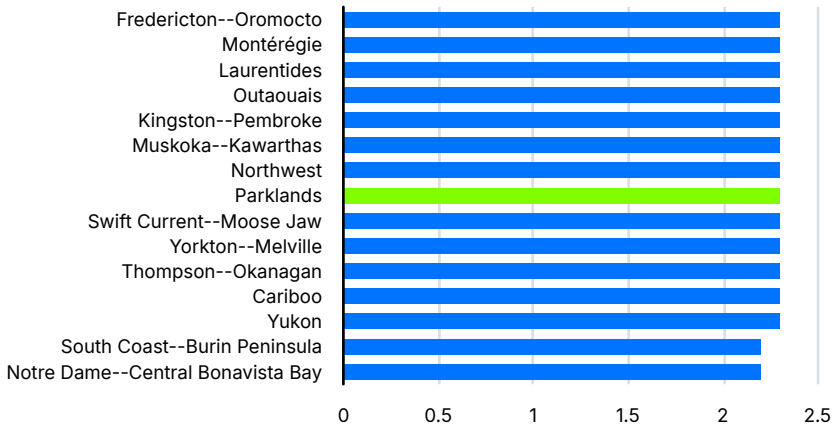


Figure 13.1: *Shows the average number of people living in each household. It helps indicate typical living arrangements and the kinds of homes households may need. (Parklands, 2011-2021)*[1]

Parklands' average household size for private households has been steady across the last three censuses, remaining at 2.3 people per household in 2011, 2016 and 2021. This consistency defines the basic living-unit scale for the region. The census values are identical each reporting year: 2.3 people in 2011, 2.3 people in 2016 and 2.3 people in 2021. The reported five-year change for the later intervals is 0.0%, indicating no measured shift between censuses. Compared with locations where household size moves over time, Parklands shows stability rather than growth or decline in household occupancy. For private households in Parklands, the recent decade was marked by unchanged average household size.



Parklands has a stable average household size of 2.3 people recorded in 2011, 2016 and 2021. That 2.3 figure contrasts with nearby regions: Southeast and South Central average 2.7 people, Winnipeg averages 2.5, and North averages 3.3. Several comparators show little change over the decade; Parklands' value is on the lower end of the regional range. The data indicates relatively smaller, consistent household sizes in Parklands compared with most neighbouring regions.

Figure 13.2: *Comparison of Average Household Size with other locations (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

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Family Size

Two-person families still dominate Parklands with 6,590 members in 2021, a 3.1% decline since 2016, while households of five or more grew to 1,220, up 5.2% over the same period.

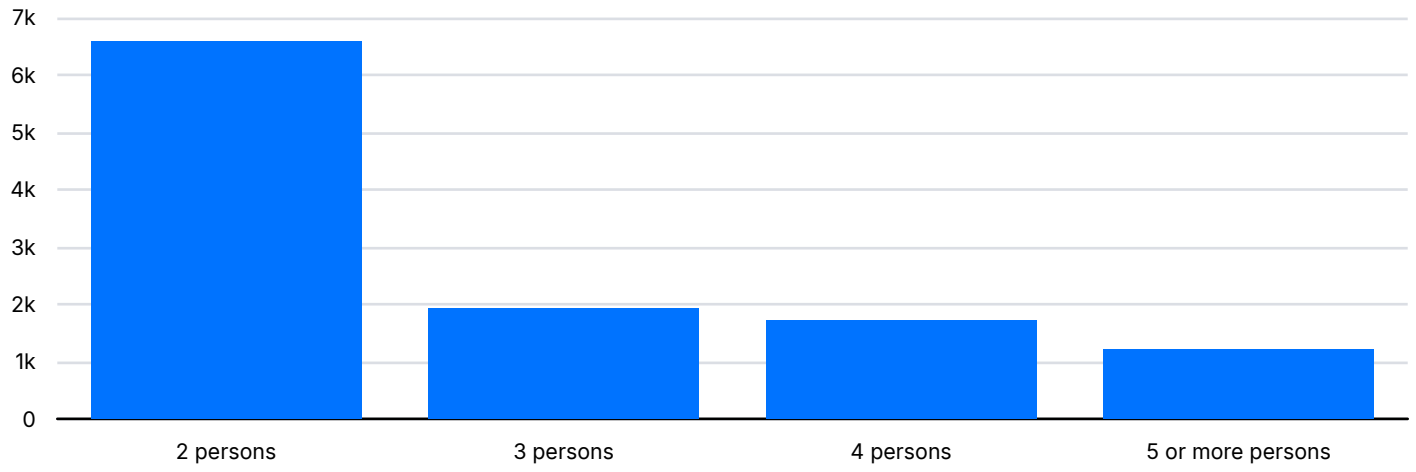

Figure 14.1: *Shows the number of people in family households. It helps indicate household composition and the space families may need. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

Parklands' family-size profile (Census, 2021) describes the distribution of people living in census family private households and recent five-year change. The most common household size is two persons, followed by three and four persons. Counts: 6,590 two-person families (down 3.1% over five years), 1,925 three-person families (down 2.5%), 1,720 four-person families (up 0.6%), and 1,220 families with five or more persons (up 5.2%). The dominant pattern is modest decline among smaller families alongside growth in larger households; the largest relative increase occurred in five-or-more person families. This pattern points to a slight shift toward larger family households between 2016 and 2021.

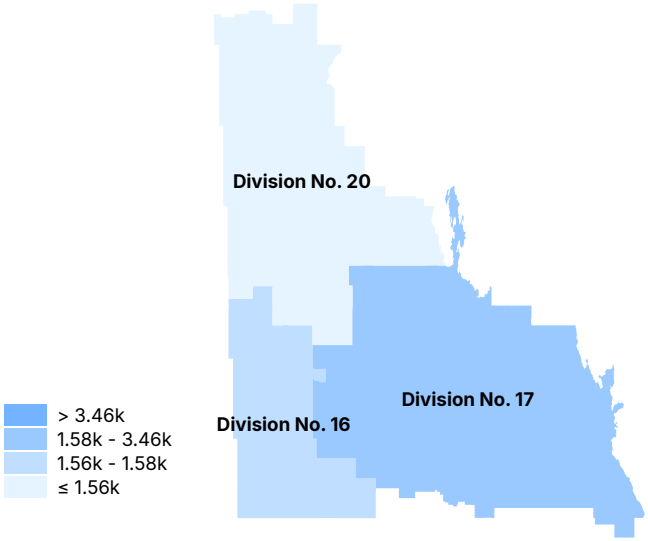

Figure 14.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Family Size - 2 persons (Parklands)*[1]

Parklands' family households are concentrated in small families, with 6,590 two-person families in 2021 and smaller counts for larger households: 1,925 three-person, 1,720 four-person, and 1,220 with five or more people. Over five years the number of two- and three-person families fell (−3.1% and −2.5% respectively) while five-or-more-person families rose by 5.2%. Among nearby census divisions, Division No. 17 shows the strongest rise in large families (+11.3%). The pattern suggests modest growth at the largest family size while smaller families have slightly declined.

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Family Type

In Parklands, the biggest family type in 2021 is married couples without children, numbering 4,475, while married couples with children fell 24% to 3,030. One-parent families grew 17% to 2,220.

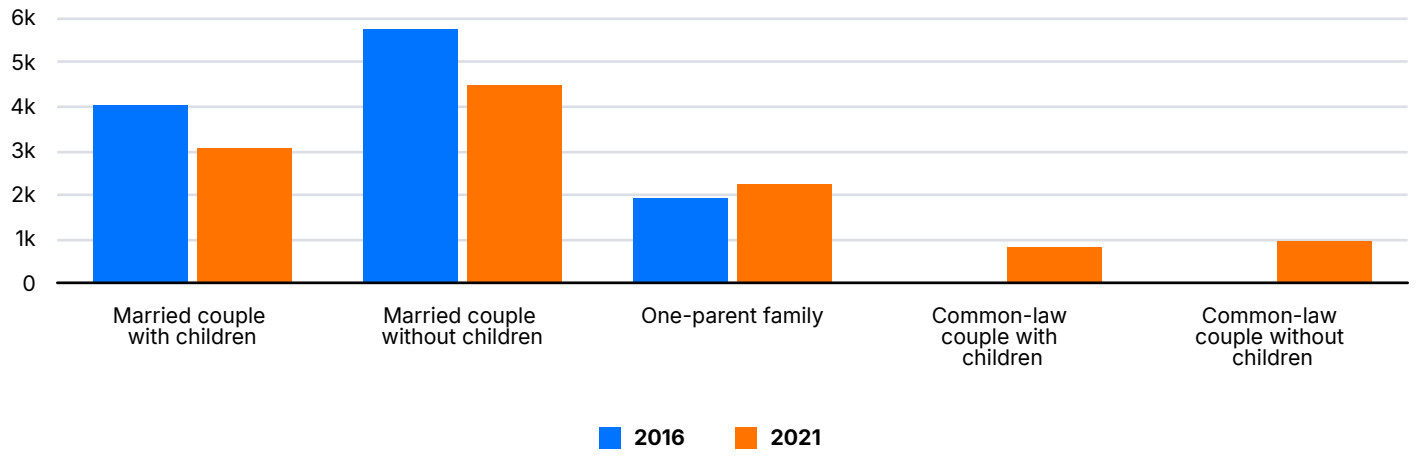

Figure 15.1: *Shows the mix of family types, such as couple families and lone-parent families. It helps indicate the structure of family life in the community. (Parklands, 2016-2021)*[1]

Parklands displays a mix of family arrangements among census families in private households, including married couples, common-law couples, and one-parent families. The dataset records both counts and five-year changes for several categories. Married couples with children number 3,030 and show a 5-year change of -24.4%. Married couples without children total 4,475 with a -22.0% change. One-parent families count 2,220 and increased by 16.5% over five years. Common-law couples appear in smaller counts (810 with children, 930 without) but lack five-year change figures. The pattern shows declining married-couple counts alongside growth in one-parent families.

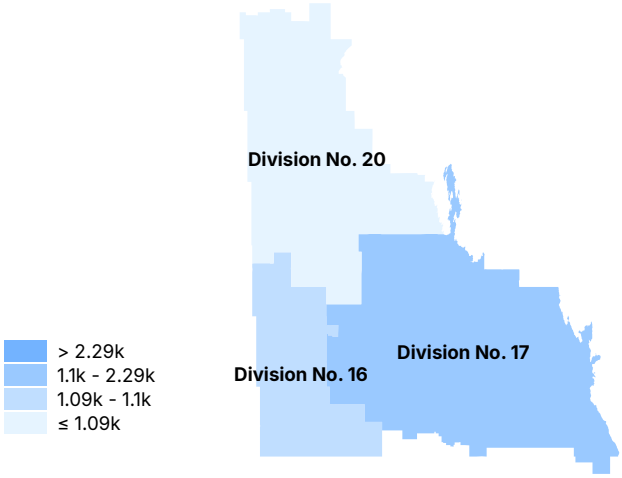

Figure 15.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Family Type - Married couple without children (Parklands)*[1]

Family structure in Parklands is shown for census families in private households in 2021. The largest counts are married couples without children (4,475) and with children (3,030), while one-parent families number 2,220. Over five years, married-couple families declined markedly: married with children fell 24.4% and married without children fell 22.0%. One-parent families rose 16.5% over the same period. Change figures for common-law families are not provided. These patterns describe recent shifts in family composition within the region.

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Average Family Size

Parklands families are slightly larger, averaging 2.9 people in 2021, up from 2.8 in 2016, a 3.6% rise over five years.

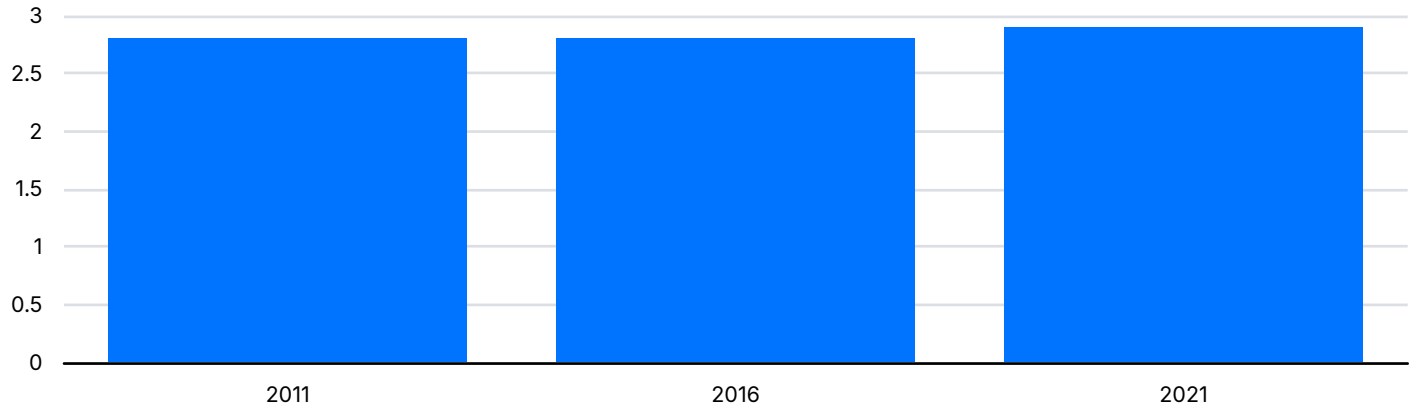

Figure 16.1: *Shows the average number of people in family households. It helps indicate typical family living arrangements and space needs. (Parklands, 2011-2021)*[1]

The average number of people in family households in Parklands is stable and slightly higher in the most recent census period. The region recorded an average family size of 2.8 people in both 2011 and 2016, rising to 2.9 people in 2021. That change from 2016 to 2021 represents a 3.6% increase over five years. The dataset covers census families in private households and shows a recent, modest upward shift following a period of no change.

Average family size in Parklands is modest and has inched upward. The 2021 average is 2.9 people, up from 2.8 in 2016 (a 3.6% five-year increase). That 2.9 figure matches Winnipeg, Interlake and Southwest (all 2.9) but is below Southeast (3.1), South Central (3.2) and North (3.3). North Central records 3.0. Several comparable regions show little change between 2016 and 2021, while Parklands and Southwest record the documented growth. The pattern points to slight growth in household size in Parklands within a regional context of relative stability.

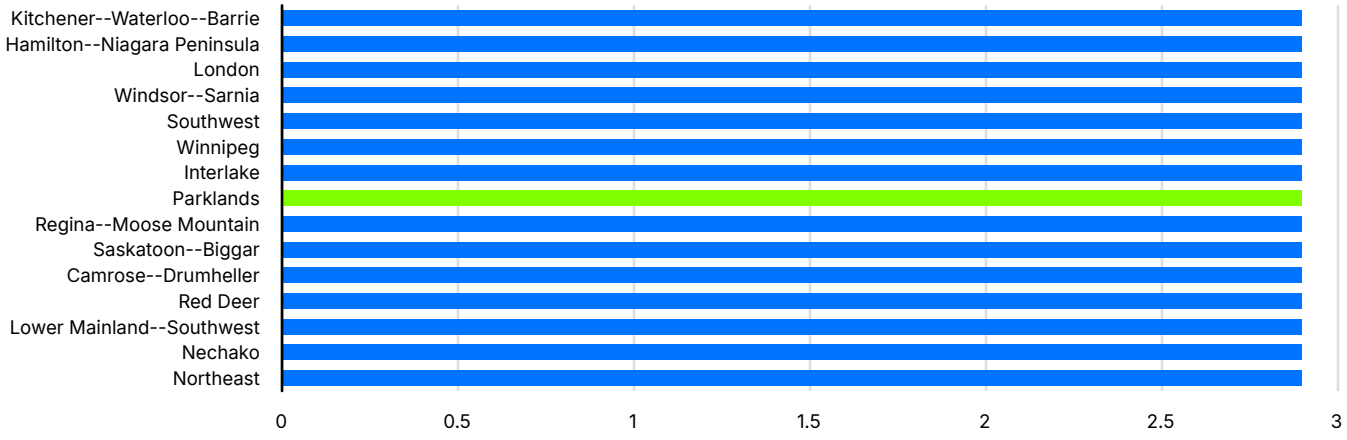

Figure 16.2: *Comparison of Average Family Size with other locations (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

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Average Number of Children per Family

Parklands families with children average two children each, reflecting a typical family size; the 2021 census records a value of 2.0 children per family, indicating stable household composition in the region.

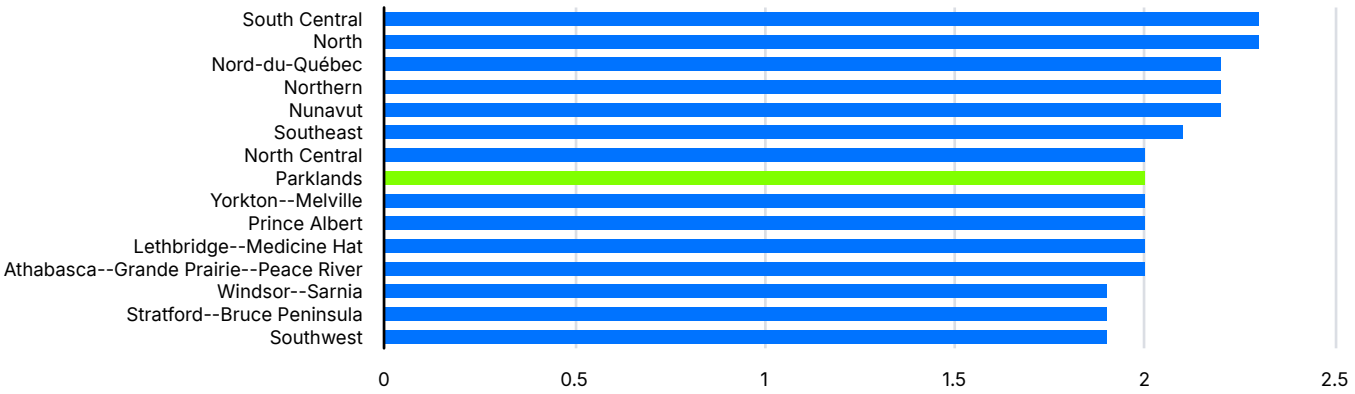

Figure 17.1: *Comparison of Average Number of Children per Family with other locations (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

Parklands had an average of 2.0 children per family in 2021 among census families with children. This metric describes typical family size and potential demand for child-focused services in the region. Key figures for 2021 show nearby South Central and North each at about 2.3 children per family, Southeast at 2.1, and Winnipeg and Interlake lower at 1.8. Southwest recorded 1.9 and North Central matched Parklands at 2.0. Parklands sits near the middle of its provincial comparators, below the highest averages and above the lowest. This places the region in a moderate position for family size within the reported set.

Parklands has an average of 2.0 children per family with children, based on 2021 census data. This figure describes typical family size among households that include children. Nearby census divisions show similar levels: Division No. 16 and Division No. 17 both report 2.0 children per family, while Division No. 20 is slightly lower at 1.9 children per family. The close clustering around two children suggests stable, modest family sizes within the region in 2021. These averages indicate the scale of demand for child-related services without implying causes.

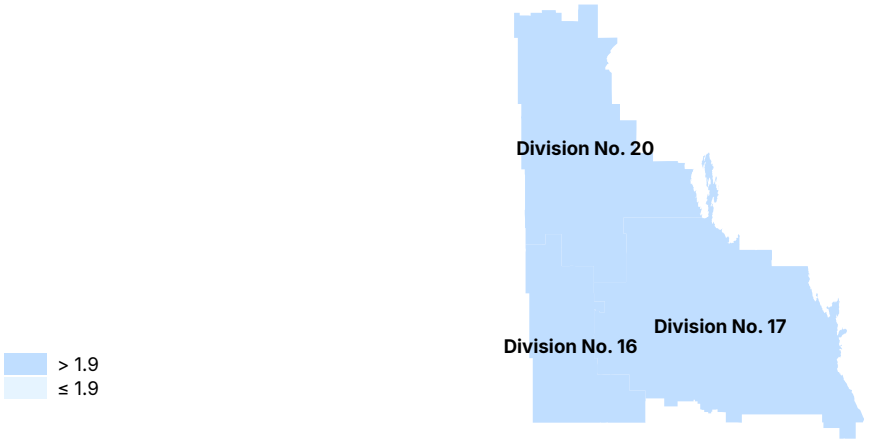

Figure 17.2: *Distribution of Average Number of Children per Family (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

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Primary Maintainer Age

The biggest group of household maintainers in Parklands are aged 55-64, numbering 3,430 homes but decreasing 5.6% since 2016; the steepest decline is among those 85+, down 15.4% to 935 households.

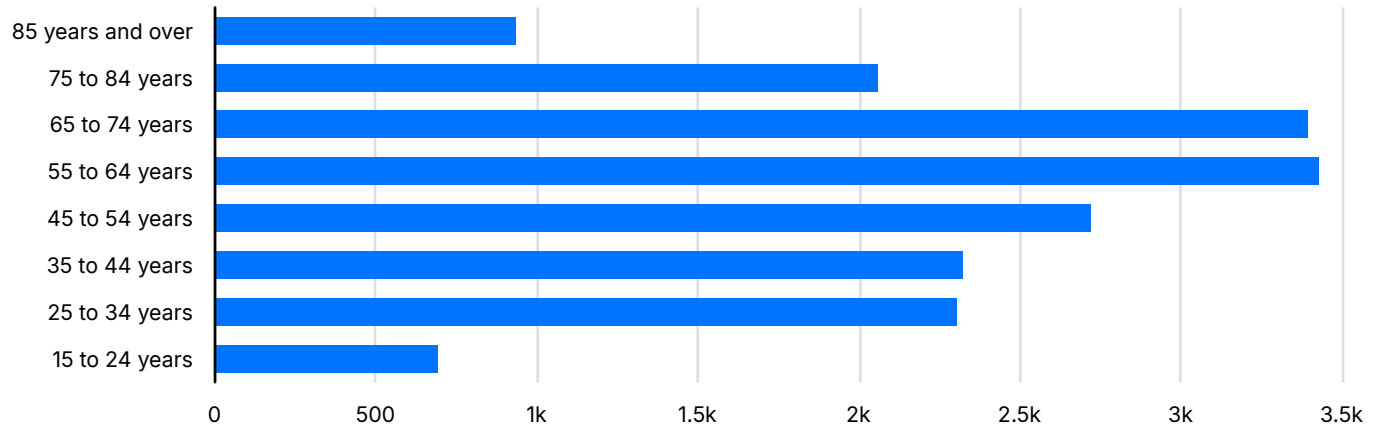

Figure 18.1: *Shows the age of the primary household maintainer. It helps indicate which life stages are carrying primary financial responsibility for housing. (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

The profile of primary household maintainers in Parklands shows concentration in middle and older adult age groups. The largest counts are ages 55–64 (3,430 households) and 65–74 (3,395 households), followed by 45–54 (2,720) and 35–44 (2,325). Recent five-year changes show both gains and declines. Age 25–34 increased by 12.4% (2,305 households), while 65–74 rose 10.8% (3,395) and 75–84 rose 7.3% (2,060). By contrast, 45–54 fell 8.3% and 55–64 fell 5.6%; those 85+ declined 15.4% (935). These trends indicate growing representation at the younger adult entry stage and among older seniors, with reductions in some midlife cohorts.

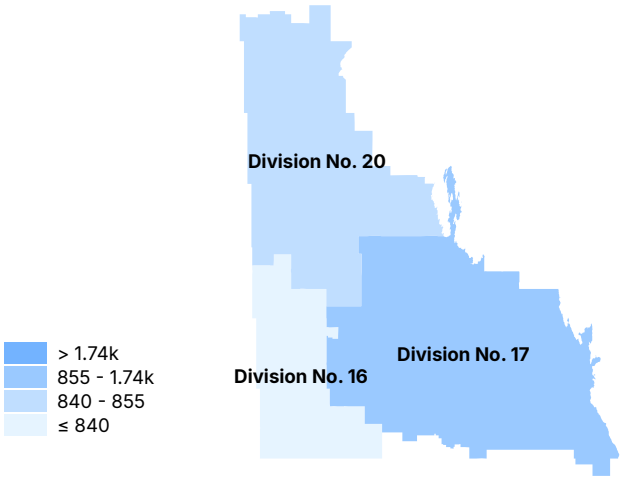

Figure 18.2: *Distribution of Largest Group: Household Maintainer Age - 55 to 64 years (Parklands)*[1]

Parklands (2021) shows a concentration of primary household maintainers in middle and older working ages. The largest groups are 55 to 64 (3,430 households) and 65 to 74 (3,395 households), followed by 45 to 54 (2,720) and 35 to 44 (2,325). Younger maintainers 15 to 24 number 695 households. Five-year change highlights growth for 25 to 34 (+12.4%) and 65 to 74 (+10.8%) and declines for 85+ (−15.4%) and 45 to 54 (−8.3%). These patterns suggest shifting age composition among maintaining households within the private-household universe.

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Median Age

Parklands, Manitoba's median age fell to 43.6 years in 2021, a 4.8% drop from 2016's 45.8 years, showing the population is becoming younger recently overall over the last five years.

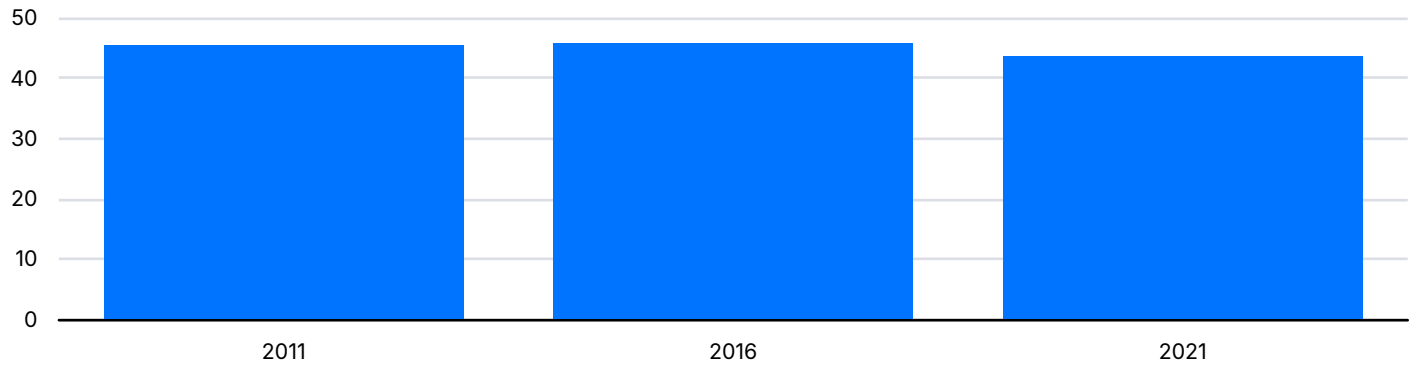

Figure 19.1: *Shows the median age of residents. It helps indicate whether the population skews younger or older at the midpoint of the age distribution. (Parklands, 2011-2021)*[1]

Median age in Parklands measures the midpoint of the local age distribution and shows a recent downward shift after a brief rise. The median was 45.3 years in 2011, edged to 45.8 years in 2016 (5-year change +1.1%), then fell to 43.6 years in 2021 (5-year change -4.8%). With no external benchmark provided, the clear pattern is a modest rise in the 2011–2016 period followed by a larger decline in 2016–2021. The data indicate the population midpoint became younger between 2016 and 2021.

Parklands has a median age of 43.6 years in 2021, placing its population midpoint older than several regional peers but younger than Interlake. The median fell from 45.8 years in 2016 to 43.6 years in 2021, a 5-year change of -4.8%. By comparison, Interlake recorded 45.2 years in 2021, Winnipeg 38.8 years, Southeast 38.0 years, and North 28.6 years. Across the region, Parklands remains toward the older end of the spectrum but moved younger between 2016 and 2021. This change reflects recent downward movement in Parklands' median age relative to its own 2016 level.

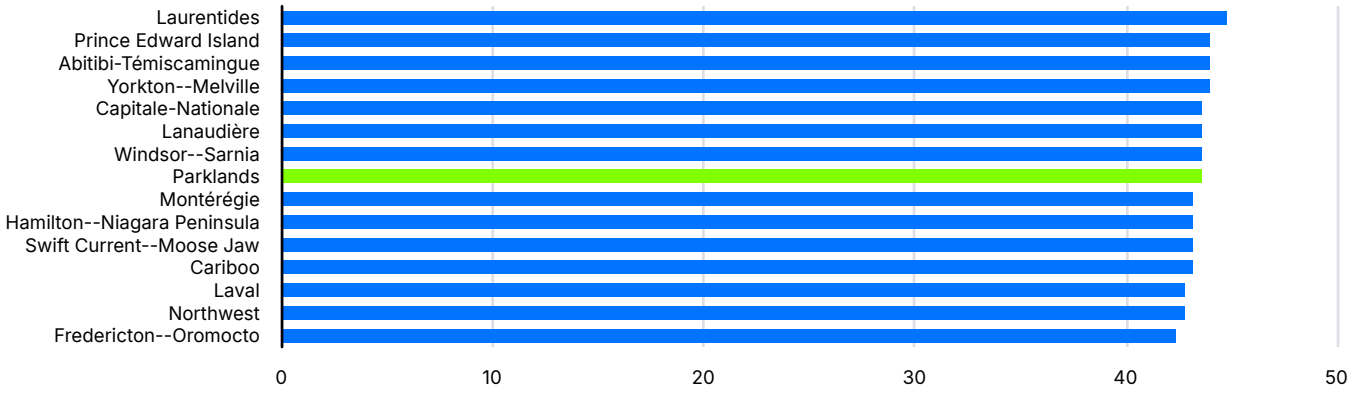

Figure 19.2: *Comparison of Median Age with other locations (Parklands, 2021)*[1]

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