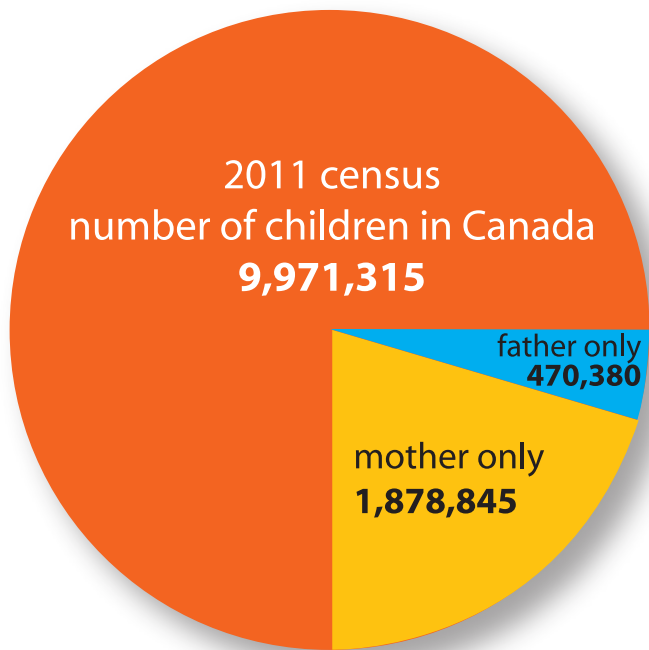


FATHERS IN CANADA



- ▶ 10 million children in Canada
- ▶ one quarter live in single parent homes
- ▶ 2 million (one in five) live without their father

CANADIAN FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- ▶ 5,637,135 total families
- ▶ 4,109,295 two parent families
- ▶ 1,527,845 single parent families
- ▶ 1,200,295 single mother families
- ▶ 327,545 single father families

source: 2011 Canadian census

PARENTAL CHILD CARE RESPONSIBILITY

- ▶ Women are either primary earners or equal breadwinners in just over half of Canadian families
- ▶ One in three fathers have primary responsibility for child care
- ▶ In dual-income families, men and women are equally likely to miss work for child care

source: 2012 Work-balance and Caregiving National Study
Linda Duxbury, Carleton University & Christopher Higgins, Western University

CANADIAN FAMILY COURTS

CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS

granted to mothers: 96% 
granted to fathers: 4% 

SOLE CUSTODY ORDERS

granted to mothers: 77.7% 
granted to fathers: 5.2% 



Legal Shared Custody does not necessarily mean that parents share their children's physical custody. More than two-thirds of children whose parents have Shared Custody court orders live exclusively with their mother.

Number of provinces and territories with a government agency dedicated to enforcing child support orders: **13**

Number of provinces and territories with a government agency dedicated to enforcing custody & access orders: **0**

sources: National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth (NLSCY)
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