

## DIVORCE ACT REFORM

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### The modern family

**46,19 %**

Canadians aged 15 years and over were married in 2017.

In 2016, at least **11.52% of Canadians were divorced or separated.**



In 2016, among children under the age of 15, **three out of ten lived in a single-parent family, in a stepfamily or without their parents.**

Last reform dates back to 1985.

In 2016, **6.3% of Canadians (2.2 million individuals)** lived in multigenerational households where at least **three generations of the same family live together.**

Number of this type of household is in constant rise.



### PARENTING ORDERS

Constant decline in the proportion of consent orders where **children live mainly with their mother (65% before 2006 to 55% in 2014-2015)** and **increase in the proportion of equal parenting time (12% before 2006 to 28% in 2014-2015)**



Same trends among contested orders.

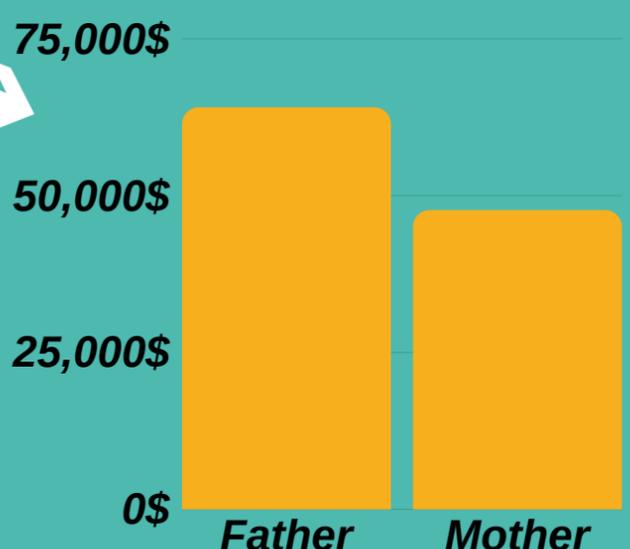


### SUPPORT PROVISIONS

In 2016, nearly **1.2 million children** were living in **poverty.**

Among children living in a lone-parent family with their mother 42% were living in poverty. The proportion is 25.5% for children living with a single father.

Income of single parents



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### FAMILY VIOLENCE

2017: 95,704 incidents of intimate partner violence were reported by the police.

2017: 30% of police-reported crimes were crimes committed by intimate partners, including current and former spouses and partners.

Between 2007 and 2017, violence between intimate partners resulted in 933 deaths, including **736 women** killed by a man.

2017: in 79% of crimes reported to the police by intimate partners, the **victims were women**.

**Male** victims of homicide: 86% killed by a women and 14% by a spouse or same-sex partner.



## Access to Justice

# 37.78%

of all the cases heard by all civil courts were family matters



In 2012, 40 to 57% parties to a family matters were self-represented



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