

# Household Profile

## Families with Children



### Riley Park/South Cambie **RPSC**

Households with children have seen their share of total city households declining for several years. However, their absolute number has been increasing. To be classed as a family with children a household must have at least one child under the age of 18. This group includes single-parent families.

The information describing this group is derived from the 2001 Census and describes the situation in Riley Park/South Cambie. Parallel information for the whole City of Vancouver is provided in brackets to allow comparisons with a market which has a broader range of housing options as a context for the community information.

#### Who?

- Families with Children Households are defined as households which have "maintainers" (the person primarily responsible for providing the household's income) in the 25 to 54 age group and which have one or more children under the age of 18 living at home.

- Most families with children have two parents living at home.

- Share of families which are:  
single-parent 22% (23%)

husband/wife one or two  
children 59% (55%)

husband/wife three or more  
children 13% (14%)

multi-family households  
with children 6% (8%).

- Multi-family households are primarily extended families living in the same home.

#### How Many Households?

- 23% of RPSC's population in the 25-54 age group maintain a Family with Children Household (21%).
- This group accounts for 31% of the total households in RPSC, occupying 3,395 units (city-wide: 25%, 59,270 units).
- Since the baby-boom falls into this age group it has a significant affect on the overall demand for housing.

#### What Type of Homes?

- This group has a strong preference for ground-oriented housing. Play space for children is a desirable feature, especially for families with younger children.
- 84% of Families with Children live in ground-oriented housing: 57% live in single-family homes, with another 27% in duplexes, row houses, or basement suites (city-wide: 72% overall, 45%, 27%).
- Two or more bedrooms are required by most families with children: 68% have 3 or more bedrooms, 23% 2 bedrooms, and about 9% live in one bedroom or "bachelor" units (city-wide: 59%, 27%, 14%).
- 37% rent their home (city-wide: 43%) which is a much lower share of renters than found among First Households or Established Singles and Couples in RPSC.

#### What Can They Afford?

- This group is established in the workplace, many households have two people working.
- Single-parents have difficulty

earning enough to maintain appropriate housing.

- This group's average household income is \$78,200/year (city-wide: \$72,600).
- Based on spending 30% of their average income on housing, this group can afford about \$1,950 per month for housing (city-wide: \$1,810/month).
- Based on interest rates over the last year and minimum downpayments (33% for a house, 10% for a strata unit) this monthly payment would finance a \$385,000 house or a \$290,000 condominium.
- 34% of this group spent more than 30% of their income on housing (37%).

Source: 2001 Census