

Chatham-Kent 2021 Census Profile

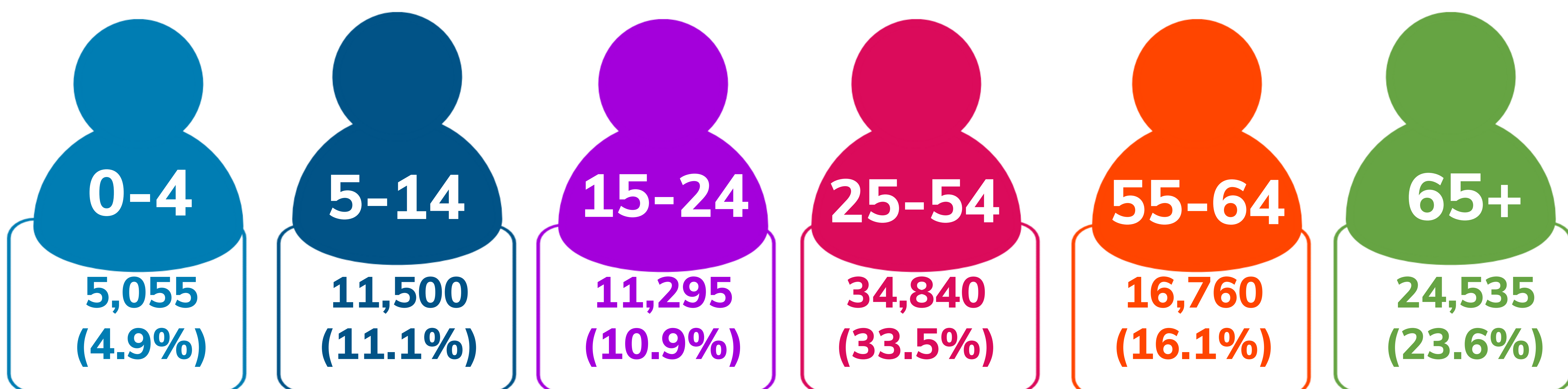
The Chatham-Kent Census Profile contains population information from the 2021 Census on age, marital status; language, immigration and racialized groups; families and households; education; employment and labour; and income.

Chatham-Kent
Total Population:
103,988

+2.3% since 2016



Average age of the Chatham-Kent population: **44.3**



There are lower proportions of youth 15 to 24 and adults 25 to 54 and higher proportions of adults 55 and older compared to the province



6,690 (6.6%) people identify as part of a racialized group.

The most common are:

Black

South Asian

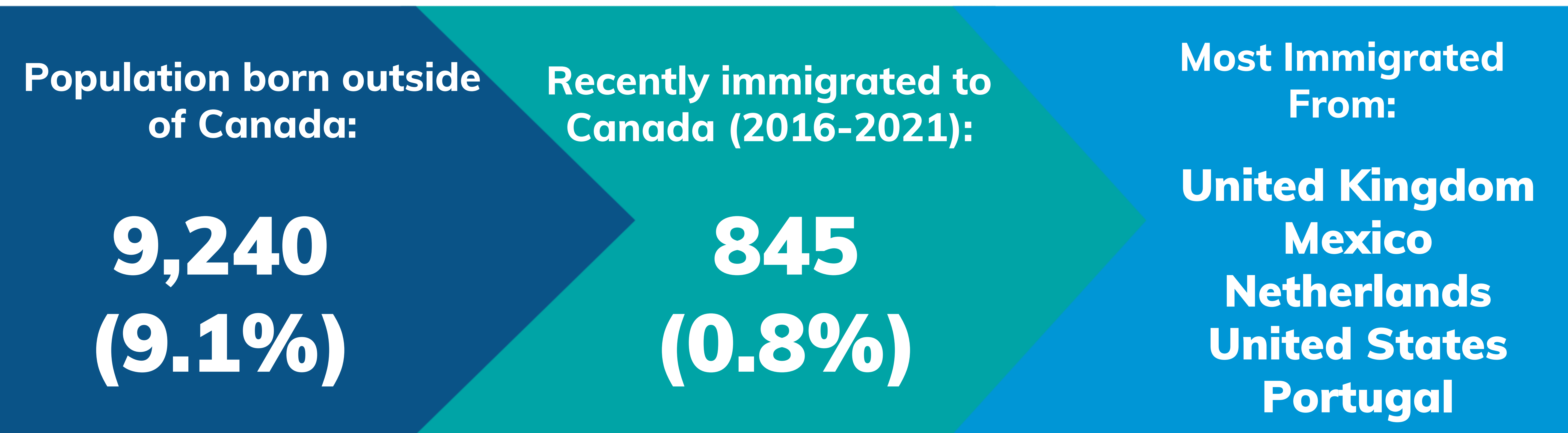
Latin American

Southeast Asian

Filipino

The proportion of people that identify with a racialized group has increased since 2016 and remains lower compared to Ontario overall (6.6% versus 34.3%)

Immigration



There is a lower proportion of people that were born outside of Canada compared to Ontario overall (9.1% versus 30.0%)

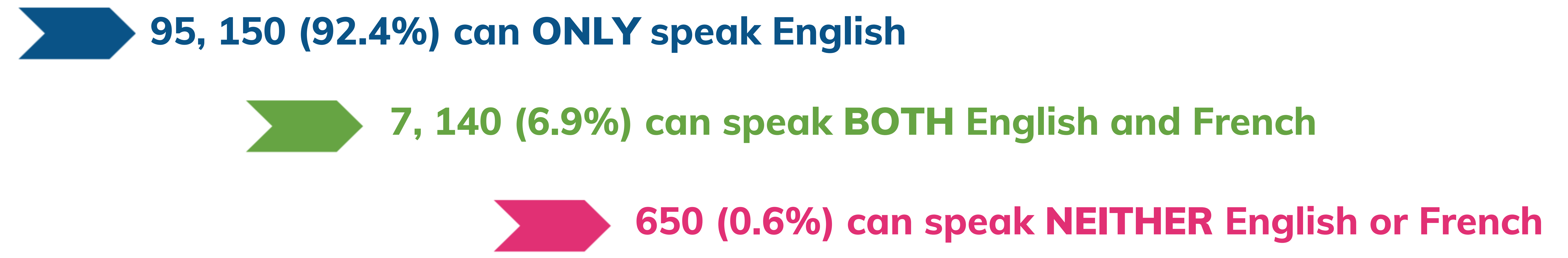
Languages Spoken at Home



The most common non-official languages spoken at home are:

- German
- Plautdietsch
- Punjabi
- Portuguese
- Low German

Knowledge of Languages



Families and Households



Marital Status (age 15 and older)

Married or Common Law
50,660
(57.9%)

Single 36,775
42.1%

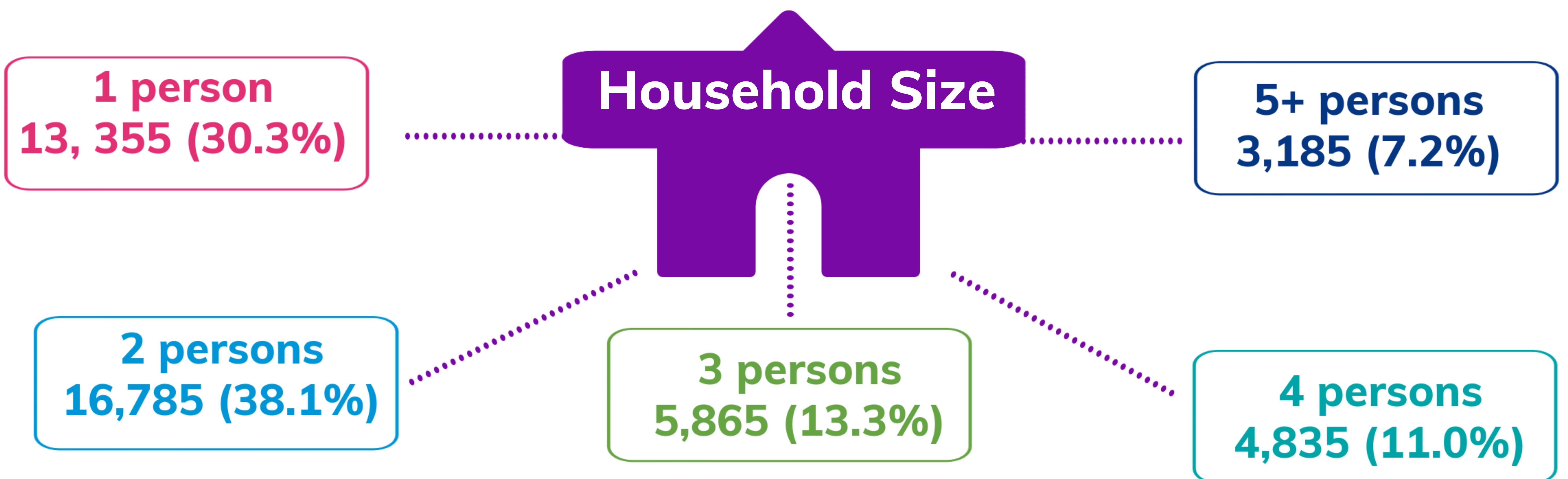
Single/Never Married: 21,815 (24.9%)
Divorced/Separated: 8,650 (9.9%)
Widowed: 6,310 (7.2%)

There are 29,990 census families living in Chatham-Kent

5,160 (17.2%) are single parent families
3,970 (13.2%) have a female lone parent
1,190 (4.0%) have a male lone parent

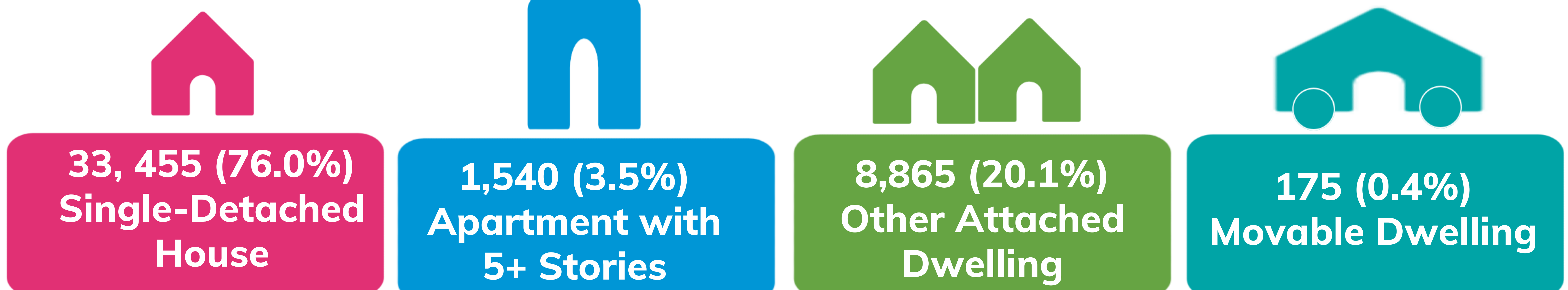
24,835 (82.8%) are couple families
10,770 (35.9%) have children
14,065 (46.9%) have no children

There are 44,030 private households and dwellings in Chatham-Kent



Compared to the province, a higher proportion of the population lives alone (13.1% versus 10.4%)

Dwelling Types



Owners and Tenants



Chatham-Kent, 4

31,710 (72.0%)

Owner Households

Average monthly shelter cost \$1,048

12,320 (28.0%)

Tenant Households

Average monthly shelter cost \$894

14.4% of tenant households are in subsidized housing



3,175 (7.2%) of dwellings are in need major repair



6,710 households spend 30% or more of their income on shelter costs

30.7% of tenant households versus 9.7% of owner households

Compared to the province, fewer households spend 30% or more of their income on shelter costs (15.2% vs 24%)

Education



14.4%
(7,335)

30.9%
(15,730)

6.5%
(3,305)

31.2%
(15,915)

17.0%
(8,690)

Less than High School

High School Diploma

Apprenticeship, Trades Certificate or Diploma

College Certificate or Diploma

University Diploma/Degree

Compared to the province, there are more adults (age 25 to 64) without a high school diploma or less (45.3% versus 32.0%) and fewer adults with a university education (17.0% vs 39.2%) as their highest level of education

Employment & Labour



Labour Participation Rate

57.4% of people (age 15 and older) are employed or in search of a job.

Employment Rate
51.2%



Unemployment Rate
10.7%



Industry Categories

- 1 Health care and social assistance
- 2 Manufacturing
- 3 Retail trade
- 4 Construction
- 5 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting

Occupation Categories

- 1 Sales and service
- 2 Trades, transport and equipment operators
- 3 Business, finance and administration
- 4 Education, law and social, community and government services
- 5 Health

Commute Duration



17,780
48.8%

9,735
26.7%

5,270
14.5%

1,795
4.9%

1,885
5.2%

Less than
15 minutes

15-29
minutes

30-44
minutes

45-59
minutes

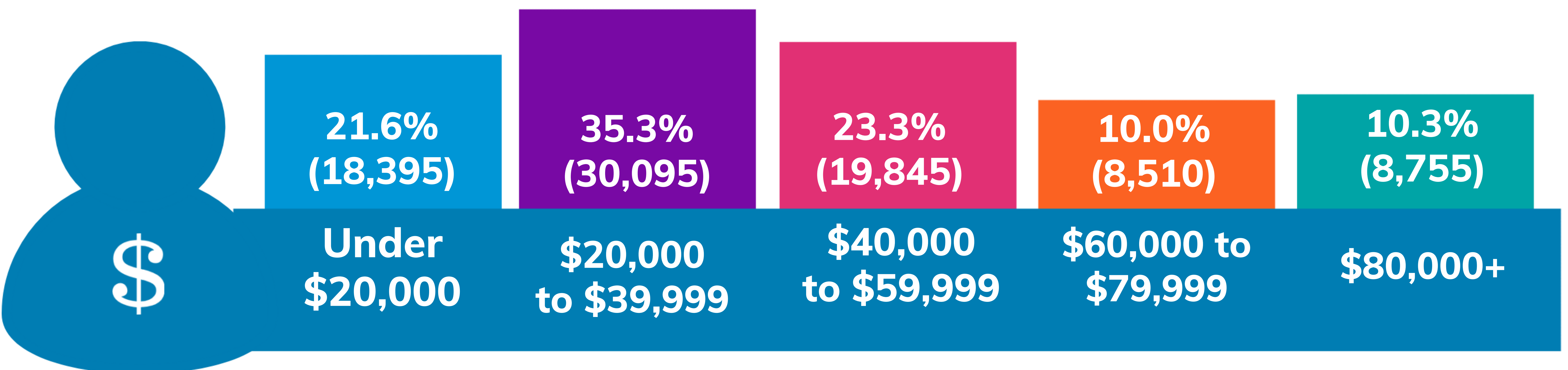
60+
minutes

The employed labour force in CK has shorter commute times compared to Ontario overall, with a higher proportion of people reporting a commuting duration of less than 15 minutes (48.8% versus 28.3%)

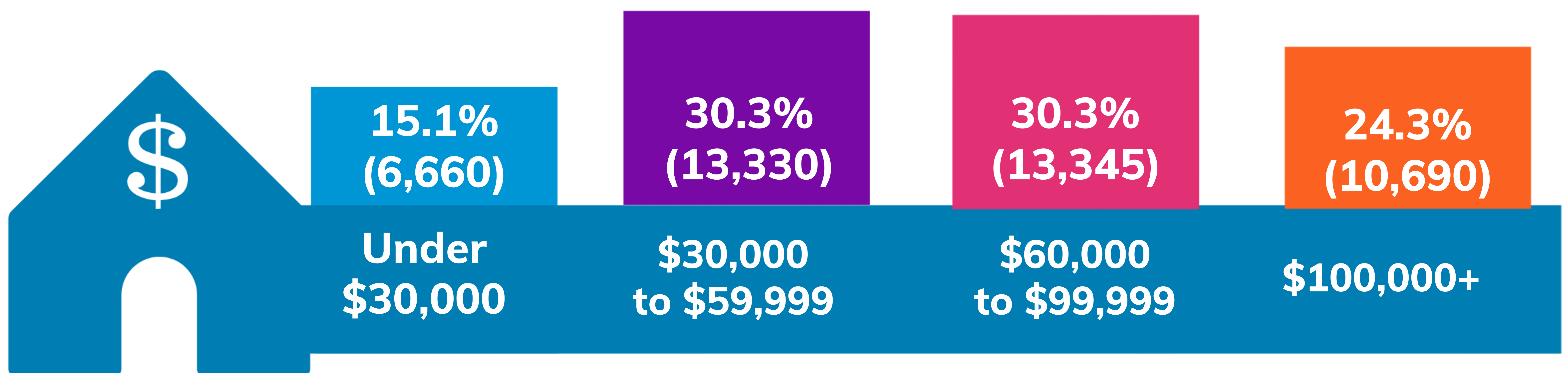
Income



After-tax Individual Income (age 15 and older)



After-tax Household Income



The median after-tax household income has increased since 2016 but remains lower than Ontario's (\$65,000 versus \$79,500)

Low-Income

12,180 (12.0%)
people live in low-income*
households.

2,635 (13.1%)
children age 17
and under

3,020 (13.1%)
older adults age 65+

The proportion of people living in low income has decreased since 2016, and remains higher compared to Ontario (12.0% versus 10.1%)

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These Census Profile information products have been brought to you by a collaborative group with representation from several departments of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent including Child Care & Early Years, Community Attraction & Promotion, Employment & Social Services, Human Resources & Organizational Development, Information Technology & Transformation, Office of the Mayor & Chief Administrative Officer, Planning Services, and Public Health.

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Geography: The geographies included in the Chatham-Kent 2021 Census Profiles are based on standard census geographies. The profile for all of Chatham-Kent is based on the census sub-division (CSD) of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, which does not include the census subdivision of the Moravian 47 First Nations Reserve. The areas of North Kent, East Kent, South Kent, West Kent, Chatham, Wallaceburg have been assembled based on aggregating 2 or more aggregate dissemination areas (ADAs):

- **East Kent**= ADA 35360001 (rural East Kent) + ADA 35362002 (Ridgetown)
- **South Kent**= ADA 35360002 (rural South Kent) + ADA 35360006 (Blenheim)
- **North Kent**= ADA 35360003 (rural North Kent) + ADA 35362001 (Dresden)
- **West Kent**= ADA 35360007 (rural West Kent) + ADA 35360013 (Tilbury) + ADA 35362003 (Wheatley)
- **Wallaceburg** = ADA 35360005 (East Wallaceburg) + ADA 35362000 (West Wallaceburg)
- **Chatham** = ADA 35360008 (Northeast Chatham) + ADA 35360009 (Northwest Chatham) + ADA 35360010 (central Chatham) + ADA 35360011 (Southeast Chatham) + ADA 35360012 (Southwest Chatham)

Please note although similarly named, the defined areas are not an exact reflection, but a close approximation of the political ward boundaries in [Chatham-Kent](#).

Key Census Definitions:

- **Census family:** Defined as a married couple (with or without children), a common-law couple (with or without children) or a one-parent family.
- **Private household:** Refers to a person or group of persons who occupy the same private dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada or abroad.
- **Private dwelling:** Refers to a separate set of living quarters with a private entrance either from outside the building or from a common hall, lobby, vestibule or stairway inside the building. The entrance to the dwelling must be one that can be used without passing through the living quarters of some other person or group of persons.
- **Low-income measure after tax (LIM-AT):** Refers to a fixed percentage (50%) of median-adjusted after-tax income of private households. The household after-tax income is adjusted by an equivalence scale to take economies of scale into account. This adjustment for different household sizes reflects the fact that a household's needs increase, but at a decreasing rate, as the number of members increases.
- **Racialized groups:** In 2021 Census analytical and communications products, the term "visible minority" has been replaced by the terms "racialized population" or "racialized groups", reflecting the increased use of these terms in the public sphere. Data on racialized groups is measured by the visible minority variable from the Census.
- For more definitions refer to the 2021 Census of Population Dictionary: <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/ref/dict/index-eng.cfm>