

# Housing: Now and into the Future

## Results Overview

### GEOGRAPHIC PARTNERSHIP 2: MUNICIPALITY OF BARRINGTON, TOWN OF CLARK'S HARBOUR

#### INTRODUCTION

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The purpose of this document to provide a brief overview of geographically filtered results from the *Housing: now and Into the Future* survey. The survey was live in late 2017, closing in mid-December. The two stakeholder municipalities of this partnership had a combined 184 responses, with 28 from the Town of Clark's Harbour, and 156 from the Municipality of Barrington.

Three additional files will be provided alongside this document:

- A compilation of all text responses collected from within the partnership boundaries.
- An overview of quantitative data by question, collected from within the partnership boundaries.
- A raw data export (excel file).

The reference to associations throughout this short document are based on Phi coefficients (measures of the degree of association between two binary variables). The Phi coefficients are presented in the form of positive or negative associations ranging from 1 to -1. These values will be provided any time an association is referenced. The following is a crude estimate for interpreting the strength of any given relationship:

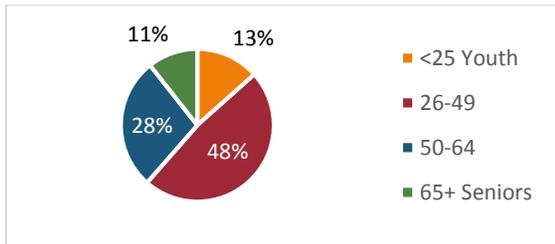
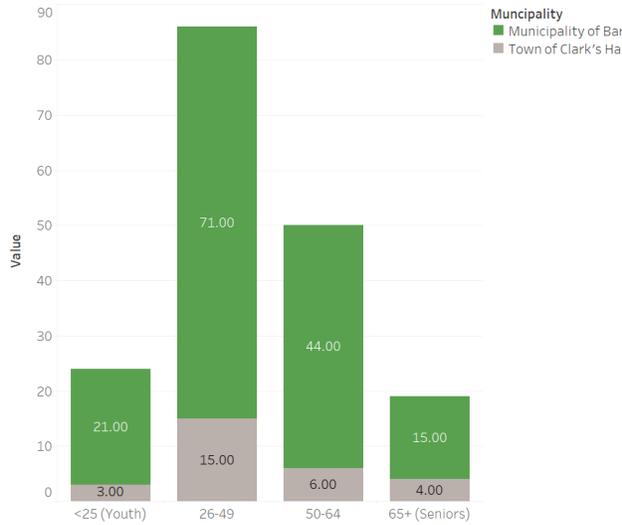
<b>Phi coefficients</b>	<b>Relationship Interpretation</b>
+ .70 or higher	Very strong positive relationship
+ .40 to + .69	Strong positive relationship
+ .30 to + .39	Moderate positive relationship
+ .20 to + .29	Weak positive relationship
+ .01 to + .19	No/Negligible positive relationship
0	No relationship
- .01 to - .19	No/Negligible negative relationship
- .20 to - .29	Weak negative relationship
- .30 to - .39	Moderate negative relationship
- .40 to - .69	Strong negative relationship
- .70 or higher	Very strong negative relationship

## DEMOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS

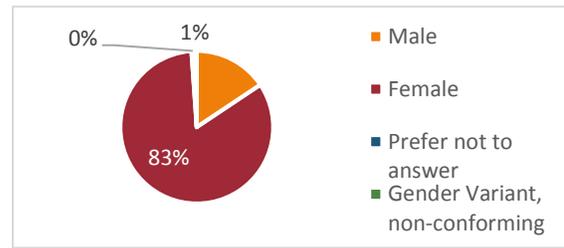
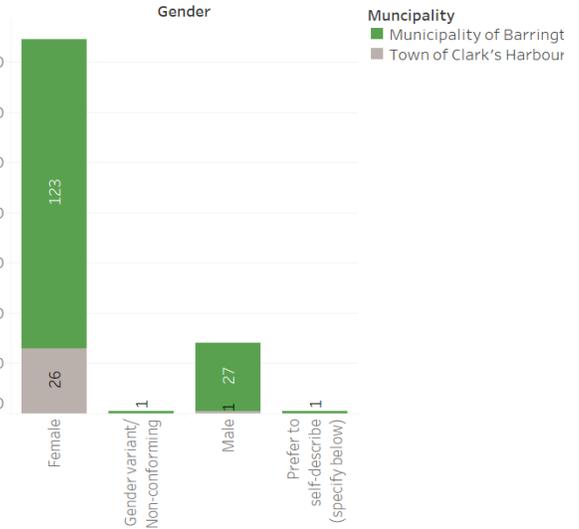
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- Of the 178 people to respond to the age and group affiliation question;
  - 62% of respondents were between 26 and 64 years of age,
  - 14% indicated that they were single parents,
  - 10% indicated that they were living with mental health challenges.
- 88% of respondents were female (n=180).
- Of the 180 people to respond to the question asking for gross household income;
  - 15% reported earning between \$20,000 and \$29,999,
  - 57% reported earnings of less than \$70,000, below the provincial median household income reported by Statistics Canada in 2015 (\$73,900),
  - 14% reported earnings of more than \$100,000.
- Of the 59 people who reported to have dependents in their household under the age of 18;
  - 29% indicated they were single parents,
  - There was an association (moderate, positive: 0.349) with relying on the Canada Child Tax Benefit as a primary income source.
- People who reported to have an income of between \$10,000 to \$19,999 had an association with seeking help with their medication to help them stay where they currently live (moderate positive: 0.327).
- People who reported earnings between \$20,000 to \$29,999 had a moderate association with being “very unsatisfied” with the distance they live away from services (stores, medical, grocery, laundry).
- Of the 181 people to tell us the primary sources of income;
  - 21% reported to rely on government assistance,
  - 43% reported to have full-time jobs,
  - 6% indicated they were self-employed.
- Of the 25 people who indicated they had a person with a disability living in their home;
  - There was an association (moderate positive: 0.323) with needing the additional support of getting a drive to do errands or get to appointments (transportation),
  - Nearly half (48%) relied on government sources for a primary income source,
  - 44% indicated that they require help with basic home repairs.

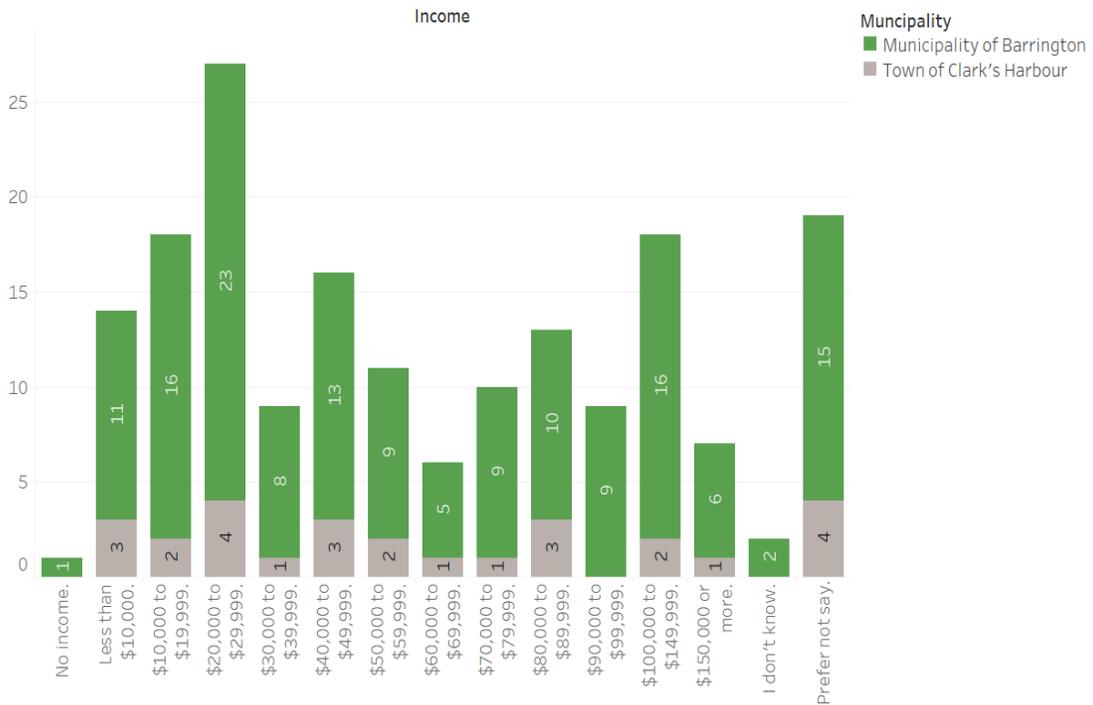
### WHAT IS YOUR AGE? (N=179)



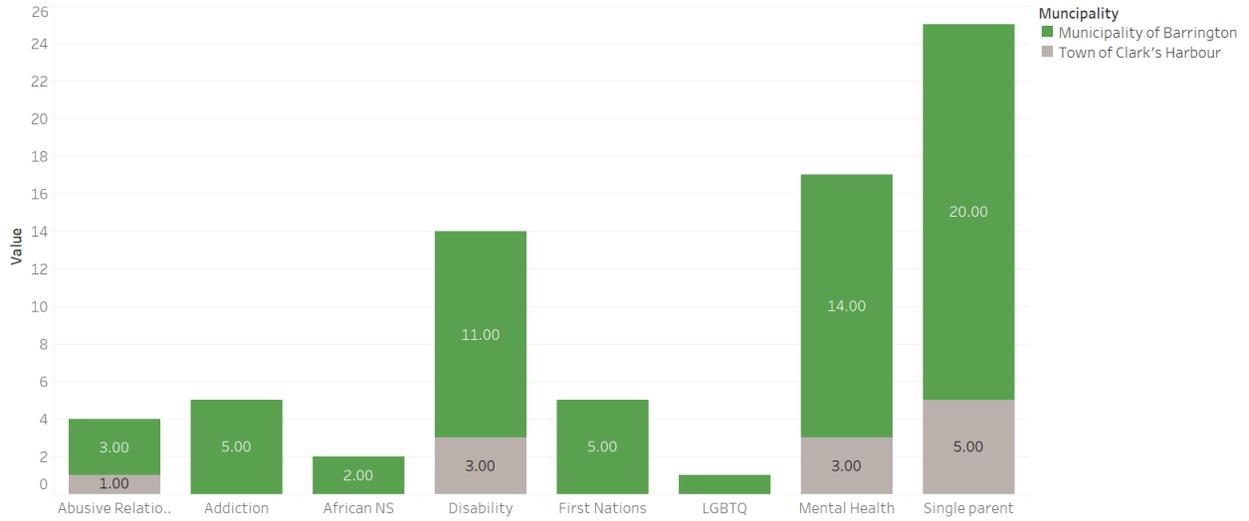
### WHAT IS YOUR GENDER? (N=179)



### WHAT IS YOUR GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME? (N=180)



### WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS DO YOU BELONG TO? (N=179)

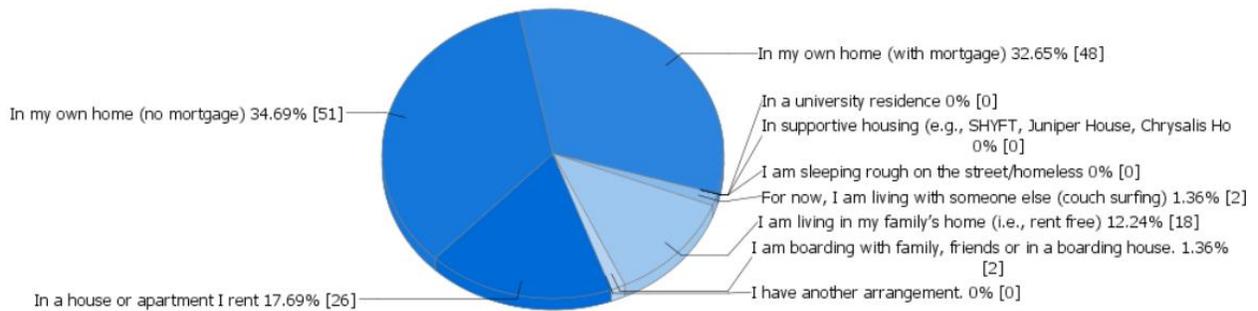


## HOUSING OVERVIEW

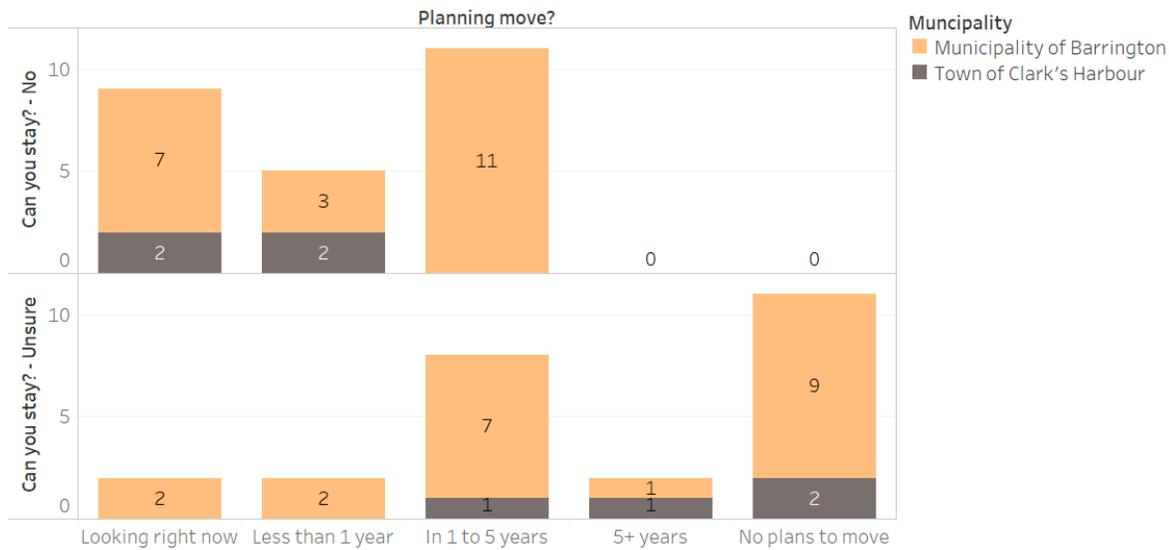
### BREAKDOWN OF REPORTED LIVING EXPENSES

Expense	Number of responses	Average monthly cost
Rent	25	\$513.94
Mortgage	46	\$738.52
Boarding	/	N/A
Heat	54	\$243.91
Electricity	57	\$172.96
Heat and electricity are 1 bill	52	\$344.62
Water	/	N/A
Property taxes (per annum)	95	\$1217.14

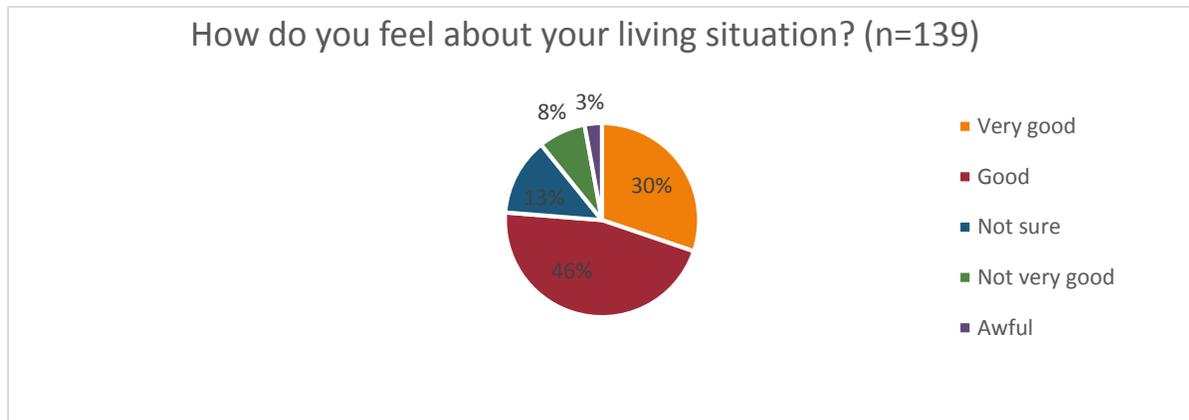
### LIVING ARRANGEMENT IN GP 2 (N=147)



## HOUSING INSECURITY (UNCERTAINTY OF BEING ABLE TO STAY) AND PLANNED MOVE TIMELINE BY MUNICIPALITY



The chart shown above indicates the number of people who have reported that they cannot stay or are unsure of their ability to stay in their current home, and the planned timeline of their anticipated move.



<b>Top 3 reasons for current living situation.</b>	<b>% Selected (n=145)</b>
I choose to live here.	61%
It's my family home.	27%
It's safe.	24%
<b>Top 3 variables that make it hard to stay or find a home.</b>	<b>% Selected (n=70)</b>
Heat and lights are too expensive.	50%
Don't have enough money for house repairs.	43%
Don't have enough money for a down payment on a house.	41%
<b>Top 3 additional supports needed to stay.</b>	<b>% Selected (n=36)</b>
Help with basic home repair.	75%
Snow removal and lawn care.	44%
A drive to do errands or get to appointments.	22%
<b>Top 3 supports that would make it easier to stay or find a home.</b>	<b>% Selected (n=36)</b>
Being able to pay my bills.	69%
Help with a mortgage down payment.	36%
Help finding a place to live/ Someone to help fill out forms, apply for grants.	31%

## LIVING IN GP 2: ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DATA

- 2 people indicated they are currently living in someone else's home.
- 76% of the 139 respondents to share how they felt about their living situation reported feeling "good" or "very good".
- 11% reported to feel "not very good" or "awful" when asked of their feelings regarding their living situation.
- Of the 127 people to respond to the question asking whether they could stay in their current home or not, 21% indicated they could not stay, and an additional 20% said that they were unsure whether they would have to move.
  - Among the group who cannot stay, there was also a strong association with actively searching for a place to live right now (strong positive: 0.513),
    - This group also was associated with the feeling that rent is too expensive, making it hard to stay where they are (strong positive: 0.508), that they cannot find a suitable place to rent (strong positive: 0.479), that they do not have enough money for a down payment on a house (strong positive: 0.453), and that they would like to own a home, but can't get a mortgage (strong positive: 0.447).
    - This group showed additional strong positive associations with feeling that there were not enough rentals they could afford (0.423), and an interest in assistance finding a place to live (0.414).
    - There is a total of 9 individuals who said they cannot stay and will have to move, who are actively looking for a place to live right now.
- The 26 people who reported to be unsure of whether they would have to move displayed the following associations;
  - A feeling that heat and lights are too expensive (moderate positive: 0.36),
  - Their homes require MAJOR repairs (defective plumbing, wiring, structural, etc.) (moderate positive: 0.309),
  - There are not enough affordable rentals (moderate positive: 0.306).
- 7 people indicated that they require a few accessibility features, with the most popular items being bathroom grab bars (71%), walk or roll-in shower with seat for a wheelchair, one-story home, and a minimal step up to get inside the house (all 57%).
- Of the 57 individuals who indicated they needed additional supports to stay where they are living, 75% are seeking help with basic home repair, 44% are seeking snow removal and lawn care, and 22% are seeking help with transportation (getting to appointments, run errands, etc.).
- A combined 41.6% (n=125) indicated that they anticipated a move within the next 5 years.
- The top variable (30%, n=54) when asked about the main reasons for a recent or anticipated move was to be closer to services (recreational, grocery, child care, pharmacy, etc.)
- 21 people indicated their ideal next residence to be social housing (low rentals, subsidized rentals).
- The most highly sought-after feature in a rental among the 62 people who answered the question was high speed internet (81%), with a washer and dryer a close second at 77.42%.
- Only 81% (n=147) reported to have access to safe drinking water.
- The 27 people who said that help with basic home repair is an additional support they are seeking showed the following associations:
  - Their homes need a lot of repairs that they cannot afford, making it difficult for them to stay (strong positive: 0.466).

- An uncertainty about whether they can stay in their current home (moderate positive: 0.328)
- An indication that their homes require MAJOR repairs (structural, wiring, plumbing, etc.).