

# Housing: Now and into the Future

## Results Overview

### GEOGRAPHIC PARTNERSHIP 3: MUNICIPALITY OF ARGYLE

#### 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 implemented in late 2017, closing in mid-December. 367 total survey responses were collected from residents of the Municipality.

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:

Phi coefficients	Relationship Interpretation
+0.70 or higher	Very strong positive relationship
+0.40 to +0.69	Strong positive relationship
+0.30 to +0.39	Moderate positive relationship
+0.20 to +0.29	Weak positive relationship
+0.01 to +0.19	No/Negligible positive relationship
0	No relationship
-0.01 to -0.19	No/Negligible negative relationship
-0.20 to -0.29	Weak negative relationship
-0.30 to -0.39	Moderate negative relationship
-0.40 to -0.69	Strong negative relationship
-0.70 or higher	Very strong negative relationship

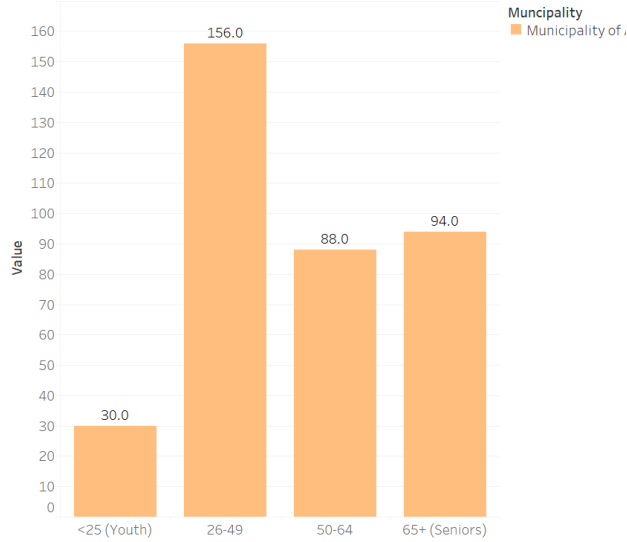


## DEMOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS

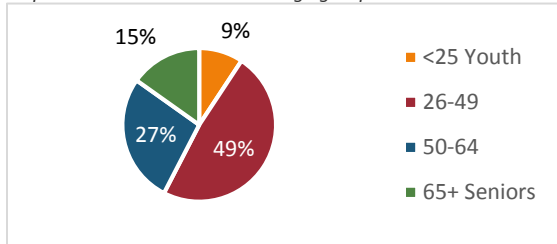
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- Of the 365 people to respond to the age and group affiliation question;
  - 51% were under the age of 50,
  - 26% indicated that they were seniors (65+),
  - 7% reported to be living with mental health challenges.
- Of the 366 people to report their household income;
  - 54% reported to be earning less than the provincial median income of \$73,900 (Statistics Canada 2015).
  - 19% reported income of over \$100,000.
- 100 people reported that they relied on government (income assistance-welfare, disability pension, CPP/QPP, etc.) as a primary income source. This group was strongly associated with the following:
  - Being a senior (65+) (strong positive: 0.664),
  - Needing a few accessibility features (strong positive: 0.421),
  - Requiring a one-story house (strong positive: 0.413).
- Of the 200 people who said they earned most of their money via full time jobs were associated with the following:
  - Being between 26-49 years of age (strong positive: 0.432),
  - Having children dependents in their home (moderate positive: 0.362)
  - Living in their own homes, but still paying off a mortgage (moderate positive: 0.354).
- 82% of people who told us about their current living situation (n=294), told us that they own their own homes (with or without a mortgage).
- Single parents (27 in total), showed strong associations with relying on the Canada Child Tax Benefit as a primary income source (strong positive: 0.419), and a desire to own a home, but can't get a mortgage (strong positive: 0.401). Additionally, this group had moderate associations (0.3-0.39) with:
  - Feeling that finding a home is "very difficult".
  - Living where they are because they have no other options.
  - Feeling "not very good" with regards to their living situation.
  - Feeling that rent is too expensive.
- The 26 people who told us they had a disability showed associations with the following:
  - Finding a house that is both affordable and accessible (strong positive: 0.574).
  - Needing help with daily living (shopping, cleaning, cooking) (strong positive: 0.448).
  - That having too many stairs is making it hard to stay where they are or find a home (strong positive: 0.409).
  - Relying on government as a primary source of income (moderate positive: 0.332)
  - Being "very unsatisfied" with their ability to get where they need to go (moderate positive: 0.35) and identifying that drives to appointments and do errands) would make it easier for them to stay (moderate positive: 0.331)

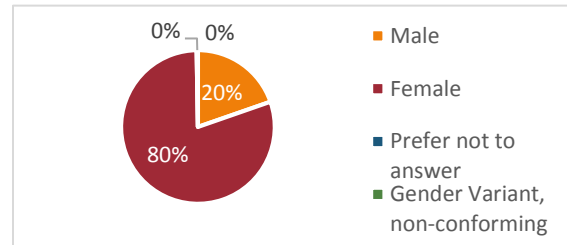
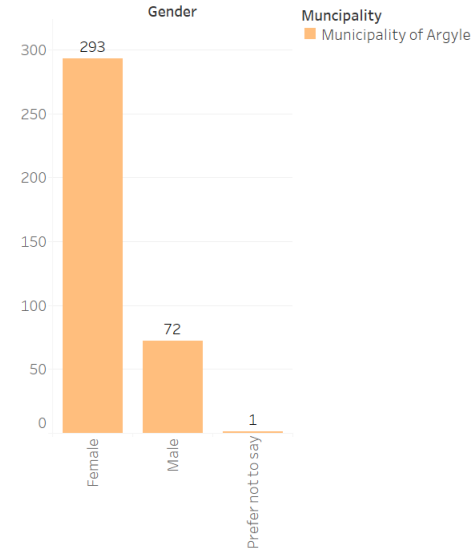
### WHAT IS YOUR AGE? (N=367)



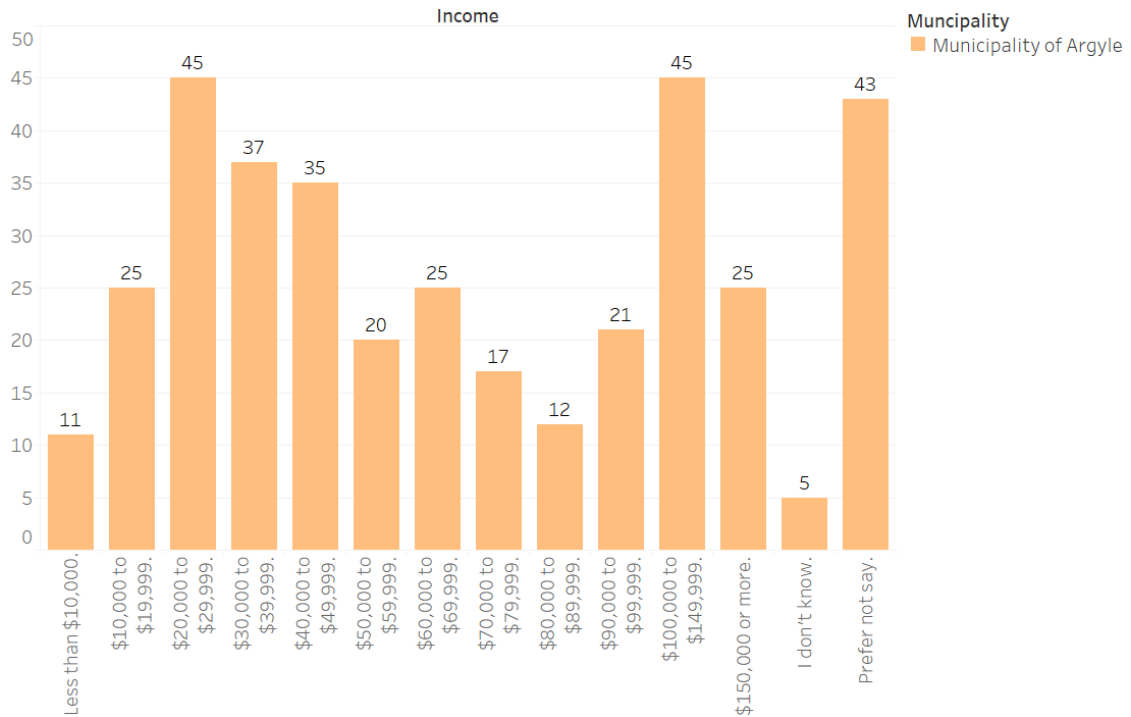
\*1 person selected more than 1 age group



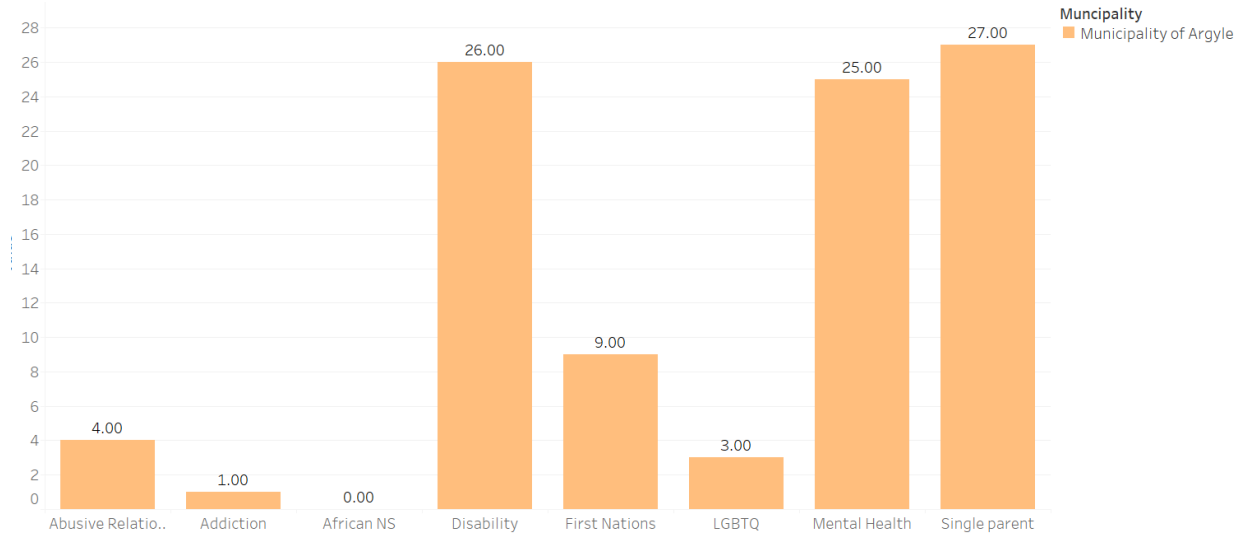
### WHAT IS YOUR GENDER? (N=366)



### WHAT IS YOUR GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME? (N=366)



## WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS DO YOU BELONG TO? (N=367)

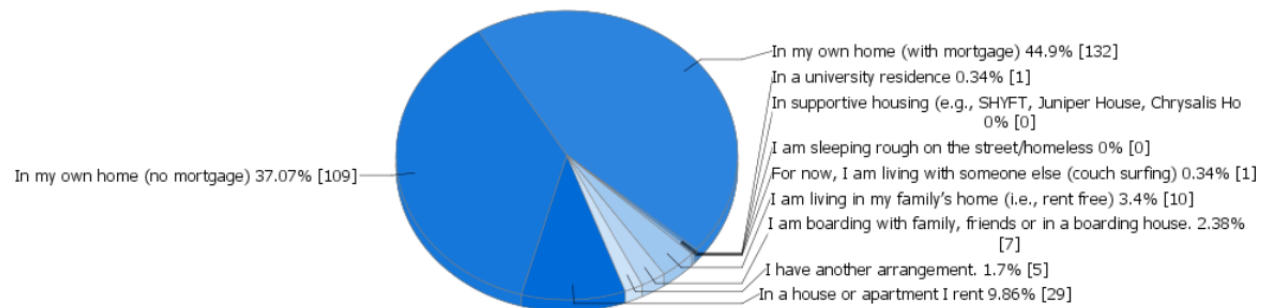


## HOUSING OVERVIEW

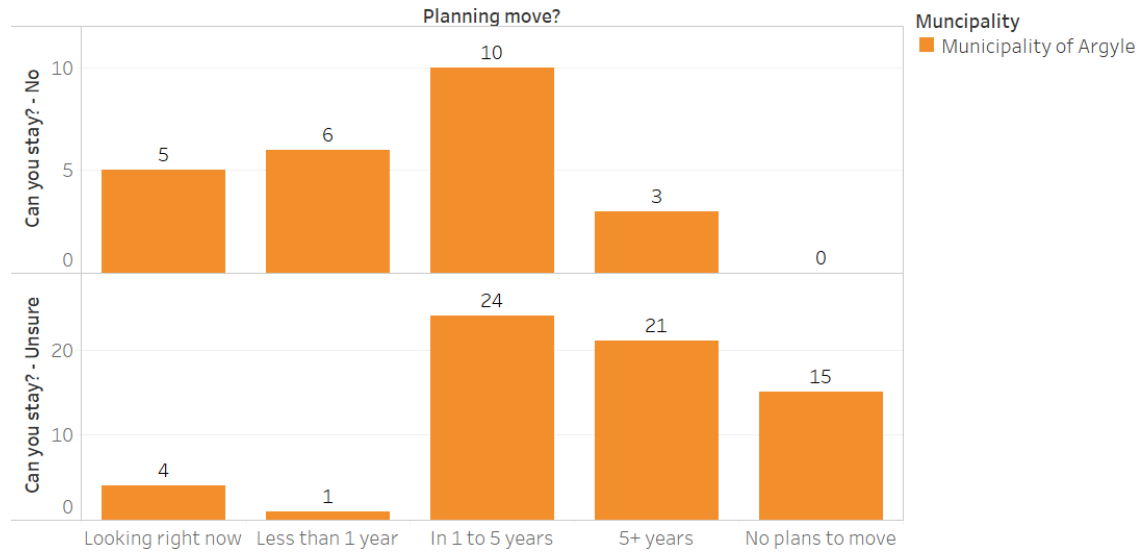
### BREAKDOWN OF REPORTED LIVING EXPENSES

Expense	Number of responses	Average monthly cost
Rent	29	\$504.1
Mortgage	129	\$729.09
Boarding	7	\$392.86
Heat	181	\$266.43
Electricity	184	\$191.95
Heat and electricity are 1 bill	70	\$321.37
Water	13	\$31.62
Property taxes (per annum)	232	\$1335.43

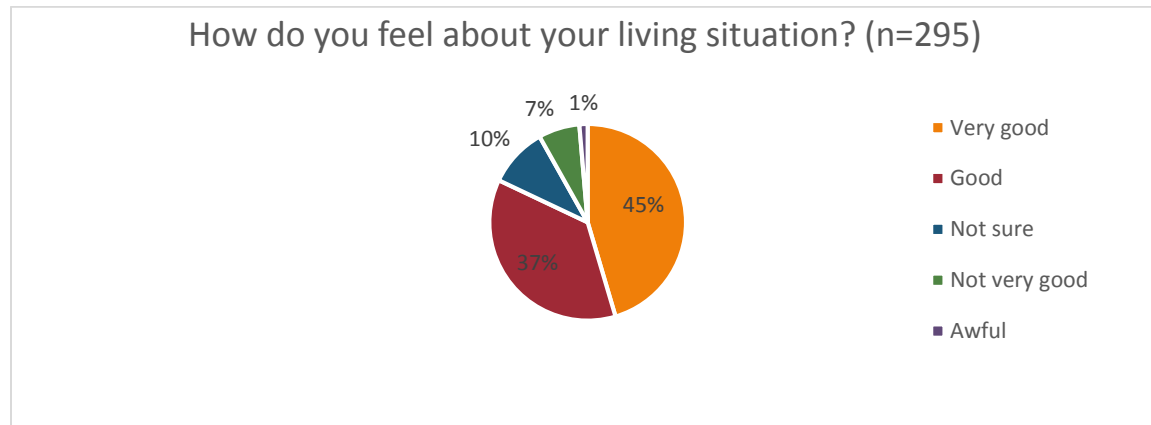
### LIVING ARRANGEMENT IN GP 3 (N=294)



## 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 or are unsure of their ability to stay in their current home.



Top 3 reasons for current living situation.	% Selected (n=294)
I choose to live here.	61%
It's close to my family and friends.	35%
It's my family home.	34%
Top 3 variables that make it hard to stay or find a home.	% Selected (n=118)
Heat and lights are too expensive.	49%
Don't have enough money for house repairs.	41%
My house needs a lot of repairs that I can't afford.	41%
Top 3 additional supports needed to stay.	% Selected (n=71)
Help with basic home repair.	62%
Snow removal and lawn care.	54%
Help with daily living (shopping, cleaning, cooking).	28%
Top 3 supports that would make it easier to stay or find a home.	% Selected (n=55)
Being able to pay my bills.	58%
A rent supplement.	29%
Someone to help fill out forms, apply for grants.	29%

### LIVING IN GP 3: ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DATA

- The 24 people who indicated that they cannot stay where they are currently living had the following strong associations:
  - Feeling that finding a house is very difficult (strong positive: 0.585).
  - That they can't find a suitable place to rent (strong positive: 0.568), and that there are not enough rentals that they can afford (moderate positive: 0.395).
  - That they do not have enough money for a down payment (strong positive: 0.528), but also that they would like to own a home but can't get a mortgage (moderate positive: 0.432).
  - That they are living where they are because they have no other options (moderate positive: 0.485).
- Among people who indicated they are actively looking for a place to live (11), there was a strong positive association with a feeling that finding a house is "very difficult" (strong positive: 0.523), and they also "do not feel very good" about their current living situation (strong positive: 0.451).
  - This group is also associated with wanting to own a home (but unable to secure a mortgage) (strong positive: 0.416) and seeking help with a mortgage down payment (moderate positive: 0.399).
- 8% of people (n=295) indicated that they feel "not very good" or "awful" about their current living situation.
- Only 86% of respondents (n=293) indicated that they have access to a connection to sewage or sewage system.
- 15 people indicated they had been refused a place to live because they had pets. 4 indicated that they were refused a place to live because of their age, and an additional 3 people indicated that they were refused because they have children.
- 4 people indicated they required a fully accessible home.
- Of the 29 people who indicated they needed a few safety features, 83% required bathroom grab bars (shower, tub, toilet).
- 44 people indicated they need help with basic home repair. This group was associated with:
  - Having a house that needs many repairs that they cannot afford (strong positive: 0.587).
  - Indicating that their ideal next residence is senior's housing (moderate positive: 0.378).
  - Being uncertain whether they can stay in their current home (moderate positive: 0.385).
- 37 people have indicated their ideal next residence to be seniors housing, with an additional 11 indicating assisted living.
- 34 people indicated their ideal next home to be social housing (low rentals and subsidized rentals). This group shared associations with the following:
  - Indicating that there isn't enough of the kind of housing that they need (accessible, subsidized, etc.) (strong positive: 0.417).
  - Seeking someone to help them fill out forms and apply for grants (income tax, income assistance, repair grants, etc.).
- 83% of people planning to rent (n=131) want a washer and dryer in their next arrangement, with 73% seeking high speed internet.