

Housing: Now and into the Future

Results Overview

GEOGRAPHIC PARTNERSHIP 5: TOWN OF YARMOUTH

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document to provide a summary geographically filtered results from the *Housing: now and Into the Future* survey. The survey was implemented in late 2017, closing in mid-December. 443 surveys were collected from residents of the Town of Yarmouth.

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:

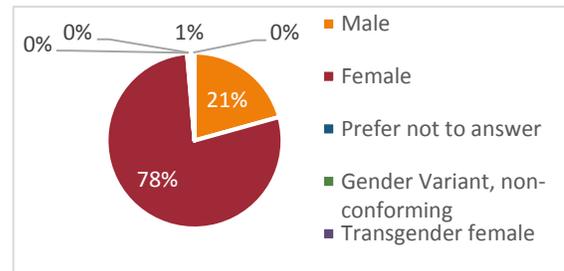
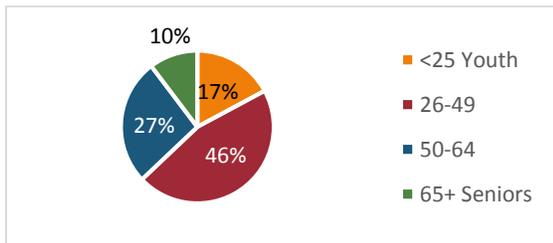
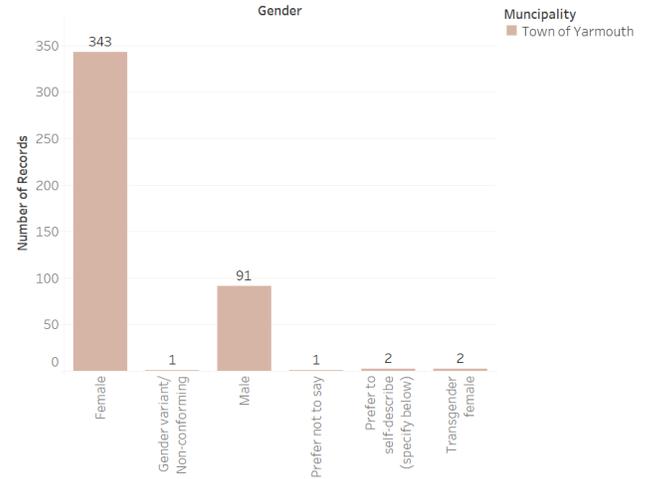
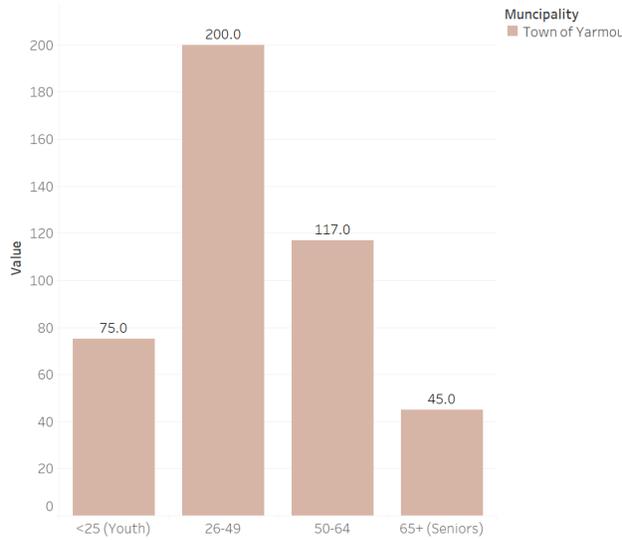
Phi coefficients	Relationship Interpretation
+ .70 or higher	Very strong positive relationship
+ .40 to + .69	Strong positive relationship
+ .30 to + .39	Moderate positive relationship
+ .20 to + .29	Weak positive relationship
+ .01 to + .19	No/Negligible positive relationship
0	No relationship
- .01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

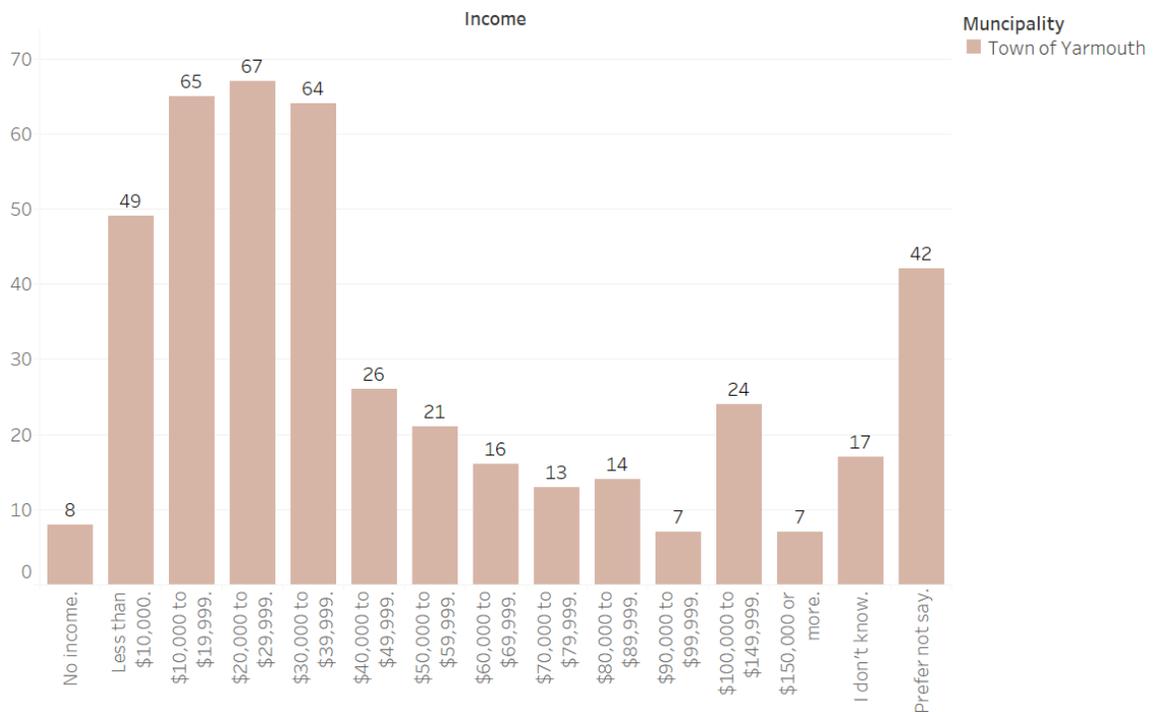
- Of the 437 people to share their age and group affiliations;
 - 63% were under the age of 50,
 - 21% indicated they were single parents,
 - 14% are living with mental health challenges,
 - 12% are living with a disability.
- 78% of respondents were female (n=442).
- The most popular income bracket was reported household earnings between \$20,000 - \$29,999 at 15% (n=440).
- Of the 440 people to share their gross household income;
 - 71% indicated that they earned less than the provincial median household income of \$73,900 (reported by Statistics Canada, 2015).
 - 57% indicated they earn between \$0 and \$39,999.
 - Only 7% reported earnings of over \$100,000.
- The group of 75 who identified as youth were associated with having either no income (moderate positive: 0.319) or having a student loan as a primary income source (moderate positive: 0.317).
- The group of 45 who identified as seniors were associated with being widowed (moderate positive: 0.351), ideally moving into senior's residence next, and relying on retirement income (pensions, RRSPs, etc.).
- The group of 92 people who identified as single parents were associated with:
 - Relying on the Canada Child Tax Benefit as a primary source of income (strong positive: 0.463).
 - Having dependents under 18 (strong positive: 0.46).
 - Relying on child support as a primary income source (moderate positive: 0.395).
- Of the 441 to share the primary sources of their income;
 - 49% indicated they had full-time jobs,
 - 26% relied on government (income assistance, disability pension, etc.),
 - 5% indicated they are self-employed.
- Of the 61 people to report living with a mental health challenge, 11% had been refused a place to live because of their mental illness.
- People who reported to have dependents (131 in total) were strongly (and positively) linked with the following:
 - Being a single parent (0.46).
 - Being between 26 – 49 years of age (0.451).

WHAT IS YOUR GENDER? (N=440)

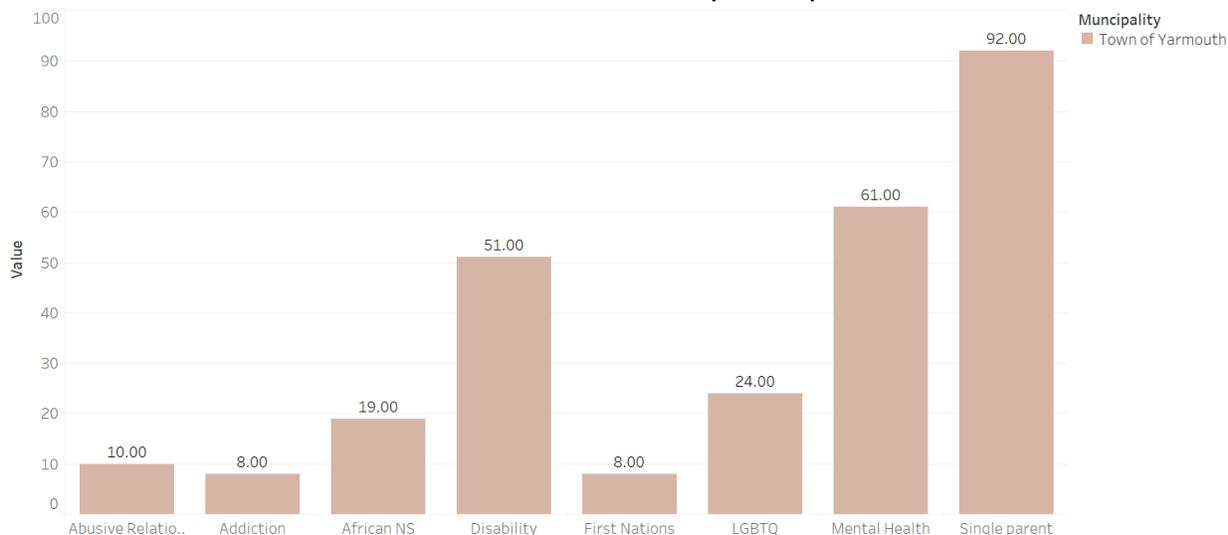
WHAT IS YOUR AGE? (N=437)



WHAT IS YOUR GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME? (N=440)



WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS DO YOU BELONG TO? (N=437)

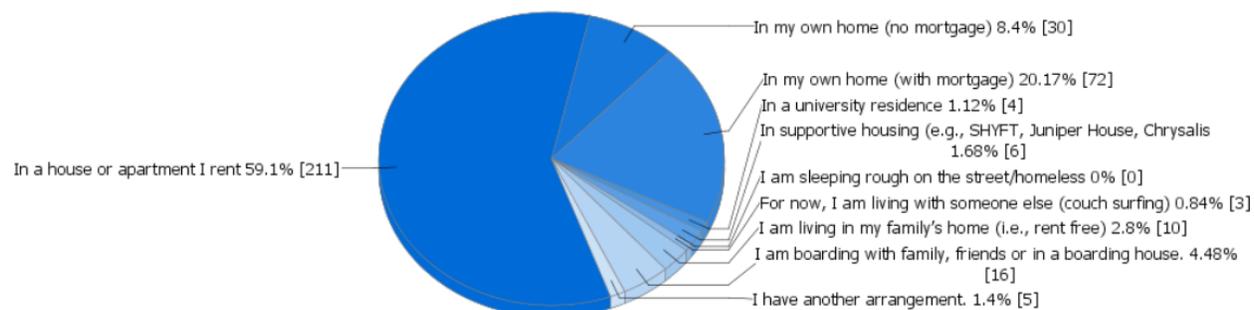


HOUSING OVERVIEW

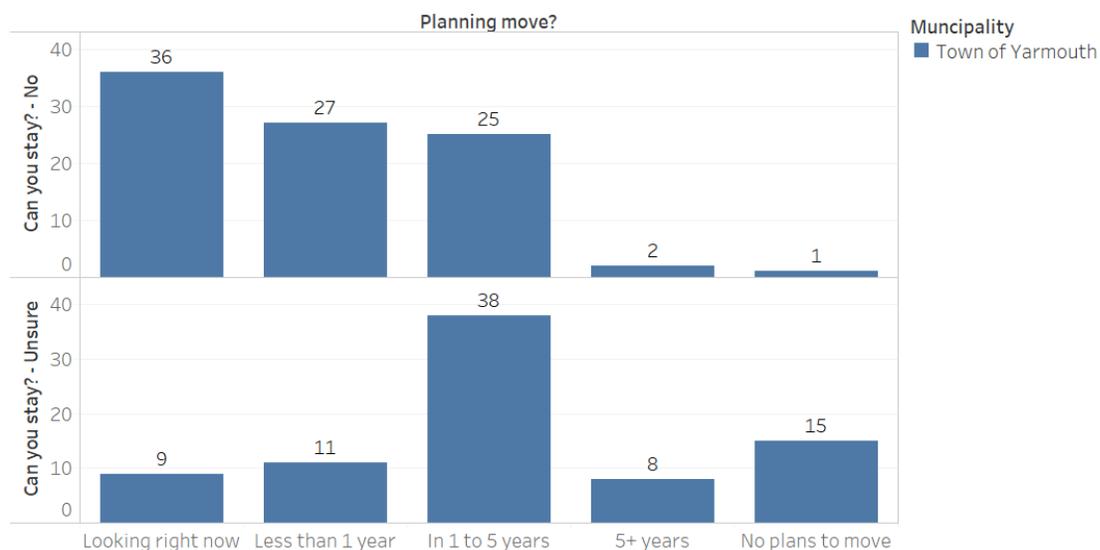
BREAKDOWN OF REPORTED LIVING EXPENSES

Expense	Number of responses	Average monthly cost
Rent	214	\$614.77
Mortgage	75	\$710.31
Boarding	20	\$205.75
Heat	110	\$246.58
Electricity	130	\$157.88
Heat and electricity are 1 bill	102	\$215.03
Water	96	\$89.23
Property taxes (per annum)	107	\$2259.6

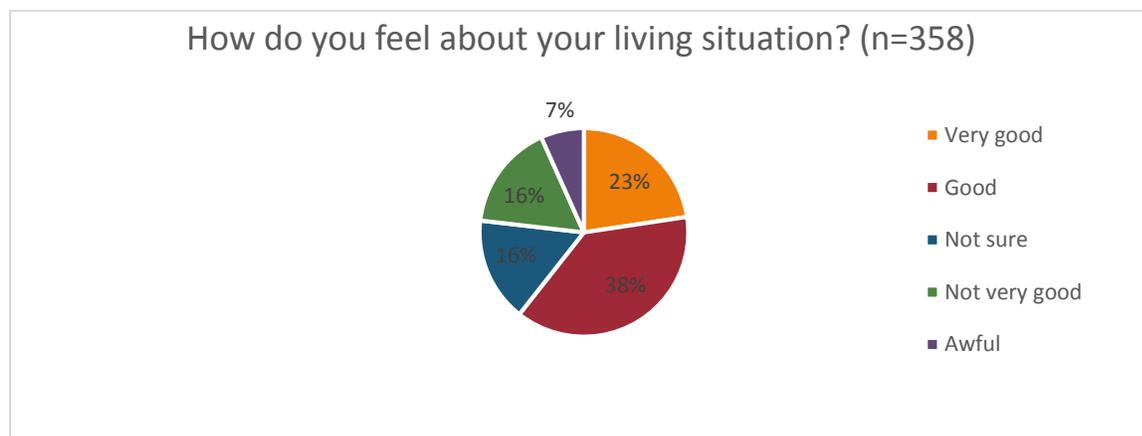
LIVING ARRANGEMENT IN GP 5 (N=357)



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=347)
I choose to live here.	50%
It's close to services (shopping, medical, grocery, etc.)	29%
No other options.	27%
Top 3 variables that make it hard to stay or find a home.	% Selected (n=231)
Rent is too expensive.	61%
There are not enough rentals that I can afford.	56%
Heat and lights are too expensive.	52%
Top 3 additional supports needed to stay.	% Selected (n=102)
Snow removal and lawn care.	51%
Help with basic home repair.	40%
Being close to family or friends.	30%
Top 3 supports that would make it easier to stay or find a home.	% Selected (n=135)
Being able to pay my bills.	53%
Help finding a place to live.	39%
A rent supplement.	34%

LIVING IN GP 5: ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DATA

- There 140 people who indicated their ideal next residence is an apartment (rental). This group was associated with the following:
 - Wanting pet-friendly as a feature in their next rental (moderate positive: 0.381).
 - Feeling that rent is too expensive, making it hard to stay or find a suitable home (moderate positive: 0.376).
 - Wanting high speed internet as a feature in their next rental (moderate positive: 0.333).
 - Are already currently living in a rental (moderate positive: 0.324).
- 92 people indicated that they are living where they are because they have no other options. This group was associated with:
 - Feeling “awful” about their living situation (strong positive: 0.418).
 - That there is a shortage of rentals that are affordable (strong positive: 0.407).
 - That rent is too expensive (strong positive: 0.4)
- 50% (n=347) of respondents indicated that they live where they do by choice. This group is associated with:
 - Feeling “very good” about their living situation (strong positive: 0.43)
 - Being able to stay where they are (strong positive: 0.477).
- 96 people indicated that they cannot stay where they are currently living. This group was strongly (and positively) associated with the following:
 - They cannot find a suitable place to rent (0.483).
 - They are actively looking for a place to live right now (0.443).
 - Help finding a place to live is a support that would make it easier to stay or find a suitable home (0.438).
 - A feeling that rent is too expensive (0.425)
- 22% of respondents (n=363) indicated that that they were “unsatisfied” or very unsatisfied with the condition of their home (need for maintenance or repair).
- A combined 23% of respondents (n=358) indicated that they felt “not very good” or “awful” about their current living situation.
- 13% of respondents (n=352) indicated that they receive outside assistance to help pay for mortgage or rent. This group was associated with also receiving help with paying for utilities (strong positive: 0.62).
- Of the 359 people to tell us which appliances and features they had access to in their homes;
 - Only 80% indicated that they had a way to cool their homes (windows that open, air conditioning).
 - 87% indicated they had access to internet.
 - 88% indicated they had access to safe drinking water.
 - Only 83% indicated they have enough heat to keep them warm.
- 65% of people (n=89) who reported to have been refused a place to live, said it was because they owned pets.
 - The next highest reason, at 26%, was because they have children.
- 41 people indicated that they need a few accessibility features in their home. The most popular among the were:
 - One story house (63%).
 - Bathroom grab bars (58%).
 - Minimal step into the building (50%).