

# Housing: Now and into the Future Results Overview

## GEOGRAPHIC PARTNERSHIP 6: MUNICIPALITY OF CLARE

### INTRODUCTION

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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. 344 survey responses were collected from residents of the Municipality of Clare.

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:

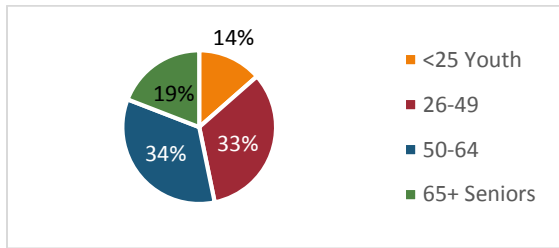
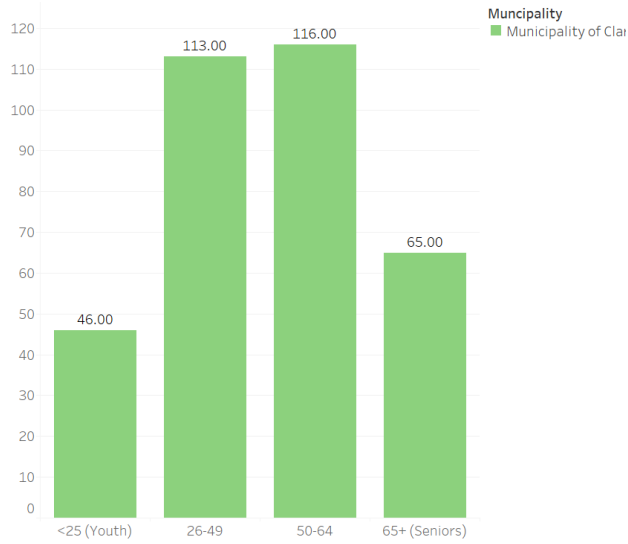
<b>Phi coefficients</b>	<b>Relationship Interpretation</b>
+ .70 or higher	Very strong positive relationship
+ .40 to + .69	Strong positive relationship
+ .30 to + .39	Moderate positive relationship
+ .20 to + .29	Weak positive relationship
+ .01 to + .19	No/Negligible positive relationship
0	No relationship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

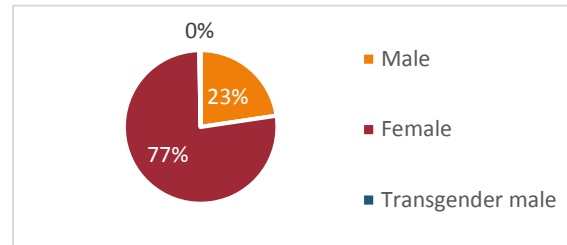
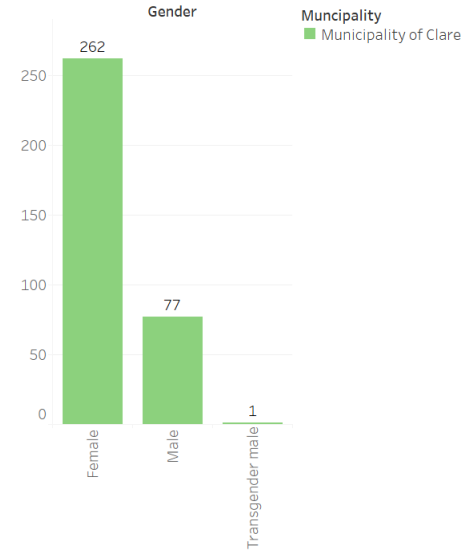
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- Of the 342 respondents to indicate their age and affiliation with minority groups;
  - 53% were over the age of 50,
  - 19% were seniors (65+),
  - 10% said they are living with mental health challenges,
  - 12% said they were living with a disability.
- 77% of respondents were female (n=342).
- Of the 342 respondents to share their gross household income:
  - 11% earned between \$10,000 - \$19,999 (most popular income bracket).
  - 60% reported earnings below the provincial median household income of \$73,900, reported by Statistics Canada, 2015).
  - 10% earn more than \$100,000.
  - 13% preferred not to share their income.
- 342 people shared their primary income sources. Of those 342:
  - 45% have a full-time job.
  - 25% rely on government income (income assistance, disability pension, etc.).
  - 20% rely on retirement income.
  - 3% rely on help from family and friends.
- The 39 people who reported earnings between \$10,000 - \$19,999 were associated with relying on government income as a primary income source (moderate positive: 0.365).
  - This group was also associated with having a disability (moderate positive: 0.3).
- 65 people indicated they were 65 years of age or older. This group was associated with:
  - Ideally moving next into a senior's residence (strong positive: 0.577).
  - Living on retirement income (strong positive: 0.549).
  - Relying on government income as a primary income source (strong positive: 0.424).
  - Not being associated with having a full-time job (strong negative: -0.405).
  - Needing a few accessibility features (bath bars, ramps, wide hallways, life line) (moderate positive: 0.347).
- 31 people identifies as being a single parent. This group was associated with:
  - Relying on child support (moderate positive: 0.394) and/or the Canada Child Tax Benefit (moderate positive: 0.372) as primary income sources.
- People without dependents (159 in total) were likely to not be between the ages of 26-49 (moderate negative: -0.39).
- The 40 people who indicated that they have a disability were associated with:
  - Relying on government income as a primary income source (strong positive: 0.44).
  - Needing a ramp as an accessibility feature (strong positive: 0.403).
  - Needing bathroom grab bars (toilet, tub, shower).

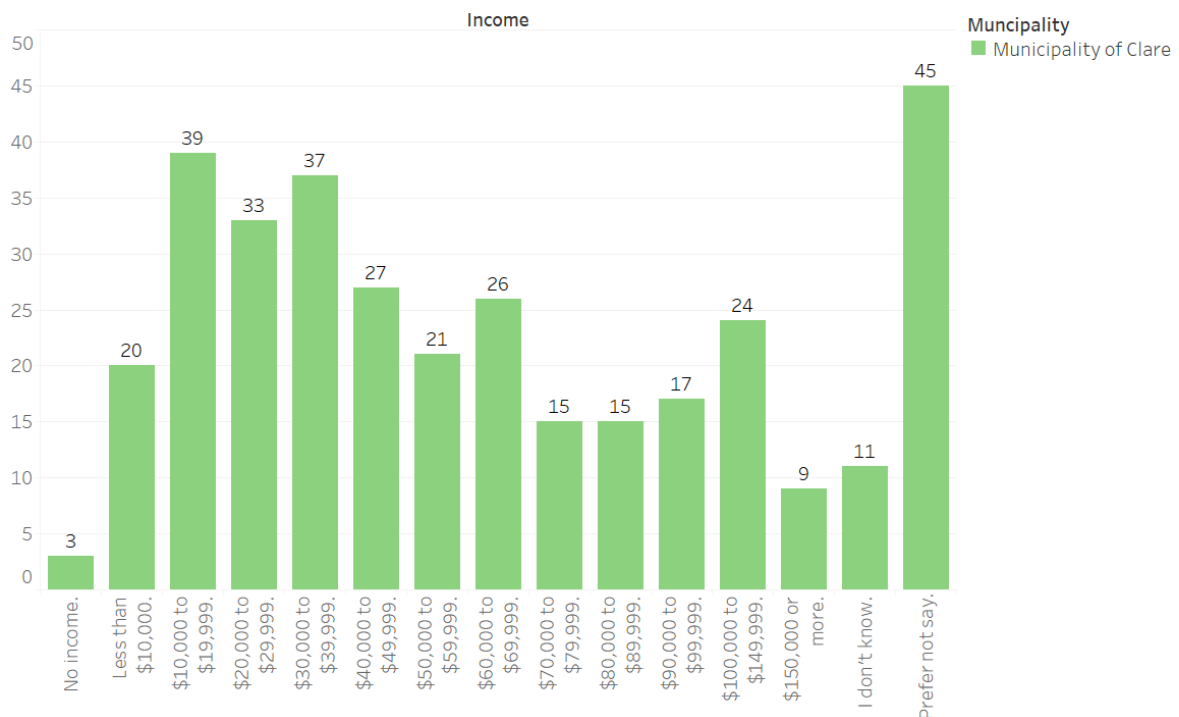
### WHAT IS YOUR AGE? (N=340)



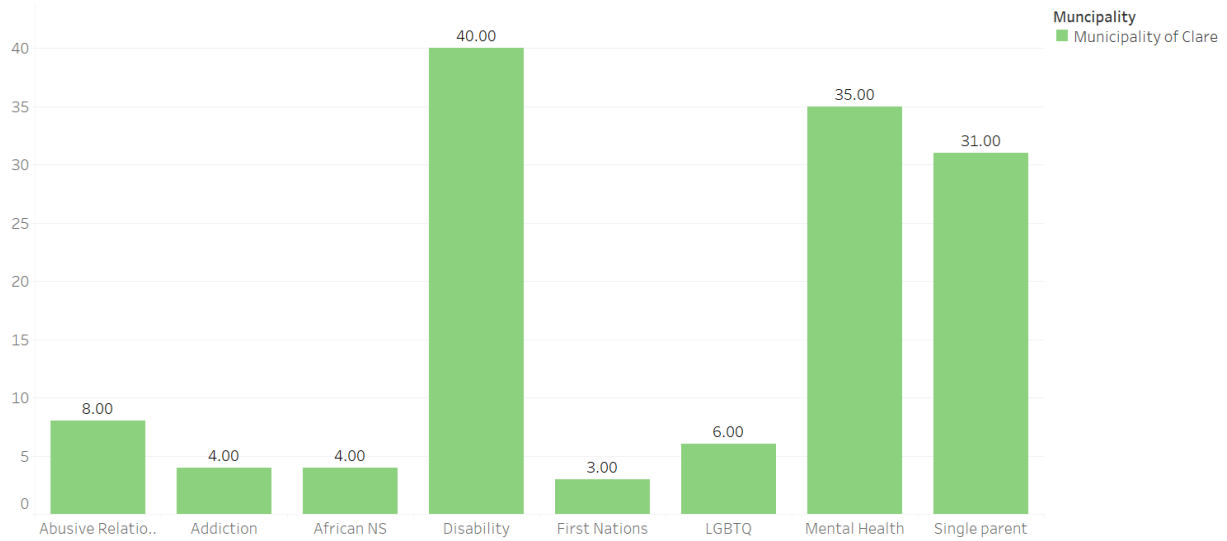
### WHAT IS YOUR GENDER? (N=340)



### WHAT IS YOUR GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME? (N=342)



## WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS DO YOU BELONG TO? (N=340)

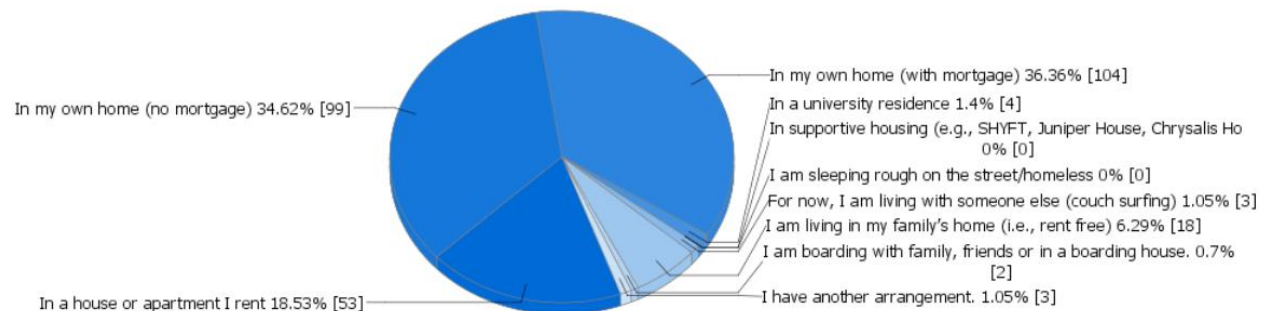


## HOUSING OVERVIEW

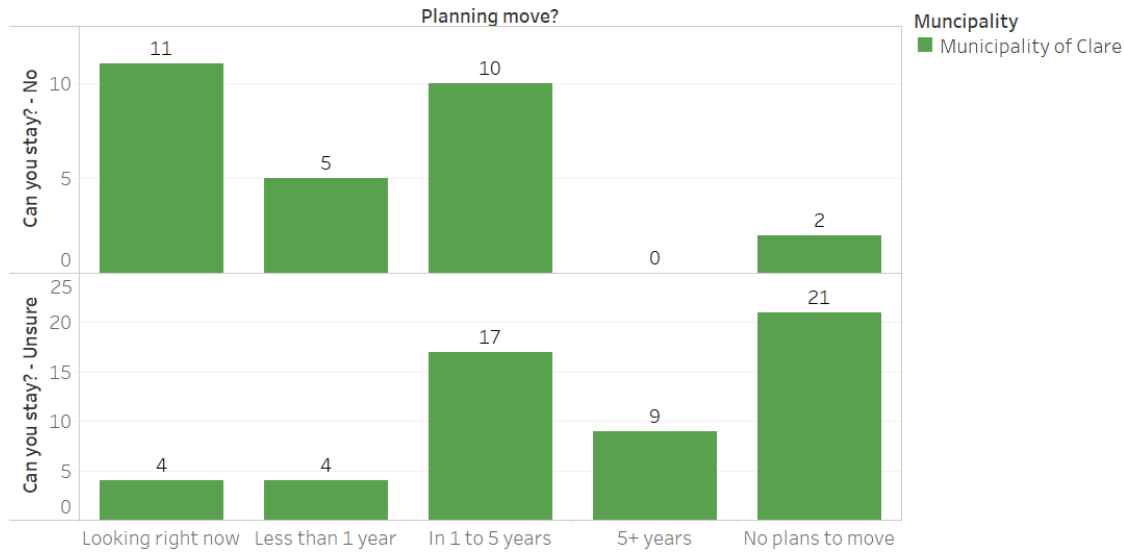
### BREAKDOWN OF REPORTED LIVING EXPENSES

Expense	Number of responses	Average monthly cost
Rent	53	\$565.86
Mortgage	105	\$673.35
Boarding	7	\$202.14
Heat	140	\$246.15
Electricity	168	\$193.93
Heat and electricity are 1 bill	48	\$222.02
Water	/	/
Property taxes (per annum)	193	\$1223.40

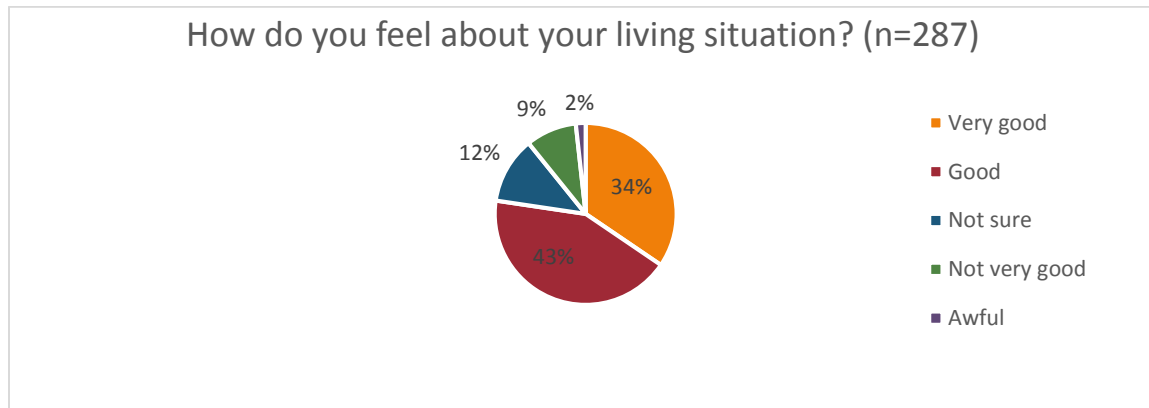
### LIVING ARRANGEMENT IN GP 6 (N=286)



## 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=287)

I choose to live here.	59%
It's my family home.	34%
It's safe/ close to family and friends.	27%

### Top 3 variables that make it hard to stay or find a home.

% Selected (n=138)

Heat and lights are too expensive.	46%
Rent is too expensive.	36%
There are not enough rentals that I can afford.	36%

### Top 3 additional supports needed to stay.

% Selected (n=84)

Snow removal and lawn care.	54%
Help with basic home repair.	46%
Being close to family or friends.	26%

### Top 3 supports that would make it easier to stay or find a home.

% Selected (n=50)

Being able to pay my bills.	56%
Help with budgeting.	40%
A rent supplement.	36%

## LIVING IN GP 6: ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DATA

- 71% of respondents (n=286) told us they owned their own home (with or without a mortgage).
- The 99 people who own their home and do not have mortgage payments, saw a moderate positive association with being 65 years or older (0.3).
- The 104 people who said they own a home and are paying off their mortgage, saw a strong positive association with wanting a house as their next home (0.43), and a moderate association with being where they are by choice (moderate positive: 0.357), while also having a full-time job (moderate positive: 0.324).
- 53 people said they currently live in a rental. This group was associated with:
  - Feeling rent is too expensive, making it hard to stay or find a suitable place to live (strong positive: 0.578).
  - Being in an all-inclusive rental situation (everything included in the price) (strong positive: 0.522).
  - Indicating that there are not enough affordable rentals (strong positive: 0.487).
  - A rent supplement being a way to make it easier to stay or find a suitable place to live (strong positive: 0.406).
  - 38% of this group are ideally looking to move into social housing next (low rent, subsidized rent).
- 77% of respondents (n=287) shared that they felt either “good” or “very good” about their current living situation.
- 21% of respondents (n=289) reported to feel “unsatisfied” or “very unsatisfied” with the condition of their home (need for maintenance or repair).
- 28 people said that they cannot stay where they currently live and must move. This group is associated with:
  - Actively searching for a place to live right now (strong positive: 0.509).
  - Feeling that finding a house is very difficult (moderate positive: 0.368).
  - Having no other options as a reason for why they live where they do (moderate positive: 0.344).
  - Indicated that help in avoiding eviction or losing their home was a support that would make it easier to stay or find a suitable home (moderate positive: 0.334).
- The 55 people who said they were unsure whether they could stay where they are were linked with:
  - A feeling that rent is too expensive (moderate positive: 0.36).
  - Living where they are because they have no other options (moderate positive: 0.352).
  - Feeling that rent is too expensive (moderate positive: 0.319).
- Only 81% of respondents (n=290) indicated that they had access to internet in their home.
  - 90% indicated they had access to safe drinking water, and 91% said they have enough heat to keep them warm.
- Of the 34 people who have been refused a place to live;
  - 38% said it was because they own pets.
  - 26% said it was because they were receiving social assistance.
  - 26% said it was because they have poor landlord references.
- 54% of the 84 people who indicated they need additional supports to help them stay where they are, said snow removal and lawn care. The second most popular support was help with basic home repair (46%).
- When asked about their plans to move, 63% of the 265 respondents reported that they have no plans to move.