

Housing: Now and into the Future

Results Overview

GEOGRAPHIC PARTNERSHIP 8: MUNICIPALITY OF ANNAPOLIS, TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, TOWN OF MIDDLETON

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. The two stakeholder municipalities of this partnership had a combined 581 responses, with 432 from the Municipality of Annapolis, and 47 from the Town of Annapolis Royal, and 102 from the Town of Middleton.

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:

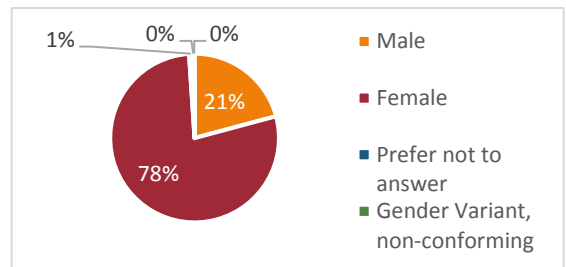
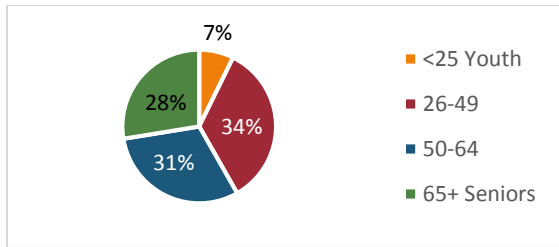
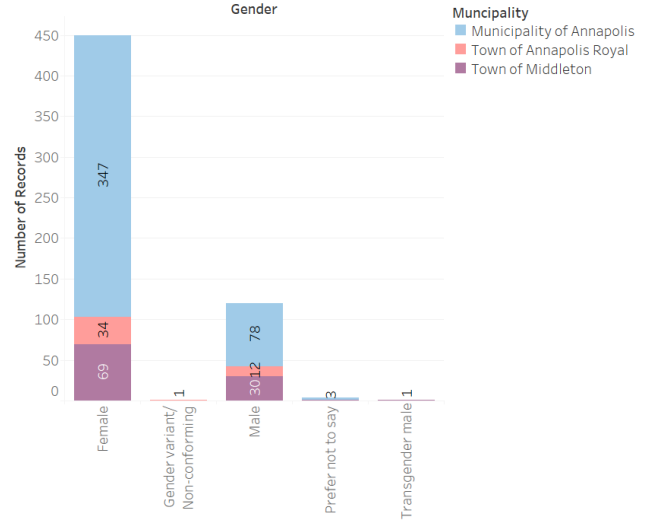
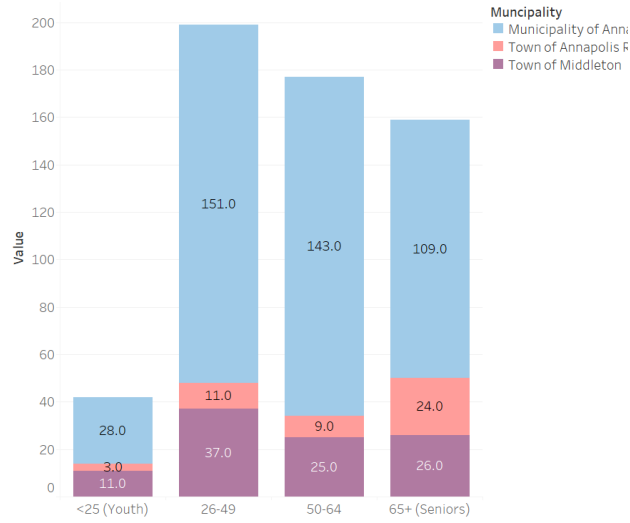
Phi coefficients	Relationship Interpretation
+ .70 or higher	Very strong positive relationship
+ .40 to + .69	Strong positive relationship
+ .30 to + .39	Moderate positive relationship
+ .20 to + .29	Weak positive relationship
+ .01 to + .19	No/Negligible positive relationship
0	No relationship
- .01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

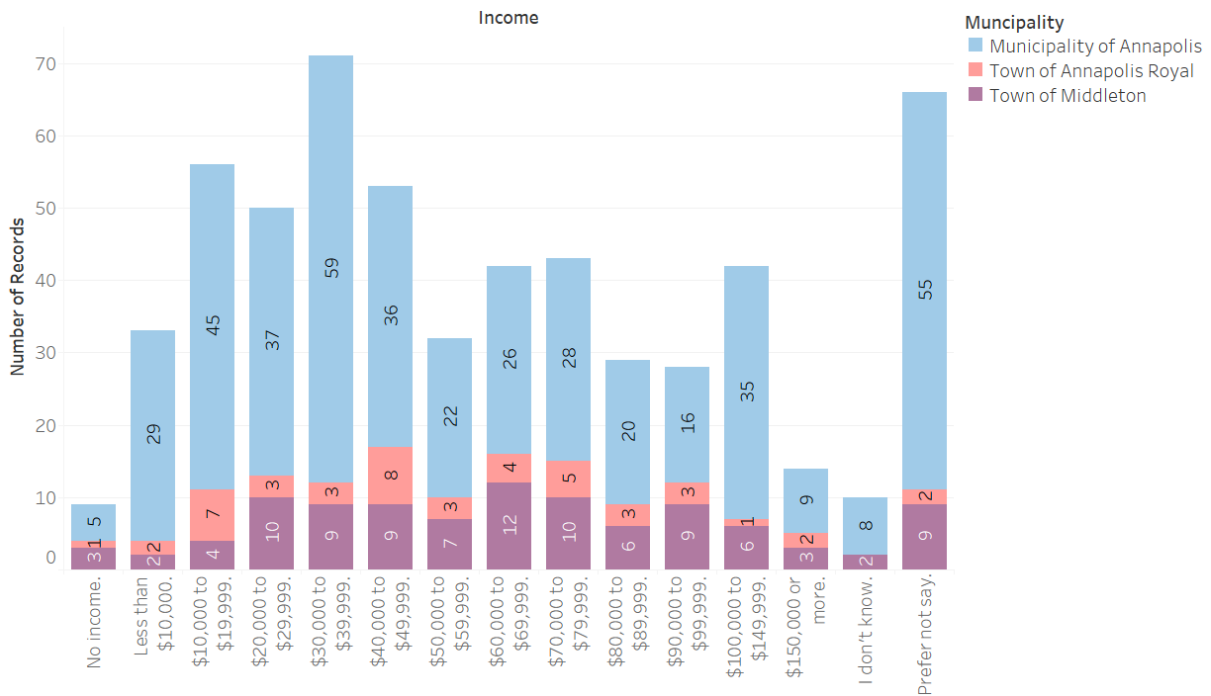
- Of the 576 people to share their age and affiliation with minority groups:
 - 57% indicated they were over the age of 50.
 - 27% reported to be seniors (65+).
 - Only 7% said they were youth (<25).
 - 9% said they live with mental health challenges.
 - Only 6% indicated they are single parents.
- 175 people indicated that they were between 26-49 years old. This group is associated with:
 - Having dependents younger than 18 (strong positive: 0.556).
 - Their ideal next residence being a house (moderate positive: 0.316).
 - Relying on the Canada Child Tax Benefit as an income source (moderate positive: 0.302).
- 159 people identified as seniors (65+). This group was associated with:
 - Retirement income (strong positive: 0.556) and government income sources (strong positive: 0.426).
 - This group had a strong negative association with having a full-time job (strong negative: -0.442).
- 42 individuals identified themselves as youth (<25). This group was linked with:
 - Living rent-free in a family home (strong positive: 0.407).
 - Not having property taxes (moderate positive: 0.368).
 - A sense that they cannot stay and will have to move (moderate positive: 0.368), and that they intend to move within the next year (moderate positive: 0.3).
- 78% of the 577 people who provided their gender said they were female.
- 60% of the 578 people who reported their gross household income earn less than the provincial median household income of \$73,900, reported by Statistics Canada in 2015.
 - The most frequently identified income bracket was \$30,000 - \$39,999 (12%)
 - Just 10% indicated they earned over \$100,000.
- 39% of those surveyed told us they get most of their money from a full-time job (n=578).
- People with mental health challenges (n=51), were linked with feeling “not very good” about their living situation (moderate positive: 0.307), and that there are not enough affordable rentals (moderate positive: 0.3).

WHAT IS YOUR GENDER? (N=576)

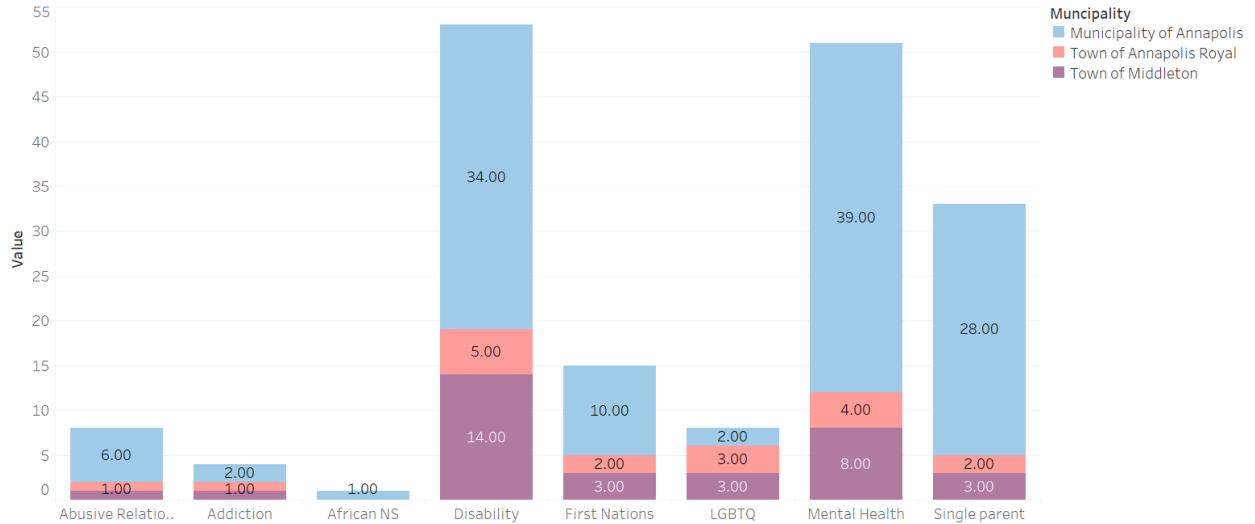
WHAT IS YOUR AGE? (N=577)



WHAT IS YOUR GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME? (N=578)



WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS DO YOU BELONG TO? (N=577)

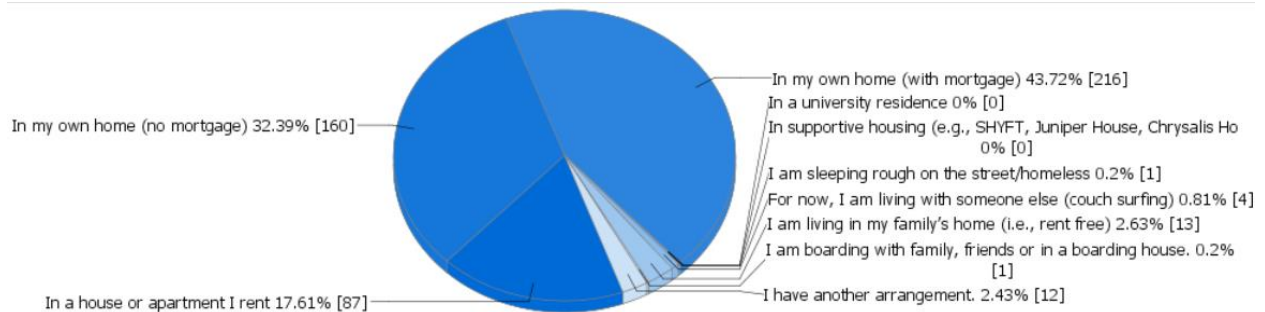


HOUSING OVERVIEW

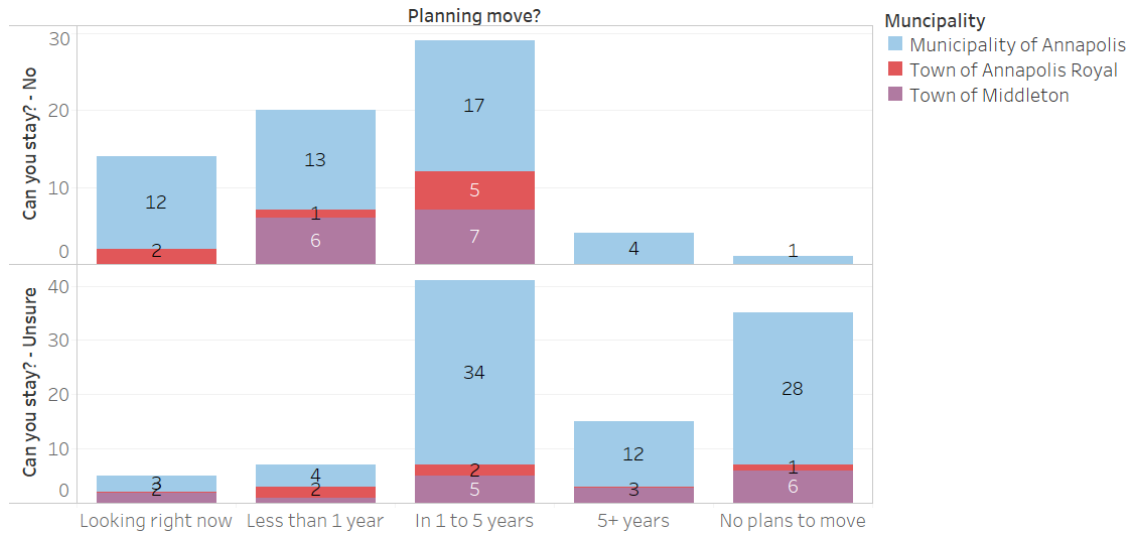
BREAKDOWN OF REPORTED LIVING EXPENSES

Expense	Number of responses	Average monthly cost
Rent	89	\$597.78
Mortgage	202	\$698.92
Boarding	6	\$275.00
Heat	275	\$257.94
Electricity	288	\$174.53
Heat and electricity are 1 bill	129	\$258.26
Water	140	\$73.23
Property taxes (per annum)	367	\$1576.51

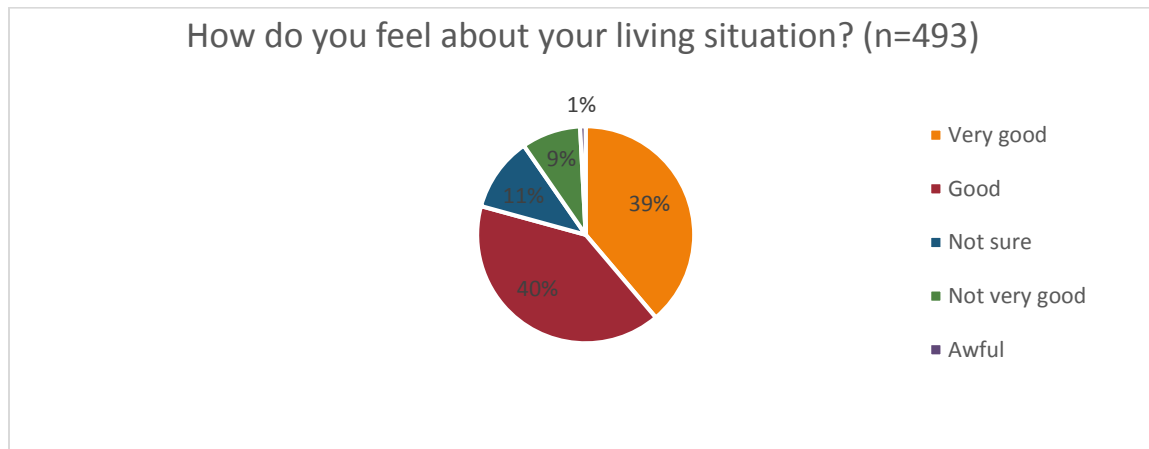
LIVING ARRANGEMENT IN GP 8 (N=494)



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=483)
I choose to live here.	71%
It's safe	29%
It's close to family and friends.	24%
Top 3 variables that make it hard to stay or find a home.	% Selected (n=226)
Don't have enough money for house repairs.	50%
Rent is too expensive.	43%
Heat and lights are too expensive.	41%
Top 3 additional supports needed to stay.	% Selected (n=153)
Help with basic home repair.	61%
Snow removal and lawn care.	56%
Being close to family or friends.	23%
Top 3 supports that would make it easier to stay or find a home.	% Selected (n=105)
Being able to pay my bills.	62%
Feeling safe.	30%
A job/reliable income.	29%

LIVING IN GP 8: ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DATA

- 71% of people who provided a reason for why they live where they do (n=483), said they do so by choice.
 - In contrast, 11% reported that they have no other options.
- 19% of respondents (n=493) said that only one person lives in their home, including themselves (live alone).
 - 66% said 2 or less people live in their home.
- People who have dependents younger than 18 (n=140) average 1.93 children in their household.
- A group of 44 people reported that they have a disability. This group was linked with:
 - Having issues finding housing that is both accessible and affordable (moderate positive: 0.348), in addition to needing the added support of help with daily living (shopping, cleaning, cooking) (moderate positive: 0.316).
- 23% of respondents (n=498) reported to be either “unsatisfied” or “very unsatisfied” with the condition of their home/need for maintenance and repair.
- Of the 496 people to share what appliances and features they had access to in their home;
 - 88% said they had access to internet.
 - 99% said they have access to enough water for their needs.
 - 93% said they have enough heat to keep them warm.
- 46 people reported having been refused a place to live. 85% of them say it was because they own pets.
 - 30% say it was because they have children.
 - 11% say it was because of they are unmarried, single, or living common law.
- Of the 470 people who responded to the question asking whether they could continue living where they are:
 - 38% said they were either unsure of their ability to stay or said they cannot stay and will have to move.
 - The group of 69 people that said they couldn’t stay and had to move were linked with:
 - Saying that a shortage of affordable rentals is making it difficult to stay or find a suitable place to live (strong positive: 0.474).
 - Feeling that rent is too expensive (strong positive: 0.453).
 - That they are planning to move in less than 1 year (strong positive: 0.424).
 - That they are living where they are because they have no other options (moderate positive: 0.394).
 - That help finding a place to live is a support they are seeking (moderate positive: 0.373).
 - They do not have enough money to afford a down payment (moderate positive: 0.367), but would like to, but can’t get a mortgage (moderate positive 0.332).
 - The group of 108 who said they were unsure of their ability to stay were linked with:
 - Needing help with basic home repair (moderate positive: 0.31).
 - Needing help with snow removal and lawn care (moderate positive: 0.311).

- 13% of respondents (n=440) reported that they need a few accessibility features (bath bars, ramps, wide hallways, etc.).