

# HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITIES: THE NUMBERS



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# Housing in Our Communities: The Numbers

The South Shore Housing Action Coalition works collaboratively to build awareness and facilitate action on the need for quality, safe and affordable rental housing in Lunenburg and Queens Counties in particular, and Nova Scotia in general.

*Housing in Our Communities: the Numbers* highlights population, income and housing-related data from the 2006 Census of Canada, and provides a brief overview of social housing and income assistance. The data from the 2006 Census of Canada is the most comprehensive data on housing in our communities, available at this time. While we recognize that our communities have experienced changes in population and demographics since 2006, this report is intended to provide a snapshot of housing across our communities to inform action on housing-related issues.

If you are interested in learning more about this report or the work of SSHAC, you can email us at [sshoushingaction@gmail.com](mailto:sshoushingaction@gmail.com) or connect with us on Facebook by searching for South Shore Housing Action Coalition. Our website is <http://sshac.wordpress.com>.

# Social Housing & Income Assistance: Lunenburg and Queen's Counties

## SOCIAL HOUSING

Housing Nova Scotia offers programs to help lower income households<sup>1</sup> and seniors<sup>2</sup> rent and maintain safe and affordable housing, including social housing<sup>3</sup> units. Eligibility for these programs is determined by income, residency and core need as established by Housing Nova Scotia. Priority is given to victims of family violence, those whose homes have been condemned, or those who have a need to live near a hospital. Rent is based on income (Housing Nova Scotia, 2014).

In Lunenburg and Queen's Counties, the Western Regional Housing Authority manages 365 social housing units and rental unit subsidies<sup>4</sup> for persons with disabilities, seniors, and households. To qualify for social housing, seniors must have an income of no more than \$22,000/year and households and income of no more \$28,500/year. The rent supplement program will pay 30% (for seniors) or 25% (for households) of the residents' gross income directly to the landlord. Residents receiving the supplement are pulled from the social housing waitlist. Placements in social housing are prioritized based on various factors. In Lunenburg and Queen's Counties, approximately 46 placements were made in 2010 (Western Regional Housing Authority, 2013).

The Western Regional Housing Authority has recently (February, 2012) taken over property management of the Rural Native Housing portfolio. Rural Native Housing has 42 single-family homes. Thirty-three are located in Lunenburg County, and 9 are located in Queen's County. Rent for these units is calculated according income. Tenants are responsible to pay heat and lights under this program (Western Regional Housing Authority, 2013).

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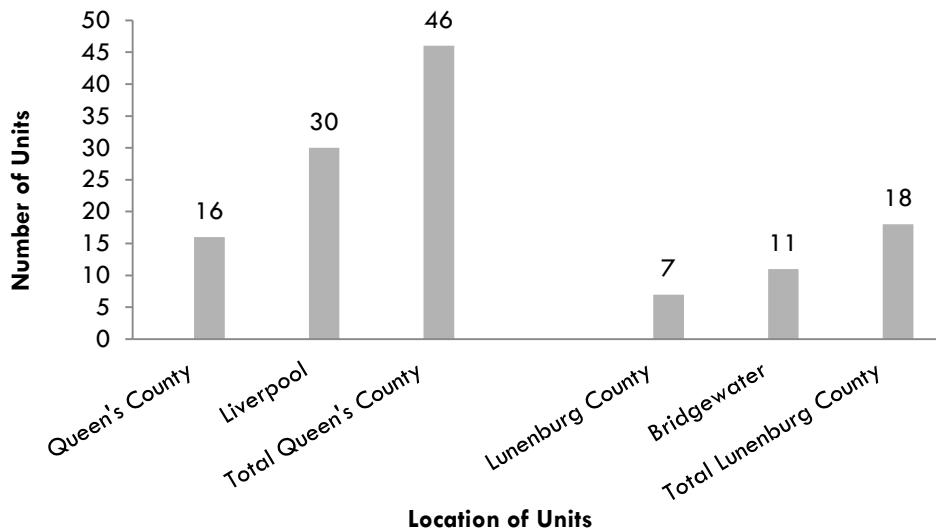
<sup>1</sup> Includes one-person households and family households

<sup>2</sup> Seniors are described as 58 years of age and over

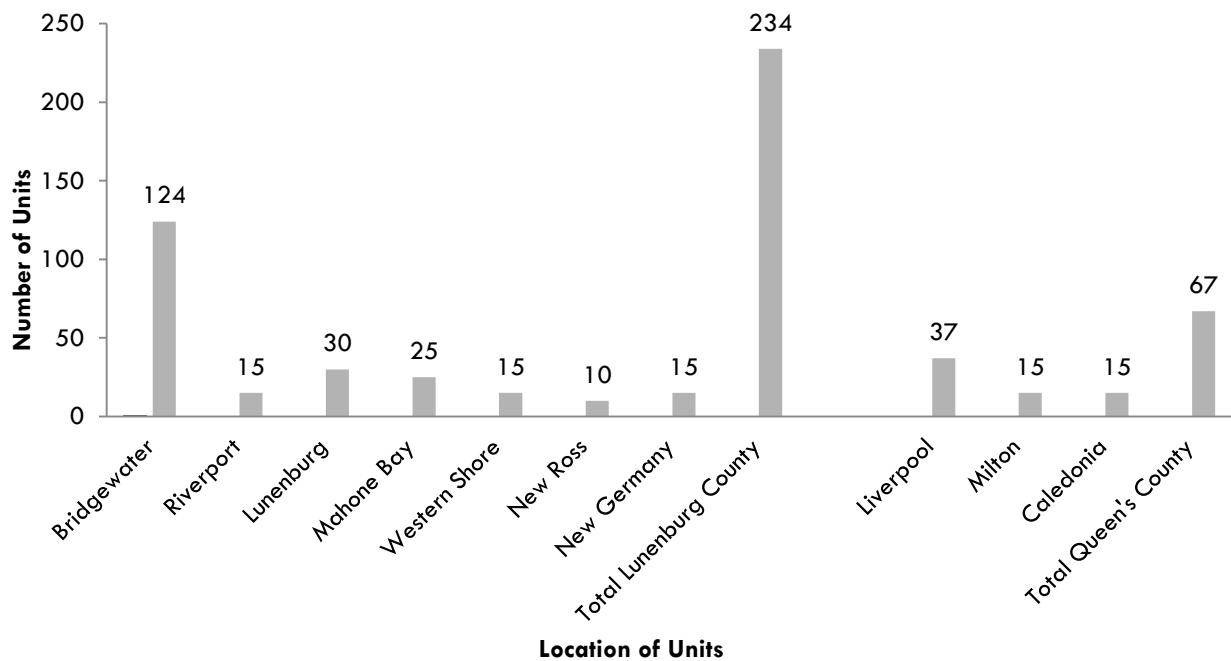
<sup>3</sup> Also known as low-income housing and/or public housing

<sup>4</sup> Rental unit subsidies are part of the rent supplement program. The subsidy is based on income and is paid directly to landlords and co-operative/non-profit housing projects.

**Number of Social Housing Units for Households By Location:  
Lunenburg and Queen's Counties, NS**  
(source: Western Regional Housing Authority, 2013)



**Number of Social Housing Units for Seniors by Location:  
Lunenburg and Queen's Counties, NS**  
(source: Western Regional Housing Authority, 2013)



## INCOME ASSISTANCE

Income Assistance is a provincial program offered by the Department of Community Services which provides people in financial need with assistance for basic needs such as food, rent, utilities like heat and electricity, and clothing. The program may also help with other needs such as child care, transportation, prescription drugs, emergency dental care, and eye glasses. Income Assistance is available to Nova Scotians over the age of 19 and determined to be in financial need<sup>5</sup> (Department of Community Services, 2013).

Income Assistance provides a monthly shelter allowance to recipients, to help cover costs associated with housing. The amount provided for the shelter allowance is dependent upon family size and whether the recipient boards, rents, or owns their home.

### Income Assistance in Nova Scotia: Monthly Shelter Allowance

(source: Department of Community Services, 2013)

Number of Family Members	Rent or Own a Home	Boarding
1	\$300*	\$223
2	\$570	\$242
3+	\$620	\$282

*\* Up to \$535 under certain circumstances*

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<sup>5</sup> Financial need occurs when there is a budget deficit, meaning that the monthly income is less than the amount Income Assistance allows for basic expenses such as food, rent or mortgage, clothing, taxes and utilities like heat and electricity.

# Introduction to the Community Housing Profiles

The intent of these housing profiles is to provide a snapshot of issues related to housing in our communities. It is to be a starting point for understanding and conversation. The numbers presented in the following community profiles have been extracted from the 2006 Census of Canada (Statistics Canada, 2007). The Town of Bridgewater profile also contains the Town's Community Inventory Report from 2010. This information is unavailable for other communities.

To support understanding, definitions of the indicators contained within the profiles may be found in Appendix A. For measures of income, we are reporting on the median, after-tax incomes of households. Median income is considered to be a better indicator than the average household income as it is not dramatically affected by unusually high or low values. After-tax income better represents the income households have to use at their discretion.

# Lunenburg County

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS IN 2005

<b>Population:</b>	47, 150
<b>Unemployment Rate (15 years and over):</b>	9%
<b>Prevalence of Low-Income Status of Households (After-Tax):</b>	7.2%
<b>Median Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$38, 238
<b>Median One-Person Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$18, 686



## HOME OWNERSHIP

<b>Average Value of a Dwelling:</b>	\$173, 183
<b>Percentage of Dwellings Owned:</b>	83%
<b>Average Owner Major Payments:</b>	\$607
<b>Value of Dwellings Increase (1996-2006):</b>	93.7%

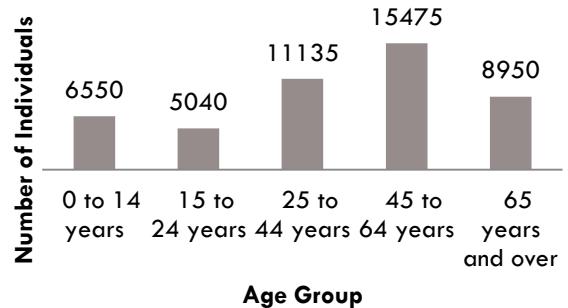
## HOME RENTAL

<b>Percentage of Dwellings Rented:</b>	17%
<b>Average Monthly Rent:</b>	\$598
<b>Percentage of Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	43%
<b>Percentage of Lone-Parent Families in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	74.4%
<b>Percentage of One-Person Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	54%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units Requiring Minor or Major Repairs:</b>	42.8%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units 45 years or older:</b>	44.8%

## Population Distribution by Age Group:

Lunenburg County, NS

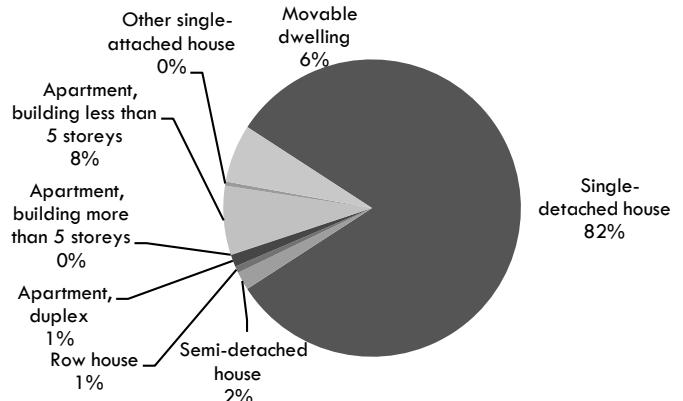
(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



## Proportion of Dwellings, by Structural Type:

Lunenburg County, NS

(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



# Municipality of the District of Chester

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS IN 2005

<b>Population:</b>	10,741
<b>Unemployment Rate (15 years and over):</b>	8.5%
<b>Prevalence of Low-Income Status of Households (After-Tax):</b>	8.1%
<b>Median Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$38,122
<b>Median One-Person Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$18,376



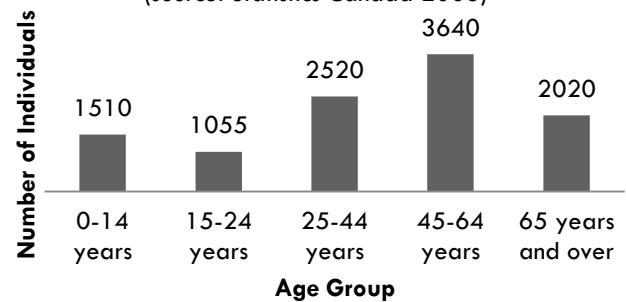
## HOME OWNERSHIP

<b>Average Value of a Dwelling:</b>	\$209,559
<b>Percentage of Dwellings Owned:</b>	84.8%
<b>Average Owner Major Payments:</b>	\$593
<b>Value of Dwellings Increase (1996-2006):</b>	126%

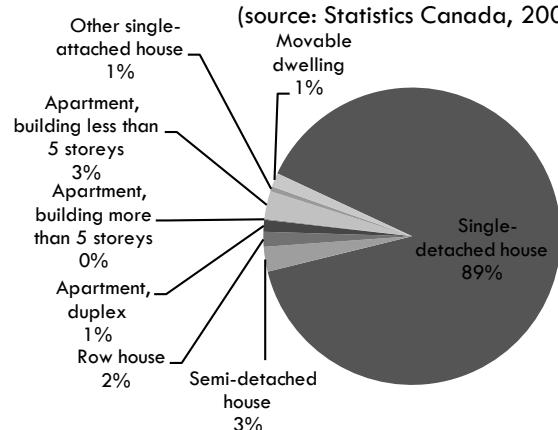
## HOME RENTAL

<b>Percentage of Dwellings Rented:</b>	15.2%
<b>Average Monthly Rent:</b>	\$584
<b>Percentage of Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	38.3%
<b>Percentage of Lone-Parent Families in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	83.3%
<b>Percentage of One-Person Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	41.9%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units Requiring Minor or Major Repairs:</b>	46.8%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units 45 years or older:</b>	44.7%

**Population Distribution by Age Group: Municipality of the District of Chester, NS**  
(source: Statistics Canada 2006)



**Proportion of Dwellings by Structural Type: Municipality of the District of Chester, NS**  
(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



# Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS IN 2005

<b>Population:</b>	25, 164
<b>Unemployment Rate (15 years and over):</b>	9.7%
<b>Prevalence of Low-Income Status of Households (After-Tax):</b>	5.6%
<b>Median Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$39, 470
<b>Median One-Person Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$18, 280



## HOME OWNERSHIP

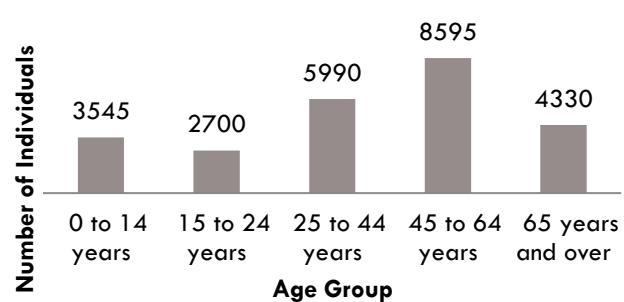
<b>Average Value of a Dwelling:</b>	\$162, 347
<b>Percentage of Dwellings Owned:</b>	91.4%
<b>Average Owner Major Payments:</b>	\$566
<b>Value of Dwellings Increase (1996-2006):</b>	90.6%

## HOME RENTAL

<b>Percentage of Dwellings Rented:</b>	8.6%
<b>Average Monthly Rent:</b>	\$599
<b>Percentage of Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	33.5%
<b>Percentage of Lone-Parent Families in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	73.1%
<b>Percentage of One-Person Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	47.9%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units Requiring Minor or Major Repairs:</b>	48%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units 45 years or older:</b>	48%

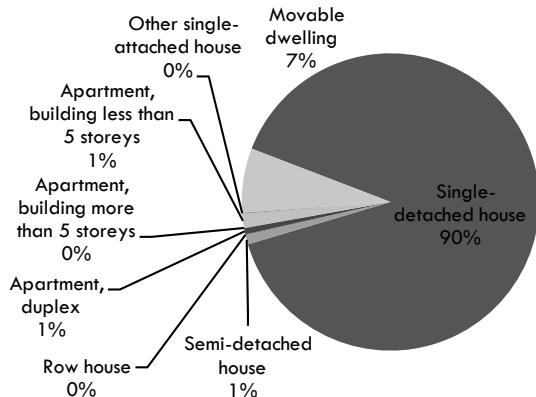
## Population Distribution by Age Group: Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, NS

(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



## Proportion of Dwellings by Structural Type: Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, NS

(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



# Town of Mahone Bay

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS IN 2005

<b>Population:</b>	904
<b>Unemployment Rate (15 years and over):</b>	8%
<b>Prevalence of Low-Income Status of Households (After-Tax):</b>	9.6%
<b>Median Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$31, 319
<b>Median One-Person Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$21, 540



## HOME OWNERSHIP

<b>Average Value of a Dwelling:</b>	\$291, 604
<b>Percentage of Dwellings Owned:</b>	68.2%
<b>Average Owner Major Payments:</b>	\$759
<b>Value of Dwellings Increase (1996-2006):</b>	185%

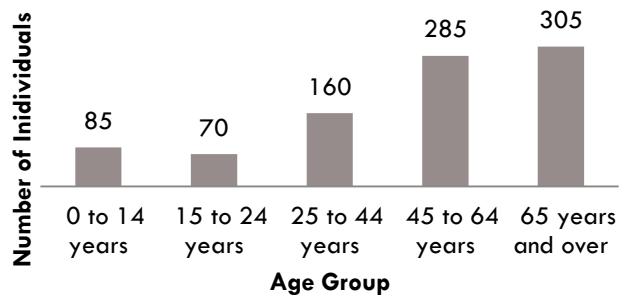
## HOME RENTAL

<b>Percentage of Dwellings Rented:</b>	31.8%
<b>Average Monthly Rent:</b>	\$580
<b>Percentage of Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	59.3%
<b>Percentage of Lone-Parent Families in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	80%
<b>Percentage of One-Person Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	64.3%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units Requiring Minor or Major Repairs:</b>	37%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units 45 years or older:</b>	51.9%

## Population Distribution by Age Group:

Town of Mahone Bay, NS

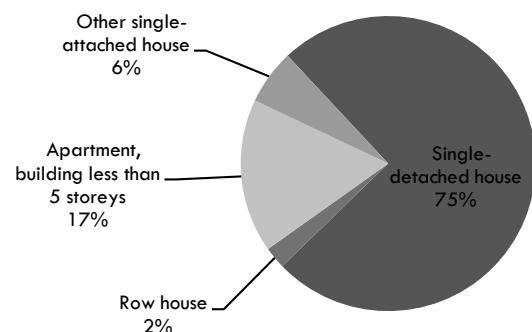
(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



## Proportion of Dwellings by Structural Type:

Town of Mahone Bay, NS

(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



# Town of Lunenburg

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS IN 2005

<b>Population:</b>	2, 317
<b>Unemployment Rate (15 years and over):</b>	8.3%
<b>Prevalence of Low-Income Status of Households (After-Tax):</b>	10.8%
<b>Median Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$35, 016
<b>Median One-Person Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$20, 519



## HOME OWNERSHIP

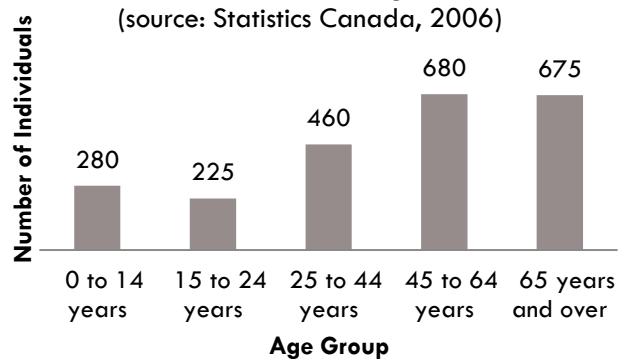
<b>Average Value of a Dwelling:</b>	\$196, 782
<b>Percentage of Dwellings Owned:</b>	64.1%
<b>Average Owner Major Payments:</b>	\$757
<b>Value of Dwellings Increase (1996-2006):</b>	102%

## HOME RENTAL

<b>Percentage of Dwellings Rented:</b>	35.4%
<b>Average Monthly Rent:</b>	\$642
<b>Percentage of Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	40%
<b>Percentage of Lone-Parent Families in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	100%
<b>Percentage of One-Person Households in Core Housing Need(renters):</b>	38.7%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units Requiring Minor or Major Repairs:</b>	34.3%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units 45 years or older:</b>	71.4%

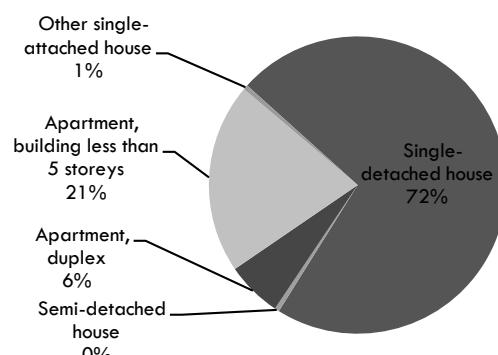
## Population Distribution by Age Group:

**Town of Lunenburg, NS**  
(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



## Proportion of Dwellings by Structural Type:

**Town of Lunenburg, NS**  
(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



# Town of Bridgewater

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS IN 2005

<b>Population:</b>	7, 944
<b>Unemployment Rate (15 years and over):</b>	7.9%
<b>Prevalence of Low-Income Status of Households (After-Tax):</b>	10.1%
<b>Median Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$35, 349
<b>Median One-Person Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$19, 561



## HOME OWNERSHIP

<b>Average Value of a Dwelling:</b>	\$134, 044
<b>Percentage of Dwellings Owned:</b>	63.6%
<b>Average Owner Major Payments:</b>	\$738
<b>Value of Dwellings Increase (1996-2006):</b>	38.6%

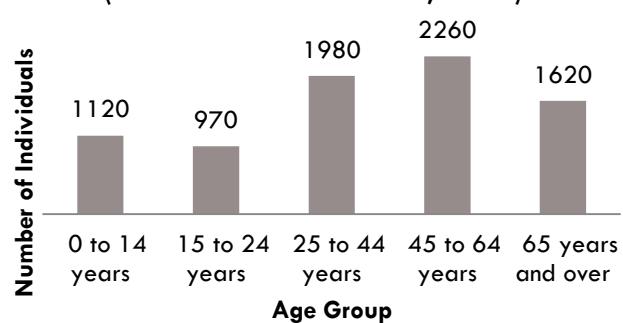
## HOME RENTAL

<b>Percentage of Dwellings Rented:</b>	36.4%
<b>Average Monthly Rent:</b>	\$596
<b>Percentage of Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	50.8%
<b>Percentage of Lone-Parent Families in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	64.5%
<b>Percentage of One-Person Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	66.4%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units Requiring Minor or Major Repairs:</b>	39.8%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units 45 years or older:</b>	34.5%

## Population Distribution by Age Group:

### Town of Bridgewater, NS

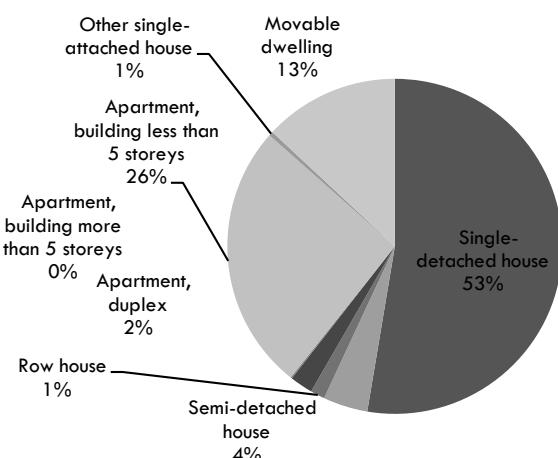
(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



## Proportion of Dwellings by Structural Type:

### Town of Bridgewater, NS

(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



**Average Cost of Apartment Rentals by Apartment Size: Town of Bridgewater, NS**

(source: Town of Bridgewater, 2010)

**Bachelor** \$382**One Bedroom** \$511**Two Bedroom** \$628**Three Bedroom** \$666**Distribution of Apartments by Unit Size and Number of Sites: Town of Bridgewater, NS**

(source: Town of Bridgewater, 2010)

<b>Size of Unit</b>	<b>Number of Sites</b>	<b>Total Apartments</b>	<b>Size of Unit</b>	<b>Number of Sites</b>	<b>Total Apartments</b>
<b>1 unit</b>	61	61	<b>20 unit</b>	1	20
<b>2 unit</b>	93	186	<b>24 unit</b>	4	96
<b>3 unit</b>	33	99	<b>25 unit</b>	2	50
<b>4 unit</b>	23	92	<b>26 unit</b>	5	130
<b>5 unit</b>	7	35	<b>27 unit</b>	1	27
<b>6 unit</b>	6	36	<b>29 unit</b>	1	29
<b>7 unit</b>	3	21	<b>30 unit</b>	2	60
<b>8 unit</b>	2	16	<b>36 unit</b>	1	36
<b>9 unit</b>	1	9	<b>37 unit</b>	1	37
<b>10 unit</b>	2	20	<b>43 unit</b>	1	43
<b>12 unit</b>	5	60	<b>49 unit</b>	3	147
<b>13 unit</b>	1	13	<b>65 unit</b>	1	65
<b>14 unit</b>	1	14	<b>96 unit</b>	1	96
<b>15 unit</b>	15	15	<b>239 unit</b>	1	239
<b>16 unit</b>	2	32	<b>243 unit</b>	1	243
<b>18 unit</b>	2	36			

# Queen's County

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS IN 2005

<b>Population:</b>	11, 212
<b>Unemployment Rate (15 years and over):</b>	12.2%
<b>Prevalence of Low-Income Status of Households (After-Tax):</b>	8.8%
<b>Median Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$35, 013
<b>Median One-Person Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$19, 788



## HOME OWNERSHIP

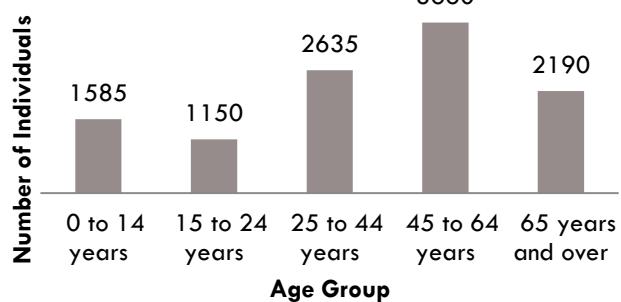
<b>Average Value of a Dwelling:</b>	\$118, 344
<b>Percentage of Dwellings Owned:</b>	85.2%
<b>Average Owner Major Payments:</b>	\$519
<b>Value of Dwellings Increase (1996-2006):</b>	77.2%

## HOME RENTAL

<b>Percentage of Dwellings Rented:</b>	14.5%
<b>Average Monthly Rent:</b>	\$563
<b>Percentage of Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	38.2%
<b>Percentage of Lone-Parent Families in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	57.1%
<b>Percentage of One-Person Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	55.3%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units Requiring Minor or Major Repairs:</b>	45.6%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units 45 years or older:</b>	55.1%

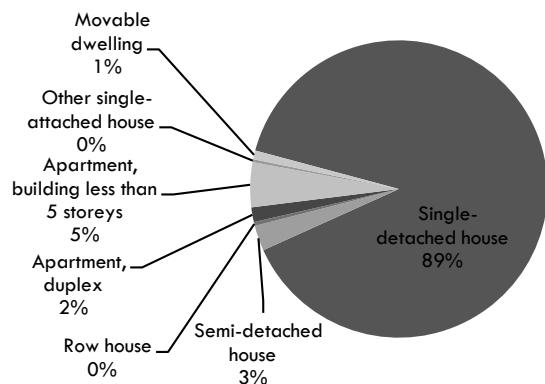
## Population Distribution by Age Group: Queen's County, NS

(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



## Proportion of Dwellings by Structural Type: Queen's County, NS

(source: Statistics Canada, 2006)



# Municipality of the Region of Queen's

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS IN 2005

<b>Population:</b>	11,177
<b>Unemployment Rate (15 years and over):</b>	12.2%
<b>Prevalence of Low-Income Status of Households (After-Tax):</b>	8.8%
<b>Median Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$35,084
<b>Median One-Person Household Income, After-Tax:</b>	\$19,772



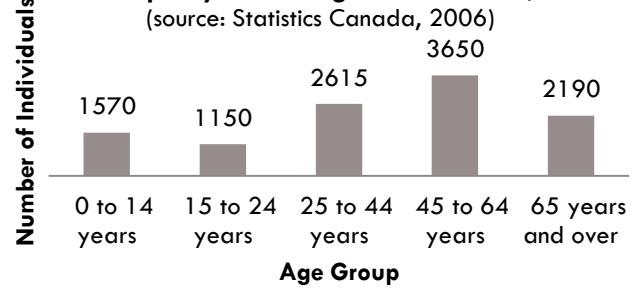
## HOME OWNERSHIP

<b>Average Value of a Dwelling:</b>	\$118,344
<b>Percentage of Dwellings Owned:</b>	85.5%
<b>Average Owner Major Payments:</b>	\$519
<b>Value of Dwellings Increase (1996-2006):</b>	77.1%

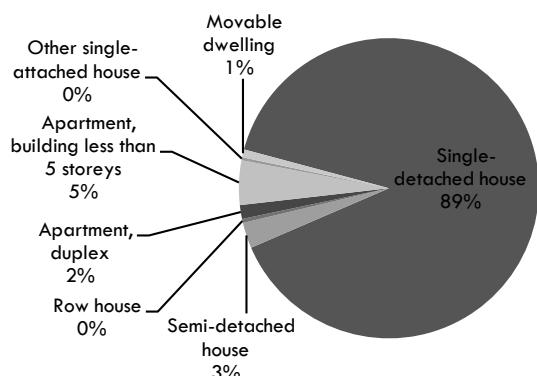
## HOME RENTAL

<b>Percentage of Dwellings Rented:</b>	14.5%
<b>Average Monthly Rent:</b>	\$563
<b>Percentage of Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	38.2%
<b>Percentage of Lone-Parent Families in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	57.1%
<b>Percentage of One-Person Households in Core Housing Need (renters):</b>	58.7%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units Requiring Minor or Major Repairs:</b>	44.9%
<b>Percentage of Rental Units 45 years or older:</b>	56.6%

## Population Distribution by Age Group: Municipality of the Region of Queen's, NS



## Proportion of Dwellings by Structural Type: Municipality of the Region of Queen's, NS



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## APPENDIX A

# DEFINITIONS FOR INDICATORS CONTAINED IN COMMUNITY HOUSING PROFILES<sup>6</sup>

Measure	Definition	Data Source
<b>Age Distribution</b>	Population distribution by age. This refers to the age at last birthday (as of the census reference date, May 16, 2006).	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Topic-Based Tabulations: Age and Sex. Age Groups and Sex for the Population of Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions, 2006 Census – 100% data. Catalogue Number 97-551-XCB2006013.
<b>Age of Dwellings</b>	Derived from Period of Construction. This refers to the period in which the building was originally built, not the time of any later remodeling, additions or conversions. Respondents were asked to indicate the period of construction, to the best of their knowledge.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Topic-Based Tabulations: Housing and Shelter Costs. Period of Construction, Structural Type of Dwelling, Housing Tenure and Condition of Dwelling for Occupied Private Dwellings of Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions, 2006 Census – 20% Sample Data. Catalogue Number 97-554-XCB2006023.
<b>Average Monthly Rent</b>	Average monthly total of all shelter expenses paid by tenant households. (Private households in tenant-occupied non-farm dwellings)	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions. Catalogue Number 94-581-XCB2006001.

<sup>6</sup> Definitions, unless otherwise stated, from Statistics Canada's 2006 Census Dictionary (2010).

<b>Average Owner Major Payments</b>	The average total of all shelter expenses paid by households that own their dwelling. These include, for example, the mortgage payment and the costs of electricity, heat and municipal services.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions. Catalogue Number 94-581-XCB2006001.
<b>Average Value of a Dwelling</b>	The average dollar amount expected by the owner if the dwelling were to be sold.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions. Catalogue Number 94-581-XCB2006001.
<b>Core Housing Need Status (CMHC)</b>	<p>A household is said to be in core housing need if its housing falls below at least one of the adequacy, affordability or suitability, standards and it would have to spend 30% or more of its total before-tax income to pay the median rent of alternative local housing that is acceptable (meets all three housing standards).</p> <p>Adequate housing are reported by their residents as not requiring any major repairs.</p> <p>Affordable dwellings costs less than 30% of total before-tax household income.</p> <p>Suitable housing has enough bedrooms for the size and make-up of resident households, according to National Occupancy Standard (NOS) requirements.</p> <p>A household is not in core housing need if its housing meets all of the adequacy, suitability and affordability standards</p> <p>OR,</p> <p>If its housing does not meet one or more of these standards, but it has sufficient income to obtain alternative local housing that is acceptable (meets all three standards).</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Regardless of their circumstances, non-family households led by maintainers 15 to 29 years of age attending school full-time are considered to be in a transitional stage of life and therefore not in core housing need.</p>	<a href="http://cmhc.beyond2020.com/HICDefinitions_EN.html#Core_Housing_Need_Status">http://cmhc.beyond2020.com/HICDefinitions_EN.html#Core_Housing_Need_Status</a>
<b>Dwelling</b>	A set of living quarters designed for or converted for human habitation in which a person or group of persons reside or could reside. In addition, a private dwelling must have a source of heat or power and must be an enclosed space that provides shelter from the elements, as evidenced by complete and enclosed walls and roof and by doors and windows that provide protection from wind, rain and snow.	

<b>Household</b>	A person or group of persons (other than foreign residents) who occupy the same dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada. It may consist of a family group (census family) with or without other persons, of two or more families sharing a dwelling, of a group of unrelated persons, or of one person living alone.	
<b>Median Household Income, After-Tax</b>	The after-tax income of a household is the sum of the after-tax incomes of all members of that household. Within a population, the median divides all households in the population into two equal segments with the first half of households earning less than the median household income and the other half earning more.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions. Catalogue Number 94-581-XCB2006001.
<b>Median One-Person Household Income, After-Tax</b>	The total income of a one-person household, minus federal, provincial and territorial taxes paid for 2005. Within a population, the median divides all one-person households in the population into two equal segments with the first half of one-person households earning less than the median one-person household income and the other half earning more.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions. Catalogue Number 94-581-XCB2006001.
<b>Percentage of Dwellings Owned</b>	The percentage of dwellings in a geographic area that are occupied by the owner	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions. Catalogue Number 94-581-XCB2006001.
<b>Percentage of Dwellings Rented</b>	The percentage of all dwellings in a geographic area that are occupied by tenants.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions. Catalogue Number 94-581-XCB2006001.

<b>Percentage of Households in Core Housing Need (Renters)</b>	The percentage of tenant households that spend 30% or more of their income on shelter costs. Calculated as the percentage of a household's average total monthly income which is spent on shelter-related expenses. Those expenses include the monthly rent and the costs of electricity, heat, municipal services, etc. The percentage is calculated by dividing the total shelter-related expenses by the household's total monthly income and multiplying the result by 100.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Topic-Based Tabulations: Housing and Shelter Costs. Household Type, Housing Affordability and Housing Tenure and Presence of Mortgage for the Private Households with Household Income Greater Than Zero, in Non-farm, Non-reserve Private Dwellings of Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions, 2006 Census – 20% Sample Data. Catalogue Number 97-554-XCB2006039.
<b>Percentage of Lone-Parent Family Households in Core Housing Need (renters)</b>	Percentage of lone-parent family households that rent which are in core housing need.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Topic-Based Tabulations: Housing and Shelter Costs. Household Type, Housing Affordability and Housing Tenure and Presence of Mortgage for the Private Households with Household Income Greater Than Zero, in Non-farm, Non-reserve Private Dwellings of Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions, 2006 Census – 20% Sample Data. Catalogue Number 97-554-XCB2006039.

<b>Percentage of One-Person Households in Core Housing Need (renters)</b>	Percentage of one-person households who rent, that are in core housing need.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Topic-Based Tabulations: Housing and Shelter Costs. Household Type, Housing Affordability and Housing Tenure and Presence of Mortgage for the Private Households with Household Income Greater Than Zero, in Non-farm, Non-reserve Private Dwellings of Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions, 2006 Census – 20% Sample Data. Catalogue Number 97-554-XCB2006039.
<b>Percentage of Rental Units Requiring Minor or Major Repairs</b>	Minor repairs refer to the repair of missing or loose floor tiles, bricks or shingles, defective steps, railing or siding, etc. Major repairs refer to the repair of defective plumbing or electrical wiring, structural repairs to walls, floors or ceilings, etc.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Topic-Based Tabulations: Housing and Shelter Costs. Period of Construction, Structural Type of Dwelling, Housing Tenure and Condition of Dwelling for Occupied Private Dwellings of Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions, 2006 Census – 20% Sample Data. Catalogue Number 97-554-XCB2006023.
<b>Population</b>	Total population of geographic area.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions. Catalogue Number 94-581-XCB2006001.
<b>Private Households</b>	A person or a group of persons (other than foreign residents) who occupy a private dwelling and do not have a usual place or residence elsewhere in Canada.	

<b>Prevalence of Low-Income Status of Households, After-Tax (%)</b>	Percentage households that spend 20% more of their after-tax income than average on food, shelter and clothing.	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions. Catalogue Number 94-581-XCB2006001.
<b>Structural Type of Dwelling</b>	<p>Characteristics that define a dwelling's structure, for example, the characteristics of a single-detached house, a semi-detached house, a row house, or an apartment or flat in a duplex.</p> <p><b>Single-detached house</b> A single dwelling not attached to any other dwelling or structure (except its own garage or shed). A single-detached house has open space on all sides, and has no dwellings either above it or below it.</p> <p><b>Semi-detached house</b> One of two dwellings attached side by side (or back to front) to each other, but not to any other dwelling or structure (except its own garage or shed). A semidetached dwelling has no dwellings either above it or below it, and the two units together have open space on all sides.</p> <p><b>Row house</b> One of three or more dwellings joined side by side (or occasionally side to back), such as a town house or garden home, but not having any other dwellings either above or below.</p> <p><b>Apartment in a building that has five or more storeys</b> A dwelling unit in a high-rise apartment building which has five or more storeys.</p> <p><b>Apartment in a building that has fewer than five storeys</b> A dwelling unit attached to other dwelling units, or other non-residential space in a building that has fewer than five storeys. Other single-attached house – A single dwelling that is attached to another building and that does not fall into any of the other categories, such as a single dwelling attached to a nonresidential structure (e.g., a store or a church) or occasionally to another residential structure (e.g., an apartment building).</p> <p><b>Mobile home</b> A single dwelling, designed and constructed to be transported on its own chassis and capable of being moved to a new location on short notice. It may be placed temporarily on a foundation, such as blocks, posts or a prepared pad (which may be covered by a skirt).</p>	Statistics Canada - 2006 Census. Topic-Based Tabulations: Housing and Shelter Costs. Household Type, Structural Type of Dwelling and Housing tenure for Private Households of Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions, 2006 Census – 20% Sample Data. Catalogue Number 97-554-XCB2006028.

**Other movable dwelling**

A single dwelling, other than a mobile home, used as a place of residence, but capable of being moved on short notice, such as a tent, recreational vehicle, travel trailer or houseboat.

**Unemployment Rate**

The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons in the population, 15 years of age and over, excluding institutional residents, as a percentage of the labour force.

Statistics Canada - 2006  
Census. Profile for Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions. Catalogue Number 94-581-XCB2006001.

**Value of Dwellings Increase (1996-2006)**

The increase in value of dwellings in a geographic area from 1996 – 2006, expressed as a percentage.

Nova Scotia Community Counts, Department of Finance, Government of Nova Scotia. Community Profiles.