

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2019-2024

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CHAPTER 1

BACKGROUND TO THE TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

1.1 Introduction:

Cork County Council prepared this Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) in accordance with the **Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998**, with the directions of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in Circular 35/2018 and the guidelines issued for the preparation, adoption and implementation of TAP 2019-2024. This plan aims to meet the accommodation needs of Traveller families in the county for the 5 year period 1st July 2019 - 30th June 2024.

The **Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998** puts in place the legislative framework to meet the needs of Travellers normally resident within the administrative area of each local authority within the lifetime of the Programme. The Act provides for the preparation and adoption of Traveller specific Accommodation Programmes and for provision for public participation in the process by way of a notification and consultation process. Cork County Council has produced four Traveller Accommodation Programmes to date in accordance with the 1998 Act.

The functional area of the current Plan is the revised administrative area of Cork County Council following the transfer of part of our administrative area to Cork City Council as provided for under the Local Government Act 2019.

In July 2018, The Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government issued guidelines for the Preparation Adoption and Implementation of the Local Authority Traveller Accommodation Programmes for the period 2019 to 2024 which requires relevant Housing Authorities in consultation with Travellers to prepare and adopt by September 30th, 2019, Accommodation Programmes to meet the existing and projected needs of Travellers in their areas.

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In preparation for this Programme spanning 2019 to 2024 a consultation process was undertaken. This included consultation with the countywide Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committees (LTACC).

It was acknowledged that a vital component to the development of a comprehensive Programme was to ensure consultation with relevant stakeholders including external agencies and the general public. This was achieved through seeking submissions from bodies involved in providing services to Travellers in County Cork (Appendix 1). Cork County Council received five submissions within the required timeframe. Cork County Council subsequently received five further submissions once the draft Traveller Accommodation Plan was made available for public inspection.

The current Traveller Accommodation Programme expires on 1st July, 2019. This Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 to 2024 is cognisant of the fact that linkages exist between accommodation and the broader issues of Traveller health, education, employment and social inclusion.

Cork County Council foresees linkages with external approved housing body agencies and other stakeholders as being pivotal to achieving goals set out in this Programme. Approved Housing Bodies have experience in the provision and management of social housing and Cork County Council intends to intensify linkages with these agencies during the lifetime of this Programme and to encourage future developments through the Capital Assistance Scheme and Social Housing Leasing Initiative Supports where necessary.

Cork County Council is fully committed to the success of this Traveller Accommodation Programme and the targets set within, it will be actively engaging with the Approved Housing Body sector that will have a contributory role to play in meeting those targets during the lifetime of the plan.

Cork County Council recognises Travellers as an ethnic minority group within Irish society and will endeavour as far as is possible to provide Traveller specific accommodation.

CHAPTER 2

POLICY STATEMENT ON TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION

- The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 is subject to review during its duration. Section 17 (1) and (2) of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 state that:

‘1 a. the relevant housing authority shall review an accommodation programme at least once in each three year period or at such time the Minister may by direction specify from time to time, and

b. may review an accommodation programme at any time during the period which the accommodation programme concerned relates.

A relevant housing authority may amend or replace an accommodation programme at any time or following a review under subsection (1)’

- It is Cork County Council’s policy to directly provide and assist approved housing bodies in the provision of Traveller specific accommodation for the County’s indigenous Travelling Community where possible.
- Cork County Council operates an active Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee whose membership consists of Traveller Representatives, Elected Members and County Council Officials. It is the policy of this committee to meet on a quarterly basis in accordance with best practice.
- In circumstances where an emergency situation arises it is the policy of Cork County Council to refer families to local homeless services where possible. All cases of homelessness are considered on a case by case basis and referred to the appropriate agencies.
- All such emergency cases are considered on an individual basis and in line with the Regional Homeless Action Plan.
- Applications for accommodation to Cork County Council will be considered under Council’s Allocation Scheme. This Traveller Accommodation Programme provides a working framework for allocations to Traveller households for the next five years.

To meet the accommodation needs of Travellers, a range of accommodation options will be necessary including amongst other options standard local authority housing,

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housing assistance payment, housing with an approved housing body etc. Due to departmental guideline changes since February 2013 a re-categorisation of applications on the basis of need was introduced. As a result of this Travellers as a basis of need category was removed and households were reassigned under alternative criterion for example homeless, medical, elderly, overcrowded etc.

- All new Traveller tenancies allocated under this Programme will be subject to the payment of rent under Cork County Council's differential rent scheme.
- Cork County Council will where possible support Travellers interested in opting for private ownership through specific loans for the purchase or building of a house.
- All applications to Cork County Council must be made through the standard Cork County Council application forms. Each request will be assessed individually on the basis of need. Support and guidance will be offered through the Housing Department, in the eventuality of any difficulty arising from the application process.
- In the event of a tenant surrendering a Cork County Council tenancy there will be no obligation on the Council to re-accommodate the individuals involved.
- Where the Council considers that a person has been engaged in anti social behaviour or that a letting to that person would not be in the interests of good estate management, accommodation will not be offered by Cork County Council or the Voluntary sector.
- All reports of Anti-Social Behaviour will be investigated only on a written basis to the Estates Management Unit.
- Tenants should not place temporary/moveable accommodation on their site/dwelling and should not utilise same for living accommodation on their site/dwelling.
- Garda reports are sought on all prospective tenants in accordance with Section 15 of Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1997.
- Transfer applications will only be considered if the Social Housing Department deem that there is a valid housing need present under the Council's Allocation Scheme.

The following should be noted:

- A tenant can only apply for a transfer following a minimum of two years living in their dwelling.

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- A tenant's rent should be fully up to date for an application to be considered.
- The tenant's property must be deemed habitable and tenanted following inspection by the Council.
- A housing application should be fully completed and submitted with all necessary supporting documentation.
- Cork County Council requires persons who keep horses to comply with the requirements of the Control of Horses Act 1996 and the Control of Horses Bye-laws 1998. A common theme from Cork County Council's recent research on Traveller Accommodation and liaising with Traveller Representative Bodies is that the care and rearing of horses is an indelible part of Traveller culture and identity. The Travellers surveyed did not indicate a preference for transient sites and it is not proposed to develop one during the lifetime of the Plan.
- The Council discourages the establishment of unauthorised encampments and to this end will use appropriate powers and measures as provided for in legislation, where necessary.

CHAPTER 3

REVIEW OF THE TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2014-2018

The types of accommodation which were allocated to Travellers for the period 2014 to 2018 were:

- Standard allocations from the County Council’s general housing stock: This was the most common method of allocations to Traveller families during the 2014 to 2018 Traveller Accommodation Programme and was in response to the type of accommodation sought by the travelling community during the lifetime of the Plan.
- Group Housing: This accommodation type consists of schemes of permanent houses specifically designed for allocation to Traveller tenants.
- Acquisitions: Specific situations arose where units of accommodation were acquired to meet the needs of certain Traveller families.
- Caravans/Mobile Homes/Demountables: Occasionally Cork County Council received requests from specific families/individuals requesting the provision of these services due to specific reasons, often relating to an emergency situation. These units were generally located in either designated Council owned areas or within close proximity to family homes. Each request was individually assessed.
- Social Housing Measures.

3.1 Overall Outcomes in Accommodation Provision under Traveller Accommodation

Programme 2014-2018 (Target of 40 Units)

Division	Offers 2014-2018	Allocations 2014-2018	Number of Refusals of Accommodation
South	21	13	8
West	19	18	1
North	37	28	9
Total	77	59	18

3.2 Constraints experienced by Cork County Council in achieving Accommodation Targets under the 2014-2018 Programme

It should be noted that countywide targets were met and exceeded with regard to the provision of standard housing which was the main target accommodation reference identified in the plan. Challenges which arise in relation to the accommodation of Travellers include:-

- The lack of larger units of accommodation available for occupation. This is specifically an issue in relation to four bed units or larger.
- Some applicants have requested that stand alone units are supplied in built up urban areas, in which no supply of such properties exist.
- Some Traveller families require standard accommodation in geographic areas where there is a scarcity of Cork County Council properties and which are areas of high demand across the entire waiting list.

3.3 Existing Cork County Council Traveller Specific Accommodation and Achievements through the 2014 to 2018 Traveller Accommodation Programme.

Cork County Council provides tenancies to Travellers as follows:

Group Housing Schemes:

- Foxes Hill, Cloughmacsimon, Bandon:
There are two individual houses in this location.
- Springmount, Clonakilty:
Cork County Council has two individual houses in this location.
- Rosewood Drive, Charleville:
This development consists of five individual houses for Traveller families.

Permanent Halting Sites:

- Hill View Cloughmacsimon Bandon

Four bays were provided by Cork County Council in this location and demountable units are situated on same.

- Moses' Road Halting Site, Clonakilty
- Pier Road Halting Site, Bantry

Cork County Council provides services at this location.

Basic Service Bays

Cork County Council has service bays at:

- Marsh Road Site, Skibbereen

Two bays are in situ at this location, have been upgraded and are occupied.

- Ballydineen, Doneraile

Consultation is currently on-going with the Department, the technical advisor with the Department has visited the site and met with the travellers affected. Revised drawings and a project plan have been submitted. There has been continuous consultation with the traveller families on the site and agreement has now been reached that the project will consist of 2 houses and 5 bays.

Cork County Council has also provided accommodation on Council owned grounds at the following locations:

- Bandon
- Clonakilty
- Midleton

Cork County Council acquired a number of family type dwellings through the house purchase acquisition programme during the lifetime of the Plan.

A number of transfers were facilitated to Traveller tenants during the life time of the 2014-2018 Programme. These transfers were granted due to specific circumstance and needs.

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A comprehensive Fire Safety Audit was conducted and completed on all relevant sites in the Cork County Area. Cork County Council acknowledges the co-operation of all parties and continues to actively consult with the residents on all sites.

The Countywide Allocation of Standard Housing target was met.

A Horse Education Programme that was developed and delivered by the Travellers of North Cork commenced in Mallow on the 20th September, 2018, this programme ran for 8 weeks and was successfully completed. Topics covered included horse welfare, cost involved for pound, regulations and rules of the road.

The group housing scheme at Rosewood Drive consisting of five individual houses for Traveller families is in the process of refurbishment with two of the five houses having been refurbished with two further units being refurbished shortly.

CHAPTER 4

INTRODUCTION TO ASSESSMENT OF TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION NEED

The Minister, under section 6 of the 1998 Act, directed that relevant housing authorities make an assessment of Traveller Accommodation requirements as part of their accommodation programme. It also specifies that a relevant housing authority must make an estimate of the number of Traveller families and households for whom accommodation will be required within the functional area of the authority during the period of the plan. Under S. 6 (5) of the 1998 Act the Minister also specifies that housing authorities shall make an estimate of projected accommodation needs arising during the duration of the programme.

4.1 2018 Census:

On the 30th of November 2018 an Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation Position was undertaken. Cork County Council is cognisant that this census is a snap shot of the position on a specified date, and that this data may have changed in some cases.

South Cork:

The census indicated that there were 155 Traveller households living in the South Cork area. Of these families 68 were living in standard local authority housing, 7 were living in local authority group houses, 5 were living in houses acquired or improved with the assistance of the local authority, 10 were living in houses acquired without local authority assistance, 20 households resided in private rented accommodation.

A further 17 families were sharing accommodation with local authority tenants and private owners. 0 families were recorded as living on serviced halting sites. 4 families were on unauthorised sites.

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West Cork

The census indicated that there were 115 Traveller households living in the West Cork area. Of these families 51 were living in standard local authority housing, 6 were living in local authority group houses, 4 were living in houses acquired or improved with the assistance of the local authority, 6 were living in houses acquired without local authority assistance, and 14 households resided in private rented accommodation.

A further 10 families were sharing accommodation with local authority tenants and private owners.

4 families were living on serviced halting sites

North Cork

The census indicated that there were 133 Traveller households living in the North Cork area. Of these families 53 were living in standard local authority housing, 7 were living in local authority group houses, 4 were living in houses acquired or improved with the assistance of the local authority, 0 were living in houses acquired without local authority assistance, 37 households resided in private rented accommodation

2 families were sharing accommodation with local authority tenants and private owners. 1 extended family were on unauthorised sites.

4.2. Housing Need Assessment 2018:

Each housing authority is required under Section 21 of the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2009 to carry out a summary of the social housing assessments carried out in its administrative area. Due to Departmental Guideline Changes a re-categorisation of applications on the basis of need was introduced. As a result of this, Travellers as a basis of need category was removed and households were reassigned priority under alternative criterion for example, homeless, medical, elderly, overcrowded etc No specific Traveller related data is compiled as part of this process, all applicants are treated in the same manner, assessed and a decision made on their applications based on Social Housing regulations 2011 as amended.

4.3. Traveller Accommodation Survey 2018 (Appendix 2 & 3)

Cork County Council undertook a research project to identify the views of Travellers in the County who are in need of accommodation. The extent of this need and other relevant information will assist the Local Authority in developing an Accommodation Action Plan appropriate to their needs. This primary research was undertaken with families in the Cork County area who have an accommodation need and families who had children who would reach the age of eighteen during the life time of the Programme. The information collected will assist in informing policy and practice when addressing the accommodation needs of Travellers. A copy of the Traveller accommodation survey compiled by Cork County Council was sent to the Traveller representative groups for comment. No Traveller representative group reverted with any proposed changes.

It should be highlighted that the response rate for return of surveys was particularly low in this survey

Division	Surveys Issued	Responses
South	151	9
West	103	13
North	166	36
Total	420	58

The main results of this research can be summarised as follows:

The descriptive data relating to background of respondents indicates interesting findings including that over 34% of respondents are over the age of 45. The numbers with health problems in the overall cohort exceeded those that were from the 45+ age category. There was a relatively even split between male and female respondents. The percentage that was born outside of Cork is approximately 20%.

Looking specifically at accommodation characteristics the vast bulk has had 1 or less previous tenancies. Across the board, those that have left tenancies cited rent, tenancy

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expiration, personal preference and family issues as the most frequently used reasons given. 17% of respondents are in a halting site with Private Rented Tenancy accounting for 26% of accommodation types. Approximately 31% are in a council house. When contrasted with desired accommodation the surveys show that a standard house is the most favoured at 35% with the percentage preferring a halting site falling to 15%. The survey also indicates preferences regarding desired housing size and location. 33 of the respondents had applied for local authority housing with the bulk looking for standard housing with 3 bedrooms. The Travellers surveyed did not indicate a preference for transient sites.

We see in examining the data that only a small number of respondents “go on the road”. The numbers involved are small that is difficult to assert any findings on the strength of this data.

The results of this research will assist Cork County Council in formulating their Traveller Accommodation Programme in a manner that meets the needs of the travelling community residing in the county. The research findings will prove particularly beneficial in terms of allowing the local authority to allocate resources and work with an accurate reflection of the reality on the ground

CHAPTER 5

IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2019-2024

5.1 Introduction:

- The projected need for the South Cork Area as per the Traveller Census for the five years of the Traveller Accommodation Programme, excluding future household formations is 30 families.
- The projected need for the West Cork Area as per the Traveller Census for the five years of the Traveller Accommodation Programme, excluding future household formations is 38 families.
- The projected need for the North Cork Area as per the Traveller Census for the five years of the Traveller Accommodation Programme, excluding of future household formations is 64 families.

5.2 Existing Accommodation Circumstances of Traveller Applicants: Cork County:

Accommodation Type	South *Note 1	West	North	Total
Private Rented	14	14	36	64
Homeless	5	3	5	13
Group Accommodation Scheme (Sharing)	0	4	0	4
Privately owned house (sharing)	0	3	5	8
Standard Council House (Sharing)	9	10	2	21
Sites (permanent)	0	3	0	3
Roadside or unauthorised	2	1	16	19
Private Property	0	0	0	0
Total	30	38	64	132

***Note 1: This figure has been adjusted to account for the boundary changes as provided for under the Local Government Act 2019**

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Due to Departmental Guideline Changes a re-categorisation of applications on the basis of need was introduced. As a result of this, Travellers as a basis of need category was removed and households were reassigned priority under alternative criterion for example, homeless, medical, elderly, overcrowded etc. Taking this new development into account, Cork County Council has confined their targeted need to the remaining applicants. It is envisaged that the Applicants who are currently in private rented accommodation will be accommodated through the Housing Assistance Payment and through the following Housing Options:

- Local Authority Housing
- Voluntary/Co-Operative Housing
- RAS Housing
- Leased Accommodation
- Home modifications due to disability requirements

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government requested that Local Authorities examine the projected need of Travellers and future family formations with a view to establishing the number that will have a housing need during the period of the Programme. 16 individuals were estimated to have a housing need for both short term and long term accommodation. This is broken down in the table below. It is intended that these individuals will be assisted through income supports, primarily the Housing Assistance Payment, until their longer term needs are assessed.

Projected need is by necessity an estimated figure and obviously it is very difficult to predict specifically which of these children will formally apply to Cork County Council for accommodation, where they will select as a permanent preference and what type of tenure they will opt for.

5.3 Projected Family Formations as Identified:

Divisional Area	Number of projected households based on individuals turning 18 during life time of Programme:
South	4
West	0
North	12

In general, it is proposed that newly-formed Traveller households can make suitable arrangements for securing private-rented accommodation; however Cork County Council

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will be cognisant of each household's need and particular circumstances as they arise on an individual basis and acknowledge the difficulties some families encounter when trying to secure private rented accommodation.

5.4 Overall Accommodation Targets County Cork:

Accommodation Type	South	West	North	Total
Standard Housing/Acquisitions	5	12	14	31
Group Housing	0	0	2	2
Residential Caravan Bay/Existing Bays	2	2	5	9
HAP	9	10	7	26
Total	16	24	28	68

5.5 Accommodation Targets County Cork by Year:

Accommodation Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Standard Housing/Acquisitions	6	7	6	6	6	31
Group Housing	0	2	0	0	0	2
Residential Caravan Bay/Existing Bays	0	7	2	0	0	9
HAP	5	5	6	5	5	26
Total	11	21	14	11	11	68

Accommodation by the Approved Housing Body sector who receive assistance from the Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government will prove vital in ensuring Travellers are accommodated during the lifetime of the Plan. Whilst no specific targets have

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been set for the voluntary sector, these housing bodies will be required to accommodate a number of Traveller families whether through standard accommodation or through the support of the local authorities under the Capital Assistance Scheme and other Social Leasing Initiative Supports.

Assistance will also be provided to Travellers who wish to acquire their own dwellings through Cork County Council loans section, subject to meeting the qualifying criteria for same.

Council staff will continue to assist and advise Travellers in relation to the range of housing options available to them such as Private Rented accommodation, Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), Housing Assistance Payment and long term leasing.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

Cork County Council will be the implementing authority for the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. This programme outlines the existing and projected need for Traveller Accommodation and how Cork County Council will meet this need.

Cork County Council welcomes and acknowledges the support of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, the HSE, and all other agencies to date in supporting the Traveller Accommodation Programme. The initiation of any proposed new schemes will require the on-going support of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the provision of funding towards same. Cork County Council is committed to working with Travellers, Traveller Representatives, the LTACC, local communities and all other key agencies and stakeholders in order to deliver on the targets identified within the Programme.

Annual targets will be reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure that progress will be maintained.

It must be borne in mind that there are certain restrictions that Cork County Council operate within. For example it must be recognised that families may seek accommodation in areas where there is a high likelihood that vacancies may not arise during the duration of the programme. The targets set out are also subject to the necessary funding become available as required. These influencing factors will have a significant effect on the success of the programme.

Cork County Council is committed to the principals of interagency working and will continue to work in partnership with all relevant agencies to ensure positive outcomes from this Programme.

Appendix 1 - Requests for Submissions:

South Cork:

- All City and County Managers from surrounding Local Authorities i.e. Cork City, Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary, Waterford.
- LTACC
- Traveller Visibility Group.
- Homeless Person's Unit.
- Threshold.
- Respond Housing Association.
- Cluid Housing Association.
- Tuath Housing.
- Edel House.

West Cork

- Tenancy Sustainment Officer, NOVAS
- West Cork Traveller Centre.
- HSE
- Gardai

North Cork

- Community Welfare Services, HSE.
- Travellers of North Cork.
- YANA
- TUSLA
- Le Cheile Family Resource Centre
- Mallow Garda Station
- Public Health Nurses

Appendix 2: Copy of Travelling Community Accommodation Survey

SEPTEMBER 2018 - Travelling Community

**Accommodation Survey
Cork County Council Area**

1. ADDRESS: _____ -

2. HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

Name	Sex	Married _____ Single _____ Widow/er _____ Seperated _____	D.O.B	Age	Health

3. SPOUSE/PARTNER

Name	Sex	Married _____ Single _____ Widow/er _____ Seperated _____	D.O. B	Age	Health

NOTE: All information contained in this survey will only be used by the Cork County Council Housing Directorate to inform policy and practice in addressing the accommodation needs of Travellers.

4. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

<i>Name</i>	Sex M/F	D.o.B /age	Place of Birth	Name of School (if attending school)/Location	Status: Single Married Separated	Any medical issues which could impact upon accommodation
a)						
b)						
c)						
d)						
f)						
g)						
h)						

5. Previous Tenancies

How many previous tenancies have you had?

Reasons for leaving?

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6. Accommodation – current

Type of Accommodation – Please choose one:

Council tenancy

Description:

Private Rented Tenancy

Description:

Halting Site

Description: _____ **No. of families in bay**

No. of caravans in bay

Transient/Roadside

Yard	Roadside
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Description

Other (i.e RAS, HAP, Leasing, Voluntary Housing Body):

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7. ACCOMMODATION – Desired

Please identify the type of accommodation you would prefer:

Flat: [] **Specify Area Desired** _____

Or

Standard House in Cork County Council Estate: [] **Specify Area Desired** _____

Or

Bungalow (stand alone) [] **Specify Area Desired** _____

Or

Traveller Specific Accommodation []

Halting Site:

Chalet	Mobile	Area Desired:
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Or

Group Housing:

Size:	Group:	Area Desired:
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Or

Transient/Come and Go Site :

Size:	Area Desired:
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8. Have you applied to Cork County Council for?

a. (If you are a tenant)

Transfer _____ To: (type of house) _____ Size _____ Location _____
 _____ Halting Site: _____ Group Housing: _____

b. (If an applicant)

Standard Housing _____ Type (size) _____ Location _____

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Halting Site _____ Location _____

Group Housing _____ Location _____

Settled Families - Travelling

9. Do you go on the road for a period of time? Yes _____ No _____

10. When _____

12. How Long

11. Where

ROADSIDE FAMILIES

12. How long have you been at your present location?

13. How long have you been in the Cork County Council area?

14. Did you ever live on Cork County Council site or house? Yes _____ No _____ 20a.
Or any other Council's site or housing? Yes _____ No _____

15. If Yes to question 20 or 20 (A), where did you live?

16 (a). For how long did you live there _____

17. Why did you leave that accommodation?

18. When did you leave the above mentioned accommodation

19. Have you applied to Cork County Council for accommodation?

24a. When _____

20. Have you applied to any other Council for accommodation? _____ Where?

When? _____

Horses

21. Do you own horses? Yes _____ No _____ 26a. If yes, how many?

22. Where do you normally keep them?

Come and Go Site (Transient)

23. Where would you locate a Come and Go Site in Cork?

24. How big should it be? _____

25. How long should a person be permitted to stay on the site?

26. What facilities should it have? a. Electricity _____ b. Showers _____ c.
Storage _____ d. Skip _____ e. Play area _____

27. How much should the rent be? _____

28. Have you any other ideas regarding Transient/Come and Go Sites?

Future Generation Accommodation Needs

29. What Types of Accommodation will your children now aged 14 or over need over the next 4 years and into the future?

a. Standard Housing _____ Area _____

b. Group Housing _____ Area _____

c. Halting Site: Permanent H.S. _____ Transient/Come and Go Site _____
Area _____

d. Other _____

30. If a halting site, which type of accommodation would they prefer on site?

Caravan/Mobile Home _____ Chalet _____
Other(specify) _____

31. Any other comments:

Thank you for participating in Cork County Council's Traveller Accommodation Survey

Name/Signatures of Respondents:

Name of Surveyor:

Date Completed:

NOTE: Personal information collected by Cork County Council in this survey will only be used by Cork County Council Housing Directorate to inform policy and practice in addressing the accommodation needs of Travellers. The protection of your personal data is a key priority for the Council and your data will be processed in line with our Privacy Policy which is available on our website.

Appendix 3: Travelling Community Accommodation Survey Report



Executive Summary

The following study has been commissioned by the Directorate of Housing for Cork County Council. The primary focus of this study was to obtain relevant data that will allow Cork County Council to accurately assess the current accommodation situation for members of the travelling community as well as plan for their future accommodation needs.

There were a total of 58 completed responses to this survey. Altogether, 36 respondents resided in the North Cork division, 9 in the South Cork division and 13 in the West Cork division of the County. The gathered data was analysed, validated and collated by students (Juliana Moldovan & Gemma Yannou) at Cork Institute of Technology under the Direction of Dr Pio Fenton, Head of Department of Marketing & International Business. The report was compiled within the confines of the approach taken in previous years of the survey and taking the data as gathered on the prescribed survey format.

Surveys Completed

- Countywide
- Northern Division
- Southern Division
- Western Division

The information collected during the course of this research will help inform policy and practice presently and into the future in addressing the accommodation needs of the travelling community.

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The descriptive data relating to background of respondents indicates interesting findings including that over 34% of respondents are over the age of 45. The numbers with health problems in the overall cohort exceeded those that were from the 45+ age category. There was a relatively even split between male and female respondents. The percentage that was born outside of Cork is approximately 20%.

Looking specifically at accommodation characteristics the vast bulk has had 1 or less previous tenancies. Across the board, those that have left tenancies cited rent, tenancy expiration, personal preference and family issues as the most frequently used reasons given. 17% of respondents are in a halting site with Private Rented Tenancy accounting for 26% of accommodation types. Approximately 31% are in a council house. When contrasted with desired accommodation the surveys show that a standard house is the most favoured at 35% with the percentage preferring a halting site falling to 15%. The survey also indicates preferences regarding desired housing size and location. 33 of the respondents had applied for local authority housing with the bulk looking for standard housing with 3 bedrooms. The Travellers surveyed did not indicate a preference for transient sites

We see in examining the data that only a small number of respondents "go on the road". The numbers involved are small that is difficult to assert any findings on the strength of this data.

It was our pleasure to assist Cork County Council in collating the data required for ensuring the accommodation needs of Travellers is best met within its locale.

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CORK TRAVELLING COMMUNITY

North, South & West Data

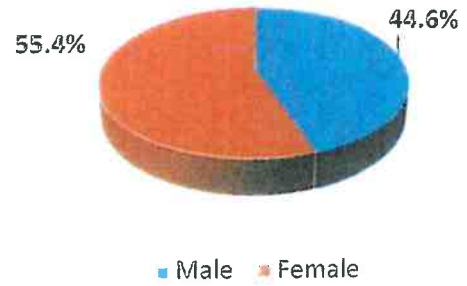
Primary Respondents - Question 2

Total Respondents - 58

Gender	%	n-value
Male	44.6%	25
Female	55.4%	31
Total	100%	56

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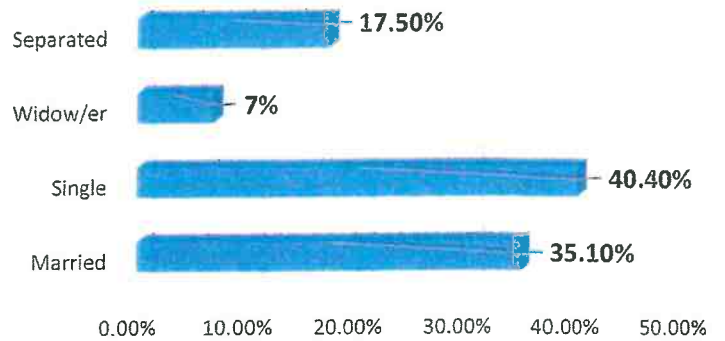
Gender



Marital Status

Marital Status	%	n-value
Married	35.1%	20
Single	40.4%	23
Widow/er	7%	4
Separated	17.5%	10
Divorced	0%	0
Total	100%	57

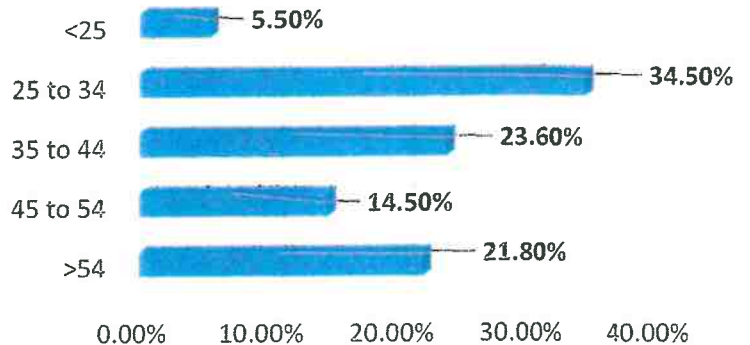
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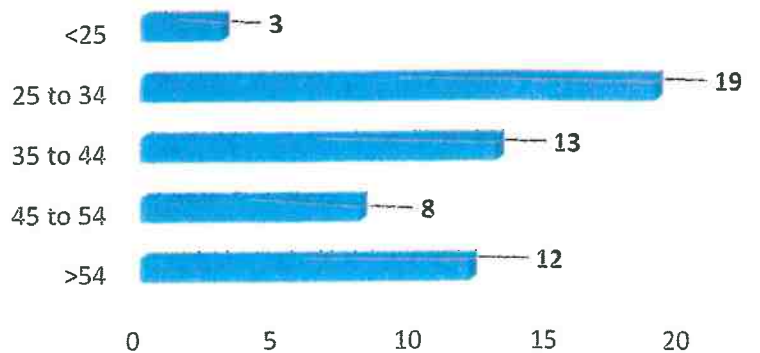
Age (%)

Age	%	n-value
>54	21.8%	12
45 to 54	14.5%	8
35 to 44	23.6%	13
25 to 34	34.5%	19
<25	5.5%	3
Total	100%	55

3 respondents did not provide an answer

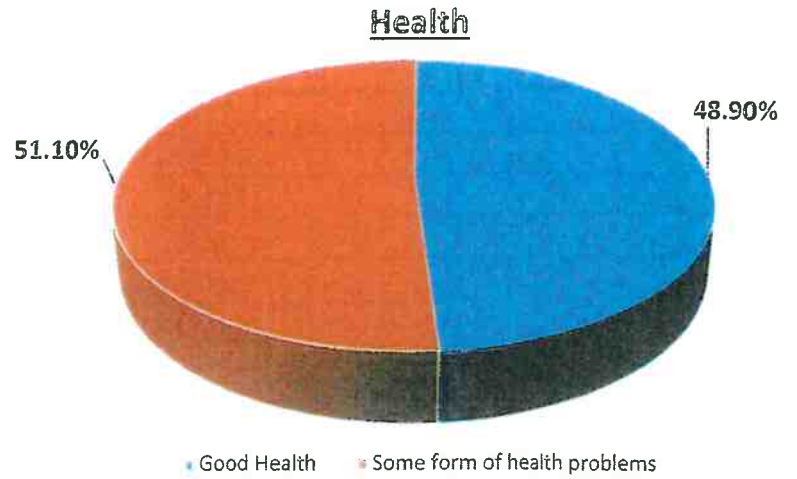


Age (N-Value)



Health	%	n-value
Good Health	48.9%	22
Some form of health problems	51.1%	23
Total	100%	45

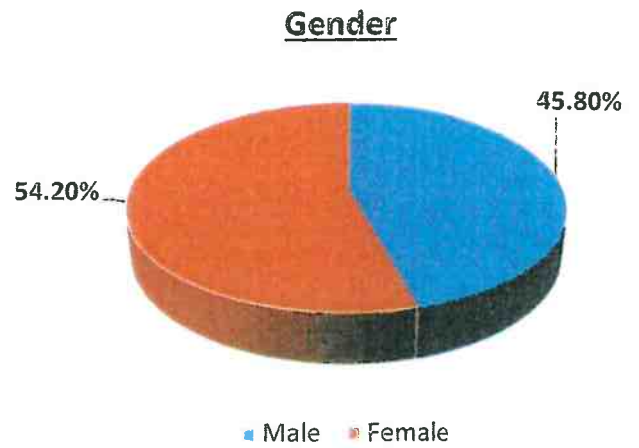
13 respondents did not provide an answer.



Secondary Respondents – [Question 3](#)

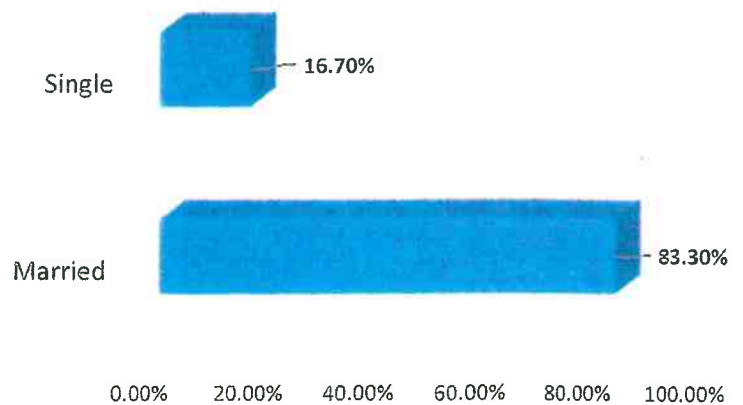
Total Respondents - 24

Gender	%	n-value
Male	45.8%	11
Female	54.2%	<u>13</u>
Total	100%	24

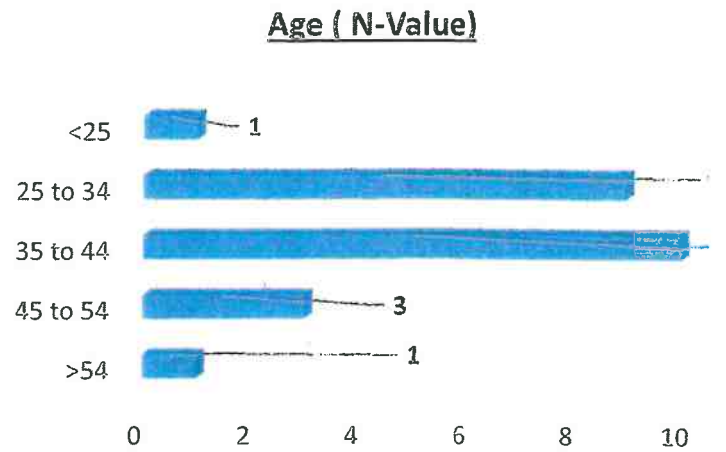
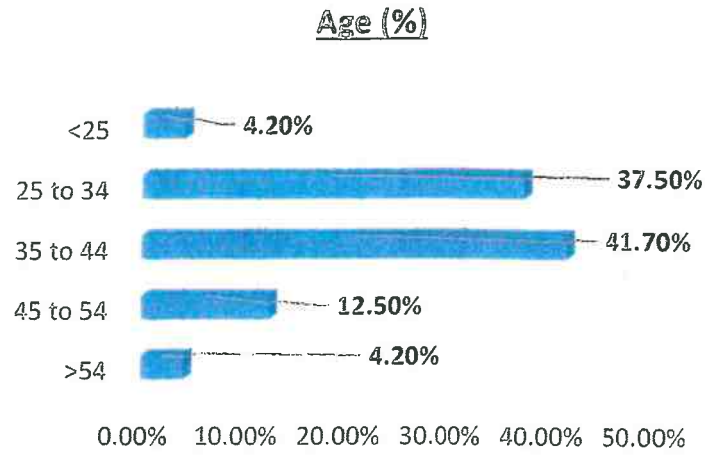


Marital Status

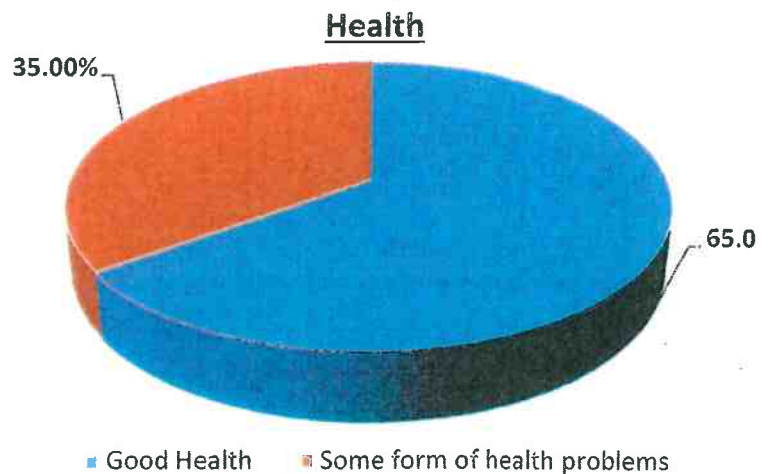
Marital Status	%	n-value
Married	83.3%	20
Single	16.7%	4
Separated	0%	0
Divorced	0%	<u>0</u>
Total	100%	24



Age	%	n-value
>54	4.2%	1
45 to 54	12.5%	3
35 to 44	41.7%	10
25 to 34	37.5%	9
<25	4.2%	1
Total	100%	24



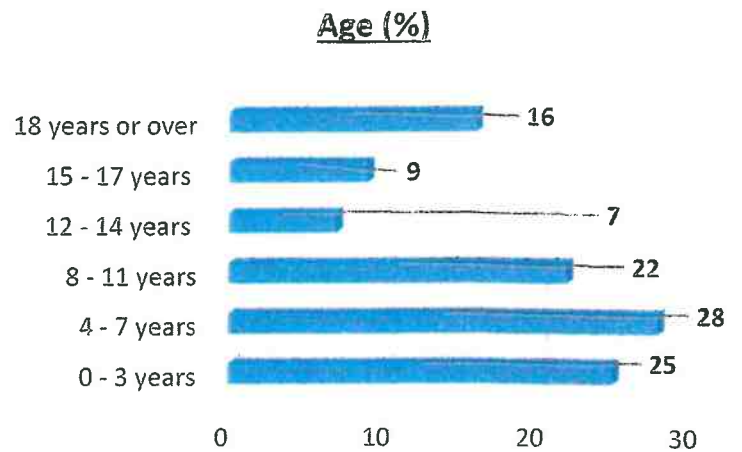
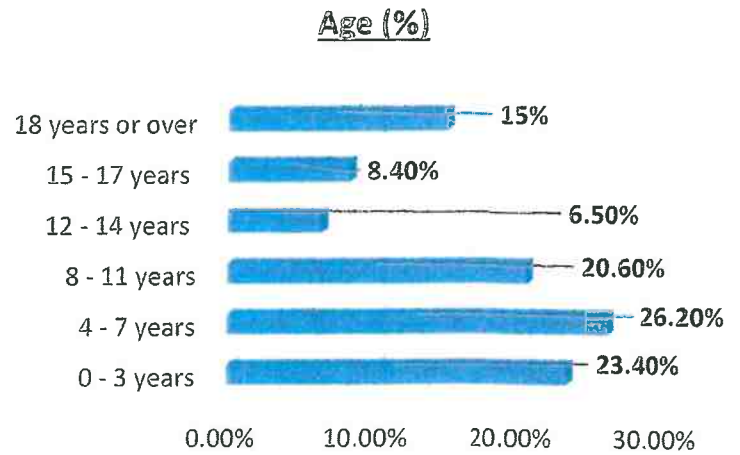
Health	%	n-value
Good Health	65%	13
Some form of health problems	35%	7
Total	100%	20



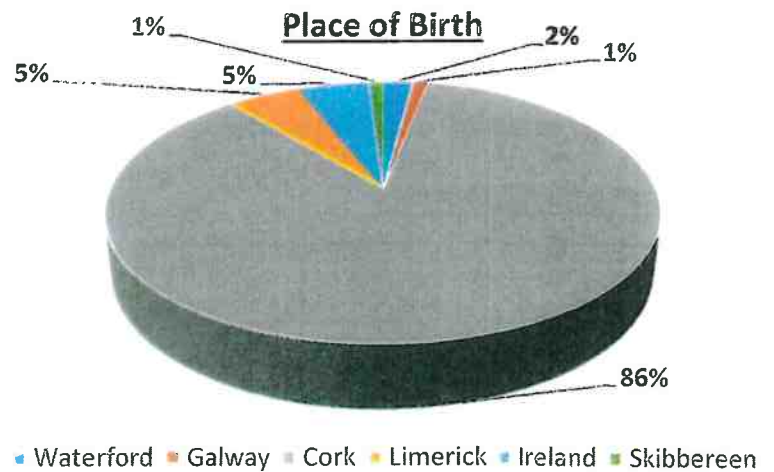
4 respondents did not provide an answer.

Children

Age	%	n-value
0 - 3 years	23.4%	25
4 - 7 years	26.2%	28
8 - 11 years	20.6%	22
12 - 14 years	6.5%	7
15 - 17 years	8.4%	9
18 years over	15%	16
Total	100%	107

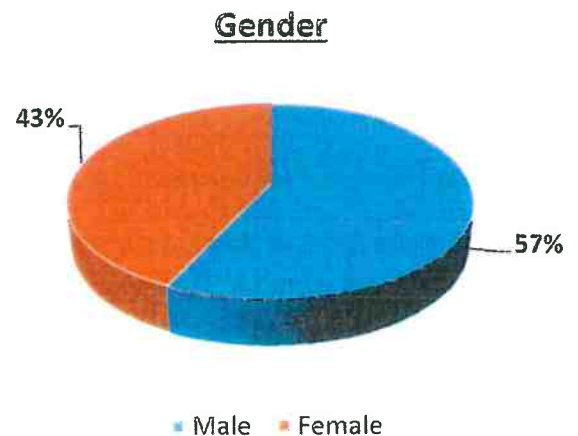


Place of Birth	%	n-value
Waterford	2%	2
Galway	1%	1
Cork	86%	86
Limerick	5%	5
Ireland	5%	5
Skibbereen	1%	1
Total	100%	100



7 respondents did not provide an answer.

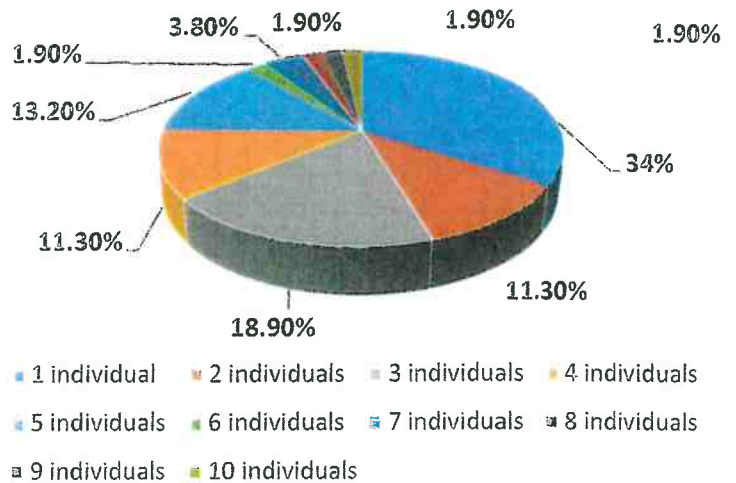
Gender	%	n-value
Male	57%	61
Female	43%	46
Total	100%	107



No. of individuals living at home	%	n-value
1 individual	34%	18
2 individuals	11.3%	6
3 individuals	18.9%	10
4 individuals	11.3%	6
5 individuals	13.2%	7
6 individuals	1.9%	1
7 individuals	3.8%	2
8 individuals	1.9%	1
9 individuals	1.9%	1
10 individuals	1.9%	1
Total	100%	53

5 respondents did not provide an answer.

No. of individuals living at home

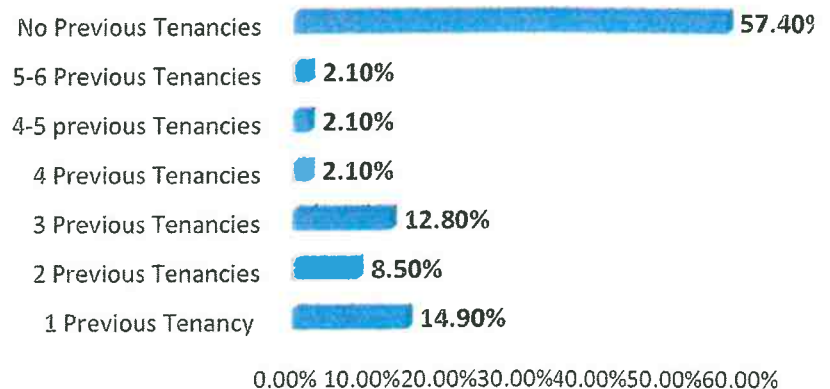


Number of Previous Tenancies – Question 5

Number of Previous tenancies	%	n-value
1 Previous Tenancy	14.9%	7
2 Previous Tenancies	8.5%	4
3 Previous Tenancies	12.8%	6
4 Previous Tenancies	2.1%	1
4-5 previous Tenancies	2.1%	1
5-6 Previous Tenancies	2.1%	1
No Previous Tenancies	57.4%	27
Total	100%	47

11 respondents did not provide an answer.

No. of Previous Tenancies



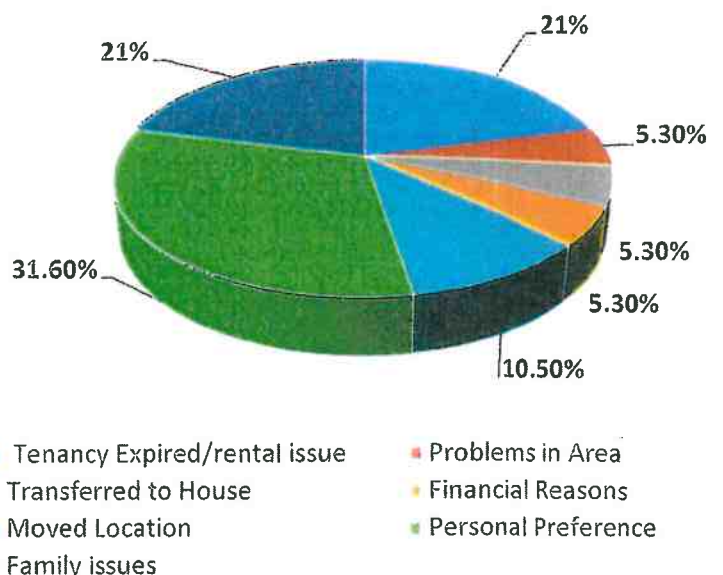
Reasons for Leaving

Responses	%	n-value
Tenancy Expired/rental issue	21%	4
Problems in Area	5.3%	1
Transferred to House	5.3%	1
Financial Reasons	5.3%	1
Moved Location	10.5%	2
Personal Preference	31.6%	6
Family issues	21%	4
Total	100%	19

20 respondents in total had previous tenancies.

1 respondent chose more than one, and two respondents did not provide an answer.

Reasons For Leaving

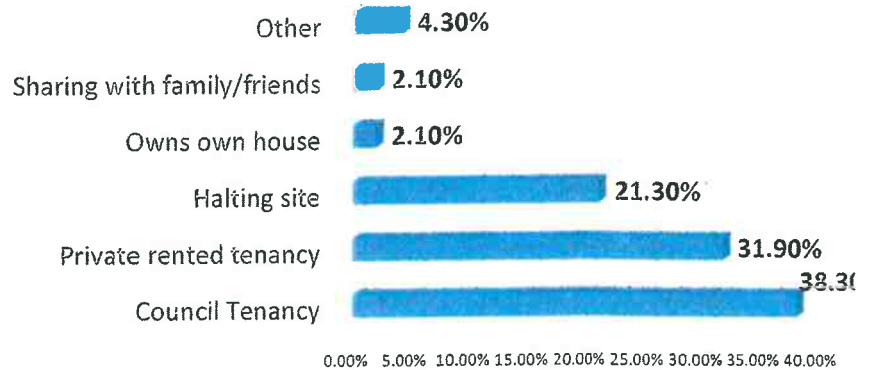


Current Accommodation – Question 6

Accommodation Type	%	n-value
Council Tenancy	38.3%	18
Private rented tenancy	31.9%	15
Halting site	21.3%	10
Owens own house	2.1%	1
Sharing with family/friends	2.1%	1
Other	4.3%	2
Total	100%	47

11 respondents did not provide an answer.

Accommodation Type



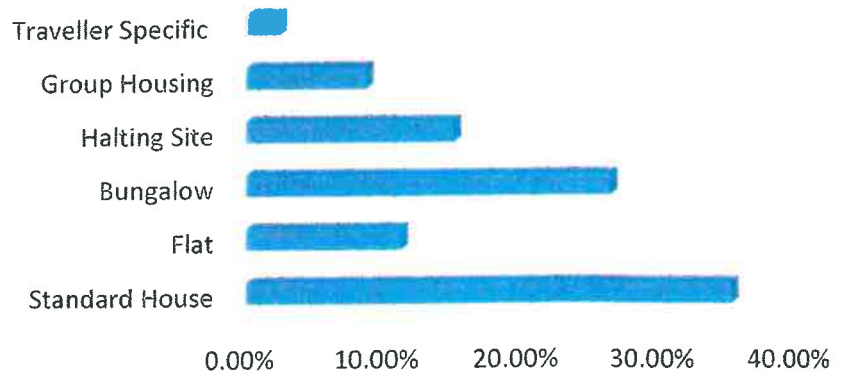
Accommodation Desired – Question 7 – sideways bar

Accommodation Type	%	n-value
Standard House	35.4%	28
Flat	11.4%	9
Bungalow	26.6%	21
Halting Site	15.2%	12
Group Housing	8.9%	7
Traveller Specific	2.5%	2
Total	100%	79

Majority of respondents chose more than one.

3 respondents did not provide an answer.

Accommodation Type - Desired

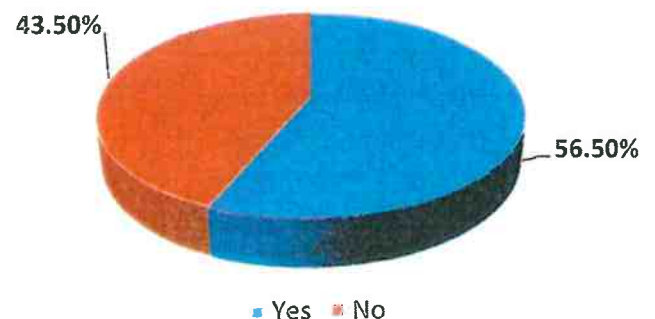


Applied to Cork County Council – Question 8

Current Tenant

Transfer Application	%	n-value
Yes	56.5%	13
No	43.5%	10
Total	100%	23

Transfer Application

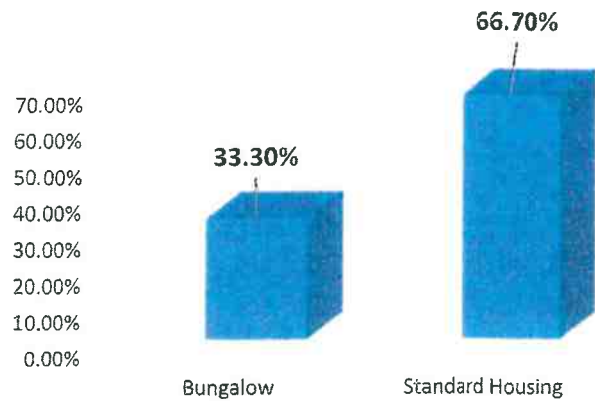


Current Tenant -Type of House	%	n-value
Bungalow	33.3%	3
Standard Housing	66.7%	6
Total	100%	9

1 respondent chose more than one.

5 respondents did not provide an answer.

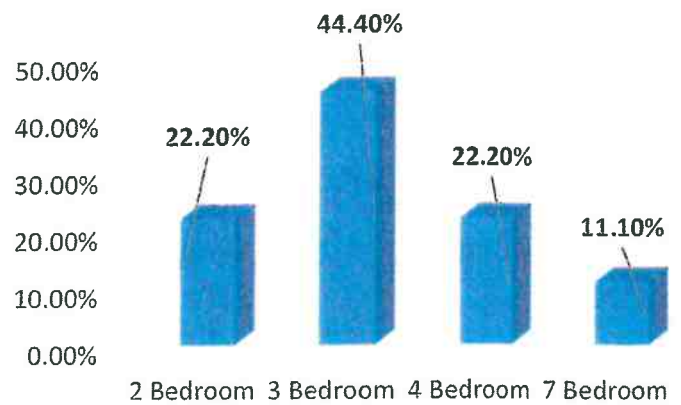
Type of House



Current Tenant - Size of House	%	n-value
2 Bedroom	22.2%	2
3 Bedroom	44.4%	4
4 Bedroom	22.2%	2
7 Bedroom	11.1%	1
Total	100%	9

4 respondents did not provide an answer.

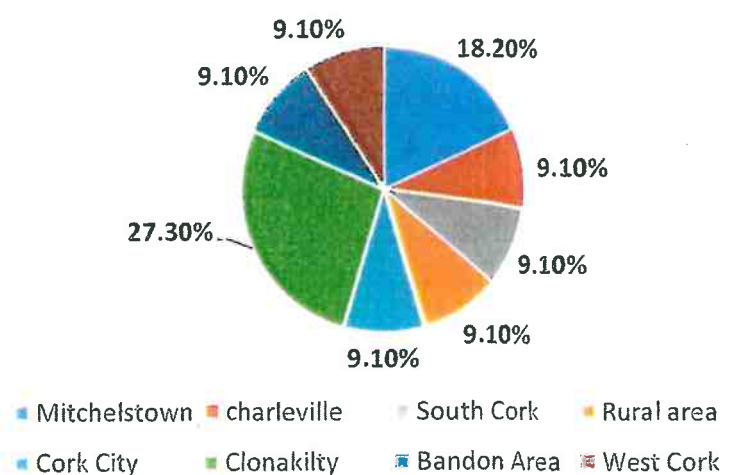
Size of House



Location – Current tenant	%	n-value
Mitchelstown	18.2%	2
charleville	9.1%	1
South Cork	9.1%	1
Rural area	9.1%	1
Cork City	9.1%	1
Clonakilty	27.3%	3
Bandon Area	9.1%	1
West Cork	9.1%	1
Total	100%	11

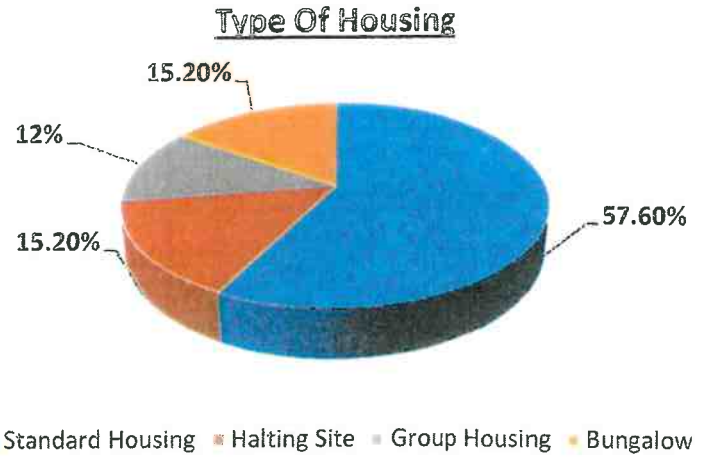
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Location - Current Tenant



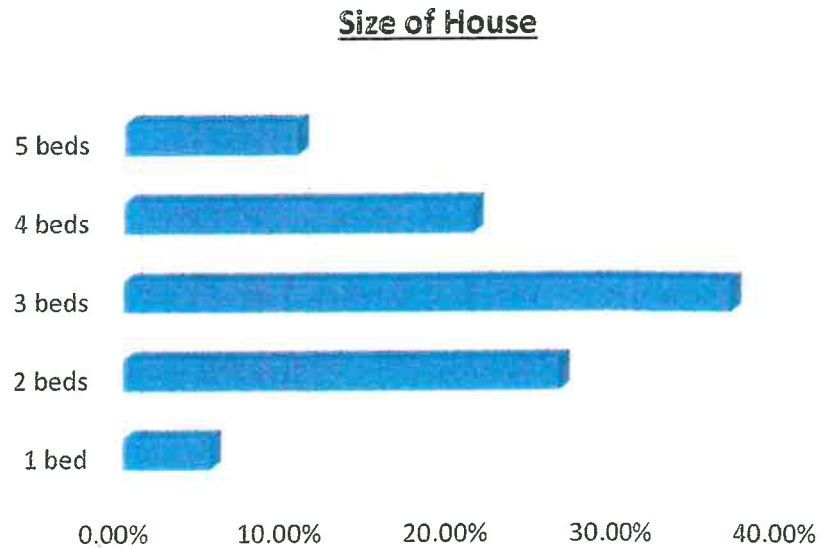
New Applicant

Type of Housing	%	n-value
Standard Housing	57.6%	19
Halting Site	15.2%	5
Group Housing	12%	4
Bungalow	15.2%	5
Total	100%	33



1 respondent provided an answer in both current and new applicant. 3 respondents did not provide an answer.

Size of House	%	n-value
1 bed	5.3%	1
2 beds	26.3%	5
3 beds	36.8%	7
4 beds	21.1%	4
5 beds	10.5%	2
Total	100%	19



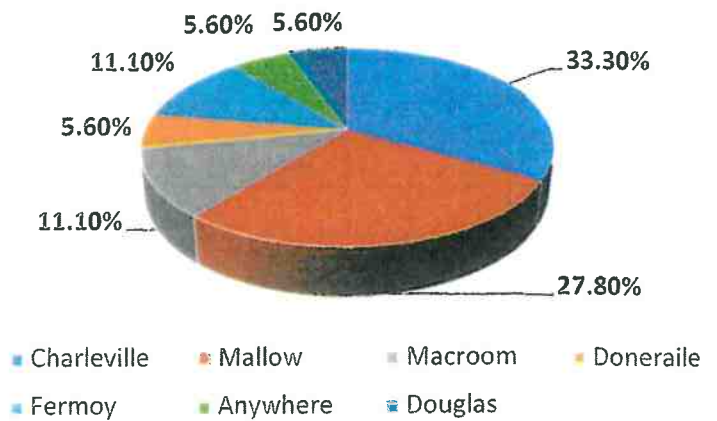
14 respondents did not provide an answer.

Location – New Applicant

Standard House	%	n-value
Charleville	33.3%	6
Mallow	27.8%	5
Macroom	11.1%	2
Doneraile	5.6%	1
Fermoy	11.1%	2
Anywhere	5.6%	1
Douglas	5.6%	1
Total	100%	18

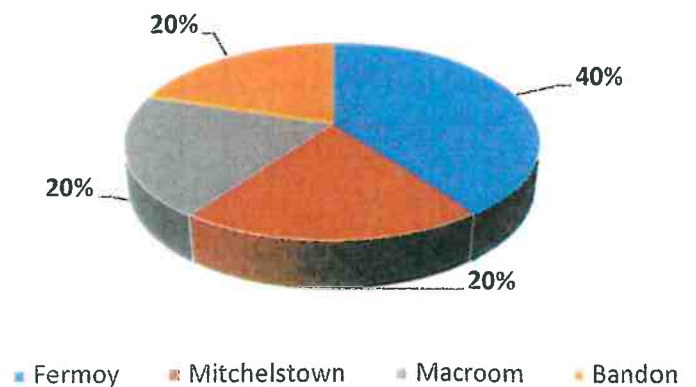
1 respondent did not provide an answer.

Standard House



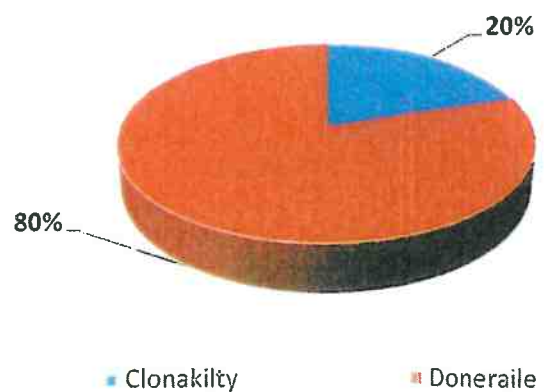
Bungalow	%	n-value
Fermoy	40%	2
Mitchelstown	20%	1
Macroom	20%	1
Bandon	20%	1
Total	100%	5

Bungalow



Halting Site	%	n-value
Clonakilty	20%	1
Doneraile	80%	4
Total	100%	5

Halting Site



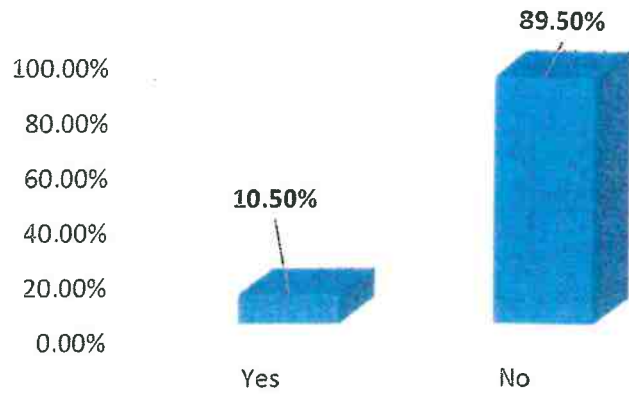
Group Housing	%	n-value
Doneraile	100%	4
Total	100%	4

Question 9

Spend time on the road?	%	n-value
Yes	10.5%	4
No	89.5%	34
Total	100%	38

0 respondents did not provide an answer.

Spend Time on the Road?

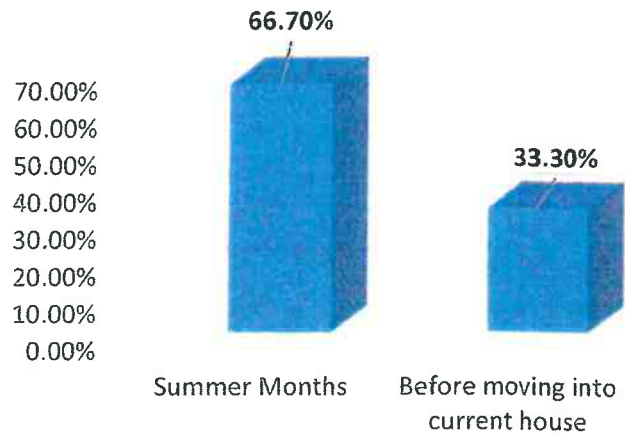


Question 10

When do you go on the road	%	n-value
Summer Months	66.7%	2
Before moving into current house	33.3%	1
Total	100%	3

1 respondent did not provide an answer.

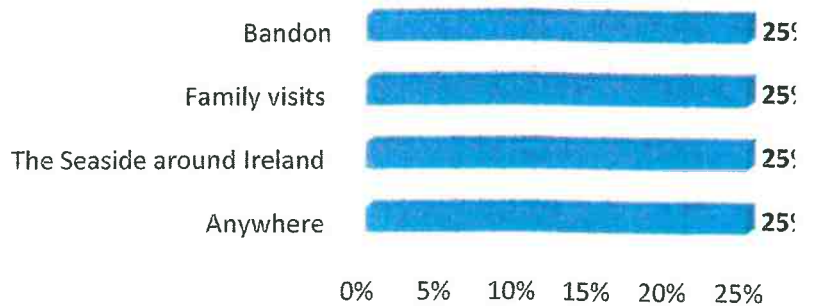
When do you go on the Road?



Question 11

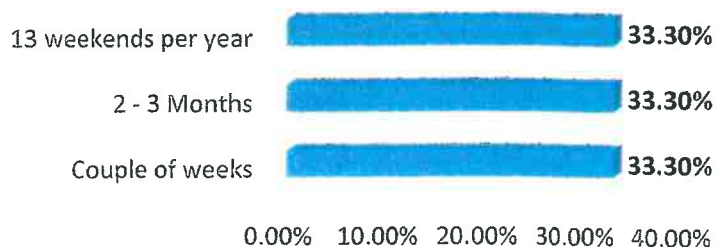
Where do you go	%	n-value
Anywhere	25%	1
The Seaside around Ireland	25%	1
Family visits	25%	1
Bandon	25%	1
Total	100%	4

Where do you go?



Length of time spent on the road	%	n-value
Couple of weeks	33.3%	1
2 - 3 Months	33.3%	1
13 weekends per year	33.3%	1
Total	100%	3

Length of time spent on the road



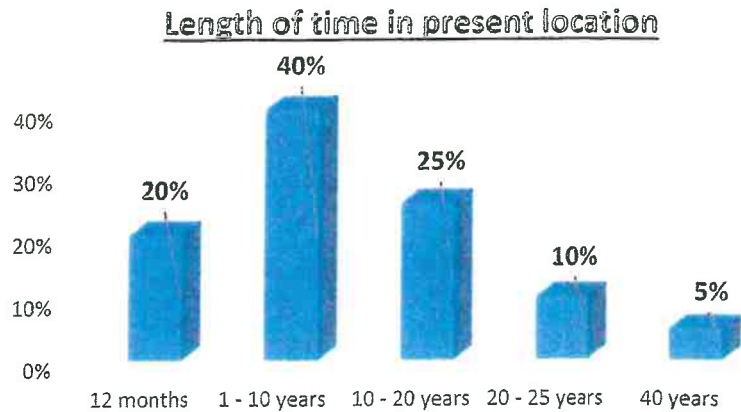
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■ Length of time spent on the road

Roadside Families

Question 12

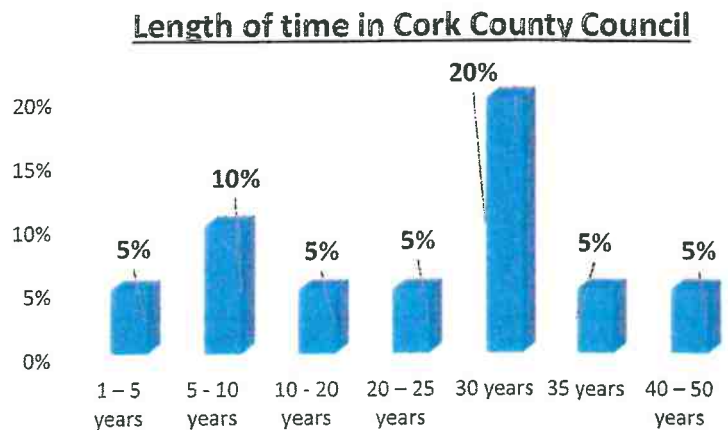
Length of time in present location	%	n-value
12 months	20%	4
1 - 10 years	40%	8
10 - 20 years	25%	5
20 - 25 years	10%	2
40 years	5%	<u>1</u>
Total	100%	20



Although this is not represented in the current accommodation Question (Q6) – there were the answers given by the survey respondents.

Question 13

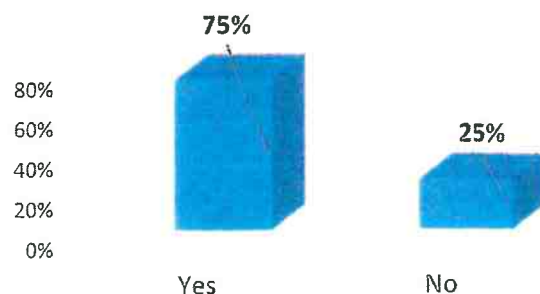
Length of time in Cork County Council Area	%	n-value
1 – 5 years	5%	1
5 - 10 years	10%	2
10 - 20 years	5%	1
20 – 25 years	5%	1
30 years	20%	4
35 years	5%	1
40 – 50 years	5%	1
Lifetime	45%	<u>9</u>
Total	100%	20



Question 14

Have you lived on Cork County Council site/house	%	n-value
Yes	75%	9
No	25%	<u>3</u>
Total	100%	12

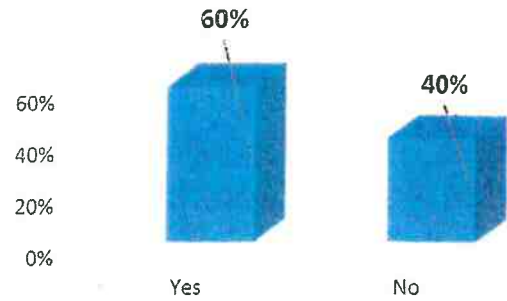
Have you lived on Cork County Council site/house



Question 20 a)

Have you lived on another local authority's site/house?	%	n-value
Yes	60%	6
No	40%	4
Total	100%	10

authority's site/house?



Question 15

Where? (If yes to Q 14)	%	n-value
Doneraile	33.3%	1
Knocknaheeney	33.3%	1
Clonakilty	33.3%	1
Total	100%	3

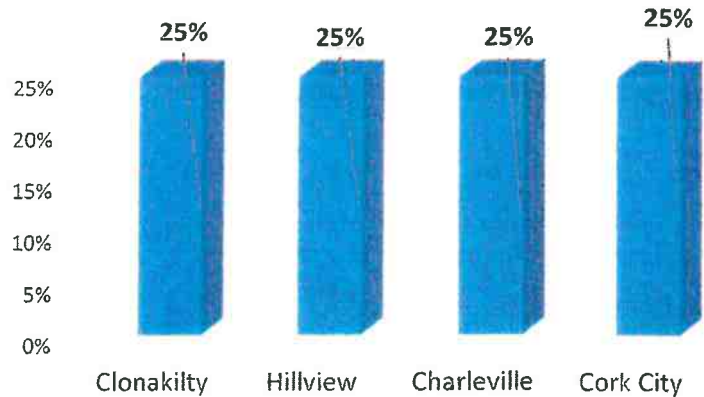
Where? (If yes to Q 14)



6 respondents did not provide an answer.

Where? (If yes to Q 20 a)	%	n-value
Clonakilty	25%	1
Hillview	25%	1
Charleville	25%	1
Cork City	25%	1
Total	100%	4

Where? (If yes to Q20)

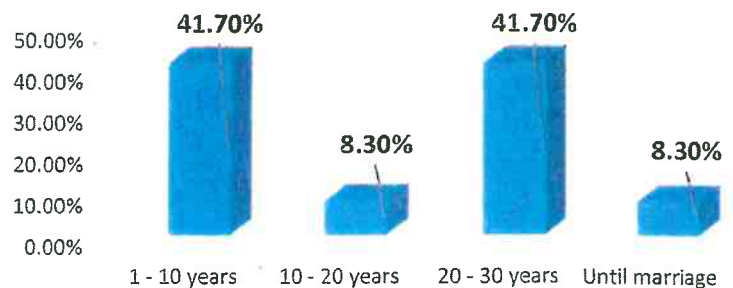


2 respondents did not provide an answer.

Question 16 a)

Length of time in County council or any other councils site/house.	%	n-value
1 - 10 years	41.7%	5
10 - 20 years	8.3%	1
20 - 30 years	41.7%	5
Until marriage	8.3%	1
Total	100%	12

Length of time spent in County Council or any other Co. site/house

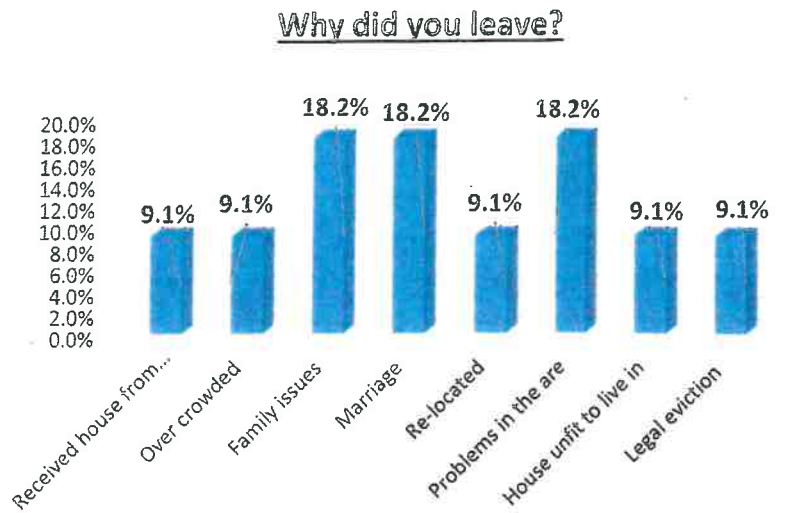


3 respondents did not provide an answer.

Question 17

Why did you leave?	%	n-value
Received house from Cork County Council	9.1%	1
Over crowded	9.1%	1
Family issues	18.2%	2
Marriage	18.2%	2
Re-located	9.1%	1
Problems in the are	18.2%	2
House unfit to live in	9.1%	1
Legal eviction	9.1%	1
Total	100%	11

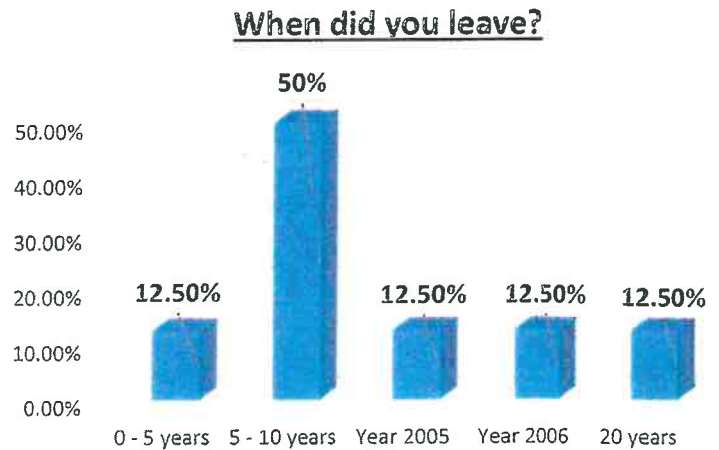
1 respondent did not provide an answer.



Question 18

When did you leave?	%	n-value
0 - 5 years	12.5%	1
5 - 10 years	50%	4
Year 2005	12.5%	1
Year 2006	12.5%	1
20 years	12.5%	1
Total	100%	8

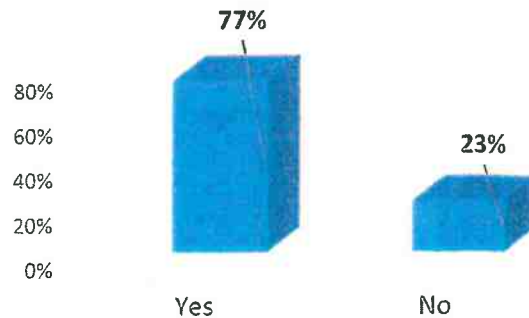
3 respondents did no provide an answer.



Question 19

Have you applied to Cork County Council?	%	n-value
Yes	77%	10
No	23%	3
Total	100%	13

Have you applied to Cork County Council

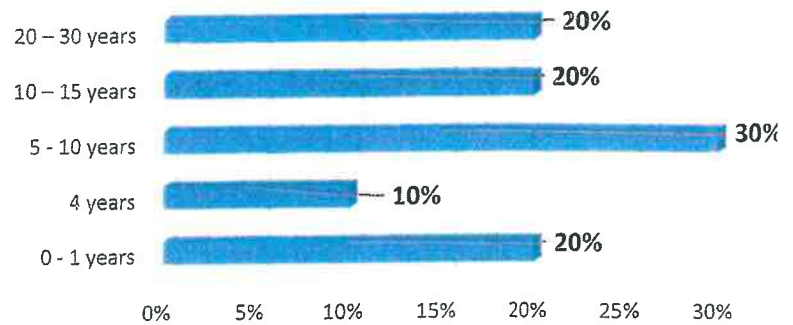


Question 24 a)

Years since Application to Cork County Council	%	n-value
0 - 1 years	20%	2
4 years	10%	1
5 - 10 years	30%	3
10 - 15 years	20%	2
20 - 30 years	20%	2
Total	100%	10

3 respondents did not provide an answer.

Year since application to Cork County Council



Question 20

Have you applied to any other council?	%	n-value
Yes	16.7%	1
No	83.3%	5
Total	100%	6

No answers given for 'when & where'.

Have you applied to any other council?



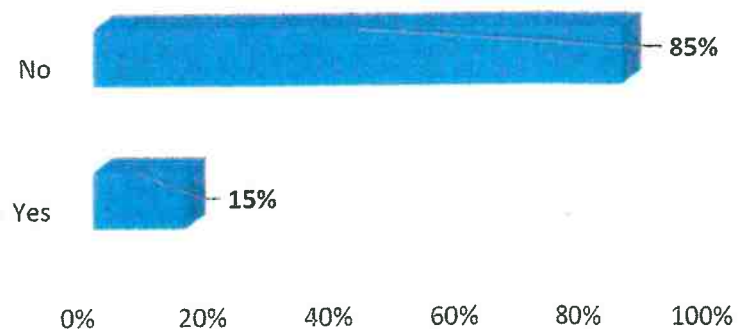
Question 21, 26A and 22

Horses	%	n-value
<i>Do you own horses?</i>		
Yes	15%	6
No	85%	34
Total	100%	40
<i>How many do you own?</i>		
1	16.7%	1
2	33.3%	2
3	33.3%	2
8	16.7%	1
Total	100%	6
<i>Where are they kept?</i>		
Stables	40%	2
Friends place	20%	1
In the field	20%	1
Rented land	20%	1
Total	100%	5

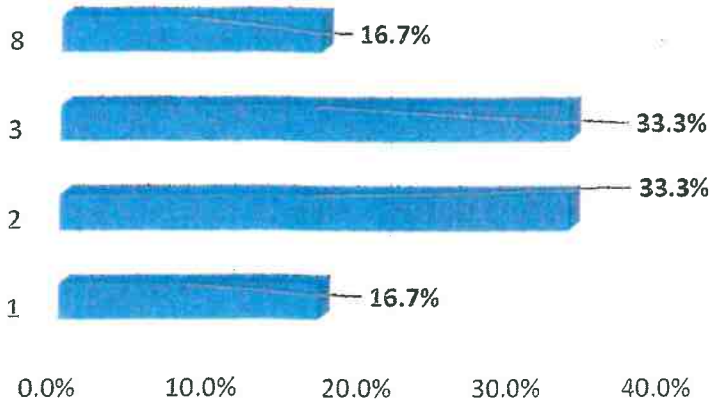
18 respondents did not provide answer for 'Do you own horses?'

1 respondent did not provide answer for 'Where are they kept?'

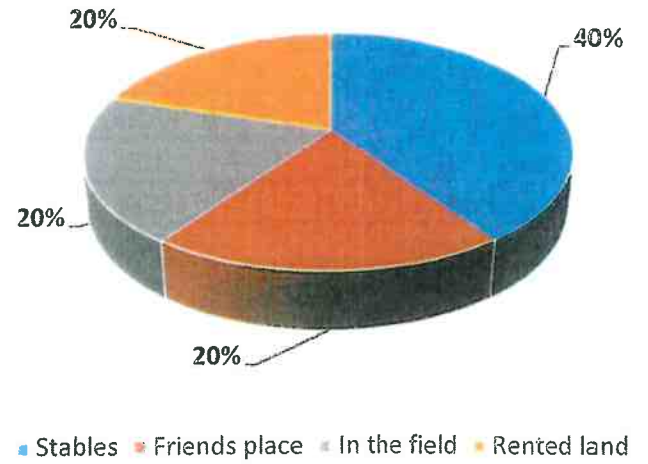
Do you own horses?



How many do you own?



Where are they kept?

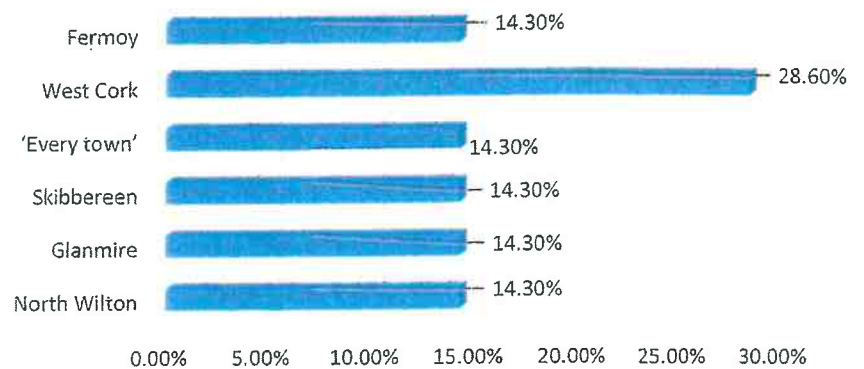


Come & Go Site

Question 23

Come & Go Site Location	%	n-value
North Wilton	14.3%	1
Glanmire	14.3%	1
Skibbereen	14.3%	1
'Every town'	14.3%	1
West Cork	28.6%	2
Fermoy	14.3%	1
Total	100%	7

Come & Go Site Location



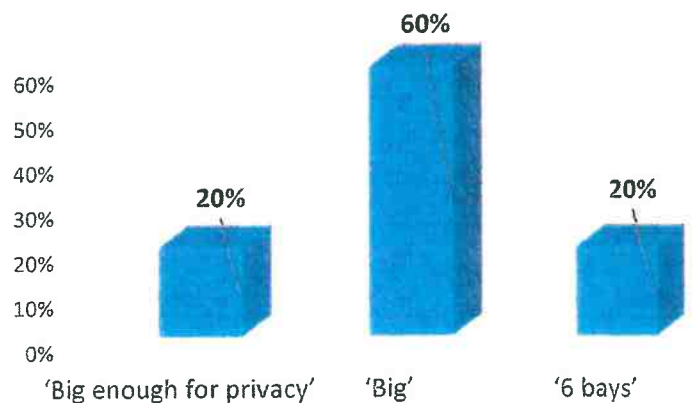
51 respondents did not provide answer.

Question 24

Size of Come & Go Site	%	n-value
'Big enough for privacy'	20%	1
'Big'	60%	3
'6 bays'	20%	1
Total	100%	5

2 respondents did not provide an answer.

Size of Come & Go Site

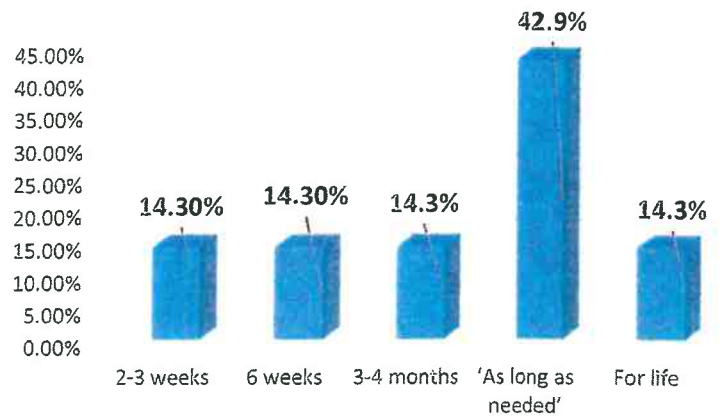


Question 25

Duration of stay on Site	%	n-value
2-3 weeks	14.3%	1
6 weeks	14.3%	1
3-4 months	14.3%	1
'As long as needed'	42.9%	3
For life	14.3%	1
Total	100%	7

1 extra responded to this, 1 respondent did not provide answer.

Duration of stay on Site

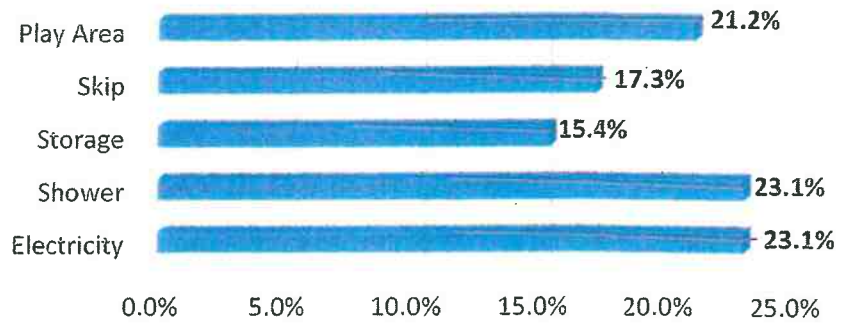


Question 26

Come and go site Facilities	%	n-value
Electricity	23.1%	12
Shower	23.1%	12
Storage	15.4%	8
Skip	17.3%	9
Play Area	21.2%	11
Total	100%	52

Majority respondents chose more than one.

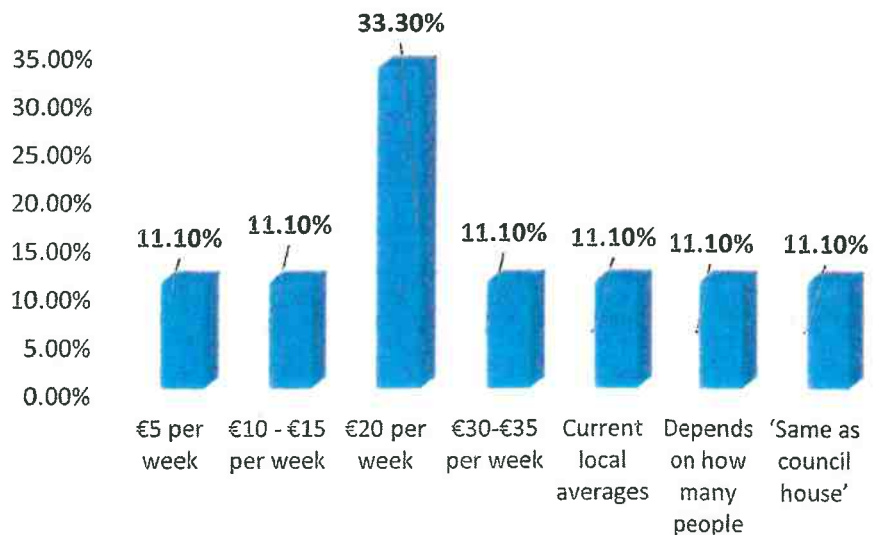
Come and go site facilities



Question 27

Preferred Rent Rate	%	n-value
€5 per week	11.1%	1
€10 - €15 per week	11.1%	1
€20 per week	33.3%	3
€30-€35 per week	11.1%	1
Current local averages	11.1%	1
Depends on how many people	11.1%	1
'Same as council house'	11.1%	1
Total	100%	9

Preferred Rent Rate



Question 28

No over all opinions in N Cork

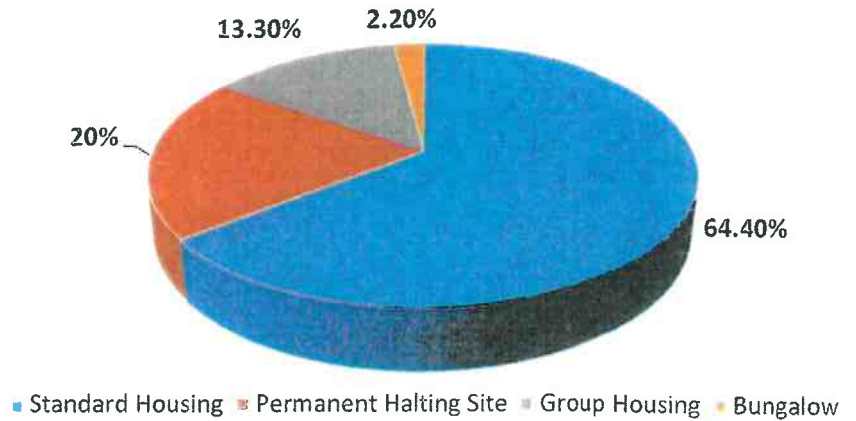
Future Generation Accommodation Needs (aged 14 or over)

Question 29

Accommodation Type	%	n-value
Standard Housing	64.4%	29
Permanent Halting Site	20%	9
Group Housing	13.3%	6
Bungalow	2.2%	1
Total	100%	45

13 respondents did not provide an answer.

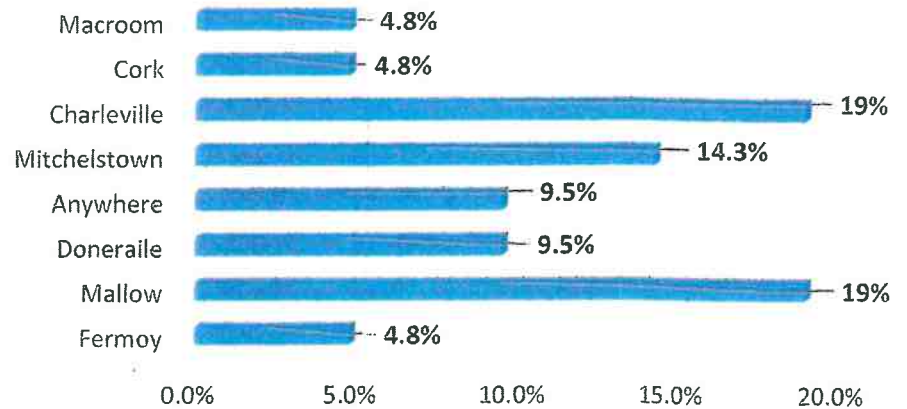
Accommodation Type



Standard House Location	%	n-value
Fermoy	4.8%	1
Mallow	19%	4
Doneraile	9.5%	2
Anywhere	9.5%	2
Mitchelstown	14.3%	3
Charleville	19%	4
Cork	4.8%	1
Macroom	4.8%	1
Clonakilty	4.8%	1
Glanmire	4.8%	1
Bandon	4.8%	1
Total	100%	21

8 respondents did not provide an answer.

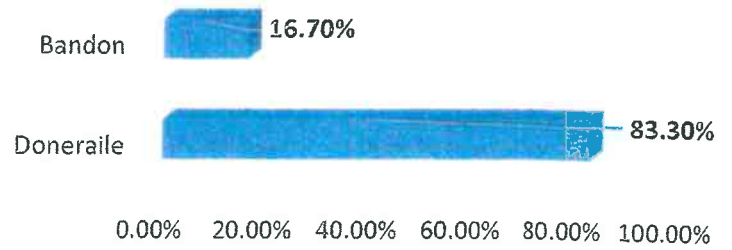
Standard House Location



Permanent Halting Site Location	%	n-value
Doneraile	83.3%	5
Bandon	16.7%	<u>1</u>
Total	100%	6

3 respondents did not answer.

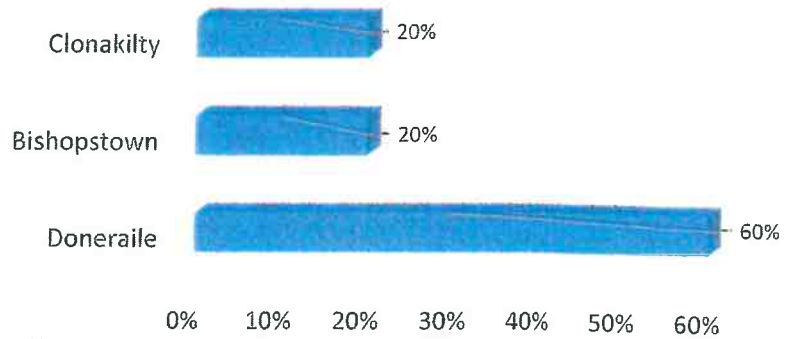
Permanent Halting Site Location



Group Housing Location	%	n-value
Doneraile	60%	3
Bishopstown	20%	1
Clonakilty	20%	<u>1</u>
Total	100%	5

1 respondent did not answer.

Group Housing Location



Bungalow Location	%	n-value
Rural Area	100%	1
Total	100%	1

Question 30

Halting Site Accommodation type	%	n-value
Caravan/mobile home	100%	8
Total	100%	8

