

# County of Renfrew 2016 Housing and Homelessness Report

## 2016 County of Renfrew Housing and Homelessness Report Card

Housing is an important building block in the development of any healthy community. Delivery of access to housing that is affordable, adequate and suitable is a vital indicator of overall health and wellbeing. As Service Manager, the County of Renfrew has put into place a 10-year Housing and Homelessness plan outlining 4 goals and 12 key objectives to end homelessness in the County of Renfrew.

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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Population	102,305	105,487	106,306	107,169	102,394 <sup>20</sup>
Population Growth (%)	1.01%	1.04%	1.01%	1.00%	1.1%
Households	41,760	44,265	No data <sup>18</sup>	45,300	42,780
Household Growth (%)	6.4%	1.07	No data <sup>18</sup>	1.02%	2.44%
Growth in Seniors (%)	12.6%	No data <sup>18</sup>	No data <sup>18</sup>	No data <sup>18</sup>	56.72%
Non-Couple Households Growth (%) <sup>2</sup>	20%	No data <sup>18</sup>	No data <sup>18</sup>	No data <sup>18</sup>	26.18% <sup>20</sup>
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	7.8%	8.1%	8.7%	7.8%
Ontario Works Maximum Shelter Allowance for One Benefit Unit	\$376	\$376	\$376	\$376	\$376
Ontario Works Maximum Shelter Allowance for Two People	\$590	\$596	\$602	\$609	\$609
ODSP Maximum Shelter Allowance for One Benefit Unit	\$474	\$474	\$474	\$474	\$474
General Minimum Wage	\$10.25	\$10.25	\$11.00	\$11.25	\$11.40
Average Household Income	\$75,257	\$75,309	\$76,510	\$81,962	\$84,830
Median Household Income	\$65,516	\$62,233	\$64,383	\$66,503	\$68,542
Change in Consumer Price Index from Previous Year	0	-5%	0.2%	2.0%	1.9%

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Private Rental and Ownership Housing</b>					
Average Market Rent for One-Bedroom Unit	\$611 <sup>5</sup>	\$618 <sup>5a</sup>	\$618 <sup>5a</sup>	\$622 <sup>5a</sup>	635 <sup>5a</sup>
Average Vacancy Rate (private rental market)	1.7%	2.3%	2.6%	2.6%	2.8%
Average Resale House Price <sup>7</sup>	\$214,536	\$220,000	\$222,000	\$216,007	\$216,752
<b>Social and Affordable Housing</b>					
Number of Social Housing Units	1,397	1,397	1,397	1,397	1,397
Number of Households on Social Housing Waiting List as of December 31 <sup>5f</sup>	1,121	811	814	958	996
Number of Households Housed from the Social Housing Waiting List (incl.SPP)	36	145	125	161	142
Number of New Applications for the Social Housing Waiting List	143	225	180	293	375
Total Number of New Affordable Units Created this Year	0	19	0	0	0
<b>Emergency, Transitional and Supportive Housing Units</b>					
Number of Emergency and Transitional Housing Units	39 <sup>8</sup>	39 <sup>8</sup>	39 <sup>8</sup>	39 <sup>8</sup>	39 <sup>8</sup>
Average Length of Stay in Emergency/Transitional Housing (weeks)	10.5 <sup>9</sup>	3 <sup>9</sup>	3 <sup>9</sup>	3 <sup>9</sup>	3 <sup>9</sup>
Shelter Occupancy Rates (%)	50 <sup>10</sup>	50 <sup>10</sup>	50 <sup>10</sup>	50 <sup>10</sup>	50 <sup>10</sup>
Number of Designated Units for Victims of Domestic Violence	16 <sup>11</sup>	16 <sup>11</sup>	16 <sup>11</sup>	16 <sup>11</sup>	16 <sup>11</sup>
<b>Number of Persons Moving from Shelter to Permanent Housing</b>					
Number of Households Supportive Housing Units (outside social housing)	93 <sup>12</sup>	93 <sup>12</sup>	93 <sup>12</sup>	93 <sup>12</sup>	93 <sup>12</sup>
Number of Alternative Housing Units	25 <sup>13</sup>	25 <sup>13</sup>	25 <sup>13</sup>	25 <sup>13</sup>	25 <sup>13</sup>
Number of Households Assisted through Homelessness Prevention Program <sup>14</sup>	637	597	733	949	621
Number of Households Assisted through County of Renfrew Homeownership Program	n/a <sup>19</sup>	n/a <sup>19</sup>	n/a <sup>19</sup>	n/a <sup>19</sup>	n/a <sup>19</sup>
Number of Households Assisted through the Survivors of Domestic Violence-Portable Housing Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	26
Number of Households Assisted through Ontario Renovates	21	20	44 <sup>17</sup>	0	17

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of OW Caseloads	1,068	1,144	1,186	1,257	1,277
Number of ODSP Caseloads	4,224	3,134	3,251	3,362	3,511

<sup>1</sup> All data provided as of December 2016 unless otherwise stated. Growth (%) is the percent change from 2015 to 2016 unless otherwise stated

<sup>2</sup> Households that are not a couple with or without children

<sup>3</sup> Average and median household incomes for 2016 are sourced from Ottawa Valley Economic Development Services and Manifold Data Mining Inc.

<sup>4</sup> All data provided as of December 2016 unless otherwise stated

<sup>5</sup> Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Rental Market Survey December 2016. \$523 bachelor, \$611 one-bed, \$722 two-bed, \$804 three-bed <sup>5a</sup> December 2013 \$541 bachelor, \$618 one-bed, \$748 two-bed, \$827 three-bed

<sup>6</sup> October 2011

<sup>7</sup> Canadian Real Estate Association Sales Data

<sup>8</sup> Bernadette McCann House (16), Columbus House (11), MacKay Manor (12)

<sup>9</sup> Bernadette McCann House and Columbus House

<sup>10</sup> Bernadette McCann House

<sup>11</sup> Bernadette McCann House

<sup>12</sup> Madawaska Valley and Barry's Bay (34), Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley (24), Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley (35)

<sup>13</sup> Kinsmen Court

<sup>14</sup> Previously CSUB funding in 2011, now CHPI

<sup>15</sup> Year 1 Breakdown (2009)

<sup>16</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> pot of funding (2012)

<sup>17</sup> 2014 additional IAH funding

<sup>18</sup> No data for 2014 posted as of March 31, 2015 sourced from Ottawa Valley Economic Development and Manifold Data Mining Inc.

<sup>19</sup> Program did not run in 2016

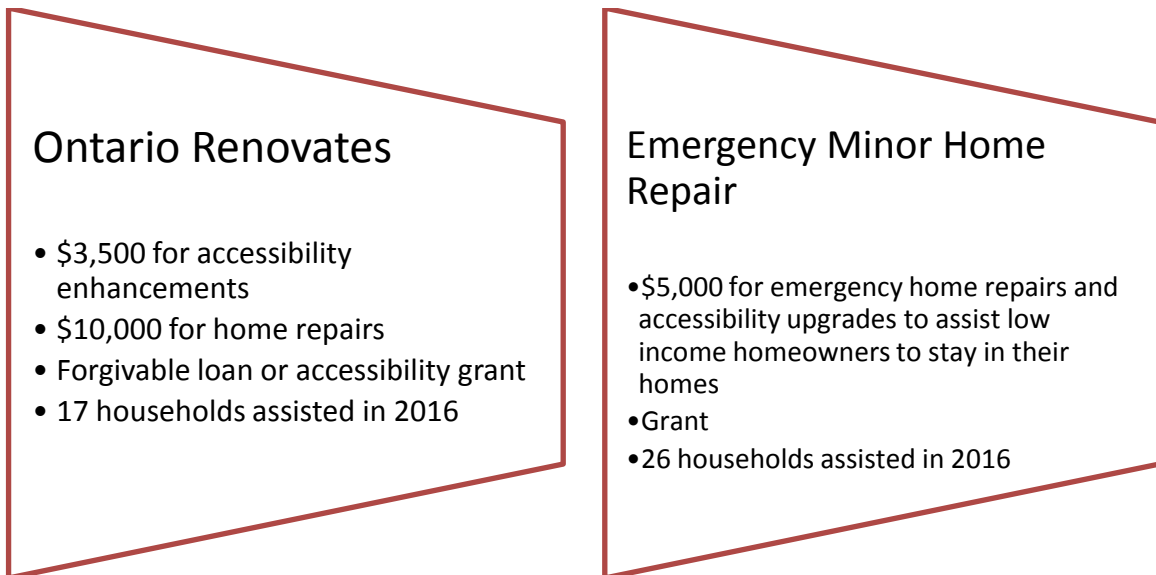
<sup>20</sup> Based on 2016 Census Data, % increase from 2011 Census Data

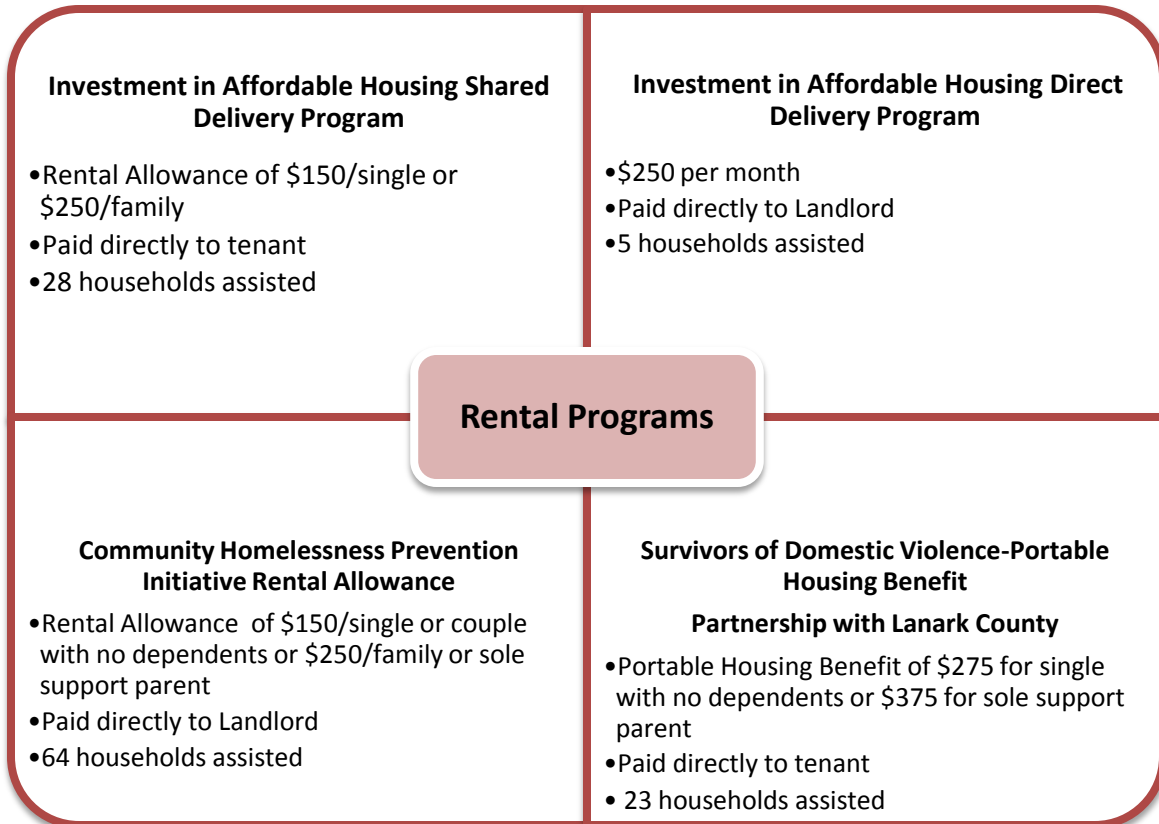
## Housing in the County of Renfrew



Through the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) 2014 Extension Program, the County of Renfrew and Petawawa Housing Corporation have invested in 14 new affordable housing units. Construction to be complete in 2018.

## Grants for Low-Income Homeowners





## SHIP – Local Delivery Highlights

Total funding provided **\$1,042,245**

Number of Social Housing and Affordable Housing Units Benefitting: **1258**

Rehabilitation work to include:

- New LED lighting systems
- New low flow toilets
- Kitchen upgrades
- Electrical upgrades
- Lighting for parking lots
- Video surveillance
- New energy efficient hot water tanks

## **Improving Coordination and Capacity within the System:**

The County of Renfrew joined the 20,000 homes campaign and held our first registry week July 11 – 15, 2016. We partnered with our local libraries, Ontario Provincial Police, Community Mental Health and the Women’s Shelter and Support Services. 60 surveys were completed. Of these 60 surveys 42 have been housed through rental allowance, RGI or Survivors of Domestic Violence Portable Housing Benefit. Housing and Homelessness Community group were very active in the H & H Registry Week helping with survey distribution and collection.

The County of Renfrew hosted a Celebration of National Housing Day November 23, 2016, hosted in conjunction with CMHC, over 60 attendees participated. Guest speakers included Dr. Stephen Gaetz and Melanie Redman from A Way Home. Our guest panel included Family and Children’s Services Safe Shelter, Kinsmen Court Home, Ontario Provincial Police and Barry’s Bay and Area Senior Home Supports.

Developed a Housing and Homelessness Teachers Resource Kit – Available on A Place to Call Home Website

Poverty Reduction Strategy group formed in 2015

Website development “A Place to Call Home” a dedicated Housing and Homelessness Plan Page

The Grind Shelter is now open and running in the City of Pembroke, offering 3 beds for emergency shelter stays.

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley have applied for a grant to provide affordable housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities in conjunction with local developers and interested community partners.

Family and Children’s Services, United Way and Columbus House have partnered to open Safe Shelter a volunteer, multi component 3-tier resource for youth 16-21 in need of a safe bed.

# 2016 Report on Housing & Homelessness in the County of Renfrew

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