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Housing and Neighbourhood

An overview of assessed housing and community perceptions, and progress indicators

About this report

This report includes data as presented in one of four Data Sharing & Community Consultation event held on March 21, 2023. These events were hosted by the WE Value Partnership and the Windsor-Essex Local Immigration Partnership.

The data was collected by the WE Value Partnership through a holistic Needs & Assets Assessment offered by the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario. It was captured through the K2 Pathway to Settlement System and analyzed by Dr. Reza Nakhaie, Professor of Sociology at the University of Windsor.

This data reflects reporting by staff at YMCA of Southwestern Ontario at the time of the tabulation. Data are preliminary and are subject of change. Reports produced from We Value Assessments and Settlement Plans developed between December 2019 and December 2022, part of the Needs and Assets Assessment and Referral Services (NAARS) funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

The **WE Value Partnership** offers newcomers a holistic and capacity-focused assessment that connects them to services, opportunities, and people.

This community-driven approach focuses on newcomer success and continuous learning through digital innovation.

Client Demographics

598 Client Assessments are represented through this report

- The majority of clients have been assessed **post-pandemic** (50.8%) while some were assessed prior to the onset (15.4%)

- At the time of their assessment, majority clients have been **in Canada between 7 months and 1 year** (63.5%) followed by 6 months or less (15.6%), 1 to 2 years (11.5%) and more than 2 years (9.4%)

World Region
58% Middle East Origin
22% Africa
15% Asia
3% Eastern Europe
2% Latin America and Caribbean
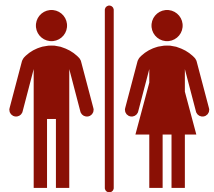
Men (50.8%)
Women (49.2%)
Average Age: 39

Married (64.9%)
Single (26.2%)
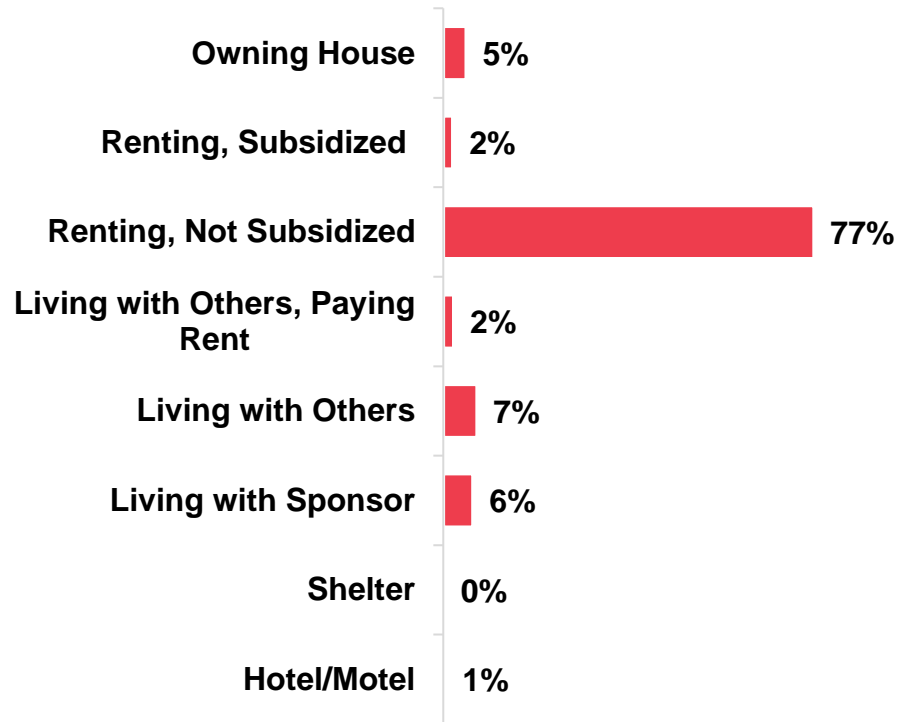
6 years (average) of work experience outside Canada

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Data Overview

Types of Housing

Type	Percentage
Owning House	5%
Renting, Subsidized	2%
Renting, Not Subsidized	77%
Living with Others, Paying Rent	2%
Living with Others	7%
Living with Sponsor	6%
Shelter	0%
Hotel/Motel	1%

How do clients rate their **current level of knowledge about: Housing** (e.g., finding a place to live, responsibilities of your landlord, landlord and tenant relations, buying a house, etc.)?

Rating	Percentage
1	21.39%
2	26.66%
3	34.47%
4	13.92%
5	2.55%
I prefer not to answer	1.02%

77% of assessed clients are living in unsubsidized rental units
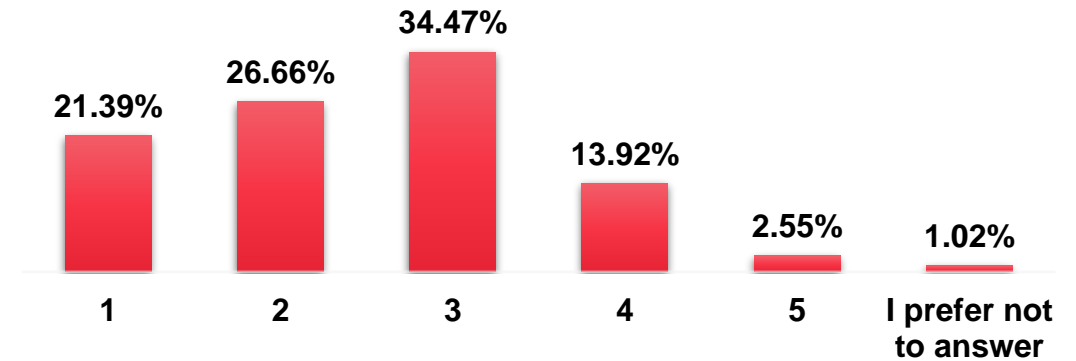
Do you have any housing issues (e.g., items broken or not working, heath hazards, etc.)
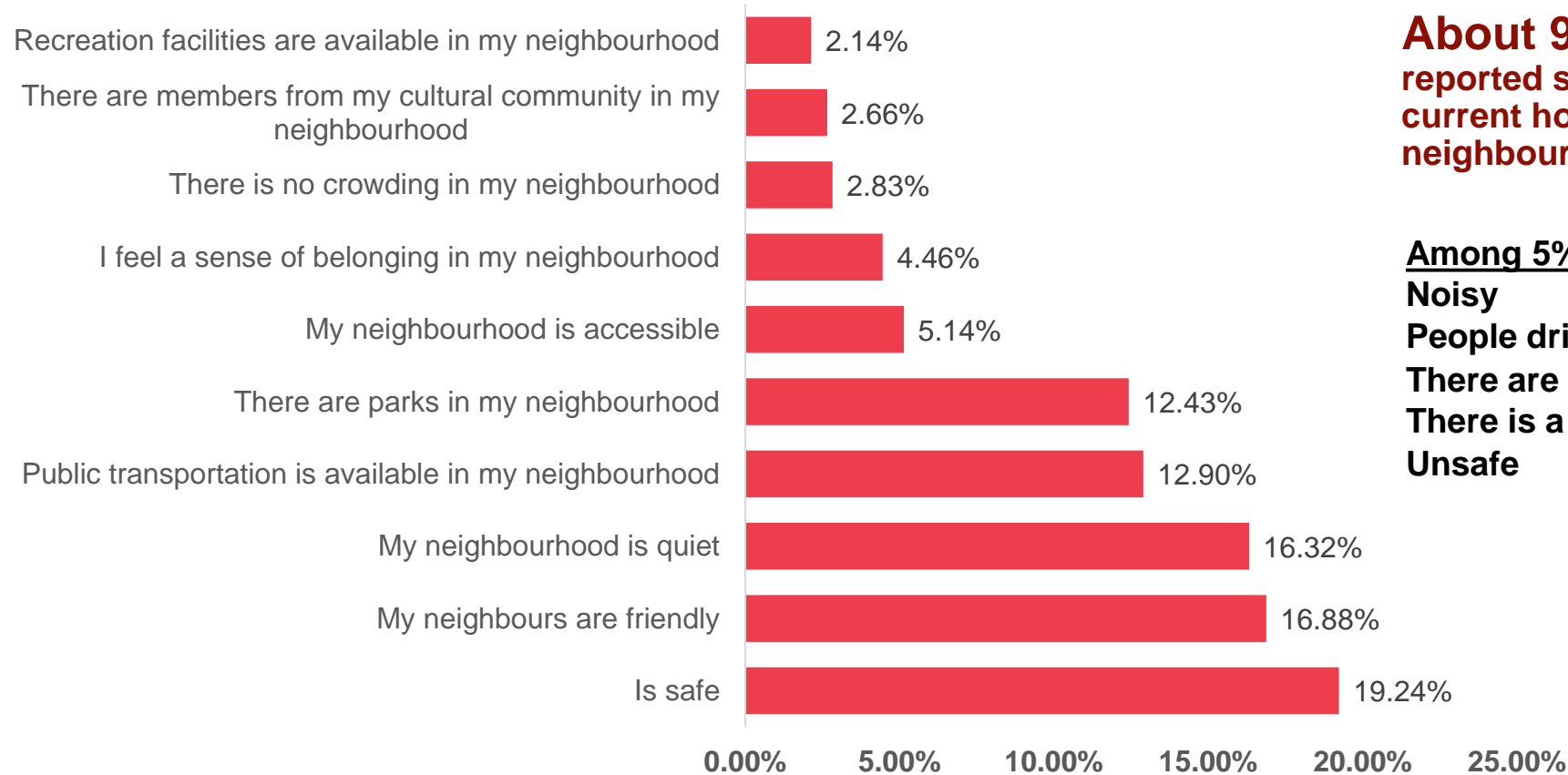
Issue	Percentage
Dark	0.34%
Broken doors, washroom, shower problem with…	0.34%
House is cold and bill is high	0.34%
Unsafe roofing conditions specially in snowy…	0.34%
My child uses a wheel chair and the house is…	0.34%
Sink and water leakage	0.34%
Rats	0.34%
Washroom, bulbs, closets	0.34%
Washer not working	0.34%
Leaking and draining in the basement	0.34%
Sharing the HVAC between the two units.	0.34%
Looking for better house	0.68%
The washer is not working	0.68%
Living in a room that has that the electricity box	0.68%
My heat or air conditioning does not work	2.74%
I have mould, bugs or rodents in my home	6.16%
I do not have any housing problems	81.51%

0.00%　　　50.00%　　　100.00%

About 82% of assessed clients
are reported no housing issues

Perception of Neighbourhood

Recreation facilities are available in my neighbourhood — 2.14%
There are members from my cultural community in my neighbourhood — 2.66%
There is no crowding in my neighbourhood — 2.83%
I feel a sense of belonging in my neighbourhood — 4.46%
My neighbourhood is accessible — 5.14%
There are parks in my neighbourhood — 12.43%
Public transportation is available in my neighbourhood — 12.90%
My neighbourhood is quiet — 16.32%
My neighbours are friendly — 16.88%
Is safe — 19.24%

0.00% 5.00% 10.00% 15.00% 20.00% 25.00%

About 95% of assessed clients reported satisfaction with the current housing and neighbourhood environment

<u>**Among 5% reported Safety concerns:**</u>
Noisy
People drink in public places
There are people using or dealing drugs
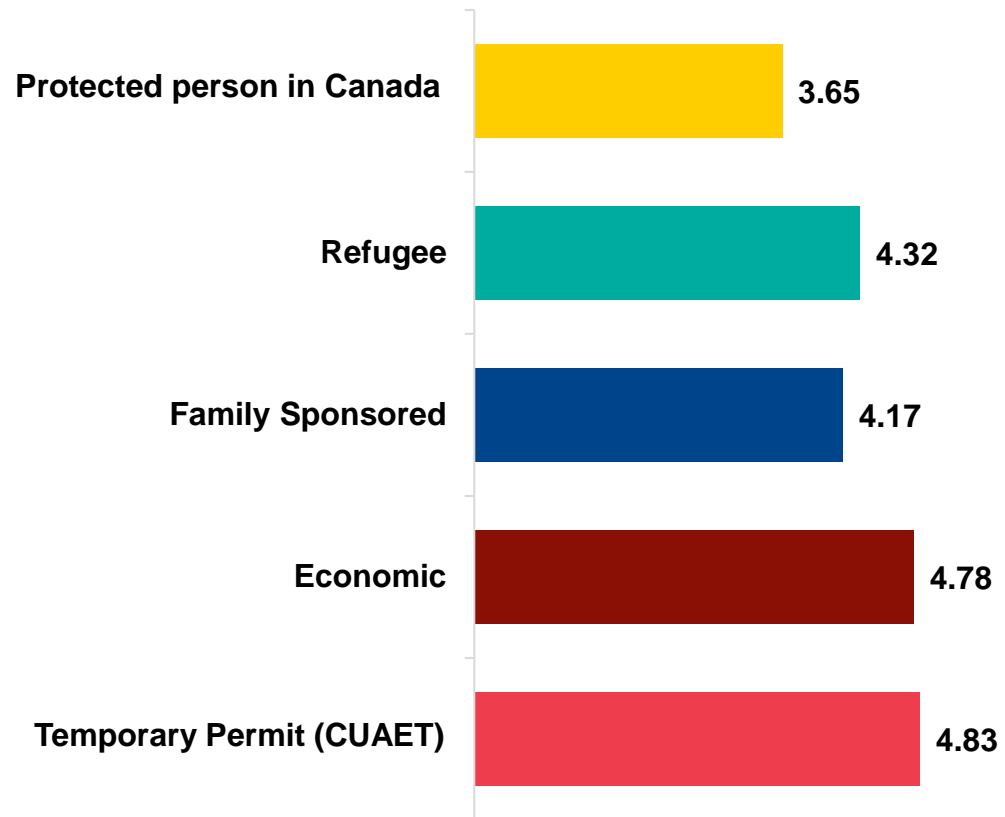**There is a lot of garbage**
Unsafe

How do different factors affect the number of housing and neighbourhood-related Settlement Plan Actions?

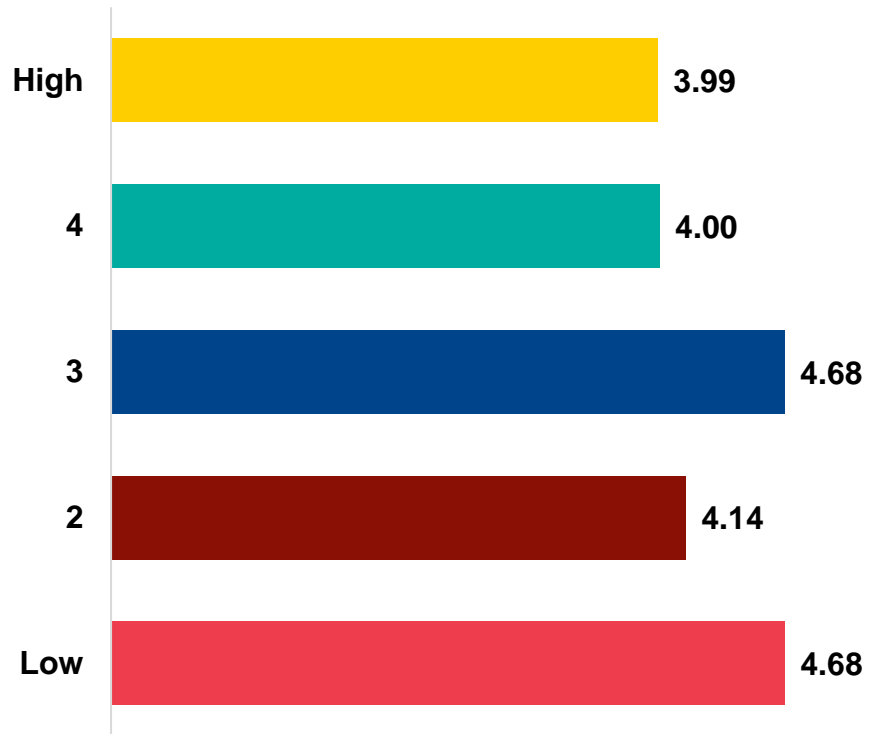# Immigration Status

Protected person in Canada	3.65
Refugee	4.32
Family Sponsored	4.17
Economic	4.78
Temporary Permit (CUAET)	4.83

Mean	4.28
Median	4.00
Min	1.00
Max	11.00

Perceived Official Language Ability

Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB)

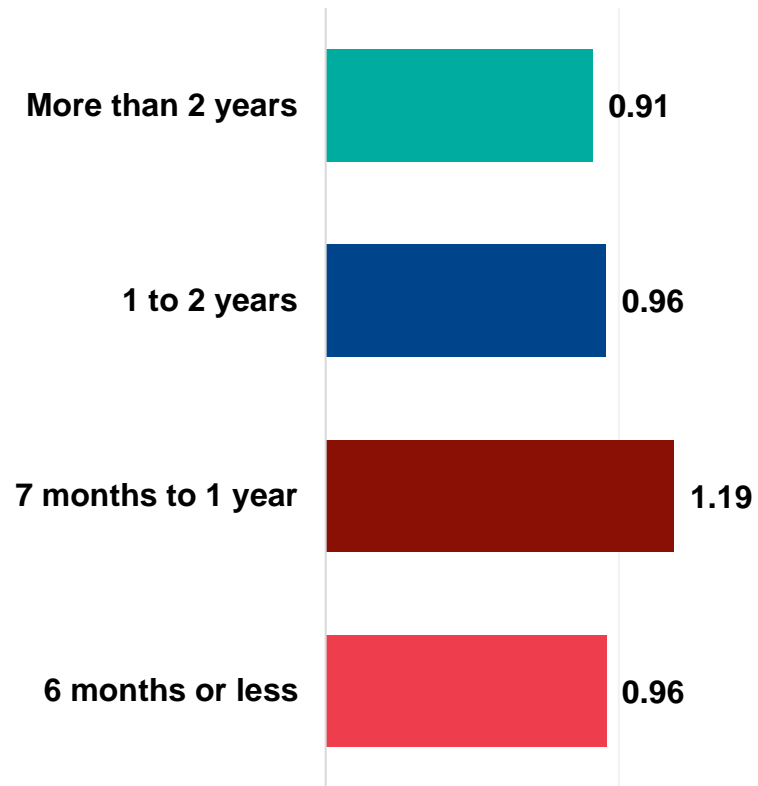| CLB category	Value
CLB 4 plus	4.20
CLB 3 and under	4.22
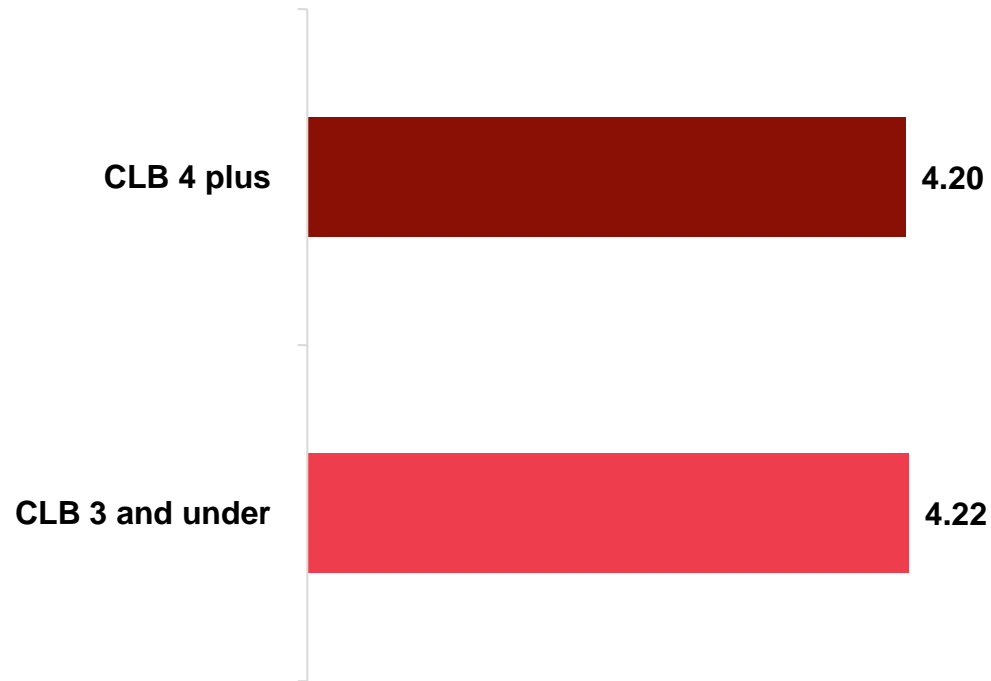
Mean	4.28
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If you decided to improve your English or French language skills what would be the main reason in relationship to Language ability

Length of Residency
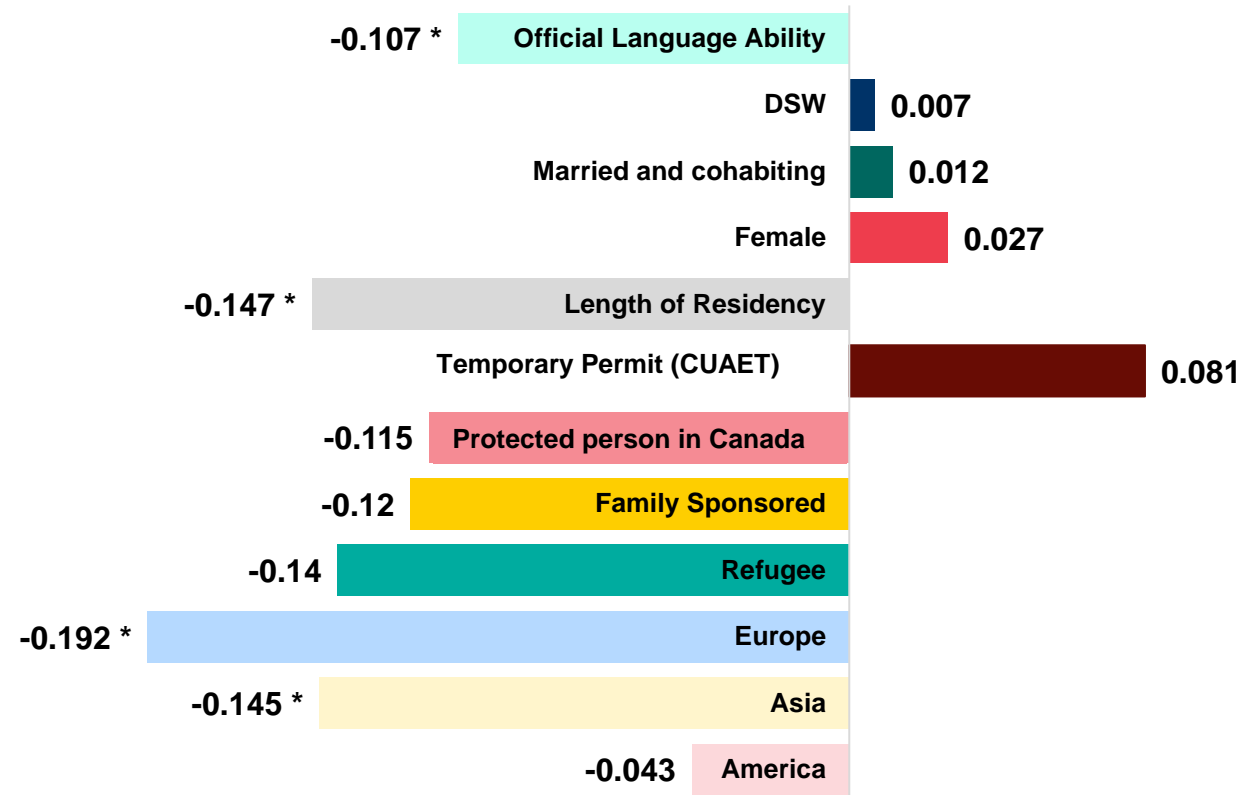

Length of Residency	Value
More than 2 years	0.91
1 to 2 years	0.96
7 months to 1 year	1.19
6 months or less	0.96
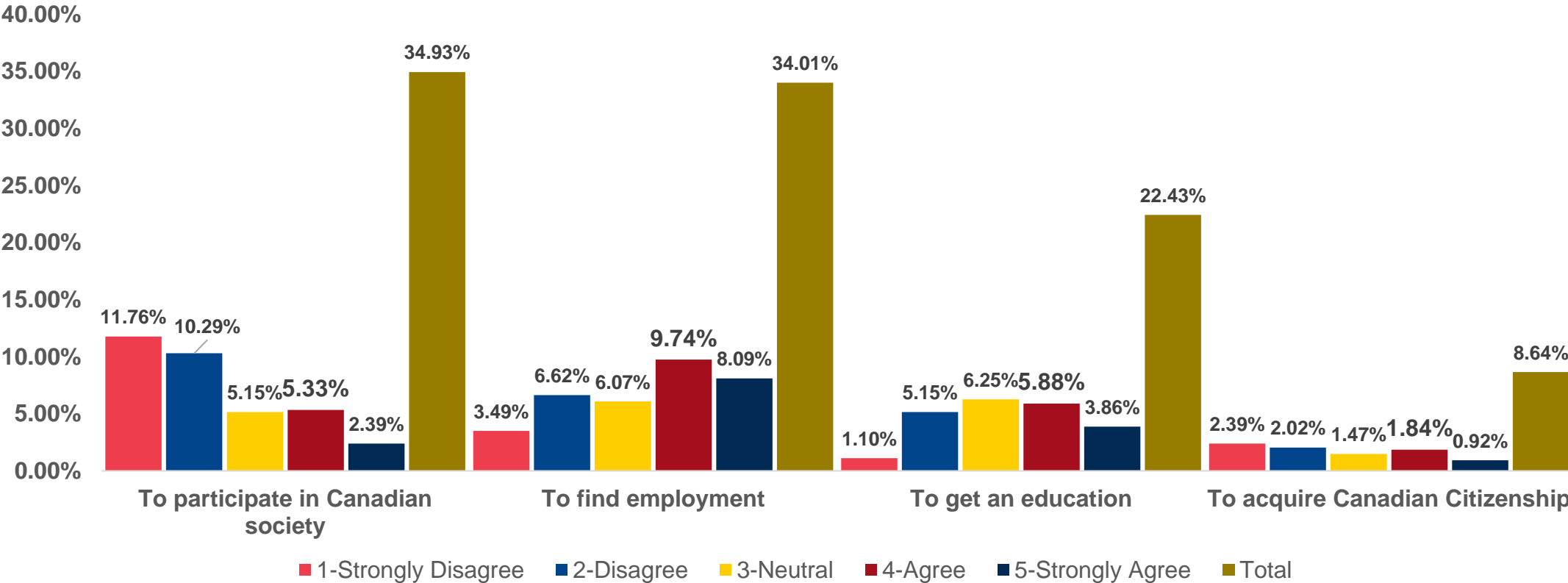
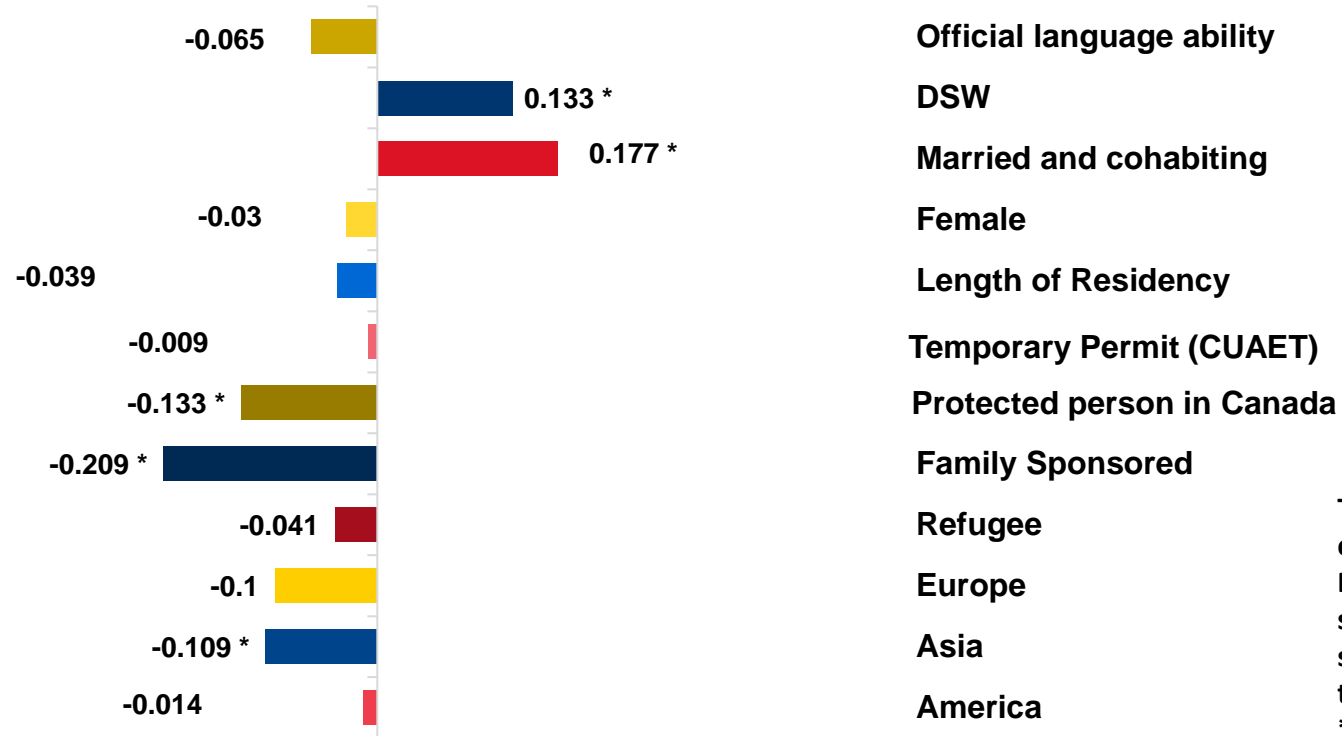|	
Mean	1.10
Median	1.00
Min	0.00
Max	6.00

Predicting Housing & Neighbourhood Settlement Plan Actions

These figures are unit free and can be compared against each other. E.g., European clients are .192 standard deviation Less likely to receive settlement action Plans related to housing and neighbourhood than African origin clients.
* = Statistically significant

- -0.107 * Official Language Ability
- DSW 0.007
- Married and cohabiting 0.012
- Female 0.027
- -0.147 * Length of Residency
- Temporary Permit (CUAET) 0.081
- -0.115 Protected person in Canada
- -0.12 Family Sponsored
- -0.14 Refugee
- -0.192 * Europe
- -0.145 * Asia
- -0.043 America

Predictors: Housing Settlement Plan Action Goals

| Value	Predictor
-0.065	Official language ability
0.133 *	DSW
0.177 *	Married and cohabiting
-0.03	Female
-0.039	Length of Residency
-0.009	Temporary Permit (CUAET)
-0.133 *	Protected person in Canada
-0.209 *	Family Sponsored
-0.041	Refugee
-0.1	Europe
-0.109 *	Asia
-0.014	America

These figures are unit free and can be compared against each other.
E.g., family sponsored clients are .209 standard deviation Less likely to receive settlement action Plans related to housing than economic immigrants.
* = Statistically significant

Housing Goals by Length of Residency
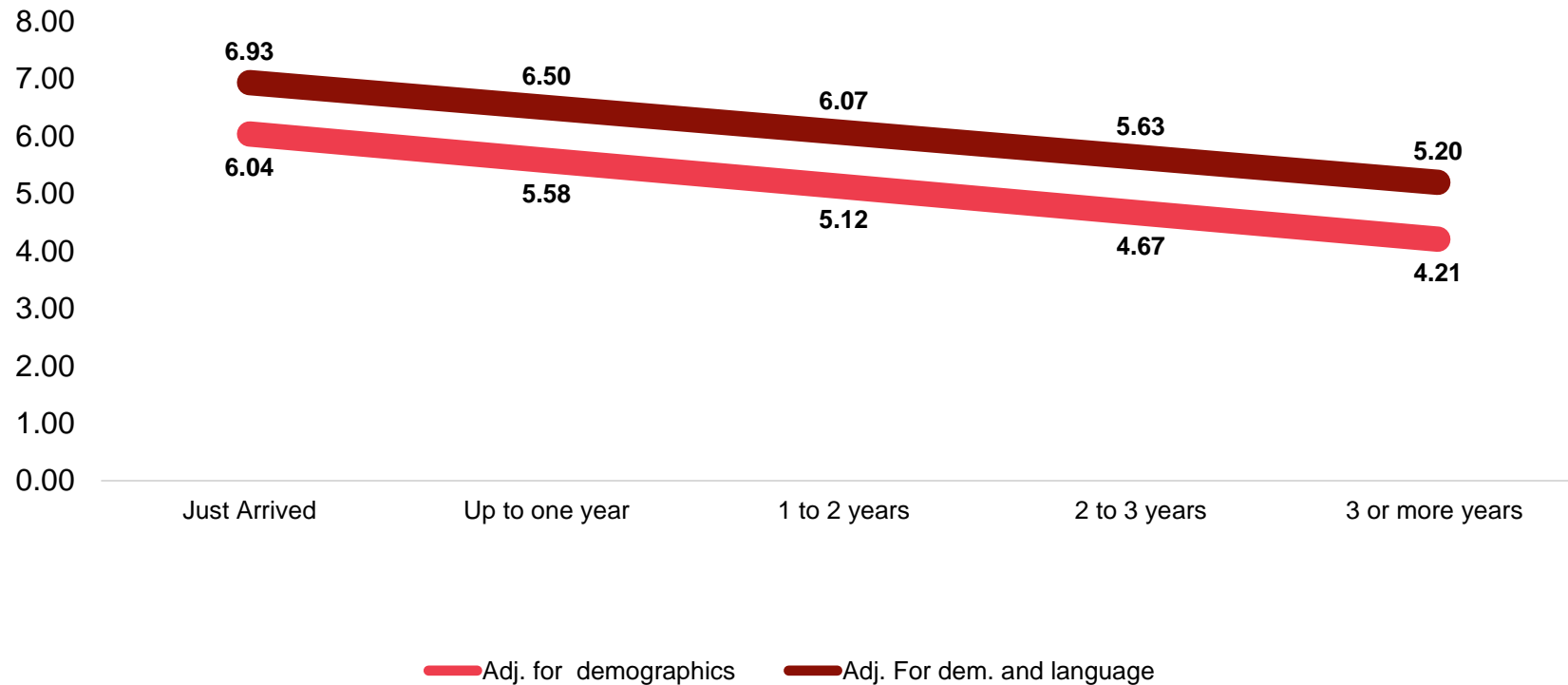
Mean	4.28
Median	4
Min	1
Max	11

*Demographic adjustments: age, marital status, immigration status and housing type

Values on chart:

Adj. For dem. and language: 6.93, 6.50, 6.07, 5.63, 5.20

Adj. for demographics: 6.04, 5.58, 5.12, 4.67, 4.21

Categories: Just Arrived, Up to one year, 1 to 2 years, 2 to 3 years, 3 or more years

Legend: — Adj. for demographics   — Adj. For dem. and language

Immediate Settlement Objectives and Services Recommended

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Immediate Settlement Objectives	%	Resources in form of referrals
Increase knowledge of Community and Government Services	47.23%	47.38%
Increase knowledge of Life in Canada	14.14%	14.03%
Increase the Level of community involvement	12.42%	11.78%
Increase access to local community services	10.27%	10.03%
Legal information and services	7.37%	7.89%
Housing/Accommodation	5.09%	5.39%
Increase professional network	0.83%	0.90%
Community services	0.79%	0.85%
Increase the Access to local community services	0.66%	0.60%
Improve Other Skills	0.53%	0.60%
Financial	0.35%	0.30%
Increase knowledge of Working in Canada	0.31%	0.25%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%

The Settlement Plan identifies the resources or services that can assist the client in taking action to achieve their settlement objectives

Sample: Settlement Plan Actions involved in achieving the Housing, Transportation, Access to community services goal objectives

Some of actions recommended in achieving the identified objectives	%
Apply for an Ontario drivers' licence	16.47%
Apply for Subsidized Housing.	10.77%
Lean about programs that may help me reduce my utilities costs	8.21%
Explore volunteer opportunities in my area of expertise that may count as work experience	6.46%
Learn about public transportation options available to me	5.62%
Learn more about how volunteering can help me expand my social network	5.50%
Visit an immigrant serving organization to address my settlement needs	5.42%
Explore programs and services available at my local community centre	4.70%
Learn more about my rights and responsibilities as a tenant / renter	3.75%
Find a community / recreation centre close to my home.	3.55%
Find a public library close to my home	3.39%
Find a certified translation service to translate my documents. (e.g. marriage certificate, driver's licence, diploma, birth certificate, etc.).	3.35%
Get a map of the city and a bus schedule - apps	2.39%
Look for housing (whether to rent or purchase)	2.31%
Get help applying for the low-income transit pass program available (e.g. APP, public transit for low income residents, etc.).	1.83%

Thank you

The WE Value Partnership team would like to thank all of our partners, settlement staff, and clients who made it possible for us to collect the data provided in this report. The importance of data cannot be overstated, especially when it comes to local planning and understanding the needs and assets of newcomers who are choosing to make this region their home. Local real-time, standardized, academically viable data is crucial to helping us identify areas where we can improve our services and support for newcomers.

We'd like to thank the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership for their commitment to promoting the well-being and integration of newcomers in the Windsor-Essex region and for allowing us to stand beside them in this effort.

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