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COMMUNITY SOCIO-ECONOMIC PLANNING

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Doiste um Forbairt Pobail Aitiúil Limerick
Limerick Local Community Development
Committee



CORK COUNTY COUNCIL
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Community Planning Bruff- Grange-Meanus, Co Limerick

Socio-Economic Profile based on CSO statistics for the area

September 2018

Community Planning – For What?

- To bring the community together
- To articulate a shared vision
- To work towards a more inclusive community
- To gather information, views and ideas
- To reach agreement on local priorities
- To improve local communications
- To bring in more resources and services
- To inform agencies about the community eg Limerick Local Community Development Committee

Elements of Community Planning

- Preparing the socio-economic profile
- Reviewing other local information
- Individual survey
- Groups survey
- 3 community consultation sessions
 1. Presenting the socio-economic profile
 2. Presenting the survey results
 3. Presenting a draft plan/ implementing the plan

Planning context

- Limerick County Council Local Area Plan for the area 2012-2018 (extended to 2022)
- Bruff-Grange-Meanus community plans 2006-2011, and 2016-2021
- Community plans for Sycamore Drive and Bru na nDeisce

many projects completed,
some on-going,
some not yet started

Bruff – Grange – Meanus Small Areas

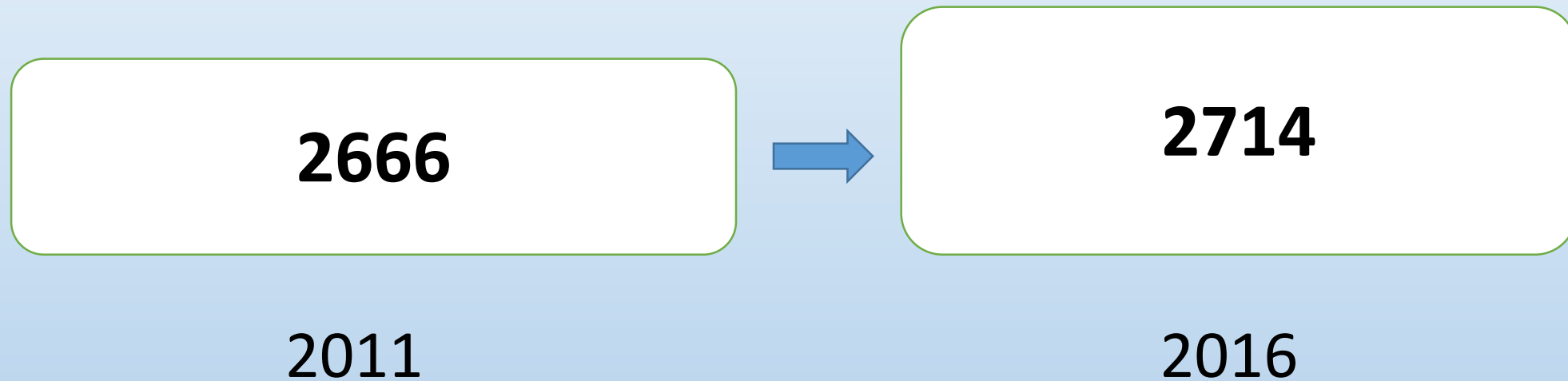
Townlands / Streets / Estates	SA ID Code	Pop. 2016	Pop. 2011	% Change 2011 – 2016
Skool	127136002	43	42	2.38
Boherygeela; Camas North; Carrigeen; Crean	127051001	350	343	1.93
Newtown; Ballyreesode; Ballybane; Ballynanty; Tullabracky; Ballycampion; Grillagh; Ardanreagh; Ballynagallagh	127031001	366	361	1.38
Brackvoan; Bruff (rural)	127031002	245	199	23.11
Ballinrea; Ballinlee North; Camass South; Garbally; Ballygrennan; Parkroe; Ardykeohane	127031003	362	392	-7.65
Bruff (urban) Main Street; Chapel Lane; Crawfords; Green; Cottage Place;	127031004	213	199	7.03
Bruff (urban) Sycamore Drive; Brugh na nDeise; Mullans; Ballydaheen	127031005	229	235	-2.55
Grange; Holy Cross; Knockfennell	127081001	262	249	5.20
Rockbarton; Cahirguillamore; Raheen; Ballycullane	127081002	276	275	0.36
Meanus; Mortgage; Killorath; Glenogra; Coolfune	127124001	197	194	1.54
Kyle; Milltown	127102003	31	30	3.33
Lough Gur	127102001	140	147	-4.76
Totals		2714	2666	1.8

Socio-Economic Profile

- CSO results
- Comparing changes and trends from 2011- 2016
- Looking at the parish of Bruff-Grange-Meanus
- ED consists of 18 small areas (SAs)
- Themes included in the profile:

Population Growth	Deprivation Index (scale)	Demographics
Nationalities	Family Life Cycle	Home Ownership
Education	Employment	Disability

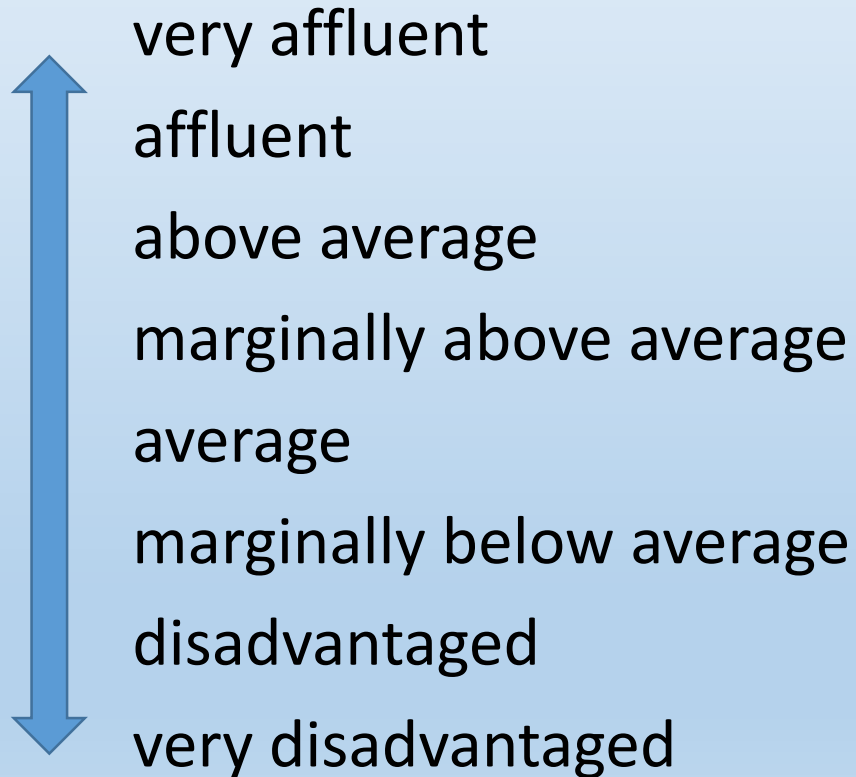
Population Growth: 1.8% increase



Local Area Plan: 170 additional
houses required by 2022

'Deprivation' BGM Area 2016

- The 'Deprivation Index' is a scale used to measure affluence and disadvantage:



BGM area:

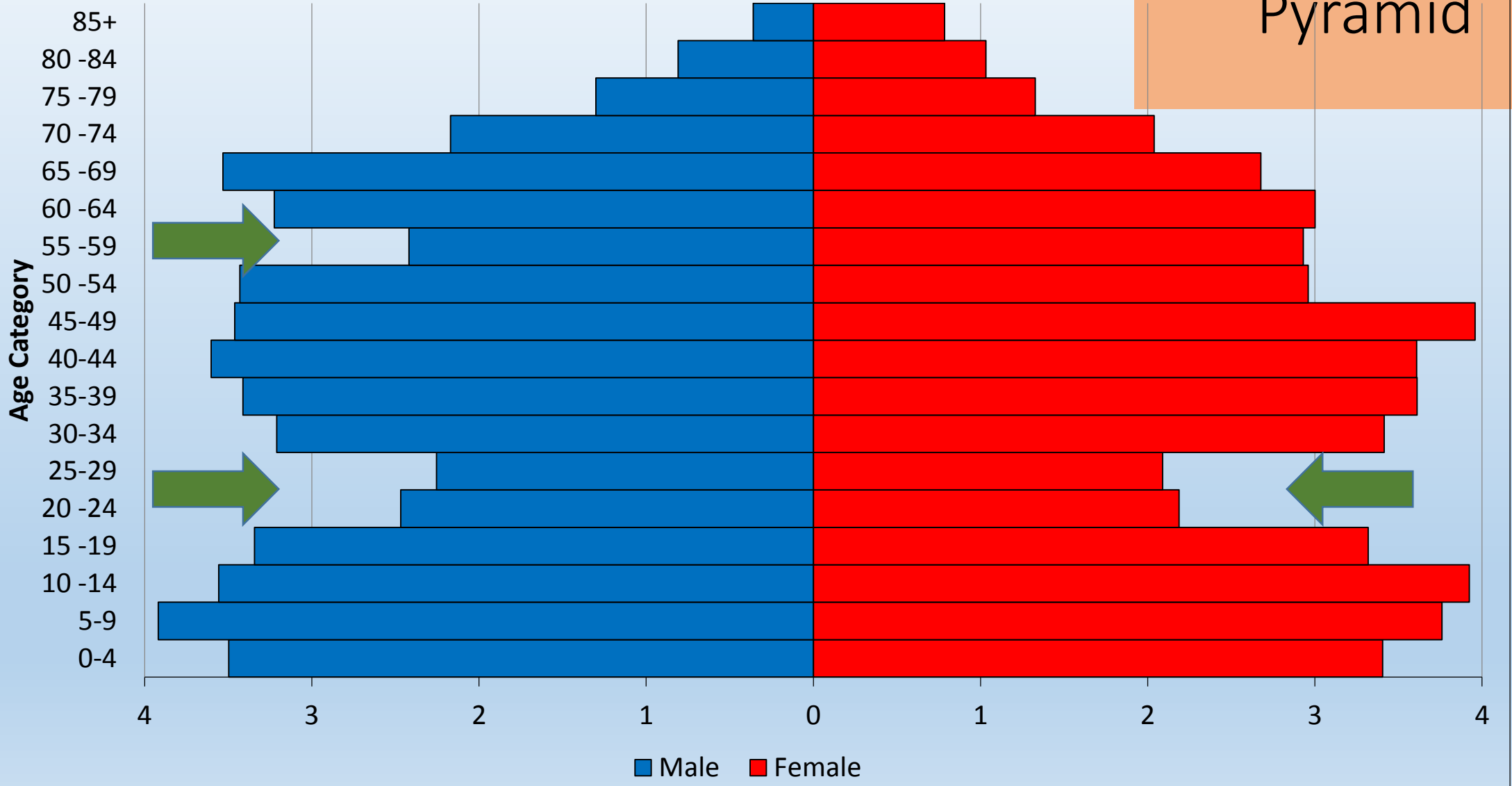
8 Small Areas marginally above average

3 Small Areas marginally below average

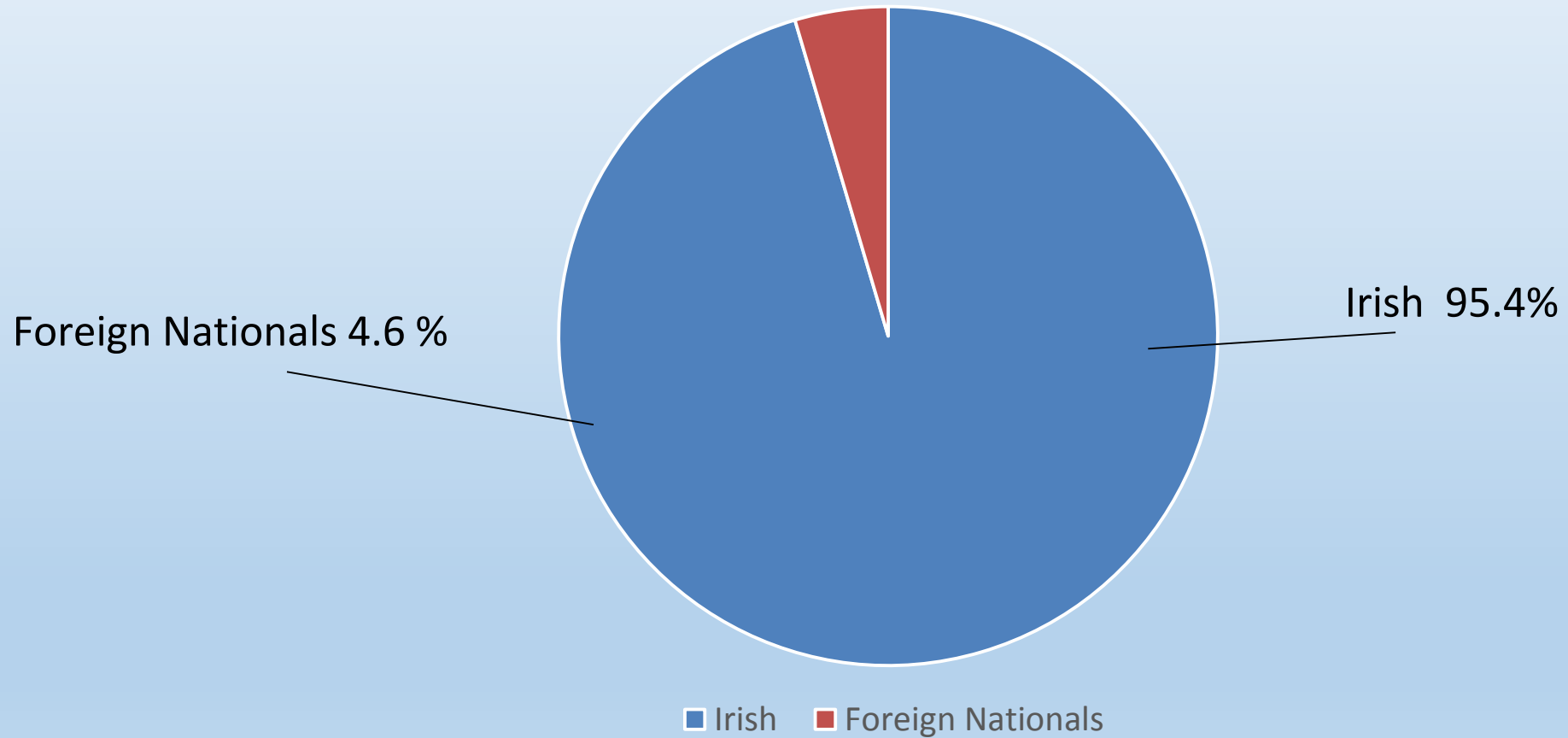
1 Small Area very disadvantaged

Bruff-Grange-Meanus (2016)

Population Pyramid

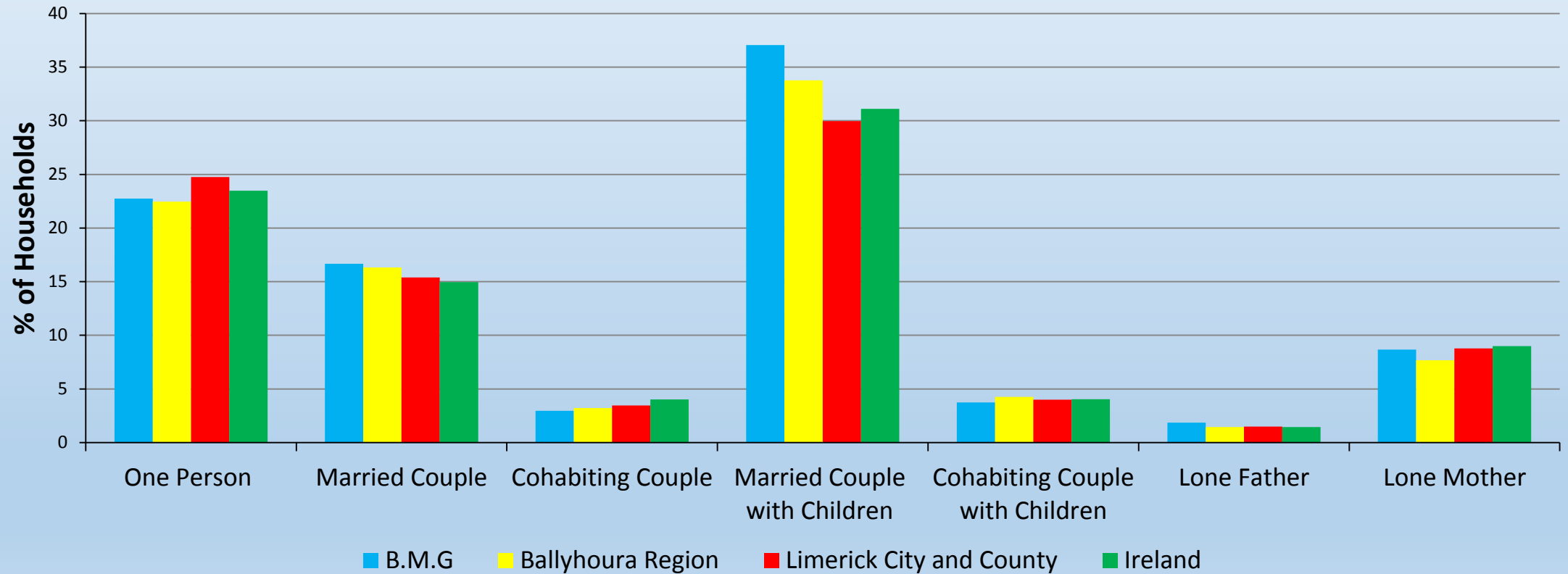


Nationality BMG Area 2016

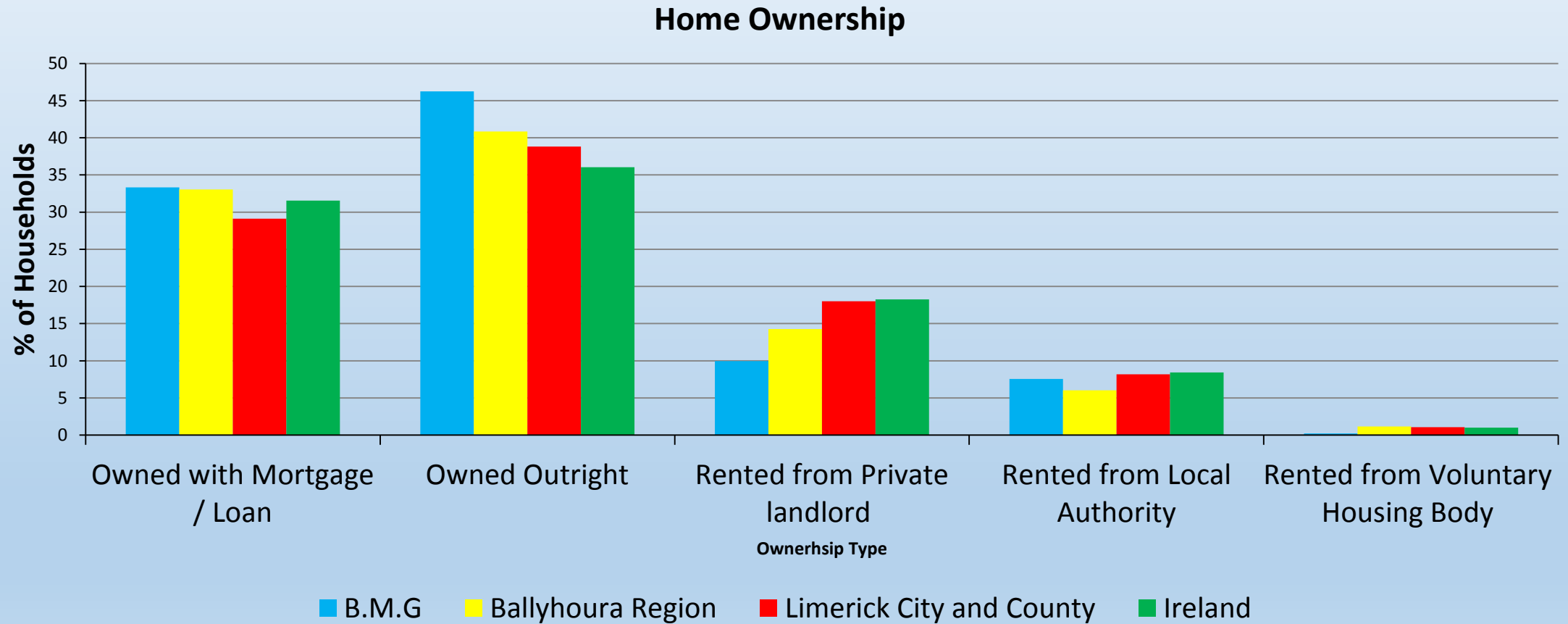


Household Family Composition

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Home Ownership

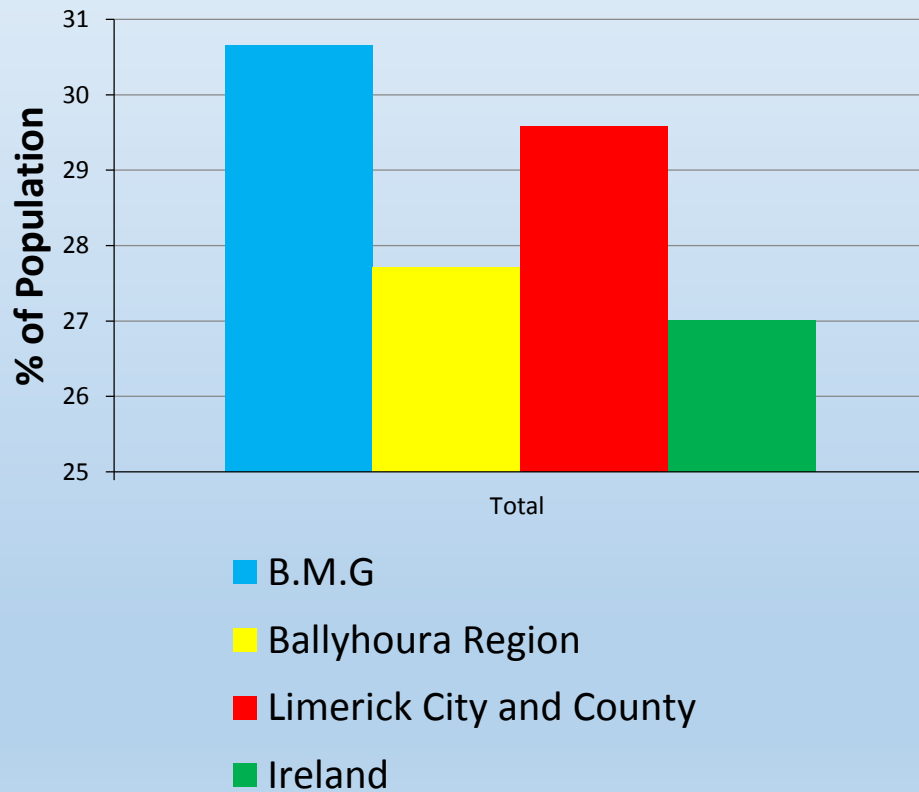


	Unemployment Rate (%)		
Location	Male	Female	Total Pop.
BGM	12.44	10.72	11.69
Ballyhoura Region	12.08	10.62	11.43
Limerick CC	15.17	13.34	14.35
Ireland	13.70	11.97	12.91

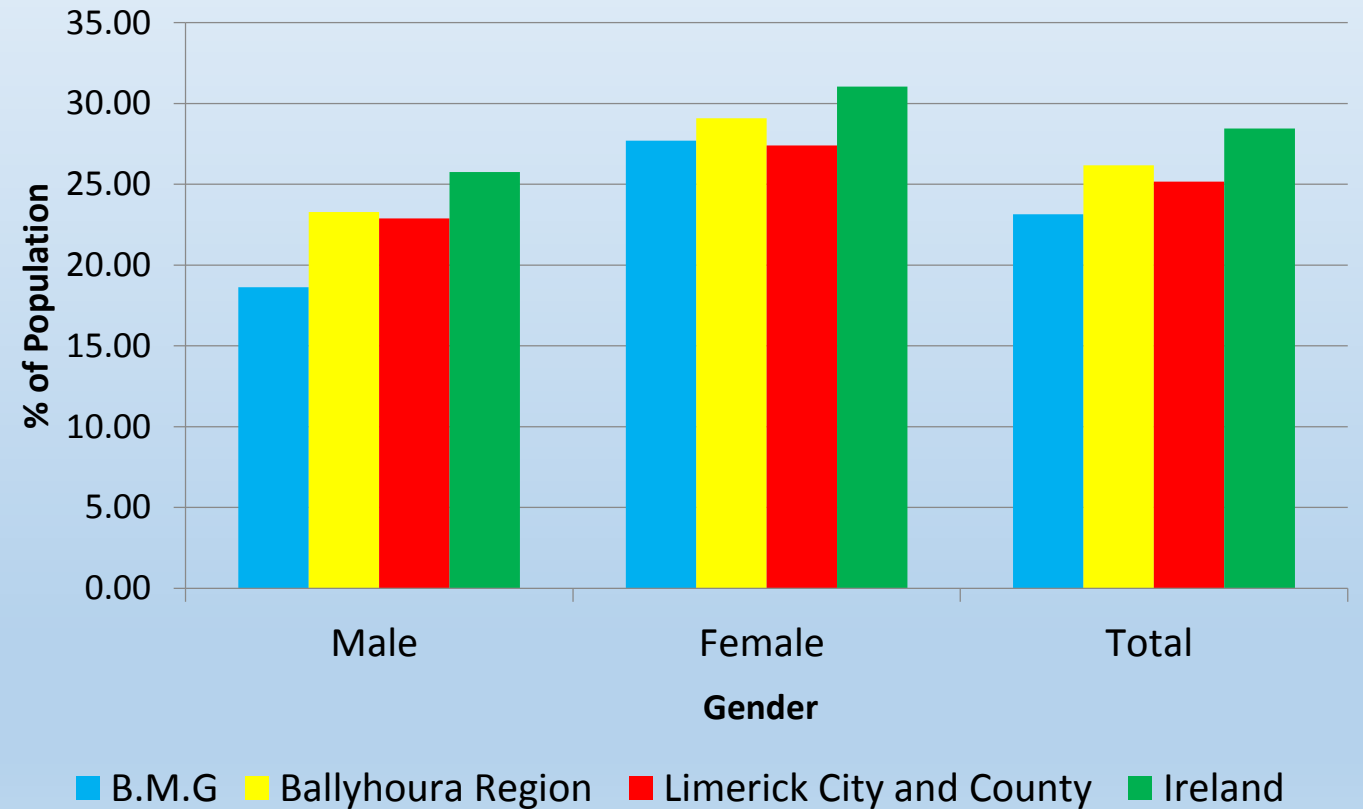
Unemployment Rate BGM Area 2016

Education BGM Area 2016

Early School Leavers



Third Level Graduates



Disability BGM Area 2016

Population of BGM Area = 2714

Number of people with a disability = 353 (12.5%, almost 1 in 8)

Conclusions from CSO analysis the Parish:

Marginal population growth (1.80% compared to National figure of 3.85)

Elderly dependency is slightly higher than Ballyhoura, the county and Ireland

Diverse Family Profile

Lower level of foreign nationals; 4.6% compared to national 11.6%

Unemployment is lower than national figures

A higher level of early school-leaving (historic) and corresponding lower number in third level

BMG contains one small area designated as disadvantaged

Almost 1 in 8 have a disability

Tidy Towns Feedback 2017

'Your enthusiasm for your town and its wellbeing is contagious and got to the adjudicator who departed with a hint of that enthusiasm also'

'...the number of vacant premises and derelict buildings on the streets...'

'Your experience in the competition is impacting on how you go about your work as you focus on low maintenance and on low cost projects.'

From Local Area Plan 2016 – 2018

- The church at Bruff is first mentioned in 1186
- The Castle, the Court and the Church and Graveyard all have the status of Recorded Monuments (LI032-115001-004)
- In the 19th century Bruff was a market and a post town... Much of the existing streetscape was built in the first half of the nineteenth century
- Bruff agricultural hinterland is largely lowland pastoral farming
- Since 2006 the town has developed southward along the Kilmallock road
- There are 35 Protected Structures
- Population grew by 8.7% between 2006 and 2011 for the ED of Bruff

Limerick County Council

Vision Statement: Bruff Local Area Plan (2012)

'It is the long term vision of the Council that Bruff functions efficiently as a place where people can and want to live, work, and visit, and which fosters an authentic sense of place.'

Limerick County Council Local Area Plan for Bruff 2012 – 2018 (extended to 2022)

County Council 2017 Plan for Bruff	
Housing	To provide land for housing for sustainable growth
Economic Development	Economic development/ zoning, priority to town centre, improvements to parking, potential for tourism
Transport	A distributor road (by-pass), pedestrian and cycling network, parking
Infrastructure	Surface water drainage, flooding risk management
Environment & Heritage	Architectural conservation, protected structures, archeology, the natural environment, climate change
Community & Recreation	Accessible and usable open spaces, walkways, allotments, school places, childcare facilities, recreation and amenity facilities in town
Urban Design	Specific zones identified, eg development of the former secondary school, vacant and neglected premises,
Land Use Zoning	Map outlining various areas zoned for specific usage

Establish enterprise network	Development business & Enterprise Centre	Attract small business	Other supports
Tourism website and brochure	Feasibility study on hotel development	Establish tourism centre	Develop festivals
Promote rural bus	Traffic management & parking	Improve footpaths & lighting	Re-open Old Cork Road
Multi-functional community centre	Athletics club Soccer pitch	Public walk and sporting alley in GAA grounds	
Establish Family Resource Centre	Sheltered Housing. Develop Meals on Wheels	Health Clinic: mini A & E services	Develop 3 circular walks
Revive Neighbourhood Watch	Old Garda Barracks as a community resource	Annual meeting of all groups to review and coordinate plans.	Acquire site to develop housing
A training programme for youth	Sustain Ard Scoil Mhuire	Encourage adult volunteers	Youth summer camps
Full-time community childcare facility	Procure a hall for scouts, youth club etc	Develop a playground	Activities for young people
Representation on tourism boards, and lobby agencies.	Communication to older people	Newsletter Community diary	Establish community council office
Investigate agricultural tourism	Establish Farmers Market	Establish agriculture sub-group	
A community council is required for implementation		Training needed for volunteers re implementing the plan	

Actions from previous Community Plans

Issues for Consideration:

1. Coordination and communications
2. Housing needs
3. Commerce, employment, tourism
4. Accessibility and inclusion
5. Influencing agencies
6. Energy and interest
7. Other issues?

1. Table Discussions

Is this your understanding of the situation in the BGM Area?

Are we missing anything?

2. Ideas Worksheets