

Mackenzie County Housing Needs Assessment Resident Survey

Mackenzie County is currently developing a new Housing Needs Assessment to assess the County's housing needs and is seeking your input! Through this survey, we hope to better understand the needs and challenges faced by residents throughout Mackenzie County when it comes to housing.

The purpose of a Housing Needs Assessment is to explore current and future housing need, demand, supply and affordability and provide insight into the key drivers behind the housing markets within the Mackenzie County communities. The needs across the entire housing continuum, both market and non-market housing, will be assessed.

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This survey will run from August 14 to September 13.

Purpose

By participating in this survey, you are contributing to building a comprehensive assessment of your community's housing experiences—allowing Mackenzie County to develop a clearer understanding of housing needs, barriers to accessing good housing, and desires for the future.

Format

This survey will consist of a mix of multiple choice and short answer open text questions. It contains 4 main sections: your housing experience; housing experiences in the community; and about you (optional). It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Using Your Information

* 1. This survey is issued by SHS Consulting, an affordable housing firm contracted by Mackenzie County. Your privacy and data protection are of utmost importance to us. All information collected in this survey will be kept strictly confidential and anonymous. We will not ask you for your name or contact information. Your responses will be used solely for the purpose of this project. No personally identifiable information will be shared or disclosed. Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary.

You can find more information about this project at <https://mackenziecounty.com/housing-needs-assessment>.

Before you begin, please confirm you have read the above project overview, purpose, and approach to using your information. By selecting "I consent" below, you consent to the use of your survey responses to inform the housing needs assessment in Mackenzie County.

Yes, I consent

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Your Housing Needs and Experience

Thank you for participating in this survey. This section focuses on understanding your housing situation, challenges you may face, and your housing needs. We will not ask you any questions that could be used to personally identify you or your home.

2. What best describes your household size?

- 1 person
- 2 persons
- 3 persons
- 4 persons
- 5 or more persons

3. Who do you live with? Please select all that apply.

- I live alone
- I live with a spouse or partner (no children)
- I live with a spouse or partner and one or more young children (at least one child aged 18 or younger)
- I live with a spouse or partner and one or more older children (all aged 19 or older)
- I live as a single parent with one or more young children (at least one child aged 18 years or younger)
- I live as a single parent with one or more older children (all aged 19 or older)
- I live with friends or roommates
- I live with my parents
- Other (please specify)

4. Which of the following best describes where you live now?

- I rent my own place - unsubsidized
- I rent my own place - subsidized
- I rent a room in a rooming house
- I split rent with one or more roommates, friends, or family
- I am staying temporarily with friends or family, because I have no place of my own
- I own my place **(if yes, skip to Question 11)**
- I am staying in a shelter **(if yes, skip to Question 11)**
- I live on the street or outside
- Other (please specify)

5. What type of housing do you currently live in?

- Basement apartment
- Apartment building
- Townhouse or row house
- Semi-detached home
- Single-detached home
- Other

6. How would you best describe how affordable your place is to you?

- I live in a place that I can afford. I generally do not have trouble paying rent or mortgage payment when it is due
- I have trouble paying rent or mortgage payment every so often, but not regularly (e.g., a few times per year).
- I regularly have trouble paying rent or mortgage payment when it is due.
- I do not currently have to make regular rent or mortgage payments

7. Aside from paying rent or mortgage payments, do you find it difficult to pay for any of the following additional costs of living? Please select all that apply.

	Not difficult	Somewhat difficult	Difficult	Not applicable
Cost of utilities (heat, hydro, water)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repairs or renovations to your home (e.g. to support disability or aging in place)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drugs and medical supplies (e.g. insulin pump, incontinence supplies, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and wellness-related supports to continue to live independently (e.g. wheelchair, caregivers, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation (e.g. personal vehicles, public transit)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication (e.g. cellular phone, internet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

8. What do you like or appreciate about the place you live in today? Choose all that apply.

- Location - I live close to the services and institutions I need (e.g. workplace, health, schools, recreation, etc.)
- Condition - My place is in good condition and doesn't need too many repairs
- Size - The size of my home suits my needs and/or the needs of my household
- Connection to support - My place allows me to access the support I need (e.g. personal support, caregiving, friends and family, etc.)
- I don't like anything about my current place
- Other (please specify)

9. Does your current place, including its location, meet the needs of your household?

- Yes **(if yes, skip to Question 11)**
- No

10. Please indicate the reasons your current place does not meet the needs of your household. Please select all that apply.

- Too small
- Too large
- Needs major repairs
- Unsuitable for physical needs e.g. due to disability or age)
- Temporary accommodation
- Prefer to live closer to work
- Prefer to live closer to caregiver or support services
- Other (please describe)

11. Housing access can be impacted by different things, including if it's built/available in the community, the time and steps it can take to access, affordability, etc. Given this, please answer the following question:

If I needed to, I could access this type of housing in my community.

	Yes	No	I'm not sure	N/A
Ownership housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental housing with subsidized rent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing with health and/or other supports (Supportive housing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transitional housing (for shorter-term stays, subsidized rent with health and wellness supports)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shelter for people experiencing homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. Is there anything else you want to share about housing issues you may face or have faced when it comes to your personal housing situation?

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About You

This section helps us understand who you are and how that might affect your experience of housing in the County - including finding and maintain housing, how you may experience government policies and initiatives - as well as how the new housing plan can better support specific groups of people. We will not ask any questions that could be used to personally identify you or your home. These questions are optional, and you can choose not to answer them.

15. What community do you live in?

- Fort Vermilion
- La Crête
- Zama City
- Other area in Mackenzie County [open field]
- Outside Mackenzie County

16. What is your age range?

- Under 15 years
- 15 to 19 years
- 20 to 24 years
- 25 to 34 years
- 35 to 44 years
- 45 to 54 years
- 55 to 64 years
- 65 to 74 years
- 75 to 84 years
- 85 years and over

17. What is your gender identity?

- Woman
- Man
- Other (please describe)

18. Are you or a member of your household living with a disability?

- Yes
- No (***if no, skip to Question 20***)
- Prefer not to say

19. What type of disability are you or a member of your household living with?

- Physical - mobility
- Hearing
- Sight
- Developmental
- Mental health
- Other (please describe)

20. Do you identify with one or more of the groups below? Please select all that apply.

- I am an Indigenous person in Canada, such as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis
- I am a newcomer to Canada and have been in Canada for fewer than five years
- I am a member of a racialized group (i.e. visible minority)
- Other community or experience I identify with

21. In the last five years, have you experienced any of the following? Please select all that apply

- Accessed housing programs in Mackenzie County (e.g., rent-geared-to-income (RGI), portable housing benefit, rent supplement, etc.) in
- Been homeless (e.g. couch surfing, living in a shelter, living on the street)
- Lived in foster care or a group home as part of the child protection system
- Lived in a group home for people with developmental disabilities
- Been incarcerated
- Experienced domestic violence in your home
- Been a victim of human trafficking
- Been a victim of crime other than domestic violence or human trafficking
- Accessed a mental health program
- Accessed a substance use program
- Been hospitalized or used the emergency room more than once a year

22. Is there anything further you would like to share that wasn't covered in the survey?

Thank you for participating in this survey - your input is so valuable!

Our next steps are to analyze the most pressing challenges and needs for housing in Mackenzie County and continue to engage people and leaders across the County to improve housing conditions in Mackenzie.