



Community Survey: Assessment of Regional Housing Need

This survey is part of the Central Kootenay Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which will be used by the Regional District and your communities to better understand current and future housing needs across the Central Kootenays. All the information gathered will be anonymous. If you do not wish to answer a question, you can skip it, and you may stop at any time. We deeply appreciate you sharing your experience.

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey or the study, please contact:
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Demographics

This information helps us to better understand the different housing needs of specific age groups, genders and income levels in the community.

1) In which community do you live?

2) Do you identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis?

- Yes
- No

3) Are you a new immigrant to Canada?

- Yes
- No

4) To which age group do you belong?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> 30-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70-74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-59 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75-79 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 80-84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-69 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85+ |

5) What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary / third gender
- Prefer to self-describe: _____
- Prefer not to answer

6) What is your approximate annual household income?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000- \$69,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000- \$19,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000- \$79,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000- \$29,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000- \$89,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000- \$39,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90,000- \$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000- \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000- \$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000- \$59,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 + |

7) What is your employment status?

- Employed- full time
- Employed- part time
- Unemployed- not looking for work
- Unemployed- looking for work
- Student
- Retired
- Other- Please Explain:

8) Have you moved within the past five years?

- Yes
- No

9) If yes, where did you move from?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Within my community
(city, town, or electoral
area, or First Nation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Within my Province |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Within my region (Comox
Valley Regional District) | <input type="checkbox"/> From another Province |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> From outside Canada |

Your Current Living Situation

These questions will help us to better understand current housing conditions and affordability for you and other members of your community. We will use this information to identify current housing gaps.

10) How would you describe your household?

- I live on my own
- Living with roommates
- Couple with children
- Couple without children
- Single parent with children
- Multiple generations living together
- Living with tenants

11) Including yourself, how many people in each of these age categories live with you? Please indicate with an "X".

	0	1	2	3	4	5+
Aged 0 to 14						
Aged 15 to 24						
Aged 25 to 44						
Aged 45 to 64						
Aged 65+						

12) How would you describe your household?

- Single-detached house (stand-alone house)
- Self-contained unit that is part of a single-detached house/property (e.g. basement suite, carriage house, secondary suite, etc.)
- Semi-detached home or duplex
- Row house or townhouse
- Apartment building or condo- less than 5 storeys
- Apartment building or condo- 5 or more storeys
- Mobile home
- RV
- A private bedroom with shared bathroom/kitchen spaces (e.g. single room occupancy, rooming house, etc.)
- Other (e.g. couch-surfing, living in my car, living with relatives)- please explain: _____

13) Please indicate which category describes your housing situation.

- I own my home.
- I rent my home.
- Other- please explain: _____

14) How would you describe the physical condition of your house?

- Requires only periodic maintenance or minor repairs.
- Needs major repairs.
- I'm not sure.

15) Approximately how much is your rent or mortgage per month (not including insurance or utilities)?

- \$0- \$249
- \$250- \$499
- \$500- \$999
- \$1000- \$1499
- \$1500- \$1999
- \$2000+

16) Approximately how much does your household spend on heat and utilities each month?

- \$0- \$49
- \$50- \$99
- \$100- \$199
- \$200- \$299
- \$300- \$399
- \$400+

17) Is the combined cost of your rent, heat, and utilities affordable for you?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure.

Housing Needs

This information will help us better understand your current housing challenges and needs, and what features are important to you when considering housing.

18) Does your current housing situation meet your needs?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure.

19) If no, why doesn't your current housing situation meet your needs?

(Common issues might include cost, accessibility, size, neighbourhood, transportation, difficult landlord, etc.)

20) Do you receive help paying your mortgage, rent, or expenses?

- No
- Sometimes
- Most Months

21) Have you accessed housing supports of any kind in the last two years (e.g. rental subsidies, shelters, food banks, recovery homes, etc.)?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure.

22) If you are a renter, is home ownership something that is important to you?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure.

23) If yes, do you think you will eventually be able to purchase a house in your community?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure.

24) In the next 5 years, do you think any of these will be a problem for you? Check all that apply:

- Stability of housing (concerns about renovations, loss of housing to short-term vacation rentals, etc.)
- Activities of daily living (cooking, cleaning, caring for myself. etc.)
- Distance to services and amenities (groceries, bank, medical, school, etc.)
- Cost of utilities (electricity, water, internet, etc.)
- Cost of mortgage or rent
- Cost to repair and maintain my home
- Rental unit not being repaired or maintained by landlord
- Physical ability to maintain my home
- Accessibility (e.g.. stairs and counter heights)
- Size of living space
- Other- Please Explain:

Your Turn!

25) Have you ever been refused housing or been discriminated against because of your ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, ability, etc?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure.

26) If you are able, please tell us about this experience:

27) Are there particular housing challenges faced by you or members of your community that you think we need to know?

28) Do you have ideas for how housing could be improved for you or members of your community?

29) Is there anything else about your housing experiences, your housing concerns, or about this survey that you would like to share with us?

Please return this survey to the location you received it from. You can also drop it off at the Regional District of Central Kootenay office, bring it to any Housing Assessment engagement event, or mail it to:

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