

Southwest New Brunswick Municipal Housing Survey

Turner Drake & Partners LTD on behalf of the Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission (SNBSC) is conducting a study on housing needs in the municipalities of Blacks Harbour, Campobello, Grand Manan, Harvey, McAdam, Saint Andrews, St. George, and St. Stephen. We are in the process of collecting information as an update to SNBSC's 2020 Municipal Housing Study (<http://swnb-housing.ca>).

Your participation in the following survey is completely voluntary but participating will help us better understand the housing needs in our municipalities and analysis of responses will be shared with municipal decision makers, people who build housing, and granting agencies. Questions about expenses help to determine how affordable housing is in our region but are completely voluntary and can be left blank, as can any question you do not feel comfortable answering. Please fill out the survey online at:

<http://swnb-housing.ca/index.php/resident-survey/>

If you cannot fill the survey out online, this paper copy can be returned to **33 Wall St., St. Stephen** or your local municipal office. Any questions can be directed to the project manager at alexander.gopen@snbsc.ca or 506-466-3450. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Confidentiality: Your responses are voluntary and will be confidential unless contact information is left for follow up. Responses will not be identified by individual. All responses will be compiled together and analyzed as a group.

1. What municipality do you live in?

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| A. Village of Blacks Harbour | F. Town of Saint Andrews |
| B. Campobello Island | G. Town of St. George |
| C. Village of Grand Manan | H. Town of St. Stephen |
| D. Village of Harvey | I. I live outside of these municipalities |
| E. Village of McAdam | |

2. Do you rent or own your housing?

- A. I rent
- B. I own my house outright
- C. I own my house and pay a mortgage

3. Do you share housing costs with anyone else? (i.e. utilities, groceries)

Yes No

4. What type of housing do you live in?



Single-detached



Purpose built apartment



Duplex / Semi-detached



Mixed-use apartment



Townhouse / Rowhouse



Accessory dwelling unit (i.e: basement suite)



Mobile / Mini-home

H. Other

5. How many people live with you in your unit?

I live alone 1 2 3 4+

6. Is your housing matched to suit your space needs?

- A. Right amount of space
- C. Need more space

- B. Need barrier free/accessible space
- D. Too much living space

7. How would you describe your household?

- A. Live alone
- B. Live with a roommate
- C. Couple without children
- D. Couple with children
- E. Single parent
- F. Multigenerational family

8. Does anyone in your household have any accessibility or mobility issues?

Yes No

9. Approximately how much do you spend each month on housing costs? Including rent, mortgage payments, condominium fees, and utilities (heat, water, electricity). You may round to the nearest \$50.

10. Does your rent include utilities?

Yes No Some (e.g. just hot water) I don't rent

11. How much does your household spend on utilities per month? (skip if you do not pay for utilities)

12. Approximately how much does your household spend on transportation each month? Includes gas, car maintenance, insurance, public transit, bicycle maintenance, etc.

13. Which of the following describes your total before-tax household income last year?

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| A. Less than \$19,999 | F. \$100,000 to \$119,999 |
| B. \$20,000 to \$39,999 | G. \$120,000 to \$139,999 |
| C. \$40,000 to \$59,999 | H. \$140,000 to \$159,999 |
| D. \$60,000 to \$79,999 | I. \$160,000 or more |
| E. \$80,000 to \$99,999 | J. Prefer not to say |

14. Are you spending more than 30% of your before-tax income on shelter costs? (Shelter costs are your combined mortgage/rent, property taxes, and utility costs)

Yes No Don't know

15. Do you feel like your shelter costs are affordable?

Extremely unaffordable 1 2 3 4 5 Extremely affordable

16. How well is your housing maintained?

Poorly maintained 1 2 3 4 5 Well maintained

17. Have you ever experienced discrimination in relation to housing?

Yes No Possibly

17. If comfortable, please describe the discrimination you have experienced in relation to housing?

18. How would you rate the availability of rental housing in your community?

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Good

19. Does your current housing situation meet your needs? If not, why?

Yes No Don't know _____

20. Did your housing situation 2 years ago meet your needs? If not, why?

Yes No Don't know _____

21. Rate the difficulty you have experienced or are experiencing finding housing that matched your needs.

No difficulty 1 2 3 4 5 Extreme difficulty

22. In the next five years do you think any of these will be a problem for you? Check all that apply.

- A. Cost of utilities (electricity, water, internet, heat, etc.)
- B. Cost to repair and maintain my home
- C. Physical ability to maintain my home
- D. Distance to services and amenities (groceries, bank, medical, school, etc.)
- E. Cost of mortgage or rent
- F. Activities of daily living (cooking, cleaning, caring for myself, etc.)
- G. Stability of housing (renovictions, loss of housing to vacation rentals etc.)
- H. Rental unit not being maintained by landlord
- I. Size of living space
- J. Accessibility (e.g stairs and counter height)

23. Do you feel safe in your home / community?

Yes

No

Don't know

24. Is there anything else we should know about your housing situation or housing in general?
