

# HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS ESTIMATION SURVEY

March 2023



## **PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY**

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This survey was created to help our community gain a better understanding of the needs of our residents and the services required to improve and enhance community well-being.

Your answers will help us identify the types of services currently being accessed, which ones are currently seeing the most use, and what needs in the community aren't being met. We will use the information gathered from this survey to take steps to increase and/or improve the services offered within our community.

## **PROCEDURE**

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- Please complete the survey to the best of your understanding and only submit once.
- Time required: 10-15 minutes.
- This survey contains questions regarding your current/past living situations, employment, and citizenship/immigration status.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey, please reach out to your local service agency for support.
- The survey is open from **March 1 - March 31, 2023**.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROTECTION**

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- By continuing with this survey, you consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of your personal information for the purposes described above.
- A unique identifier will be assigned to the information you provide in this survey, and your full name will not be used.
- Physical and electronic copies of the data (where available) will be stored and protected using adequate safeguards like password-protected computers.

## RIGHT TO WITHDRAW

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- Your participation is completely voluntary.
- If the questions make you feel uncomfortable at any point, feel free to skip that question or stop the survey.
- You can skip questions or stop the survey at any point if you feel uncomfortable. If you skip questions, your responses will still be recorded.
- You can stop at any time without affecting your access to services. If you stop the survey at any point, none of your information will be used.
- Participants can withdraw their consent two weeks after the survey's closing deadline, provided they supply their unique identifier.

**Knowing the information above, are you willing to take this survey right now?**

- Yes
- No

# Survey Start

Q1. Anonymous Unique Identifier (ex. John Smith, born on 15th November 1964)

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What are the last two letters of your FIRST name?

What are the last two letters of your LAST name?

What is the DAY you were born?

What are the last two numbers of the YEAR you were born?

Q2. Where do you currently live (or which community do you live closest to)?

- Town of Lamont
- Town of Bruderheim
- Town of Mundare
- Village of Chipman
- Village of Andrew
- Lamont County (rural)
- I am not sure
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

# Demographics

## Q3. How do you describe your gender identity?

- Man
- Woman
- Trans-man
- Trans-woman
- Gender non-conforming (including non-binary, gender-queer & gender fluid)
- I am not sure
- Identity not listed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

## Q4. How do you describe your sexual orientation?

- Straight
- Lesbian/Gay
- Bisexual/Pansexual
- Asexual
- Two-spirit
- I am not sure
- Identity not listed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

# Demographics

## Q5. How old are you?

- 0-19 years old
- 20-39 years old
- 40-59 years old
- 60+ years old

## Q6. Were you born in Canada (Turtle Island)?

- Yes, I was born in Canada (Turtle Island)
- No, I was not born in Canada (Turtle Island)
- Prefer not to answer

## Q7. Which of the following best describes you?

- Does not apply to me
- I immigrated to Canada as an economic-category immigrant
- I immigrated to Canada as a family-category immigrant
- I immigrated to Canada as a government assisted refugee
- I immigrated to Canada as a privately sponsored refugee (including BVOR – Blended Visa Office Referred)
- I am currently in Canada as a refugee claimant
- I am currently in Canada as an international student
- I am currently in Canada on a temporary work visa
- I am not sure
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

# Demographics

**Q8. Do you identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit or have other Indigenous ancestry?**

- Yes, First Nations
- Yes, Inuit
- Yes, Métis
- Yes, other Indigenous ancestry
- No
- Prefer not to answer

**Q9. Which racial groups do you identify with? (Choose all that apply.)**

- Arab (e.g. Egyptian, Yemeni)
- Asian - East (e.g. Chinese, Korean, Japanese)
- Asian - South-East (e.g. Vietnamese, Filipino)
- Asian - South and Indo Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Indo-Fijian)
- Asian - West (e.g. Iranian, Afghan, Turkish)
- Black - African (e.g. Ghanaian, Ethiopian, Nigerian)
- Black - Afro-Caribbean and Afro Latinx (e.g. Jamaican, Trinidadian, Afro-Brazilian)
- Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Mexican, Chilean, Cuban)
- White (e.g. European - English Italian, Ukrainian, French; or Euro-Latinx)
- Identify as Indigenous only
- Identity not listed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

## Demographics

Q10. Have you ever served in the Canadian Armed Forces/Foreign Military Service, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)/Foreign Police Service, or any local or foreign Emergency Services? (Choose all that apply.)

- Canadian Armed Forces or Foreign Military Service
- RCMP or Foreign Police Service
- Local or Foreign Emergency Services (EMS, Police, Fire Dept.)
- No
- Prefer not to answer

## Housing

Q11. Do you consider your housing situation to be unstable or feel you could easily lose your housing?

- Yes
- No
- I am not sure





# Housing

Q12. Which of the following do you NOT have in your current housing situation? (Choose all that apply.)

- Indoor plumbing/bathing facilities
- Sufficient and affordable heating
- Safe drinking water
- Refrigeration
- Electricity (or equivalent - i.e. solar power)
- Cooking facilities
- Fire protection (smoke alarms, fire extinguishers)

Q13. What is your housing accommodation type?

- I own the house/unit I'm currently in
- I rent the house/unit I'm currently in
- Neither
- Prefer not to answer

# Housing

**Q14. Thinking about your living situation this past month, which of these statements apply to you? (Check all that apply.)**

- I live in accommodations provided by my employer
- I live in a home that is owned by/rented out by an Indigenous government
- I find it difficult to pay rent
- I spend more than 30% of my monthly income on housing
- I live in housing that needs major repairs (heating or plumbing problems, mould, leaky roof, etc)
- There are not enough bedrooms for the number of people in the home I'm in
- I live in a different community from where I work due to housing shortage
- I live in supported or transitional housing (e.g. Housing First)
- I stayed in a medical/detox facility
- I slept in a family's/friends home because I had no where else to stay
- I stayed in a jail/prison/remand centre
- I stayed at a women's/domestic violence shelter
- I stayed with someone I didn't know because I had no other place to go
- I stayed in a home where I experienced violence/abuse because I had no other place to go
- I endured unwanted sexual activity to have a place to stay
- I stayed in living situation unwillingly because I had no other choice (e.g. with parents due to lack of rental options)
- I stayed in a home with unsafe conditions (e.g. exposed wiring, no railing on banisters, physical construction hazards, etc.)
- I slept in a shelter
- I slept in a makeshift shelter, vehicle, tent, or shack

# Housing

Q15. If you pay rent or a mortgage, how much do you pay per month?

- Less than \$500
- Between \$500 and \$999
- Between \$1000 and \$1499
- Between \$1500 and \$1999
- Over \$2000
- I don't pay rent or a mortgage
- Prefer not to answer

# Housing

Q16. Which of the following affects your ability to be securely housed? (Choose all that apply.)

- Does not apply to me
- I can't afford rent/mortgage payments
- I don't make enough money
- My rent went up
- I lost my job
- Spouse/partner lost their job
- I don't have the credit needed to secure housing
- I exceeded my stay at a shelter
- Addictions/Substance use
- Illness/Medical condition
- Mental Health issues
- Mental Disability
- Physical Disability
- Family rejection
- Domestic/Family violence or abuse
- Conflict with parent/guardian or spouse/partner
- Conflict with landlord or roommate
- My house needs major repairs (mould, leaks, etc)
- Racism/Discrimination
- Lack of transportation
- I was in jail/prison
- Prefer not to answer
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# Housing

Q16a. If you had to choose only one main reason why you feel that your housing situation is unstable, what would it be?

Q16b. If applicable, how has COVID affected your housing stability?

# Recent Accommodations

Q17. Have you stayed in a shelter this past year?

- Yes, an emergency shelter
- Yes, an emergency weather shelter
- Yes, a women's/domestic violence shelter
- Yes, but I don't know what type of shelter it was
- No, but I have stayed in a transitional housing unit
- No
- Prefer not to answer

# Recent Accommodations

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Q18. If you needed a shelter in the past year and could not access one, what barriers/challenges did you face? (Choose all that apply.)

- I didn't need shelter services
- The right kind of shelter wasn't available (for example, I needed a women's shelter and couldn't access one)
- The shelter was full
- No shelters in my area
- I didn't meet the intake criteria to access the shelter
- I didn't feel safe
- The shelter was unclean
- The shelter did not welcome me because of my gender identity
- Alcohol/substance use is not permitted on site
- Lack of disability accommodations
- Lack of transportation
- No pets allowed
- Isolation from social supports (family, partner, friends, etc.)
- Reason not listed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

# Household Members

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Q19. Have you ever been in foster care, a youth group home, or under a youth/young adult agreement?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Q20. Are you or anyone in your household currently pregnant?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Q21. Are you currently a single-parent household?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Q22. How many dependents under 18 years old are staying with you?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- More than 5
- Prefer not to answer

# Household Members

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Q23. How many adults are staying with you?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- More than 5
- Prefer not to answer

Q23a. What types of adults are staying with you?  
(Choose all that apply.)

- Partner/Spouse
- Parents/Spouse's parents
- Adult children (18+)
- Extended Family (Including partner/spouse's family)
- Co-workers
- Roommates
- Prefer not to answer

Q24. Do you live in a multigenerational home?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer



## Household Members

Q25. If you live in a multigenerational home, how many generations live together?

- I do not live in a multigenerational home
- 2 generations
- 3 generations
- 4 generations
- 5 generations
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Living

Q26. How long have you lived in this community?

- Always lived here
- Under a year
- 1-3 years
- 3-5 years
- 5-8 years
- More than 8 years
- Prefer not to answer

# Community Living

**Q27. Where did you move from when you came to this community?**

- I have always lived in this community
- Another community in the province
- A First Nation
- A Métis Settlement
- An Inuit Settlement
- Another province
- Another country
- Prefer not to answer

**Q28. How many times have you moved in the past 12 months?**

- I have not moved in the past 12 months
- 1 to 2 times
- 3 to 6 times
- More than 6 times
- Prefer not to answer

# Community Living

Q29. What are the main reasons you came to this community? (Choose all that apply.)

- I have always lived here
- I was looking to reconnect with my culture, community, and traditions
- Environmental displacement (flooding, wildfire, lack of clean drinking water, etc.)
- Fear for safety/fleeing from violence
- To look for work
- To start a job
- To attend school
- To access emergency shelters
- To access services/supports
- To find housing
- To visit family/friends
- To move in with spouse/partner
- My family moved here
- My spouse/partner's family move here
- For the lifestyle the community offers
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

# Community Living

Q30. What are two things you love about the community?

First thing I love:

Second thing I love:

Q31. What are two things you don't love about the community?

First thing I don't love:

Second thing I don't love:

Q32. What are two places that make you feel safe in the community?

First safe place:

Second safe space:

Q33. What are two places that make you feel unsafe in the community?

First unsafe place:

Second unsafe space:

# Employment

**Q34. Are you currently employed?**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

**Q35. If yes, is your position:**

- Casual
- Part-time
- Full-time
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

**Q35a. If other, please select employment type:**

- Contract
- Seasonally
- Self-employed
- Retired
- Not listed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

# Employment

Q36. What are your sources of income? (Choose all that apply.)

- My employment income
- My partner/spouse's income
- Alimony/Child Support
- Pension
- Seniors Benefits (CPP, OAS, GIS, etc.)
- Veterans' Benefits
- Disability Benefits
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- Student loans
- Income assistance
- Child and Family Tax Benefits
- GST refunds
- Informal Income (e.g. peer work, bottle returns, panhandling, trading/bartering, sex work, etc.)
- Money from family and friends
- Credit card loans/regular loans
- Not listed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to answer

# Employment

**Q37. What was your approximate household income last year?**

- Less than \$30,000
- Between \$30,001 and \$49,999
- Between \$50,000 and \$69,999
- Between \$70,000 and \$89,999
- Between \$90,000 and \$109,999
- \$110,000 or more
- Prefer not to answer

**Q38. What is the highest level of education you've completed?**

- No formal education
- Some grade school
- Some high school
- High school diploma or GED
- Apprenticeship, trades certificate, or diploma
- College certificate or diploma
- Some post-secondary
- Bachelor's Degree
- Graduate/Professional Degree (Master's, Ph.D., MD, JD, etc.)
- I am not sure
- Prefer not to answer

# Support Services

Q39. Which support services do you access? (Choose all that apply.)

- I don't access services
- Basic needs** (Food bank, shelters, clothing donations, etc.)
- Financial** (Rental assistance, housing, training/education etc.)
- Crisis financial support** (Eviction notices, utility shutoffs, damage deposits, etc.)
- Family/parenting** (Child care, parental resources, relationship issues, child developmental assessment tools/referrals etc.)
- COVID-19 assistance** (Supplies, access to CERB, health care access)
- Health and wellness** (Addictions, mental health, physical health care, spiritual or cultural wellbeing, etc.)
- Legal** (Separation/divorce/custody, wills/estates, employment/labour standards landlord/tenant issues, immigration issues, criminal/misdemeanour, etc.)
- Support services** (Help with government forms, help with accessing government/other programs or services, access to technology, etc.)
- Transportation needs** (Access to basic services/education/employment, medical transportation)
- All of the above
- Not listed: \_\_\_\_\_

Q40. Of the areas listed in Q39, which services are you able to access in your community?



# Support Services

Q41. Of the areas listed in Q39, which services do you have to access in another community?

Q42. If applicable, how long did you travel to access those services (one-way)?

Q43. Which form of transportation did you use to access those services? (Choose all that apply.)

- Car or truck
- E-Bus (e.g. Red Arrow)
- Public transportation (e.g. the bus, LRT, etc.)
- A friend or family member took me
- I took a taxi or ride share service (e.g. Uber, Lyft, etc.)
- A service agency or non-profit arranged a ride for me
- Hitchhiking or got a ride from a stranger(s)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# Support Services

Q44. Does your community provide enough...

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Employment opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free/accessible recreation or social opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social services (libraries, emergency services, post-office, outreach programs...)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessible, affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transportation services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to food (grocery stores, markets, food banks, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q45. What would you like to see more of in your community?

SURVEY END