

# What We Heard

## Métis Nation of Alberta Housing Needs Assessment



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# What We Did

**To better understand the housing needs of the Métis community within Alberta, an assessment survey was conducted, and the results are highlighted below.**

Through various collection strategies, 1062 Métis Albertans responded to the survey. Email, social media, and website campaigns, internal stakeholder interviews, and secondary research relating to homelessness contributed to the findings.

Through the guidance of the Métis Housing Technical Working Group, the Housing Needs Assessment Report was separated into five dimensions: Affordability, Adequacy, Suitability, Satisfaction, and Hidden Homelessness.

To establish program recommendations, each dimension was analyzed and informed by Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) factors: Gender, Presence of a Disability, Household Income, Urban or Rural, Region, and Parental Status. The GBA+ approach assesses diverse groups of women, men, and gender diverse people, and how they experience policies, programs, and initiatives. Whether the respondent rents or owns is impactful and applied to each GBA+ factor.

# What We Learned

## Current Housing Program Participation

- ∞ Most utilized: Rental Supplement Program (50%) and Home Repair Program (32%)
- ∞ Urban participation (75.4%) significantly higher than rural (24.6%)
- ∞ Single mother participation rates (81.1%) are ~4x higher than single father (18.9%)
- ∞ Lack of housing program participation: unawareness (49.5%), accessing or filling in forms (17.2%), providing required information (8.5%)
- ∞ Program participation is inversely correlated to income – 36.6% of respondents earn <\$50,000/yr

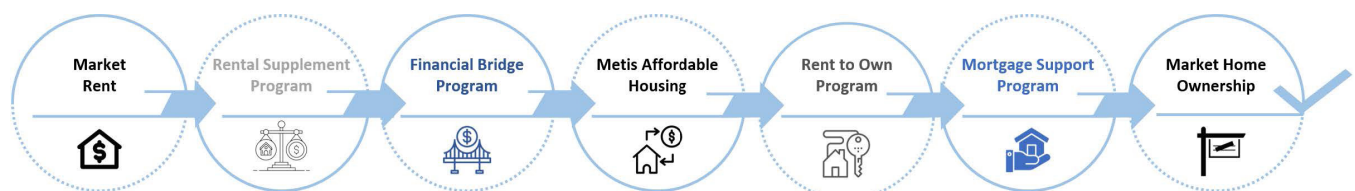
\* percentage values reflect survey responses, not actual program participation.

There is a proven link between housing, culture, health, and education, which in turn, is a determinant of income. Additionally, there is a strong connection between housing, entrepreneurship, and economic development.

Overall, homeowners are in a better position than renters and have a greater rate of affordability, adequate living conditions, suitable accommodations, and satisfaction across the board. Further, people with disabilities rate higher in most categories, including unaffordability, inadequate housing, suitability, and satisfaction.

## Métis Housing Access Pathway

The pathway is designed, and many of the programs can be combined to build a housing continuum that results in home ownership.





# Recommendations

1. Continued support for current rental supplement program
2. Financial bridge to access Métis Housing Assist with funding the breaking of the current market lease agreement to allow tenant(s) to enter Métis Housing and to start down the path to ownership
3. Increased support for the Home Repair Program, including introduction of a rental home repair program
4. Broader support or customized program for mortgage payers
5. Wrap around services for MNA citizens with disabilities
6. Targeted housing programs and increased suitability for single mothers with children
7. Continue with the Down Payment Assistance Program and add a Rent to Own Program
8. Targeted programs for seniors
9. Homelessness and transitional program
10. More efficient, transparent, and accessible application and approval processes
11. Increased community-based communication
12. Increased local and regional engagement

**Métis Urban Housing Corporation and Métis Capital Housing Corporation recognize the impact housing can have and continues to strive to build a strong, healthy, happy Métis Nation.**

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