



## NRPC RHNA General Survey 2022

### Survey Introduction

**Welcome to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Survey! This survey is part of the public outreach conducted during the Regional Housing Need Project. The purpose of this survey is to help the planning team further understand the housing needs of the Nashua Region and learn about specific community needs.**

**Your responses will help to describe current housing supply, demand, and affordability within our region and begin to identify what types of housing may be needed in the future. The Housing Needs Assessment will identify potential targeted improvement strategies or actions. Your responses will remain anonymous, and results will be presented in aggregate form only. If you do not intend to complete the survey for the Nashua Region (Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Wilton) please use this link to select a different region: <http://www.nharpc.org/rhna>**

**This survey contains key questions plus a demographic section. It should take less than 15 minutes to respond. If you have any questions or comments about this survey, please contact Emma Rearick, Regional Planner II, Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) at [emmar@nashuarpc.org](mailto:emmar@nashuarpc.org).**



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### Key Questions

**Please answer the following questions for your household.**

1. I currently (select all that apply):

- Rent my home
- Own my home with a mortgage
- Own my home without a mortgage
- Live with parents or other caretakers who pay for my housing
- Live with family or roommates and share cost
- Live in a shelter, halfway house, or other temporary housing
- Live in senior housing or assisted living (for seniors or disabled persons)
- I do not currently have permanent housing
- Other (please specify)

2. What best describes the type of home you currently live in?

- Single-family home
- Manufactured or mobile home
- Multi-family home (2-4 units)
- Multi-family home (5-20+ units)
- Larger multi-family building (more than 20 units)
- Townhouse or Row house
- Accessory Dwelling Unit, in-law apartment, or backyard cottage
- A home with needed supportive services (such as mental wellness care, job training, dormitory etc.)
- I do not currently have permanent housing (such as living with family, friends, or a nomad lifestyle)
- Other (please specify)

3. Ideally what type of housing would you prefer to be living in today (regardless of affordability)?

- Single-family home
- Manufactured or mobile home
- Multi-family home (2-4 units)
- Multi-family home (5-20+ units)
- Larger multi-family building (more than 20 units)
- Townhouse or Row house
- Accessory Dwelling Unit, in-law apartment, or backyard cottage
- A home with needed supportive services (such as mental wellness care, job training, dormitory etc.)
- No permanent housing (such as living with family, friends, or a nomad lifestyle)
- Other (please specify):

4. Are you actively looking for a new place to live?

- Yes
- No

The Nashua region includes Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Wilton (also shown in the map below).



5. If you are planning to move, where do you plan to move to?

- A community in the Nashua region
- Somewhere else in NH, outside the Nashua region
- Another state
- I don't know
- N/A I don't plan to move
- Other (please specify)

6. If you are planning to leave the Nashua region, please tell us why:

7. When was the last time you moved?

- less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 10 or more years
- I have never moved

8. Last time you moved, where did you move from?

- A community in the Nashua region
- Somewhere else in NH, outside the Nashua region
- Another state
- N/A I have never moved
- Other (please specify)

9. Have you ever been at risk of eviction or losing your home?

- No
- Yes. Please explain:

10. Has homelessness impacted you or your family? (select all that apply)

- No
- Yes, I personally have experienced homelessness
- Yes, a close family member or friend has experienced homelessness
- Other (please specify)

11. If you are 55 years old or older, what are your housing intentions for the future? (select all that apply)

- Stay in my current home.
- Move to a warmer climate.
- Move to a smaller home.
- Move to an assisted living facility.
- Move to an age-restricted 55+ community.
- Move out of the region to be closer to family.
- Other (please specify)

- N/A I am not 55 or older.



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12. Indicate your level of priority of the following characteristics when choosing a community/neighborhood to live in.

	Very high	High	Neutral	Low	Very Low	I do not know	N/A
Close to family and friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Close to work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Close to amenities (such as shopping, health care, downtown center, recreational areas, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Close to public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In my affordable price range	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School System	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Size of unit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infrastructure and utilities are available (sidewalks, water, sewer, internet, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land suitability (flood risk, soil type, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land amenities (size, view, landscaping, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Located near where I grew up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Presence of established village, downtown centers, and events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to outdoor recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

13. Please select the statement that best describes your housing cost (mortgage/rent, utilities, insurance, and property taxes):

- My housing cost is less than 30% of our household's total income
- My housing cost is between 30%-50% of our household's total income
- My housing cost is greater than 50% of our household's total income
- I do not pay for my housing
- I don't know

14. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that more housing of each type listed below is needed in your community.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I do not know	N/A
Rental homes for young adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Starter homes for young families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age restricted housing (55+)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assisted living for seniors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing that is affordable for low-income families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency housing (related to domestic violence, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing for people with physical disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shelters for people experiencing homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing for people in recovery (sober homes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

15. What types of housing, if any, are missing in your community?



16. Prioritize the housing-related challenges facing your community.

Please rank the greatest challenge as 1 and the lowest challenge as 8.

- Cost of housing or rent  This challenge does not apply to my community.
- Cost of repair, maintenance, or ADA accessibility needs  This challenge does not apply to my community.
- Flooding  This challenge does not apply to my community.
- Homelessness  This challenge does not apply to my community.
- Neighborhood safety  This challenge does not apply to my community.
- Availability of housing options (different types)  This challenge does not apply to my community.
- Housing discrimination  This challenge does not apply to my community.
- Presence of unkept (or vacant) homes and properties  This challenge does not apply to my community.

17. Please tell us about any other housing-related challenges in your community:

18. Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about your current housing needs.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I do not know	N/A
My current housing meets my needs today	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My current housing meets my anticipated needs for the next 3 to 5 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My current housing meets my anticipated needs for the next 10 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My current housing is in need of major improvements or repairs to remain livable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My current housing is unaffordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted my housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do not currently have permanent housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments:

19. Do you travel more than 30 minutes from your home for work, childcare, or other daily needs?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

20. Indicate the impact you believe the following factors have on cost and supply of housing in your community.

	Significantly impacts	Somewhat impacts	Slightly impacts	Does not impact	I do not know	N/A
Wages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment Opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Household Debt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Household Savings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Qualifying for a mortgage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Available land suitable for development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Available utilities and infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, electric, internet etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of construction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Property taxes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to finance construction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State regulations and permits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal regulations and permits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Demand for short-term rentals/vacation rentals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People moving into the region who can afford higher prices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interest rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Level of local government investment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. If you would like to be informed on survey results and progress on the regional housing needs assessment process moving forward, please share your email below.

22. Would you like to participate in a focus group about housing?

Yes

Maybe

No

23. If you would like to participate in a focus group and did not enter your email address above, please share another way to get in touch with you:



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### Demographics

\* 24. Please enter the five-digit ZIP code for where you live.

- I don't know the ZIP code where I live.
- The ZIP code where I live is:

25. If you work, please enter your five-digit ZIP code for your workplace.

- I do not work.
- I primarily work from home.
- My workplace ZIP code:

26. Please select your age.

- Younger than 18
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 or older

27. Please select your annual household income.

- Less than \$9,999
- \$10,000 - \$14,999
- \$15,000 - \$29,999
- \$30,000 - \$44,999
- \$45,000 - \$89,999
- \$90,000 - \$134,999
- \$135,000 - \$199,999
- \$200,000 - \$499,999
- \$500,000 or More
- I do not wish to answer

28. Which of the following best describes you?

- Asian
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Multiracial or Biracial
- A race/ethnicity not listed here
- I do not wish to answer

29. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No

30. What is your employment status? (Check all that apply)

- Employed Full-time (40 hours or more per week)
- Employed Part-time (Up to 39 hours per week)
- Unemployed and currently looking for work
- Unemployed and not currently looking for work
- Student
- Retired
- Self-employed
- Unable to work

31. How many adults are in your household?

32. How many children under 18 are in your household?

33. How many adults 65 and over are in your household?

34. Which describes your disability status?

- None
- Hearing Difficulty (deaf or having serious difficulty hearing)
- Vision Difficulty (blind or having serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses)
- Cognitive Difficulty (due to physical, mental, or emotional problem having difficulty remembering, concentrating, or making decisions)
- Ambulatory Difficulty (serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs)
- Self-care Difficulty (serious difficulty bathing or dressing)
- Independent living difficulty (due to physical, mental, or emotional problem, having difficulty living or completing tasks alone)
- Other (please specify)

35. Is there anything else you would like us to know?