

# Nunavut Housing Needs Survey Fact Sheet – Cambridge Bay

## **Background:**

The Nunavut Housing Needs Survey (NHNS) is a survey of households in 25 communities in Nunavut, conducted from November 2009 to June 2010. The primary objective of the survey was to collect data on the housing needs of Nunavummiut so as to assist the Government of Nunavut in planning and providing housing. The overall response rate was 44% for Cambridge Bay.

This fact sheet presents some of the survey results for Cambridge Bay. Similar fact sheets are available for the territory as a whole and for each region and each community. All numbers in this fact sheet have been rounded. Percentages were calculated from unrounded numbers and the denominator excludes the non-response categories "refusal", "don't know", and "not stated".

More survey information and results are available on the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics' website which may be accessed at <a href="http://www.eia.gov.nu.ca/stats/housing.html">http://www.eia.gov.nu.ca/stats/housing.html</a> or you may wish to contact one of our Information Officers at 867-473-2656 or 867-473-2660. Collect calls are accepted.

## **Survey highlights for Cambridge Bay:**

## Housing stock and housing tenure in Cambridge Bay:

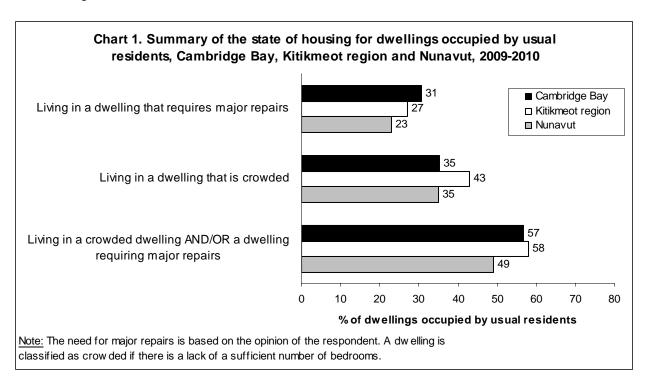
- A) Cambridge Bay had a total of 540 dwellings, of which 480 were occupied by their usual residents. The remaining 60 dwellings were unoccupied or occupied temporarily by persons who considered their usual home elsewhere.
- B) The most common types of dwellings were single detached houses (54%) and row houses with 3 or more units side-by-side (36%).
- C) Of the 480 dwellings occupied by usual residents, about 7 dwellings out of 10 were rented while 3 out of 10 were owned.
- D) About half of the housing occupied by residents of Cambridge Bay was classified as public housing. The second most common type of housing was owner-occupied dwellings, representing about 3 dwellings out of 10. The remaining occupied dwellings were staff housing and other types of rented housing.



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## State of housing for dwellings occupied by usual residents in Cambridge Bay:

- E) Of the 480 households, which is the equivalent of all dwellings occupied by usual residents, about 7 out of 10 were satisfied with the condition of their dwelling.
- F) About 31% of occupied dwellings (140) required major repairs for items such as defective plumbing or defective electrical wiring, a leaking oil or sewage tank, or a broken hot water boiler. The need for major repairs is based solely on the opinion of the respondent.
- G) Approximately 35% of occupied dwellings (170) were classified as crowded, based on the lack of enough bedrooms. The majority of those dwellings, about 130 out of 170, were classified as crowded because they required one additional bedroom.
- H) In about half of the crowded dwellings, respondents indicated that they regularly used the living room for sleeping because there was no other place to sleep.
- In Cambridge Bay, 57% of the occupied dwellings (260) were below housing standards, meaning they were either crowded or in need of major repairs or a combination of both. Housing affordability was not measured in the survey.
- J) Public housing had the highest proportion of dwellings below housing standards (75%) compared with other types of housing such as owner-occupied dwellings, staff housing or other rental housing.

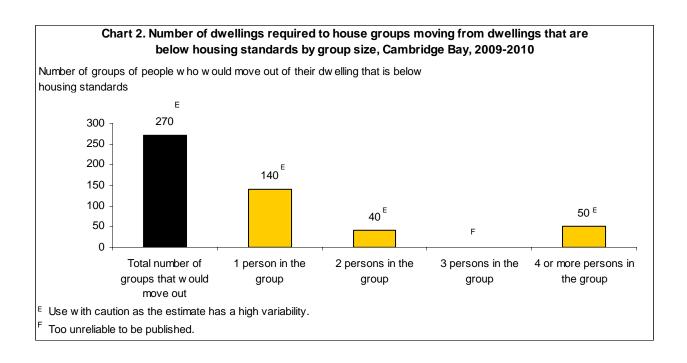




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## Cambridge Bay housing needs for dwellings below housing standards:

- K) For each person in a household, the survey asked if they would move out if additional housing were available in their community.
- L) In the majority of the occupied dwellings below housing standards, about 180 out of 260, in Cambridge Bay, at least one person or a group of household members would move out if more housing were available.
- M) Out of the 1,200 or so persons living in a dwelling below housing standards, about 580 of them or nearly half responded that they would move out if more housing units were available in their community.
- N) Of the 580 people who would move out, some of them would move out on their own and others would move out with people living in the same dwelling or elsewhere. This represents a total of about 270 groups of people that would move out of their current housing if additional housing were available.
- O) This number of groups (approximately 270) represents the number of dwellings that would be required to house the groups moving out of dwellings below housing standards. About 54% of these groups wishing to move would be people moving out alone while approximately 46% would be a group of two or more persons moving out together.





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## People in immediate need of housing in Cambridge Bay:

- P) The number of people in Cambridge Bay who did not have a usual home <u>at the time of the survey</u> and were living temporarily in another person's dwelling is too unreliable to be published.
- Q) About 1 occupied dwelling out of 3 housed temporary residents without a usual home elsewhere in the 12 months prior to the time of the survey.

#### People on the waiting list for public housing in Cambridge Bay:

- R) About 150 or so residents of Cambridge Bay aged 15 years and over reported that they were on the waiting list for public housing. This represents about 1 person out of 10 for those aged 15 and over.
- S) The number of people aged 15 years and over in Cambridge Bay by the length of time on the public housing waiting list is too unreliable to be published.

Please note that the data for Chart 3 is too unreliable to be published.

## Telephone and Internet access in Cambridge Bay:

- T) About 300 households or nearly 2 out of 3 in Cambridge Bay had access to the Internet from within their dwelling.
- U) The majority of households, or 87%, had a telephone. Most of these households had a regular land line telephone.