



Nunavut Housing Needs Survey

Fact Sheet – Baker Lake

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 72% for Baker Lake.

This fact sheet presents some of the survey results for Baker Lake. 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 <http://www.eia.gov.nu.ca/stats/housing.html> 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 Baker Lake:

Housing stock and housing tenure in Baker Lake:

- A) Baker Lake had a total of 550 dwellings, of which 530 were occupied by their usual residents. The remaining 20 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 (55%) and row houses with 3 or more units side-by-side (29%).
- C) Of the 530 dwellings occupied by usual residents, about 8 dwellings out of 10 were rented while 2 out of 10 were owned.
- D) Most of the housing occupied by residents of Baker Lake was classified as public housing, which made up slightly more than two-thirds of all occupied dwellings. The second most common type of housing was owner-occupied dwellings, representing about 2 dwellings out of 10. The remaining occupied dwellings were staff housing and other types of rented housing.

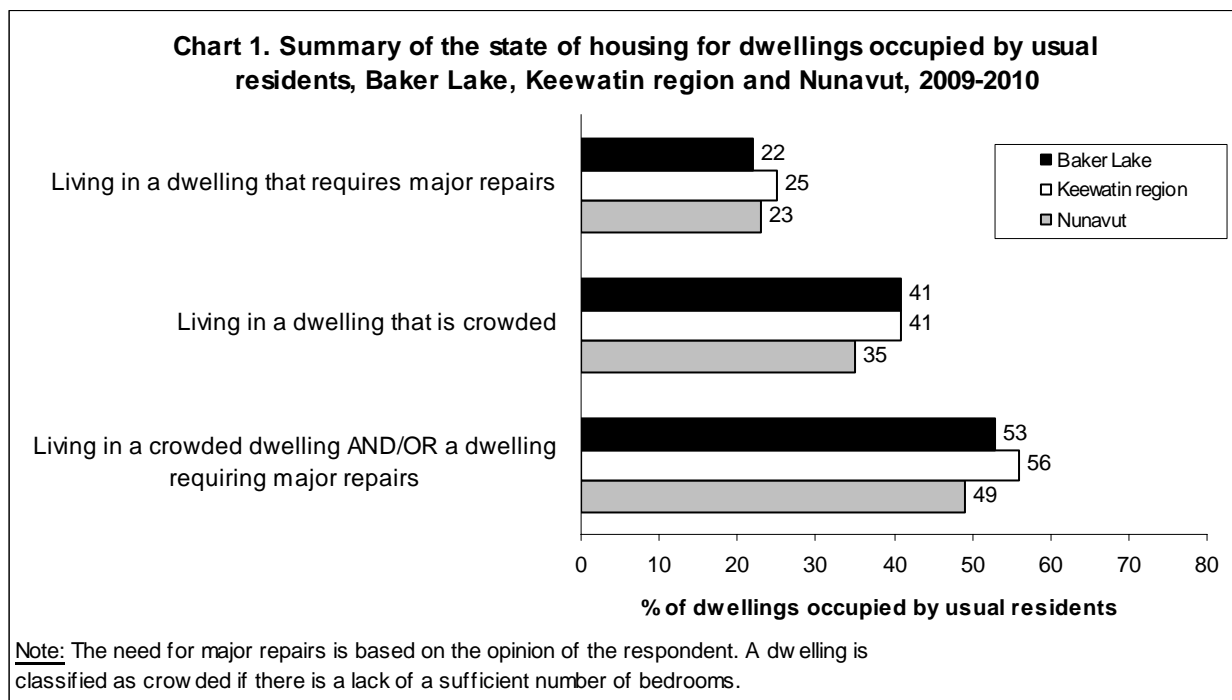


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State of housing for dwellings occupied by usual residents in Baker Lake:

- E) Of the 530 households, which is the equivalent of all dwellings occupied by usual residents, about 6 out of 10 were satisfied with the condition of their dwelling.
- F) About 22% of occupied dwellings (120) 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 41% of occupied dwellings (210) were classified as crowded, based on the lack of enough bedrooms. The majority of those dwellings (130 out of 210) were classified as crowded because they required one additional bedroom. The other crowded dwellings required two or more additional bedrooms.
- 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.
- I) In Baker Lake, 53% of the occupied dwellings (270) 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 (58%) compared with other types of housing such as owner-occupied dwellings, staff housing or other rental housing.





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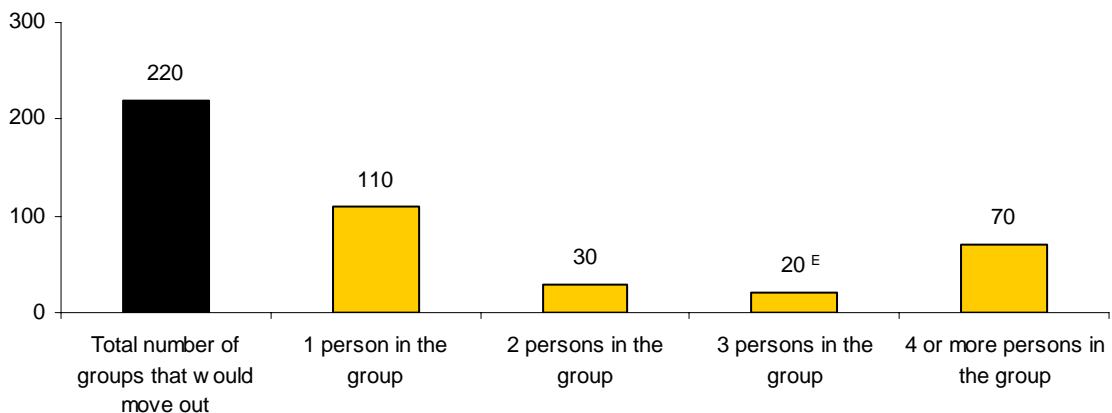
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Housing needs for dwellings below housing standards in Baker Lake:

- 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 (140 out of 270) in Baker Lake, at least one person or a group of household members would move out if more housing were available.
- M) Out of the 1,500 or so persons living in a dwelling below housing standards, about 630 of them or little less than half responded that they would move out if more housing units were available in their community.
- N) Of the 630 or so 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 220 groups of people that would move out of their current housing if additional housing were available.
- O) This number of groups (220) represents the number of dwellings that would be required to house the groups moving out of dwellings below housing standards. About 49% of these groups wishing to move would be people moving out alone while 51% would be a group of two or more persons moving out together.

Chart 2. Number of dwellings required to house groups moving from dwellings that are below housing standards by group size, Baker Lake, 2009-2010

Number of groups of people who would move out of their dwelling that is below housing standards



^E Use with caution as the estimate has a high variability.

