



HOUSING SURVEY SUMMARY MAY 2019

Summary

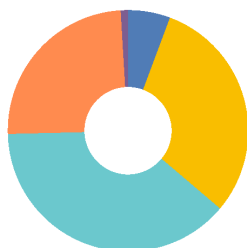
This past Spring BIRCH asked the Bowen Island community about the current housing situation, for feedback on our proposed housing project and thoughts on our future together. The feedback summarized in this document will help guide BIRCH as we progress towards the development of non-market rental housing on Bowen Island.

For more information about BIRCH, please visit www.birchhousing.org If you have any questions about about the survey or this summary, please email info@birchhousing.org

Who completed the survey?

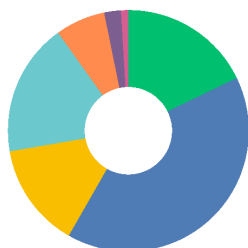
325 Completed surveys

Age group



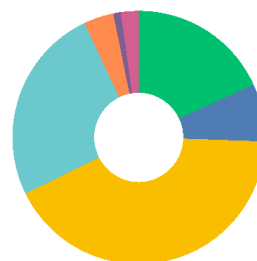
Under 20 20-34 35-49 50-64 65-79 80+

Family size



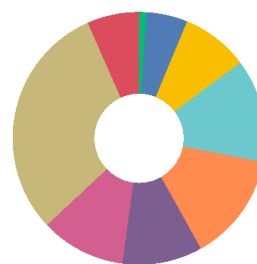
1 2 3 4 5 6+ Prefer not to say

Family status



Single-person household Single parent with kid(s) Dual-person household
Dual parents with kid(s) Multi-generational family Prefer not to say
Other (please specify)

Household income



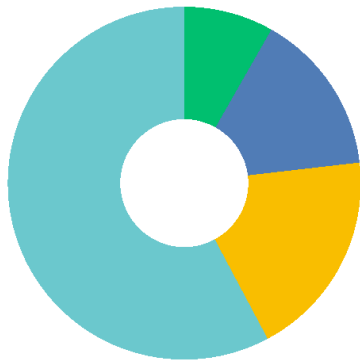
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Prefer not to say



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How supportive are you in general of using community lands for non-profit housing?



■ Not supportive
 ■ Somewhat supportive
 ■ Supportive
 ■ Very supportive

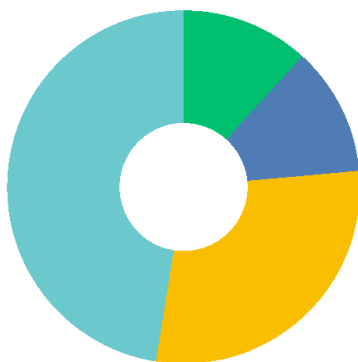
92%

Of respondents live on Bowen Island

"I've moved with my two children six times in six years- now I'm in a place that is slightly above what I can afford. If rent goes up I won't be able to stay in it- or likely find anything less. My housing feels incredibly vulnerable"

- Survey Response

Do you support BIRCH continuing with the allocated 0.48ha site on Lot 3?



■ Not Supportive
 ■ Somewhat supportive
 ■ Supportive
 ■ Very supportive

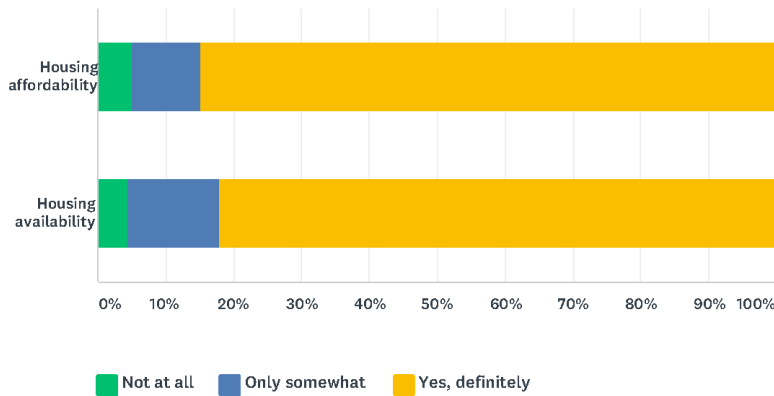
UPDATE Since the survey closed BIRCH and Bowen Island Municipality have come to an agreement on a 0.15 ha site on Lot 3.



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Are housing affordability and availability issues on Bowen Island?



22%

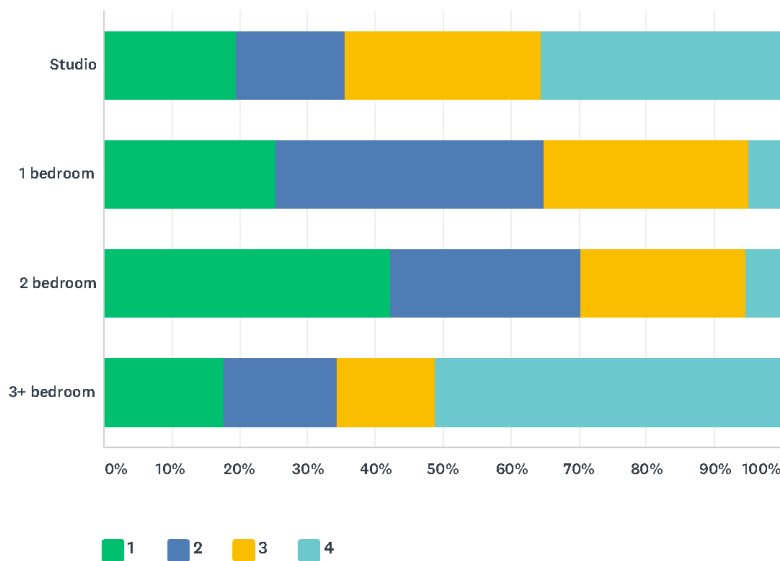
Of respondents rent their home

"In my first 4 years of living on Bowen we (my daughter and I) moved 6 times due to owner decisions and temporary/unsuitable housing that I took because we needed a place to stay"

- Survey Response

Please rank the following unit types in order of perceived need in the community

[1 = most needed / 4 = least needed]



"Heartbreaking watching those I love and care about having to leave over the last couple of years for lack of housing or affordability"

- Survey Response

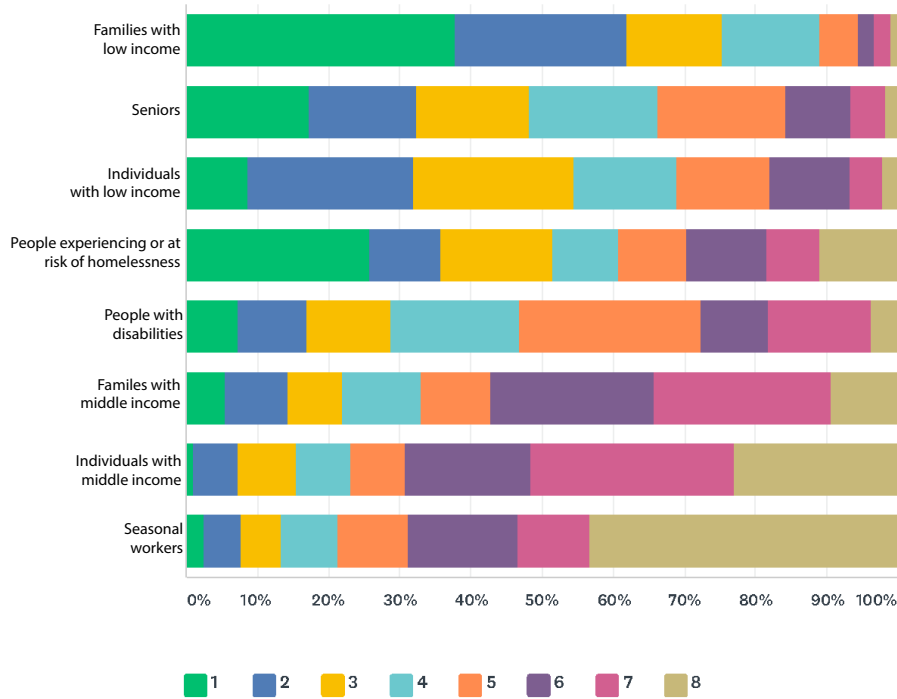
79%

Of respondents live in Single Family Houses



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In terms of addressing different community housing needs, which stakeholder group(s) should be prioritized? [1 = higher priority / 8 = less priority]

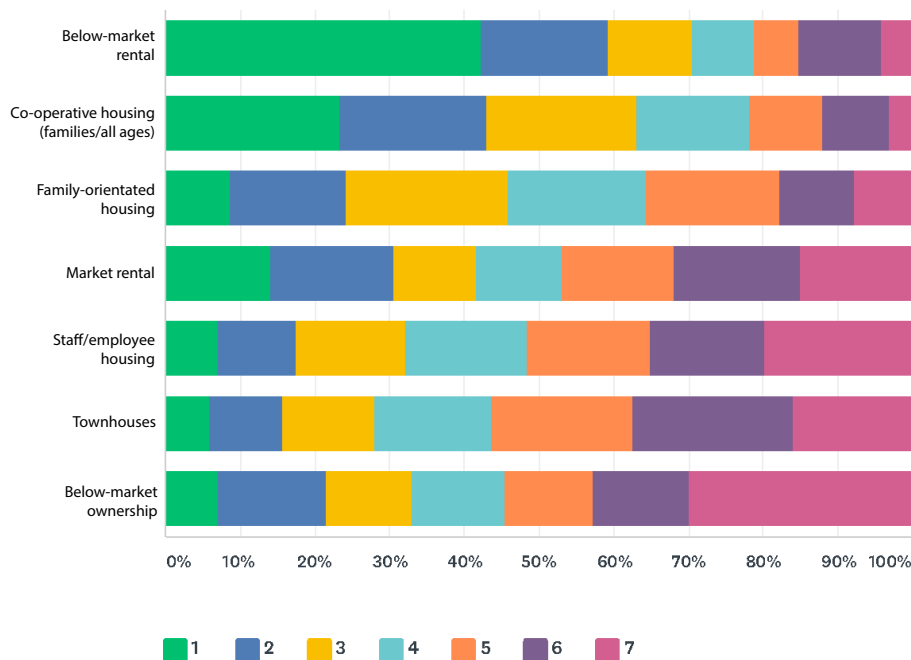


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Families with low income	37.85% 109	23.96% 69	13.54% 39	13.54% 39	5.56% 16	2.08% 6	2.43% 7	1.04% 3
Seniors	17.24% 50	15.17% 44	15.86% 46	17.93% 52	17.93% 52	9.31% 27	4.83% 14	1.72% 5
Individuals with low income	8.70% 24	23.19% 64	22.46% 62	14.49% 40	13.04% 36	11.23% 31	4.71% 13	2.17% 6
People experiencing or at risk of homelessness	25.71% 72	10.00% 28	15.71% 44	9.29% 26	9.64% 27	11.07% 31	7.50% 21	11.07% 31
People with disabilities	7.27% 21	9.69% 28	11.76% 34	17.99% 52	25.61% 74	9.34% 27	14.53% 42	3.81% 11
Families with middle income	5.49% 15	8.79% 24	7.69% 21	10.99% 30	9.89% 27	22.71% 62	24.91% 68	9.52% 26
Individuals with middle income	1.10% 3	6.23% 17	8.06% 22	7.69% 21	7.69% 21	17.58% 48	28.57% 78	23.08% 63
Seasonal workers	2.45% 7	5.24% 15	5.59% 16	8.04% 23	9.79% 28	15.38% 44	10.14% 29	43.36% 124



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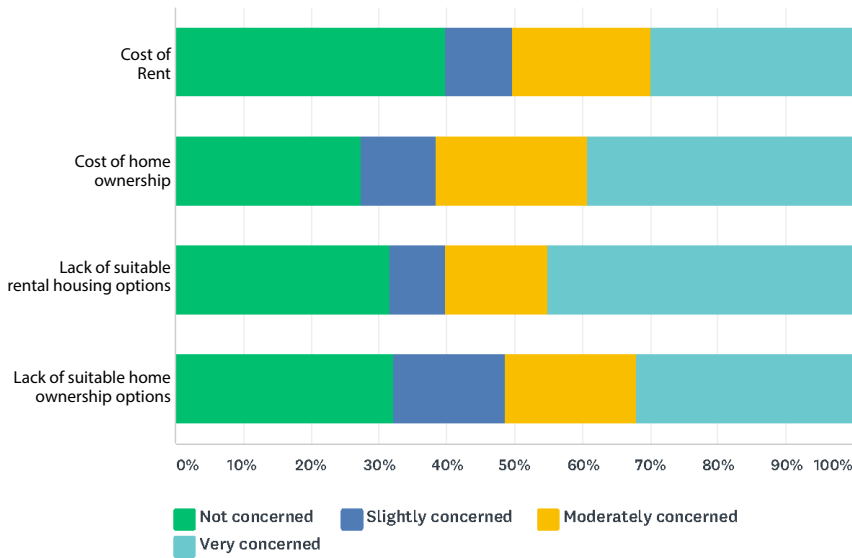
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Below-market rental	42.20% 119	17.02% 48	11.35% 32	8.16% 23	6.03% 17	10.99% 31	4.26% 12
Co-operative housing (families/all ages)	23.24% 66	19.72% 56	20.07% 57	15.14% 43	9.86% 28	8.80% 25	3.17% 9
Family-oriented housing	8.60% 24	15.41% 43	21.86% 61	18.28% 51	17.92% 50	10.04% 28	7.89% 22
Market rental	13.98% 39	16.49% 46	11.11% 31	11.47% 32	15.05% 42	16.85% 47	15.05% 42
Staff/employee housing	7.12% 20	10.32% 29	14.59% 41	16.37% 46	16.37% 46	15.30% 43	19.93% 56
Townhouses	5.82% 16	9.82% 27	12.36% 34	15.64% 43	18.91% 52	21.45% 59	16.00% 44
Below-market ownership	7.01% 19	14.39% 39	11.44% 31	12.55% 34	11.81% 32	12.92% 35	29.89% 81



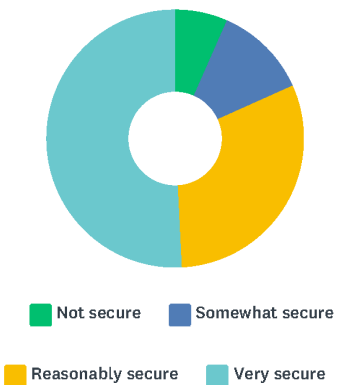
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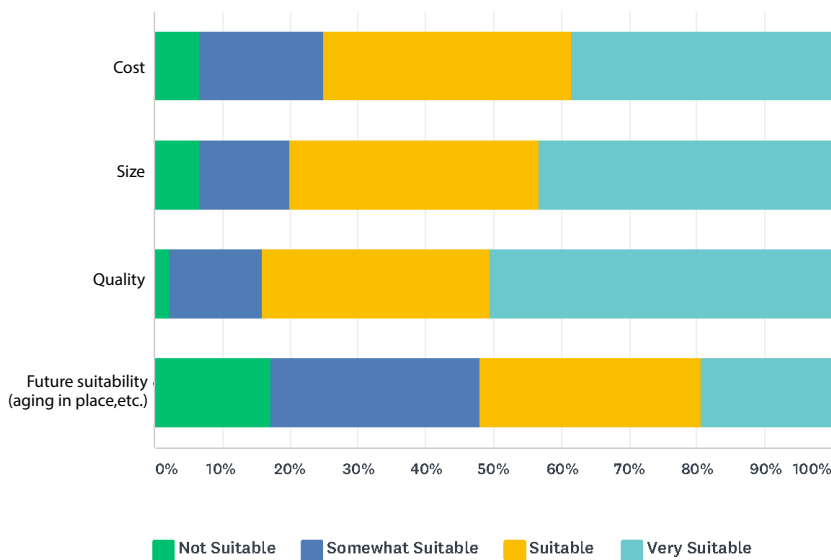
Which housing issues are of personal concern for you?



How secure is your current housing?



How suitable is your current housing?



"If we did not have housing which we rent from our employer we would immediately be homeless on this Island"

- Survey Response

40%

Of respondents will be looking for housing in the next five years