

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL HOUSING & SERVICE NEEDS ESTIMATION

WHAT IS A PROVINCIAL HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS ESTIMATION?

A method of enumerating housing insecurity across Alberta designed to support communities in understanding to what extent residents are experiencing housing insecurity.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

It coordinates a network of partner organizations (municipal services, social services, businesses, etc.) to administer a survey with community members accessing their services over a 31-day period. The survey covers topics such as basic demographic information, housing situation, migration patterns, and the kinds of services community members access. The survey can be completed in person, on paper, or online via a SurveyMonkey link. Data collected over the 31 days is then analyzed and collated into a customized community report detailing the housing and service needs of participating residents for use by the community in their efforts to respond to housing insecurity.

WHY CONDUCT A HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS ESTIMATION?

It provides a **comprehensive picture of housing insecurity** in your community, which helps to:

- Understand who is experiencing housing insecurity, why they are experiencing housing insecurity, and how they are experiencing housing insecurity.
- Identify which services are being accessed and which services are missing.
- Identify where community resources are most needed.

It supports **policy development, community planning, and collaboration**, which helps to:

- Inform municipal, provincial, and federal policies and practices on housing, support services, and funding decisions.
- Improve organizational planning and program development.
- Develop recommendations for service providers and municipal, provincial, and federal governments to respond to housing insecurity.
- Enhance collaboration among service agencies and all levels of government.
- Track progress in reducing and preventing housing insecurity.

It influences **funding and resource allocation decisions**, which helps to:

- Advocate to provincial and federal governments and funders for increased funding and resources in responding to housing insecurity.
- Secure operational funding to provide continued or increased social and health services to community members.
- Secure capital funding to increase market and non-market housing stock.

It **elevates and incorporates** the voices of **community members experiencing housing insecurity** in the **efforts to respond to housing insecurity**.

PROJECT TIMELINE

