

Valemount Seniors Housing & Care Needs 2019 Survey Results

This survey prepared and tabulated by Rashmi Narayan as part of the work for Strategic Plan for the Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society.

Survey ran from January 14 – February 28, 2019.

The society received 130 responses - 103 physical forms + 27 online. Physical forms were collected from 9 locations around the community, as well as at two community events.

Total Demand (Table 1)

Rent / Own	Seniors Needing Housing	Seniors Needing Support Services
Rent	74	52
Own	41	22
Not Moving / Moving Elsewhere	15	Not Applicable
	130	

Seniors Ownership Demand (Table 2)

Type of Unit	Now	Future
1-bedroom units	2	16
2-bedroom units	7	12
3-bedroom units	3	1
Total Units	12	29

Ownership Seniors' Demographics (Table 3)

Senior Target Demographics	Current Need		Anticipated Need	
Household Type	Singles	5	Singles	9
	Couples	6	Couples	20
	With Friend	1		
Age	With 70	8	60 - 70	21
	71-80	3	71-80	7
	81+	1	81+	1
Housing and Services	Housing only	7	Housing only	12
	Services included	5	Services included	17

Seniors Rental Demand (Table 4)

Unit Type	Current Need	Future Need
1-bedroom units	8	34
2-bedroom units	6	26
Total Units	14	60

Rental Seniors' Demographics (Table 5)

Senior Demographics	Current Need		Future Need	
Household Type	Singles	6	Singles	31
	Couples	7	Couples	28
	With Friend	1	With Friend	1
Age	60 - 70	10	60 - 70	27
	71 - 80	3	71 - 80	20
	81+	1	81+	13
Housing and Services	Housing only	8	Housing only	14
	Services included	6	Services included	46

Rent Affordability (Table 6)

Seniors Income \$	Currently Need	Future Need
Income under 15,000		7
Income range 15,001-25,000	3	19
Income range 25,001-40,000	7	14
Income range 40,001-55,000	2	4
Income over 55,000	2	5
Did not disclose		11
Total	14	60

Supportive Living

There are many who want independent units – fully independent, apartments or co-housing (with shared space for socializing) but still want support services like meals, housekeeping and help with personal care, including from those who want to own their units.

52 of 74 seniors preferring rentals want services in addition to housing.

22 of 41 seniors preferring home ownership want services in addition to housing. If affordable housing were to be created in a mixed housing development, then it is likely that seniors wanting to live in their own dwellings might seek services from Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society, if possible or available.

Conclusion

There is more demand for rental units among the senior population.

Many ownership units also want support services

If the focus were to stay on **rental** units, like Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society presently does, then the demand for housing and services is as follow:

Current Need

Housing - The current demand for rental units is 14 units.

Supportive and Community Living - Based on the comments and desire for supportive services and community living, it would make sense to create independent units and create a common space for meals, socializing and hobbies with a gardening area.

Provide Services (Meals & Housekeeping) for Rental and Owned units on a user fee basis

Provide Meals with a Contract Cook / Staff or expanded Meals on Wheels

Provide Support & Care: Onsite Support Worker or Partner with Better at Home, Home Care (Northern Health) and private caregivers

Future Need

For the next phase, the demand appears to be for at least 16 independent units and 16 units in an assisted living facility / care facility.