



## Nome Tribal Citizen Housing Assessment 2024

### Welcome

In September 2023, Nome Eskimo Community members were asked about community priorities. The top answer was housing. This follow up **housing assessment survey** is open to **Nome Eskimo Community Tribal households**. Having good tribal households data is essential for pursuing grant dollars to build and improve housing.

Your responses will be completely confidential, and only reported in aggregate. As a thank you, your name will be entered in a drawing to win one **round-trip Alaska Airlines Nome/Anchorage plane ticket, \$300** gift certificate at Alaska Commercial Company, or **\$200** in fuel from Bonanza Express. Quyanaqpak! Only one survey per household please. The survey is being administered by Rain Coast Data.

\* 1. Are you, or is any member of your household, a Nome Eskimo Community Tribal Member?

- Yes
- No **If no, you are all done with the survey!**

\* 2. Where do you live?

- Nome
- Anchorage
- Wasilla
- Fairbanks
- Palmer
- Soldotna
- Someplace else in US
- Someplace else in Alaska (please specify)

**About you and your household members**

3. Check all that apply if any members of your household are:  
(Select all that apply)

- Veteran
- Over 60
- Under 18
- Single parent (with a child 18 or under)
- Person with a disability
- Multigenerational (includes both grandparents and grandchildren)
- None of the above

4. Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

5. Would you describe your house as over crowded?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

6. How many children under age 18 live in your household?

## About your housing

7. What is your current housing situation?

- Owned** by you (or someone else in your home) **with a mortgage**
- Owned** by you (or someone else in your home) **without a mortgage** (owned free and clear)
- Rental** (I pay rent, or I live with a friend or family member who pays rent)
- A **home** that is **owned**, but the land is **rented (like a trailer)**
- Other (please specify)

8. What type of home do you live in?

- Single Family home (house not attached to other homes)
- Apartment, condo, duplex, townhouse, or other type of multi-family home (structure with multiple housing units)
- Mobile home, trailer
- Boat

11. What year did you (or first household member) move into your current home?

- Other (please specify)

9. How many bedrooms are in your home?

10. What year was your home built? (provide your best estimate if not sure)

11. What year did you (or first household member) move into your current home?

## Housing Affordability

12. What is your monthly **mortgage** or **rent?** (excluding home heating costs, electricity, water, and sewer. Skip if your mortgage is paid off)

13. Regardless of your monthly household expenses, how much rent or mortgage do you feel your household can **reasonably afford each month?**

14. What was your **household's total income** last year, before taxes? Remember to include all income for all household members.

15. Do you spend more than 30% of your household income towards housing costs? (Provide your best guess if unsure. See definitions below.)

- No**, housing costs are less than 30% of our combined household income
- Yes**, housing costs are between 30% and 50% of our combined household income
- Yes**, housing costs are 50% or higher of our combined household income
- I don't know

### **Housing Costs in the past year are defined as follows-**

- **Housing Costs for Homeowners:** Regular monthly mortgage payments; regular monthly second mortgage or home equity loan payments; real estate taxes; fire, hazard and flood insurance; and utilities and fuels -- electricity; gas; water and sewer: oil, wood, etc.
- **Housing Costs for Mobile Homeowners:** Everything listed above for homeowners plus personal property taxes, site rent, registration fees and license fees on the mobile home and its site.
- **Housing Costs for Renters:** Monthly rent, and utilities and fuels, which include electricity; gas; water and sewer: oil, wood, etc. only if paid by the tenant.

16. If you own your own home, what is the approximate assessed value of your home?

## Home Ownership

17. Would you, or any member of your household, prefer to own a home but do not?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not applicable

18. If you, or household members living in your housing unit, would prefer to own a home but do not, what are the obstacles? (Mark all that apply)

- Too expensive:** There are no homes in my/their price range
- Not available:** There are not enough available homes to choose from
- Too Difficult:** Paperwork and steps to obtaining financing have stopped me from starting the process of purchasing my own home
- Poor Credit:** Issues with credit mean I/they are not eligible for financing
- No lots available:** Prefer to build my/their own home
- Poor quality:** Available homes need extensive renovations
- Location:** No homes in the location I/they want
- Energy inefficient:** Available homes need too many energy efficiency upgrades
- Not applicable
- Other (please specify)

Regardless of your housing situation now, would you prefer to rent or to own your own home?

- I prefer to own
- I prefer to rent
- Other (please specify)

## Energy Costs

19. What do you use primarily to heat your home?

- Heating fuel (includes Toyo stoves etc.)
- Electric
- Wood stove/pellets
- Gas or propane
- Other (please specify)

20. What is your average **monthly** heating bill in a **winter month**?

## Home Quality

21. Please rate the **overall condition** of your home:

- Excellent** (very few repairs or changes needed)
- Good** (few minor repairs would be nice)
- Adequate** (repairs needed to improve living conditions)
- Poor** (major repairs needed to make it safe and livable)
- Not Livable** (we are currently unable to live in our home)

22. What are you most immediate **housing renovation** needs? (Select all that apply)

- Windows** (cracked, poor, fitting, drafty, allows in moisture, etc.)
- Roof** (leaking, old, needs patching or replacement, etc.)
- Foundation** (cracked, sinking, etc.)
- Energy efficiency** update needed to bring down energy costs (weatherization)
- Adaptable/accessible **updates for those with mobility issues**
- Old appliances** need to be replaced
- New **floors** needed
- Plumbing** problems
- Electrical** problems
- Furnace**, boiler, or primary home heating device or system
- Doors**
- Safety** (carbon monoxide detector etc.)
- Arctic Entry** repairs needed
- Other (please specify)

23. Does your home have issues with mold?

- No**
- Yes - **Severe** (more than 10 square feet)
- Yes - **Moderate** (spots throughout house)
- Yes - **Low** (one room only)
- Not Sure
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above or not applicable

24. Did your household receive any assistance from the federal government regarding **housing damages** due to **Typhoon Merbok** (September 2022)? Was it sufficient?

- Yes** my household had losses and received **sufficient help**
- Yes** my household had losses but the money received was **insufficient** to make necessary repairs
- Yes** my household had losses but received **no help**
- No** I did not have losses
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above or not applicable



## Homelessness

25. Have you opened your home overnight to a person or persons experiencing homelessness in the past year?

- Yes
- No **If no, skip the next two questions**

26. Please check all that apply to describe the person or persons experiencing homelessness that stayed in your home. (Select all that apply)

- Nome Eskimo Community member
- Veteran
- Over 60
- Under 18
- Single Parent
- Person with a disability
- Friends
- Family members
- None of the above

27. Approximately how many nights did you accommodate a person, or persons, experiencing homelessness in the past year?

## Housing Preferences

28. What type of housing program are you most interested in, either now or in the future? (Select all that apply. If you click these boxes, your contact information and your responses below will be shared with NEC so that they can follow up with you)

- Homebuyer assistance**, such as a **home loan**, **down payment** assistance
- Help with **paperwork** to buy a home
- Help with **saving** to buy a home
- A **rental unit** to move into
- I have land and need access to a loan to **build my own home**
- A "**sweat equity**" housing program, where I help build my home
- Access to funding or program to help **renovate my home**
- Financial literacy** program
- Home maintenance education** program
- I am **not interested** in a housing program at this time
- Other (please specify)

## Homebuyer

If you are not interested in buying a home, skip the next two questions

29. How much can you pay towards a downpayment to purchase a home?

30. What type of home would you like to buy? (Mark all that apply)

- A **newly built** home
- An **existing home**
- A **dilapidated home that needs renovation**
- A **1-2 bedroom** home
- A **2-3 bedroom** home
- A **4+ bedroom** home
- A home with an **attached apartment to generate revenue**
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above

## Subsistence and Childcare

A recent tribal needs assessment was conducted in Nome. Housing was identified the top as the top community need, followed by childcare and subsistence. The following questions will ask about **subsistence and childcare priorities**.

31. What is the primary assistance you (or someone in your household) needs related to subsistence? (Mark all that apply)

- Subsistence **shelter materials** (yurt, lumber, fish camp, etc.)
- Paying for **fuel**
- ATVs** (All Terrain Vehicles)
- Buying a **boat**
- Motors**, outboards
- Snowmachine**
- Accessing **hunting and fishing gear** such as coolers, boots, hip waders, etc.
- Nets**
- Freezers**
- Accessing **gathering supplies** such as berry buckets, zip lock bags, etc.
- Assistance filling out federal **paperwork**
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above or not applicable

32. Did your household receive any assistance from the federal government regarding **subsistence losses** from **Typhoon Merbok** (September 2022)? Was it sufficient?

- Yes** someone in my household had losses **and received sufficient help**
- Yes** someone in my household had losses but the money received was **insufficient**
- Yes** I had losses but received **no help**
- No** I did not have losses
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above or not applicable

33. What is the primary assistance you need related to childcare? (Select all that apply)

- I need quality childcare for my **children aged 0-2** years old
- I need quality childcare for my preschool aged **children 3-5** years old
- I need quality childcare for my school aged **children aged 6 and older**
- I need help **paying for childcare**
- I need help **turning my home into a childcare facility**
- I can provide **childcare for a grandchild, family or household member**, but I need **compensation**
- I need help filling out my **childcare assistance paperwork**
- I currently **run a childcare facility** and need supplies and/or other financial assistance
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above or not applicable

## Contact Information

\* 35. In order to be eligible to win the round-trip **Alaska Airlines Nome-Anchorage tickets, \$300 gift certificate** from the Alaska Commercial Company, or **\$200 in fuel** from Bonanza Express, please complete the following contact information. Your responses are 100% confidential, and will only be reported in aggregate.

Your Name	<input type="text"/>
Street Name	<input type="text"/>
House Number	<input type="text"/>
City (and State, if not Alaska)	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>

Share this survey with others! (As a reminder, only one survey per household will be accepted). Send them this link:

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