



Housing Characteristics and Dwelling Satisfaction

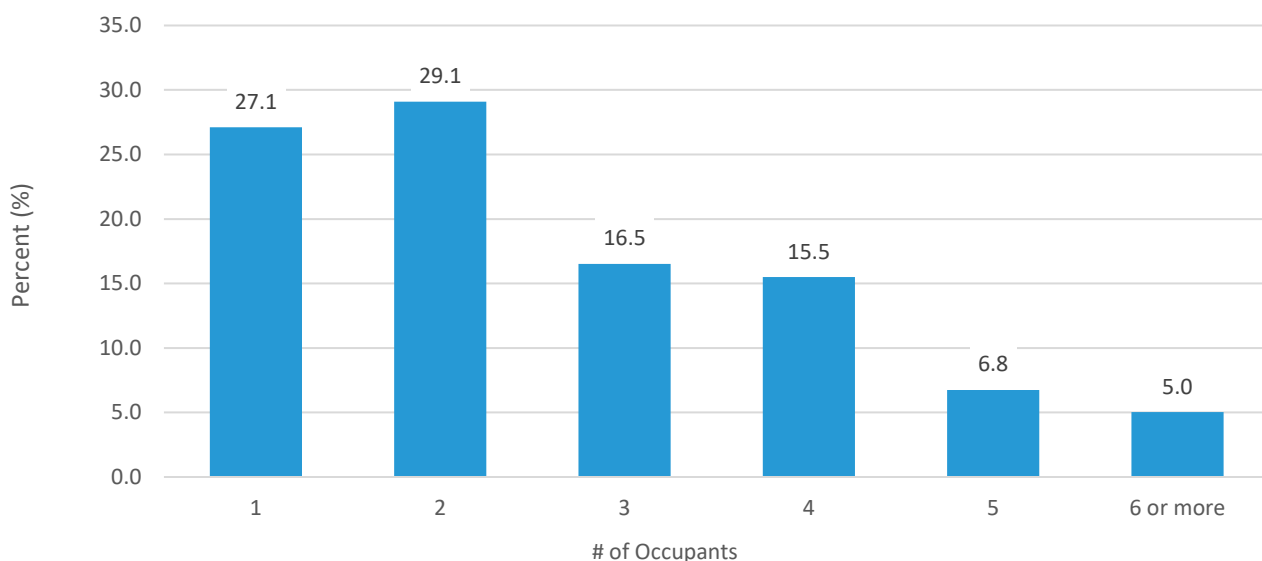
2024 NWT Community Survey

The Northwest Territories (NWT) Bureau of Statistics is releasing additional data products from the 2024 NWT Community Survey. This report looks at housing characteristics such as household size, tenure and dwelling satisfaction.

Household Size and Tenure

In 2024, one-person (27%) and two-person households (29%) accounted for more than half of the 15,356 households in the NWT. Households with larger numbers of occupants were more likely to have persons under the age of 20. Seniors 60 years and older tended to live in smaller households, representing 47% of all one-person households while 28% of two-person households were seniors living together.

Figure 1: Percent of NWT Housholds by Number of Occupants, 2024



At the regional level, more than 50% of households consisted of one or two people, except in Tłı̄chq̄ where only 36% of households had less than three occupants. The Tłı̄chq̄ region had the highest proportion of households with 6 or more people (18%).

The percent of households with 6 or more people can be an indicator of overcrowding. In 2024, 773 NWT households (5%) had 6 or more occupants down from 14% in 1981.

More than half of the 15,356 NWT dwellings were owned by the occupant (57%) in 2024, up from 30% in 1981. At the community level, home ownership was lowest in Ulukhaktok (18%). Among regional centers, Inuvik and Norman Wells had the lowest rates of home ownership at 37% each, compared to Hay River (76%), Fort Smith (67%), Yellowknife (62%) and Behchok̄ (57%).

Dwelling Satisfaction

Overall, 81% of households in the NWT were satisfied or very satisfied with their dwelling. Differences, however, emerge when comparing communities, with higher levels of dwelling satisfaction found in most of the regional centres, along with Łutsek'e, Kakisa, Colville Lake and Wekweètì. Communities with the lowest levels of satisfaction were Paulatuk, Sambaa K'e and Wrigley.

Figure 3: Percent of NWT Households Satisfied or Very Satisfied with their Current Dwelling by Community¹, 2024

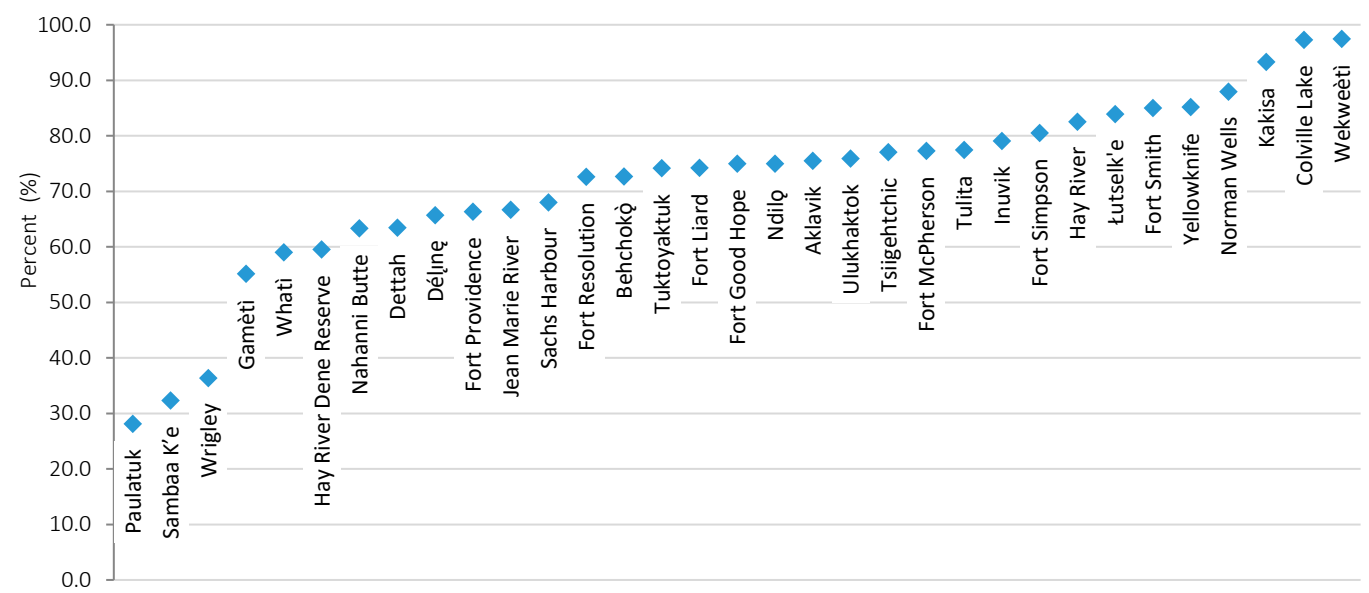
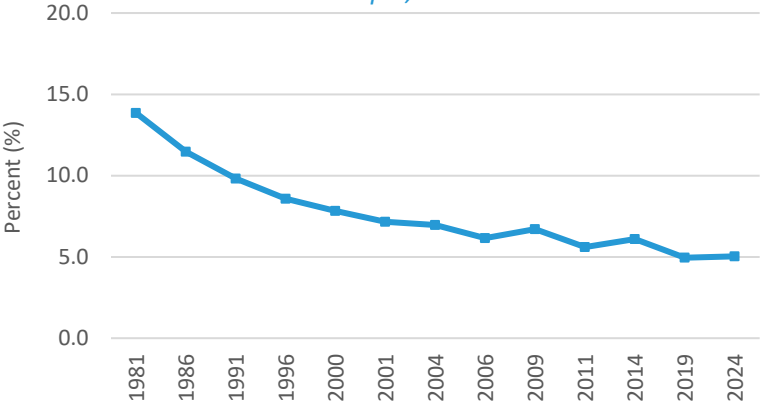
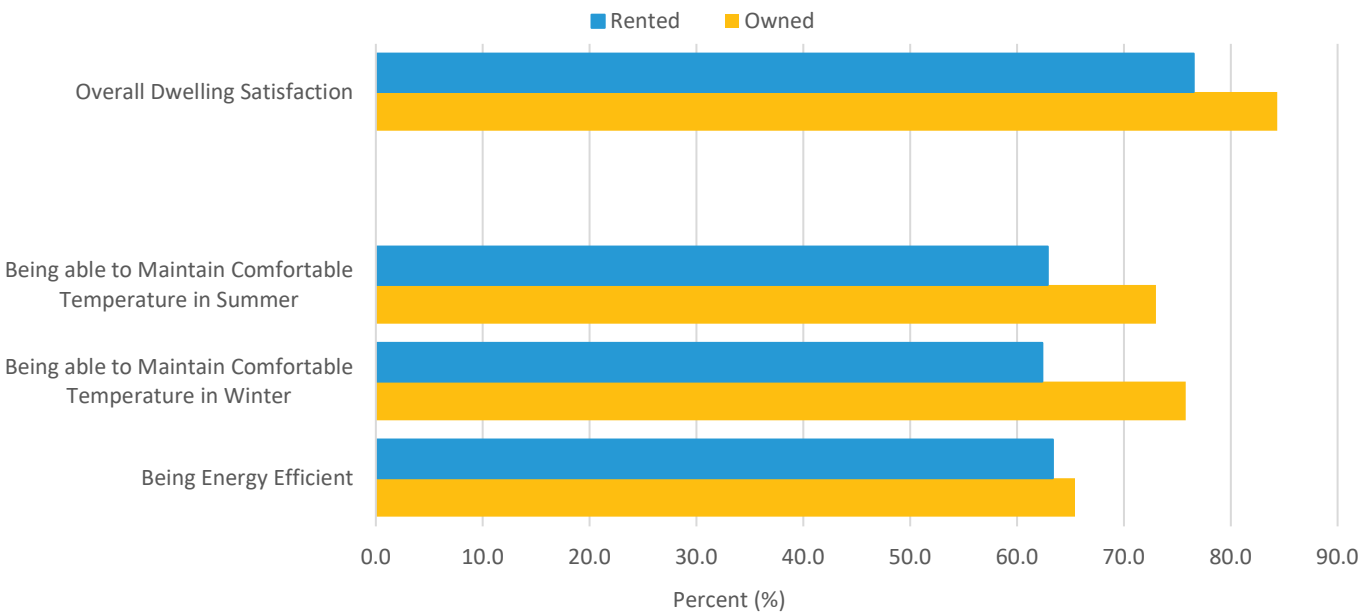


Figure 2: Percent of NWT Households with 6 or more People, 1981 to 2024



In addition to overall satisfaction, households were asked to indicate satisfaction with specific aspects of their dwelling. Approximately 65% of households were satisfied or very satisfied with their house’s energy efficiency. Owned households had higher levels of satisfaction with heat retention during the winter (76%) and maintaining comfortable temperatures during the summer (73%) compared to 62% and 63%, respectively, among rentals. Homeowners were more likely to have higher rates of overall dwelling satisfaction than renters.

Figure 4: Percent of NWT Households Satisfied or Very Satisfied with their Current Dwelling by Tenure, 2024



For additional information on housing results from the [2024 NWT Community Survey](#), visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at www.statsnwt.ca or call 1-888-STATSNT (1-888-762-8768).

¹ The community of Enterprise was not included in the 2024 NWT Community Survey due to the impacts of the 2023 wildfires within the community.