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The most pressing housing need in Wrangell, according to the survey, is to make homes more energy efficient, which 79% of survey respondents say is a high priority. Wrangell was the only Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) community to call home energy efficiency their top priority. This was followed by a call for more affordable housing (72%).

In a forced ranking exercise of six possible answers, 37% of respondents felt that more single family housing available for purchase was the most important priority. When asked which THRHA housing program was of most interest to Wrangell households, the most common answer was “Homebuyer assistance, such as a home loan, down payment assistance, or help with saving to buy a home.”

Approximately three-quarters (76%) of households surveyed live in single family homes, and 14% are in multi-family units. Another 9% live in mobile homes. Seventy-one percent of respondents own their homes in Wrangell. Only 25% rent their homes. The average household size is 3.0 people, and 51% percent of surveyed households have children living in them. For those homes with children, an average of 2.1 children are present in the home. Forty-three percent of survey respondents report that a member of their household would prefer to own a home but does not.

Sixteen percent of the households surveyed include a single parent, and 32% have a member over 60 years of age. Twelve percent of households include a person with a disability, and 8% include a veteran.

Fifty-three percent of respondents indicate their homes are in good or excellent condition, while 40% said the condition were adequate. Eight percent of respondents said the condition of their homes was poor. More than one-third (38%) of households reported at least some problems with mold in their homes. Sixty percent of the households are low income, according to federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) criteria.

Wrangell respondents who are homeowners have an average monthly mortgage of $1,060. Average rent is $612, before utilities. Forty-four percent of respondents are cost-burdened, which is defined as spending 30% or greater of household income toward housing costs. This includes the 5% of respondents who are severely cost-burdened, meaning they spend half or more of their household income on housing costs.

Wrangell households have the lowest average rent of Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority’s 12 regional partner communities, along with the lowest average number of people per household and the lowest level of overcrowding. Wrangell was one of only two communities that prioritized making current homes more energy efficient as the most important tribal need in the community. Wrangell also has the lowest unemployment levels in the region, among THRHA tribal homes, and among the lowest percentage of rental units.

“So many of our houses are old. We can’t afford the renovations. Half of us would not know where to start anyways. Our houses don’t hold heat. We need to fix what we have before we build new.” Wrangell survey respondent
Total Alaska Native Households (estimated) = 227

People Per Household = 3.0

Of these

- 49% Participated in the Survey

- 25% Renters

- 12% Say they are overcrowded

Average Home Value = $182,261

Average Annual Household Income = $75,221

Average Mortgage = $1,060

Average Rent = $612

Average Home Age = 51 years

Average Residency in Home = 15 years

- 59% Households include:
  - Members with full time employed household members (s)
  - A member over 60
  - A person with a disability
  - A veteran

- 49% of Households are Low-Income

- 32% Households include:
  - Overcrowded
  - For houses with children
  - 51% of households have kids

- 12% Households include:
  - A single parent

- 16% Households include:
  - A veteran
Wrangell’s Top Priorities

How important are the following tribal housing needs in Southeast? (Top answers)

- Make current homes more energy efficient: 79%
- More affordable housing: 72%
- More rental units: 65%
- More 2-3 bedroom units/homes: 64%
- More single family homes: 63%

Wrangell was the only two THRHA communities to rank *make current homes more energy efficient* as their top priority.

What is the most important tribal priority for housing improvements? (Top choice)

- More single family housing available for purchase: 37%
The Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) contracted with SALT to conduct a tribal housing needs assessment in each of their 12 tribal partnership communities, including Wrangell. A community housing needs assessment survey must be completed every three years in tribal communities. The housing assessment provides a data-based evaluation of community needs and goals. The survey asked tribal households to respond to 35 questions about their homes, housing preferences, household costs, and finances. This information will be used in the development of Wrangell Cooperative Association’s three-year housing plan.

Rain Coast Data designed the survey instrument on behalf of SALT with input from the Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority. The web-based survey was administered electronically from April 1st through April 30th 2019. Paper copies were also made available to survey participants.

A total of 111 Wrangell Alaska Native households responded to the survey. Responses received total 49% of all Alaska Native households in Wrangell. Due to this high response rate, the survey findings have a 95% confidence level with a 7% confidence interval. There are an estimated 227 Alaska Native or American Indian households in Wrangell, out of 1,083 total occupied households in the community.

THRHA is the tribally designated housing entity for 12 tribes in Southeast Alaska, including the Wrangell Cooperative Association. THRHA’s mission is to connect Southeast Alaskans with sustainable housing opportunities and innovative financial solutions.

All 12 community survey reports, as well as the overall regional report, can be found on THRHA’s website: www.regionalhousingauthority.org.

### Survey Responses and Tribal Households in Wrangell, Alaska

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<th>Occupied Housing Units by Race of Householder</th>
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<td>Alaska Native Households (only)</td>
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<td>Alaska Native Households in combination (estimated)</td>
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<td>Estimated Alaska Native Households</td>
<td>227</td>
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<td>Total Households Surveyed</td>
<td>111</td>
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**Percent of Total Tribal Households Surveyed** 49%

Data confidence with a 7% interval level 95%

Over three-quarters (76 percent) of tribal households in Wrangell live in single family home structures. Another 14% of households live in a multi-unit structure such as an apartment or duplex, and an additional 9% live in mobile homes.
The surveyed homes in the community are an average of 51 year years old. Nearly half of the respondents’ homes were built between 1940 and 1979. Less than 10% of homes have been built since 2000. Another 13% of all housing was built prior to 1940.
Fifty-three percent of tribal members said their homes were in good or excellent shape. Another 40% indicated that their living conditions were adequate. Eight percent said the condition of their home was poor.

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<td>Adequate (repairs needed to improve living conditions)</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Excellent (very few repairs or changes needed)</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Good (a few minor repairs would be nice)</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Not Livable (we are currently unable to live in our home)</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Poor (major repairs needed to make it safe and livable)</td>
<td>8%</td>
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More than a third (38%) of tribal households have a problem with mold in their homes. However, only 5% called their mold issues “severe.” Severe mold is defined as more than 10 square feet, moderate is defined as mold spots throughout the house, while low is mold in a single room only. Forty-two percent of households said they have no mold in their homes, while an additional 20% were not sure.
Half of tribal households heat their home using electric sources, while 27% use heating fuel and 18% use wood and/or pellet stoves. The average reported winter heating fuel cost was $351 per month, while the average cost of electric heating was estimated to be $439 in winter months and the average cost of wood/pellet heating was $330. Overall, the average cost of heating was $388 in a winter month.

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<th>What is your heating fuel bill in a winter month?</th>
<th>Average response</th>
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<td>Electric</td>
<td>$439</td>
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<td>Gas or propane</td>
<td>$300</td>
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<td>Heat Pump</td>
<td>$258</td>
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<td>Heating fuel</td>
<td>$351</td>
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<td>Wood stove/pellets</td>
<td>$330</td>
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<td><strong>Overall Average</strong></td>
<td><strong>$388</strong></td>
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The average value of a house owned by an Alaska Native in Wrangell is $182,261. Mobile homes are worth an average of $34,000, single family homes are valued at $200,333, and multi-family housing units—including attached homes, duplexes or condos—have an average value of $290,000.
What is your current mortgage or rent (excluding utilities)?

Average Rent = $612

Average Mortgage = $1,060

Own home with no mortgage = 26%

The average monthly rent paid by THRHA tribal householders is $612, while the average mortgage (excluding those who have completed paying off their house and have no payments) is $1,060. These figures do not include heat, electricity, water, or sewer. Twenty-six percent of all tribal households own their own homes, but no longer have a mortgage.

Wrangell households have the lowest average rent of Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority’s 12 regional partner communities.
What is your approximate annual household income?

Average Household Income

= $75,221

- Rental Household = $64,111 average
- Home Ownership Household = $81,078 average

The average income of tribal households (of those reporting an income above $0) in Wrangell is $75,221. Those paying rent had an average household income of $64,111, while those who own their own homes earn an average of $81,078 annually.
This chart can be used to better understand the number of people in the community living in poverty, as the threshold for poverty levels change depending on the number of people per household. Just over one-third (36%) of households earn $34,000 or less annually. Just over one-third (36%) of households earn $34,000 or less annually.
According to HUD’s 2019 income limits, 60.4% of Wrangell households are low income, 41.5% are very low income, and 25.6% are extremely low income.
Do you spend more than 30% of your household income towards housing costs?

- **Yes, 50%+**: 5%
- **Yes, 30-49%**: 39%
- **Unsure**: 18%
- **No**: 38%

5% of households are severely cost burdened.

39% of households spend 30-49% of income on housing.

38% of householders can afford the homes they are living in.

Housing Cost Burdened = 44%

Costs of housing are a burden or severe burden to 44% of Wrangell respondents. The balance of residents have affordable costs, or are unsure of the monthly cost relative to income.

The 44% of respondents who are cost-burdened or severely cost-burdened—spending 30% or more of household income toward housing costs—includes 5% of respondents who are severely cost-burdened, meaning they spend half or more of their household income on housing costs.

An additional 18% say they are uncertain what portion of their total household income goes toward housing costs.
Seventy-one percent of tribal householders live in a house that they own. Of this, 26% of respondents own their home and no longer pay a mortgage. Twenty-five percent pay rent, either to a landlord, friend, or family member. Wrangell has among the lowest percentage of rental units in the THRHA region.
The average household size of survey respondents is 3.0. Wrangell households have the lowest average number of people per household and the lowest level of overcrowding of Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority’s 12 regional partner communities.
Is your home overcrowded?

Most Wrangell residents say their homes are not overcrowded. The overall average household size is 3.0 members. Those who say their home is overcrowded have a higher average household size of 4.1 people. Those who say that their homes are not overcrowded have an average household size of 2.9 people.

Average Household Size  = 3.0
Average Household Size for “Yes”  = 4.1
Average Household Size for “No”  = 2.9
How many children under age 18 live in your household?

- No children in household: 49%
- With children in household: 51%

Estimated total kids: 217

Average number of children in homes with children = 2.1

- 1 child: 27%
- 2 children: 41%
- 3 children: 12%
- 4 children: 6%
- 5 children: 2%

Fifty-one percent of THRHA’s tribal household have at least one child under the age of 18. The average number of children in a THRHA tribal household with children is 2.1. For homes with children, 27% have one child, 41% have two children, and 20% have three or more children. There are an estimated 217 kids in Alaska Native households in Wrangell.
Fifty-nine percent of surveyed households reported having at least one full-time employed householder. Twenty-four percent of households have a member who is employed part-time, and another 21% have a member who is seasonally employed. One-fifth of households have a self-employed member. Only 5% of respondents have a household member who is unemployed, including 3% with a member unemployed for more than six months. This is the lowest unemployment in the THRHA region.
How many adults in your household are currently employed?

We asked how many adults are currently employed in the household of the respondent. The most common response was two working adults, with 50% of respondents selecting this answer. One working adult followed, at 34%. The average response was 1.6 working adults per household.

Average employed adults per household = 1.6

We asked how many adults are currently employed in the household of the respondent. The most common response was two working adults, with 50% of respondents selecting this answer. One working adult followed, at 34%. The average response was 1.6 working adults per household.
Members of Household

Check all that apply if any members of your household are:

- Over 60: 32%
- Single Parent: 16%
- Person with a Disability: 12%
- Veteran: 8%
- None of the above: 51%

Nearly one-third of all tribal households (32%) contain a person over the age of 60. Twelve percent of all tribal household have a member with a disability. Sixteen percent include a single parent, while 8% of tribal households include a veteran.
What year did you (or first household member) move into your current home?

Average number of years in current home

= 14.7

More than a third of tribal members (36%) have resided in their homes for more than 20 years. Twenty-two percent have lived in their homes 3 years or fewer. The average tenure of a tribal household at the point this survey was conducted was 14.7 years.
The most pressing housing need in Wrangell, according to the survey, is to make homes more energy efficient, which 79% of survey respondents say is a high priority. Wrangell was the only THRHA community to call home energy efficiency their top priority. This is followed by a call for more affordable housing (72%). In general, tribal respondents noted a housing shortage, with some version of “more housing”—be it rental units, units with 2-3 bedrooms, or more single family homes—dominating the top priorities in the community, after energy efficiency. The table on the following page shows a breakdown of responses to these questions and responses.
## How important are the following tribal housing needs?

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<th>High level demand/need</th>
<th>Medium level demand/need</th>
<th>Low level demand/need</th>
<th>No need or demand at this time</th>
<th>We need less of this</th>
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<td>Make current homes more energy efficient</td>
<td>79%</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>More affordable housing</td>
<td>72%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>More rental units</td>
<td>65%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>More 2-3 bedroom units/homes</td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>More single family homes</td>
<td>63%</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Existing home renovations</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>More housing that seniors can afford to live in</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Assisted living senior housing</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Make home sites available to build homes on</td>
<td>53%</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>More senior housing: smaller units like condos or cottages</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>More duplexes and apartments</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<td>More senior housing: multi-unit buildings</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>More one bedroom units/homes</td>
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<td>More 4+ bedroom units/homes</td>
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<td>More short term/seasonal housing</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>26%</td>
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Of the following, what is the most important tribal priority for housing improvements?

**Respondents ranking the following as their top priority**

- More single family housing available for purchase (37%)
- Increase energy efficiency of existing homes (20%)
- More rental housing (20%)
- Renovate existing homes (13%)
- Provide more elder focused housing (13%)
- More one bedroom housing units (3%)

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<td>Increase energy efficiency of existing homes</td>
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<td>19%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Renovate existing homes</td>
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<td>Provide more elder focused housing</td>
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<td>More one bedroom housing units</td>
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<td>57%</td>
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Tribal households were also asked to rank a selection of six housing options by priority. Thirty-seven percent of respondents said that more single family housing available for purchase was their top choice. Increasing energy efficiency of existing homes was the second ranked choice, tied with more rental housing, both at 20%.
Would you, or any member of your household, prefer to own a home but do not?

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<td>No</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>Maybe</td>
<td>10%</td>
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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**: 57%
- **Not available**: 49%
- **Not eligible for financing**: 38%
- **Desired location not available**: 21%
- **Available homes are poor quality**: 19%
- **Available homes not energy efficient**: 19%
- **No lots available to build own home**: 15%
- **Paperwork and financing too difficult**: 11%
- **Other**: 28%

How much would you/they be willing to pay each month for housing ownership (excluding home heating costs, electricity, water, and sewer)?

Willing to pay = $802/month

Less than half of households responding (43%) noted that they have a member who would prefer to be in their own home. Of those who had a member who wanted to move out, the top barrier was the expense of living in a separate household (57%) followed by a general lack of availability (49%). Another 38% identified ineligibility for financing. Tribal members would be willing to spend $802 per month for their own housing.
When asked, only one-third (32%) of tribal members surveyed said that they would be willing to live in a small (up to 800 square foot home) in order to cut costs. Nearly half (47%) said they were not.
Seventy-one percent of respondents in this survey currently own their own home, but nearly all respondents (98%) said they would prefer to own their own home rather than rent.
## Additional Findings

### What type of housing program are you most interested in, either now or in the future?

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<td>Homebuyer assistance, such as a home loan, down payment assistance, or help with saving to buy a home.</td>
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<td>Access to funding to help renovate my home.</td>
<td>33</td>
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<td>I am not interested in a housing program at this time.</td>
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<td>I would like to participate in a “sweat equity” housing program, where I help build my home.</td>
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<td>Home maintenance education program.</td>
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<td>Financial literacy program.</td>
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<td>I have land and need access to a loan to build my own home.</td>
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<td>A rental unit to move into.</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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### Do you own land in your community?

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<td>Yes, and I would like to build a home on that land.</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>Yes, but I’m not interested in building a home on my land.</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>6%</td>
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### Do you currently reside in a home managed by Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority?

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<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>94%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not Sure</td>
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### How many bedrooms are in your house?

Average Number of Bedrooms  
\[= 3\]
How would you describe the most critical housing needs and issues in your community?

Respondents were also provided an opportunity to report the most critical housing need in their own words. This graphic visualized the 50 responses, with more frequently used terms appearing more prominently.

A full list of responses is included on the following pages.
How would you describe the most critical housing needs and issues in your community?

- Affordable 3-4-bedroom homes
- Affordable and energy efficient
- Affordable housing, especially that allows pets.
- Affordable land/housing, renovate homes
- Affordable rentals
- Affordable rentals are needed
- Affordable senior housing
- Apartment
- Availability to fix/repair elder homes.
- Built
- Energy efficiency
- Having a community Liaison. Providing homes that fits the size of the family. More rentable housing.
- Home improvements/energy efficiency
- Houses need to be cleaned up, remodeled for safety. I am scared to see the wiring in my own house!
- Housing for single parent families.
- Housing is unaffordable or unlivable - we need more housing that is both affordable and safely livable
- Housing maintenance
- I feel like we are in desperate need of more 2-3 bdrm rentals. We have been in this yuck apartment since we lost our T&H rental August of 2017 and have been nonstop looking for a more warmer in the winter n upgraded place to live.
- I think there are a lot of older houses that have not been properly maintained. There are a lot of weatherization and energy efficiency issues. I also believe there is not a lot of houses available on the market for first time home buyers.
- Improve the homes that already exist
- Improved energy efficiency
- Income based housing
- It could be improved
- Lack of energy efficient, warm safe housing.
- Lack of housing options for all. Not enough affordable homes for purchase and not enough rentals.
- Many homes (trailers) are in need of repair and energy saving updates.
- Mold
- More 3-bedroom affordable homes
- More affordable
- More available and more for single family’s
- More available apartments
• More land available to buy to build a house! There are not enough affordable places for people to buy or rent.
• More Rentals
• More senior housing, including assisted living
• Need for affordable housing and more housing.
• Need more rentals
• Need more single-family homes
• Not enough homes especially for couples or seniors
• Not enough houses or apartments for people to rent
• Not enough rentals
• Not enough T&H houses
• Not many rentals units.
• Renovations
• Seems to be a problem with enough nice rental properties for people new to town.
• Senior housing in quantities mirroring our aging population
• Shortage of homes to purchase or rent.
• So many of our houses are old. We can't afford the renovations. Half of us would not know where to start anyways. Our houses don't hold heat. In the winter months my heat bill is 1/2 of my paycheck. I get paid twice a month and I have to pay it in two payments because I can't afford to pay it in one. We tape our windows we hang blankets on the inside we put towels under the doors but even then, it's tough to keep the heating cost down. We need to fix what we have before we build new.
• There is a lack of housing in both homes to rent and homes to own. Furthermore, of the homes available many are very outdated and have high costs of heating and/or mold issues. This issue affects all levels of income families and seniors/elders.
• There needs to be more housing, places to rent, in the community.
• Too expensive
Appreciate all you do for our community
Bless you
Help
I am on the waiting list again for the T&H homes and I am saddened that I lost our home in 2017 but we are ready to get back into a home up there and hopefully do a rent to own. For now I continue to make payments towards my debt. Thank you so much for doing this
I think if THRHA invested into developing more housing in Wrangell it would be a worthwhile investment. I think any programs THRHA have to improve existing homes, it would be nice to have the information more available and accessible in the community for current and future home owners.
Income guidelines are sometimes a barrier to receiving help. The family of 4 guidelines are fairly low. Assistance in getting people in here for energy assistance evaluations on our property would still be helpful for a coordinated effort. Often times we do not have local resources for that and it would be unaffordable to cover the cost of bringing someone down here for a single property.
It’s a shame the way “first people” are treated. They are treated like parasites. They’re not even mentioned as a minority. It’s a shame that “the first people” were forced to give up their land, language, freedom, identity, no one has had trials and tribulation than the “red” man but you sure hear about the black people. These attitudes will change. There will be a new “dawn”, a new way of life for “us” all.
Just that my income is low, and my home sure could use help......... keeping it upgraded is not going to happen on my income, so am in need of help. thank you......
Lots of run down rental properties and not any affordable smaller homes for sale that are walking distance to town.
More homes for families. More supervision of those who live in our homes. We do not have a community liaison. I have family that lives in the THRHA housing in Wrangell she reports that there are people who rent the tribal homes and do not live here year round... they do not occupy the homes in which they rent. Also. making sure families fit the homes. There is a person who lives in a 4 bedroom 2 bath house and its her and her 4 pit-bulls. having restrictions on the amount of animals as well. When I visit I am concerned for the safety of my children.
Our town frequently runs on diesel at a rate of 4 times higher than hydro. Improved energy efficiency will benefit everyone
Perhaps student loan payments should be factored into NAHASDA figures. Graduates will full-time positions may not meet low-income qualifications, but simply do not have the available funds for homes if a large portion of our income is earmarked for student loan re-payments.
Thank you for all you do for us and giving us he opportunities to hear our needs!
Thank you for listening
• Thanks for this!
• The way that you have allowed folks to buy homes at a ever changing 30% income based is terrible. Settle on a price and a fixed payment and keep it the same.
• There are a lot of people living in your t&h homes that don’t claim income and don’t take care of their homes while living there.
• THRHA has been amazing to me and my young growing family and has touched our lives. Thank you all for being so kind and helpful and absolutely amazing.
• THRHA housing is crowded! Need more places to live
• Very expensive here
• You Guys Are Awesome in Wrangell