



BC Non-Profit Housing Association

2026 Provincial Election: What Voters Are Saying

The following voter insights can be used to demonstrate support for evidence-based solutions to housing needs across BC. Based on a survey conducted from October 7-11, 2026, among 821 adults in BC.

Key Takeaways:

British Columbia needs a long-term provincial **housing strategy** that addresses the full housing system.

Housing decisions are interconnected and can create impacts across the **entire system**.

Housing **policy** should be **coordinated** with healthcare, public safety, transportation, and economic planning.

Housing needs should be built into government decisions about major **infrastructure** and other projects.

Non-profit housing is essential to a **healthy housing system**.

Many are concerned about **losing existing** affordable homes in communities across BC.

Supportive housing succeeds when it includes adequate **funding** for on-site staff and services.

Supportive housing is the most **effective response** to homelessness and public safety concerns.

Non-profit housing is an important part of the solution during **uncertain economic times**.

It is important for governments to partner with **Indigenous housing providers**.

British Columbians Believe:

- **93%** say it is important for the provincial government to have a long-term housing strategy across the whole housing system.
- **86%** say decisions affecting one part of the housing system often have impacts for other parts of the housing system.
- **86%** believe housing affects many other systems, like healthcare, public safety, transportation, and the economy and that governments should plan for housing together with these other priorities.
- **94%** believe governments should consider housing needs when planning major infrastructure and other projects.
- **79%** say non-profit housing is an essential part of a healthy housing system.
- **84%** are concerned about the loss of affordable homes in their community and nearly half (48%) are very concerned.
- **76%** believe housing for people leaving homelessness is more successful when adequate funding is provided for on-site staffing and support services.
- **60%** think supportive housing is the most effective approach to reducing homelessness and related public safety concerns in their community when compared to emergency shelters and increased law enforcement.
- **92%** believe non-profit housing is important in helping people afford to stay in their communities and supporting local economies during periods of economic uncertainty.
- **78%** believe it is important for governments to work with Indigenous housing providers to both preserve existing affordable housing and expand Indigenous-led housing options in communities across BC.