

SNAPSHOT 4

# HOUSING CENSUS

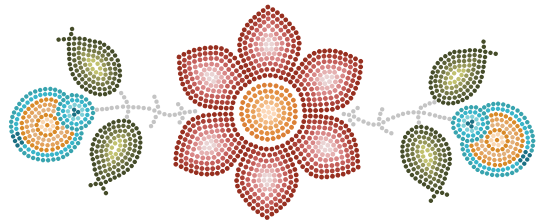
Focus on Types, Conditions, and Safety  
of Ontario Métis Households

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# PURPOSE & SCOPE

This Snapshot offers the main findings of the Housing Census as they relate to Métis-occupied housing types, their physical condition, and important health and safety aspects of their homes in 2022.



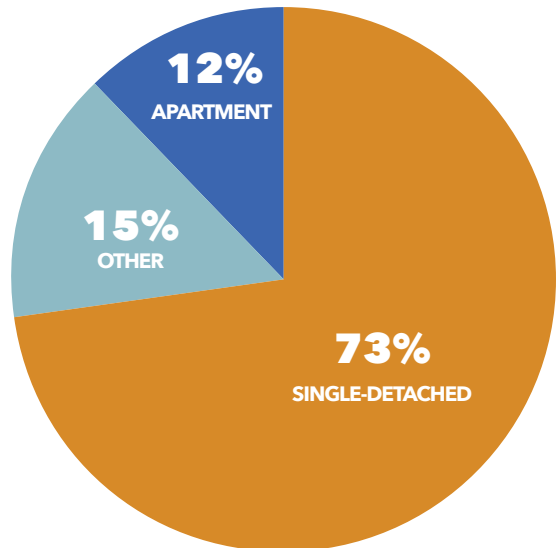
## KEY FINDINGS

MNO Census survey estimates arise from survey findings for 43.5% of dwellings and are then applied to all MNO 17,540 housing units based on survey responses. Both proportions of all Métis dwellings and their estimated numbers are calculated this way. It's essential to recognize that the objective conditions of homes usually change a bit each day. The whole stock is also subject to addition and subtraction due to new construction, major renovations, conversions to alternative uses, losses via fires, and replacement after demolitions.

## TYPES OF HOMES

Among the results, over 95% (16,755) of Métis homes are low-rise format, of which the vast majority (84%) are single-detached, semi-detached, and townhouse units. Even apartment units are mainly 4 storeys or less.

**CHART 1**  
**Types of Homes Occupied by**  
**MNO Citizens, 2022**



## REPAIRS

While 23% (4,000) homes need “major repairs,” 41% (7,125) require “only regular maintenance.” The remaining 37% (6,420) homes require “minor repairs.”

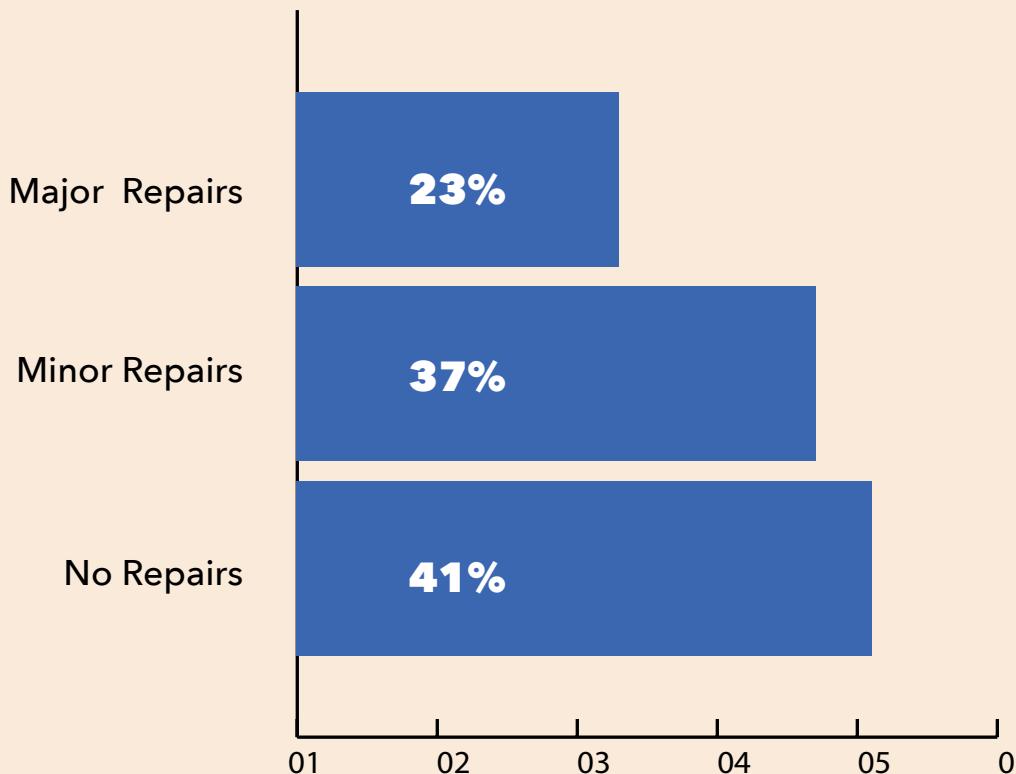
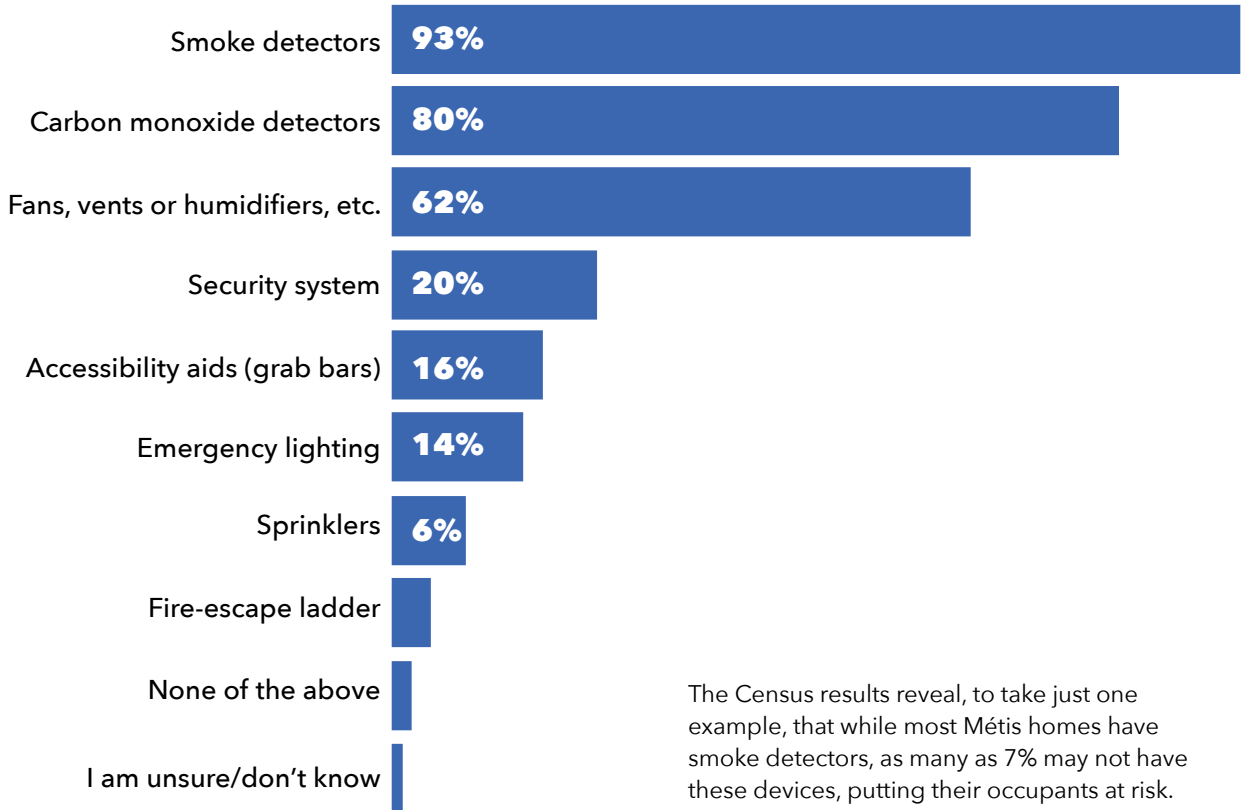


CHART 2

Proportions of Métis Homes Requiring Repairs, 2022

## HOUSING CONDITIONS

The MNO Census is different from other surveys about housing conditions. It asked about safety measures in homes where people live. This is important because some homes might be in good condition, but may need certain safety measures. The survey wanted to know about these safety measures to understand better how safe people are in their homes.



The Census results reveal, to take just one example, that while most Métis homes have smoke detectors, as many as 7% may not have these devices, putting their occupants at risk. Other health and safety-related measures relating to carbon monoxide detection and ventilation may be lacking in even more MNO citizen homes as of the survey date.

CHART 3

Presence of Various Safety Measures in Métis Homes, 2022

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Approximately 1 in 3 Métis households reported no health and safety issues in their homes. For MNO households reporting health and safety issues, water damage, including leaks or mould, was the most common, followed by accessibility issues like narrow doorways being too narrow for mobility devices and fire hazards. Less common for Métis households were health and safety issues related to foundation damage or infestation.

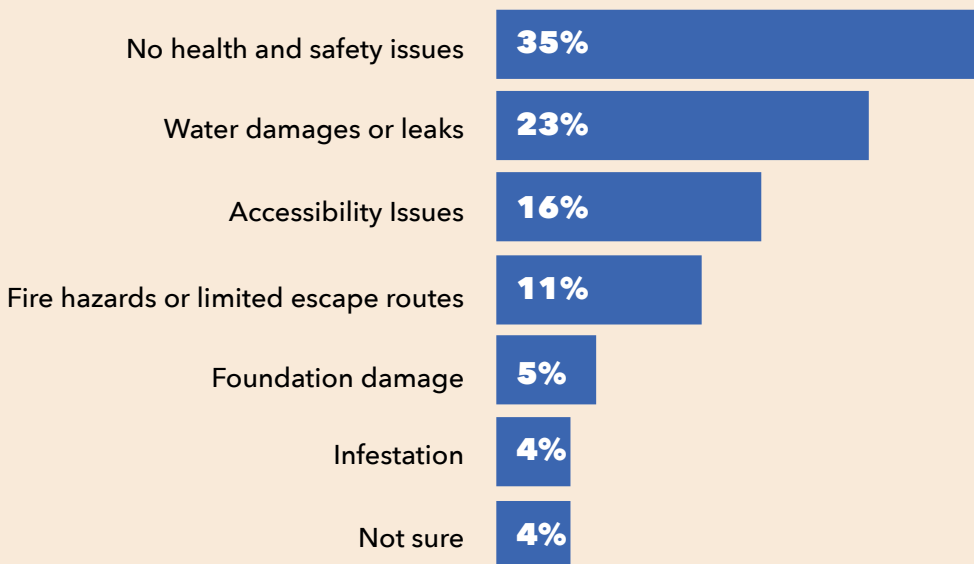


CHART 4

Health & Safety Issues Requiring Repairs in Métis Homes, 2022

## **IMPLICATIONS OF FINDINGS FOR MNO PROGRAM PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING**

- The MNO Census is the first ever Métis survey to identify the physical characteristics, condition, and location of MNO-occupied dwellings.
- Nearly 1 in 4 Métis households require significant repairs, impacting MNO citizens' comfort, safety and overall health and wellness. Examples of substantial repairs include replacing defective plumbing, electrical wiring or structural repairs to walls, floors or ceilings. Most of these repairs would be in single-detached homes, as that's the primary type of home occupied by MNO citizens.
- At least 1 in 10 Métis households require simple safety upgrades (e.g., installing and regularly maintaining a fire alarm or carbon monoxide detector).

## ANNEX: Selected Data Tables Used for This Snapshot

**Table 1:** Ranked Numbers and Percentages of Métis-Occupied Units by Dwelling Type, 2022

DWELLING TYPE	HOUSEHOLDS	PERCENT
Single-detached	12770	73%
Duplex, row house, or townhouse	1265	7%
Apartment in medium/high-rise (5+ storeys)	790	5%
Apartment in low-rise building (1-4 storeys)	680	4%
Semi-detached	730	4%
Apartment in single or semi-detached (i.e., accessory suite)	470	3%
Other	330	2%
Mobile home	220	1%
Rooming house with shared kitchen, etc.	110	1%
Seniors' residence/retirement home/Nursing home	60	<1%
Separate building, or cabin on the same property (e.g., granny suite)	40	<1%
Apartment or flat over a commercial building	80	<1%

**Table 2 in Support of Chart 2:** Numbers and Percentages of Métis-Occupied Units at Different States of Repair as Reported By Respondents

DWELLING CONDITION	HOUSEHOLDS	PERCENT
Major repairs are needed	4,000	23%
Minor repairs are needed	6,420	37%
Major plus Minor Repairs are needed	10,420	60%
Only regular maintenance needed	7,125	41%

“Major repairs” are defined as replacing defective plumbing or electrical wiring, structural repairs to walls, floors or ceilings, etc. “Minor repairs” are defined as fixing missing or loose floor tiles, bricks or shingles, defective steps, railing or siding, etc. Examples of “only regular maintenance” include painting, furnace cleaning, etc.



**Table 3:** Ranked Numbers and Percentages of MNO-Occupied Units by Element Requiring Repairs and/or Remediation, 2022

HEALTH AND/OR SAFETY ISSUES REQUIRING REPAIRS AND/OR REMEDIATION	HOUSEHOLDS	PERCENT
Mould	1755	10%
Leaky basement (water leaking, damp or wet walls)	1580	9%
Bath or shower facilities difficult/dangerous to use	1055	6%
Narrow doors that do not accommodate wheelchairs	1055	6%
Foundation or load-bearing support damaged	900	5%
Roof leaking into dwelling	700	4%
Infestation (bugs or mice, etc.)	700	4%
Narrow treads on stairs	525	4%
Basement apartment with limited escape routes	525	3%
Narrow windows or permanent bars on windows	350	2%
Fireplace/stove close to a wall that could catch fire	175	1%
Exposed materials that could be fire hazards	175	1%
Sparking outlets, other electrical safety issues	700	4%
None of the above	6140	35%
I am unsure / don't know	700	4%

**Table 4:** Ranked Numbers and Percentages of MNO-Occupied Units by Safety Measures Adopted, 2022

<b>SAFETY MEASURES ADOPTED</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
Smoke detectors	16,380	93%
Carbon monoxide detectors	14,065	80%
Fans, vents or humidifiers, etc.	10,930	62%
Security system	3,465	20%
Accessibility aids (grab bars)	2,875	16%
Emergency lighting	2,445	14%
Sprinklers	1,030	6%
Fire-escape ladder	700	4%
None of the above	370	2%
I am unsure/don't know	290	2%



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