

NWSAR State of the Region Report Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, the data collected here will contribute to the social and economic assessment, being done by CMR Consulting Inc. as part of the State of the Region Report for the NWSAR Committee.

The work CMR is doing will produce a report that includes current social and economic data and trends, which aim to drill-down to the local-level to identify local opportunities and challenges.

The goal of this project is to gather as much data as possible, some of which is not available online. For this reason, we are asking you to help us collect the most relevant and current data for various areas. We believe you can contribute to providing both data and contextual understanding of your region.

Please be aware any data collected in these surveys will be anonymous. You will also have a chance to enter your name into a weekly prize draw at the end of the survey.

If you have any questions about the social and economic report, please contact Sarah Skett at CMR Consulting Inc. at (403) 561-1507 or email at sarahs@cmrconsulting.ca

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Five municipalities in the far Northwest corner of Alberta received grant funding from Municipal Affairs to develop this State of the Region Report.

The project area includes the municipalities of Clear Hills County, County of Northern Lights, Mackenzie County, Town of Rainbow Lake and Town of High Level.

1. What County/Municipality do you live in for the scope of this project

- Clear Hills County
- County of Northern Lights
- Mackenzie County
- Town of High Level
- Town of Rainbow Lake
- Other (please specify)

2. What is your age

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

3. How long have you lived in this county/municipality?

- Less than six months
- Less than two years
- Five years or less
- Six to ten years
- Eleven to twenty years
- More than twenty years

4. Why did you move here? (select all that apply)

- Born here
- Home town
- Employment
- Education
- Community
- Rural living
- Other

5. How many people live in your household?

- Live alone
- Two to four people
- Five or more people

6. What is the ownership status of your house?

- Owner of the house
- Renter
- Provided by employer
- Resident not paying rent

7. What is your monthly rent/mortgage?

- Less than \$500
- \$501 - \$1,000
- \$1,001 - \$1,500
- \$1,501 - \$2,000
- \$2,000 - \$2,999
- Greater than \$3,000

8. How affordable is housing in your county/municipality?

- Extremely affordable
- Very affordable
- Somewhat affordable
- Not so affordable
- Not at all affordable

9. What type of housing is needed in your community?

- Rental units
- Homes for sale
- Shared housing
- Temporary housing

10. Does your community have too many, too few, or about the right number of grocery stores?

- Far too many
- Too many
- The right amount
- Too few
- Far too few

11. How far do you have to travel for groceries?

- Less than 5 km
- 5 to 10 km
- 10 to 20 km
- 20 to 40 km
- More than 40 km

12. Are you satisfied with the availability of fresh, healthy and reasonably priced food in your region?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

13. How accessible is childcare in your community?

- Very
- Somewhat
- Somewhat difficult
- Difficult
- Very difficult
- Don't need childcare

14. What is your household annual income?

- Under \$15,000
- Between \$15,000 and \$29,999
- Between \$30,000 and \$49,999
- Between \$50,000 and \$74,999
- Between \$75,000 and \$99,999
- Between \$100,000 and \$150,000
- Over \$150,000

15. What is the source(s) of income for your household? Check all that apply

- Agriculture
- Construction
- Energy (not oil and gas)
- Forestry
- Government/public sector
- Guide/Outfitting
- Oil and Gas
- Private sector
- Retail
- Seasonal
- Self-employed
- Tourism
- Other

16. Please identify any other sources of income

- Benefits for Indigenous peoples
- Benefits for Veterans
- Disability benefits
- Family assistance
- Housing benefits
- Military Benefits
- Old Age Security Pension (OASP)
- Pension(s)
- Rental income
- Other Social Assistance program(s)

17. What level of schooling did you complete? If more apply, select the highest one.

- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Apprenticeship
- Trade School
- Professional College
- University

18. How satisfied are you with access to post-secondary education in the region?

- Extremely satisfied
- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Not so satisfied
- Not at all satisfied

19. How satisfied are you with opportunities for professional/career development in the region?

- Extremely satisfied
- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Not so satisfied
- Not at all satisfied

20. In terms of your career development, are there networking opportunities in the county and region?

- Several available
- Some available
- Not many available
- None available

21. Please explain your answer to the above question.

22. How quickly does the local government respond to requests for help from people living in your county/municipality?

- Extremely quickly
- Very quickly
- Somewhat quickly
- Not so quickly
- Not at all quickly

23. Please explain your answer to the above question.

24. What services are needed in your county/municipality?

25. What trades are needed in your county/municipality?

26. Overall, how responsive is law enforcement to the needs of your county/municipality?

- Extremely responsive
- Very responsive
- Somewhat responsive
- Not so responsive
- Not at all responsive

27. What are your biggest transportation challenges in the region?

28. How often do you attend community activities? (E.g. festivals, markets, social events)

- 2 to 4 a month
- Less than 2 a month
- More than 6 a year
- Less than 6 a year

29. Do you think there are too many neighborhood events, too few neighborhood events, or the right amount of neighborhood events?

- Far too many
- Too many
- The right amount
- Too few
- Far too few

30. What type of recreational sports do you (and your family) engage in? Check all that apply.

- Hockey
- Soccer
- Curling
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Golf
- Swimming
- Boating
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Hiking
- Camping
- Climbing
- Skiing
- Cycling
- Gym

31. Do you participate in organized recreational activities (e.g. through a community centre) or do you organize these activities yourself? Please explain

32. What public/community spaces do you visit? Check all that apply.

- Library
- Museum
- Religious/Place of Worship
- Cultural/Community Centre
- Park
- Garden

33. What types of activities would you participate in if they were available in your county/municipality?

34. If you do not participate in activities in your county/municipality, why not?

35. Are you a member of a non-profit? If yes, please tell us with what organization(s)/group(s).

36. How many hours a month do you volunteer?

- 1 - 10 hours
- 10 - 20 hours
- 20 - 30 hours
- 30 - 40 hours
- More than 40 hours a month
- I do not volunteer

37. How effective is the local government at solving problems in your county/municipality?

- Extremely effective
- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Not so effective
- Not at all effective

38. Please explain your answer to the last question.

39. How quickly do the police respond to calls from people living in your county/municipality?

- Extremely quickly
- Very quickly
- Somewhat quickly
- Not very quickly
- Not at all quickly

40. How satisfied are you with ambulance services in your community?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

41. How are your community's fire services provided?

- Volunteer fire services
- Municipal fire department
- No fire services in my community
- Other (please specify)

42. How accessible and livable is your county/municipality for people who are disabled? I.e.employment opportunities, social supports, access to appropriate housing, etc.?

- Extremely easy
- Very easy
- Somewhat easy
- Not so easy
- Not at all easy

43. Please explain your answer to the last question.

44. In the past 12 months, how many times did you visit your doctor?

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7-8
- More than 8

45. How long do you have to wait to see your family doctor?

- Less than 48 hours
- Less than a week
- More than a week
- More than two weeks

46. How far do you have to travel to see your family doctor?

- Less than 5 km
- 5 to 10 Km
- 10 to 20 km
- 20 to 40 km
- More than 40 km

47. Specialists are doctors like surgeons, heart doctors, allergy doctors, skin doctors, and other doctors who specialize in one area of health care. In the last 12 months, did you try to make any appointments to see a specialist?

- Yes
- No

48. What medical services do you have to travel outside your county/municipality? Please check all that apply.

- Family doctor
- Dentist
- Cardiologist
- Oncologist
- Rheumatologist
- Orthopedist
- Diagnostic imaging (MRI, CT, X-ray, etc.)
- Obstetrician
- Chiropractor
- Physiotherapist
- Ophthalmologist
- Mental health specialist

49. What should be the economic priorities for the region in the next 5-10 years?

50. What Industries offer the greatest opportunities for this region?

51. Do you agree or disagree that tax breaks should be given to companies that move to your county/municipality?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

52. What do you like most about your county/municipality?

53. What do you like least about your county/municipality?

54. How much longer do you plan to live in your county/municipality? Please explain your answer

55. What changes would most improve your county/municipality?

56. Any other comments or information you would like to share?