

COMMUNITY VOICES SURVEY

Paper Copy Instructions:



Fill out the Survey



Bring the completed survey to
the front desk at Central Station



Fill out the ticket provided



Place filled out ticket in
the prize draw container



All survey responses are **anonymous** and **confidential**. We **do not** collect your name, address, or other **identifying information**.

► **OPENS: AUGUST 17**

► **CLOSES: OCTOBER 12**

Winkler Community Survey

DEMOGRAPHICS

1. What is your age? ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18–24 ☐ 25–34 ☐ 35–44 ☐ 45–54 ☐ 55–64 ☐ 65+	2. What best describes your gender? ☐ Woman ☐ Man ☐ Non-binary ☐ Prefer to self-describe: _____ ☐ Prefer not to say
3. What is the highest level of education you have completed? ☐ Less than high school ☐ High school diploma or equivalent ☐ Trade or apprenticeship certificate ☐ College diploma ☐ University bachelor's degree ☐ Graduate or professional degree ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Prefer not to say	4. Including yourself, how many people live in your household? ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6+
5. Which best describes your immigration status? ☐ Born in Canada ☐ Canadian citizen born outside of Canada ☐ Permanent resident ☐ Temporary resident (work or study permit) ☐ Refugee or refugee claimant ☐ Other ☐ Prefer not to say	6. Do you identify as any of the following? (Select all that apply.) ☐ First Nations ☐ Métis ☐ Inuit ☐ Member of a visible minority ☐ Person with a disability ☐ None of the above ☐ Prefer not to say
7. What language do you primarily speak at home? ☐ English ☐ German ☐ Spanish ☐ Ukrainian ☐ Russian ☐ Hindi ☐ Tagalog ☐ Low German (Plautdietsch) ☐ Other: _____	8. How long have you lived in Winkler? ☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1–5 years ☐ 5–10 years ☐ More than 10 years ☐ Always

HOUSING SECTION

9. Which best describes your housing situation? ☐ Rent ☐ Own ☐ Live with family/friends ☐ Temporary housing ☐ Emergency shelter ☐ No fixed address ☐ Other: _____	10. How satisfied are you with your current housing situation? ☐ Very satisfied ☐ Somewhat satisfied ☐ Neutral/unsure ☐ Somewhat unsatisfied ☐ Very unsatisfied
11. What is your biggest housing challenge right now? (Select up to 2.) ☐ Finding affordable housing ☐ Finding available housing ☐ Repairs or poor housing condition ☐ Risk of losing my housing ☐ Housing is overcrowded ☐ Discrimination when looking for housing ☐ I don't currently have a housing challenge ☐ Other: _____	12. How affordable is your housing situation right now? ☐ Very affordable ☐ Somewhat affordable ☐ Unsure ☐ Somewhat unaffordable ☐ Very unaffordable
13. Are you currently living in a housing situation that feels overcrowded? ☐ Yes ☐ No	14. Are there any housing services or resources that you wish existed? ☐ Yes (please elaborate): _____ ☐ No

ECONOMIC SECTION

15. What best describes your current employment status? (Select all that apply.) ☐ Employed full-time ☐ Employed part-time ☐ Self-employed ☐ Looking for work ☐ Student ☐ Retired ☐ Unable to work due to disability or illness ☐ Homemaker/caregiver ☐ Other: _____	16. Approximately what is your total annual household income before taxes? ☐ Under \$25,000 ☐ \$25,000–\$49,999 ☐ \$50,000–\$74,999 ☐ \$75,000–\$99,999 ☐ \$100,000–\$149,999 ☐ \$150,000 or more ☐ Prefer not to say
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17. In the past 12 months, have you had difficulty paying for basic necessities such as food, clothing, transportation, utilities, or medication? ☐ Frequently ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely ☐ Never	18. What is your biggest economic challenge right now? (select all that apply) ☐ Affording rent ☐ Affording necessities such as groceries and clothing ☐ Finding/maintaining employment ☐ Transportation ☐ Other (please specify):
19. Have you experienced barriers accessing financial assistance or financial services? ☐ No ☐ Yes (select all that apply...) ☐ Unaware of what services exist ☐ Don't have time to access services ☐ Don't have the ability to physically access services (e.g., can't find transportation) ☐ Discrimination or bias (e.g., based on race, ethnicity, culture, religion, immigration status, gender, etc.) ☐ Other (please specify):	20. What is the biggest expense that makes it hard to make ends meet in Winkler? ☐ I'm not finding it hard to make ends meet right now ☐ Housing (rent/mortgage) ☐ Groceries/food costs ☐ Utilities (hydro, water, heat) ☐ Transportation ☐ Childcare ☐ Supporting other family members not living in household ☐ Other (please specify): _____
21. Do you feel that wages in Winkler are enough for a good standard of living? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure	22. Do you feel there are enough job opportunities in Winkler that match your skills or experience? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
23. Do you feel comfortable going to local services (like food banks, social agencies, churches) for help if you need it? ☐ Yes ☐ No (please share why):	

MENTAL WELLBEING SECTION

24. Does mental health (for example: stress, depression, anxiety, loneliness) prevent you from finding or maintaining employment? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure	25. Do you feel a lack of social connection and/or sense of community in your life? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
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26. What is the biggest cause of anxiety in your life? ☐ I have no stress or anxiety currently ☐ Financial (e.g., employment, shelter/housing/food, transportation, childcare) ☐ Social connection/support (e.g., lack of community and social connection/support, family/relationship obligations, lack of mental health services) ☐ Unknown ☐ Other (Please specify)	27. Do you know where and how to access mental health services? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
28. Do you/would you feel comfortable seeking mental health help in Winkler without worrying that others will find out? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure	29. Do you ever feel socially isolated because you're new to Winkler or because of cultural or language barriers? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
30. Have you ever avoided seeking mental health help because: (select all that apply) ☐ No ☐ I don't need mental health support ☐ It costs too much ☐ You're worried people will judge you ☐ You're worried you will face discrimination or bias (race, ethnicity, immigration status, culture, religion, gender) ☐ You don't know where to go ☐ Services are only in English ☐ Long wait times ☐ Other (please specify):	

INJUSTICE/INEQUALITY

31. Have you ever been prevented from accessing resources or services due to your: (select all that apply) ☐ Economic status ☐ Ethnicity/racial identity ☐ Culture ☐ Religion ☐ Other (please specify): _____ ☐ I haven't experienced this	32. Do you feel treated differently in Winkler because of your: (select all that apply) ☐ Language/accent ☐ Country of origin ☐ Religion/faith ☐ Family size (e.g. large family, children) ☐ Economic situation (e.g. being on assistance, low income) ☐ Other (please specify): _____ ☐ I haven't experienced this
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33. Do you feel comfortable attending community events in Winkler if you're not part of a specific religion or faith community? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes	34. Do you feel there are services in Winkler that respect and understand your cultural background? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
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CAUSES OF POVERTY IN WINKLER

35. What types of support would make the biggest difference in helping you and your household thrive in Winkler? (Select up to 5): ☐ Affordable housing options ☐ Rent subsidies or housing support ☐ Access to a family doctor or regular healthcare ☐ Mental health services (counselling, crisis support, therapy) ☐ Affordable or accessible childcare ☐ Access to healthy and affordable food ☐ Help finding stable employment ☐ Job training or skills programs ☐ Help with transportation (bus passes, ride programs, car repair) ☐ Access to financial help (tax filing, emergency funds, budgeting help) ☐ Legal help (immigration, family law, fines, etc.) ☐ Help navigating government systems (EIA, Rent Assist, Disability Tax Credit, etc.) ☐ More welcoming and inclusive community spaces ☐ Support for newcomers (language help, cultural connection, settlement services) ☐ Peer support or mentorship ☐ Parenting support or programs ☐ Help building credit or accessing affordable banking ☐ Faith-based support ☐ Other (please specify):	36. What do you think is the biggest reason people in Winkler experience poverty? Please choose only one option ☐ Not enough jobs that pay well ☐ High cost of housing ☐ Unavailability of housing ☐ High cost of living (food, bills, transportation) ☐ Language or cultural barriers ☐ Blatant racism or colonialism ☐ Unconscious bias towards the familiar ☐ Lack of affordable childcare ☐ Mental health struggles (including wait times) ☐ Lack of appropriate health care ☐ Other (please specify): _____ 37. What is one thing that would make the biggest difference in helping people in Winkler escape poverty?
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MEDICAL

38. Do you currently have a family doctor in Winkler or nearby? ☐ Yes ☐ No	39. If you don't have a family doctor, why not? (select all that apply) ☐ No doctors accepting new patients ☐ Long wait times to get an appointment ☐ Transportation is difficult ☐ Language barriers ☐ Too complicated to figure out how ☐ Other (Please specify)
40. If you could improve one thing about healthcare in Winkler, what would it be?	

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

41. In the past 12 months, has being the victim of a crime affected your quality of life? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer	42. If YES, what areas were affected? (Select all that apply.) ☐ Mental wellbeing ☐ Financial situation ☐ Housing stability ☐ Employment ☐ Feeling safe in the community ☐ Relationships ☐ Other: _____
43. If Yes: Did you report the incident to the police? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer	

CHILDREN AND FAMILY

44. Do any children under the age of 18 live in your household? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please specify the age and number of children: _____	45. Do you feel you have access to the parenting supports your family needs? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Somewhat ☐ Unsure
46. Do you currently need childcare or daycare services in Winkler? ☐ Yes ☐ No	47. If you need childcare, have you been able to find a spot for your child? ☐ Yes, easily ☐ Yes, but it took a long time ☐ No, I'm still waiting ☐ I gave up looking

48. What is the biggest challenge for you in accessing daycare in Winkler? (select all that apply) ☐ No spaces available ☐ Cost is too high ☐ Hours don't fit my work schedule ☐ Language or cultural barriers ☐ I prefer to keep my child at home ☐ Other (please specify): _____	49. Has the lack of daycare ever affected your ability to work or go to school? ☐ Yes ☐ No
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Definitions list

- **Ethnicity:** A large group of people who have the same national, racial, or cultural origins.
- **Racial identity:** Racial identity refers to one's sense of self that is related to their membership in a racial group. Race is a human classification system that is socially constructed to distinguish between groups of people who share certain characteristics. For many people, racial identity, ethnicity, and culture overlap with each other.
- **Culture:** The way of life, customs, traditions and beliefs shared by a particular group of people.
- **Discrimination:** The unjust or unfair treatment of certain people based on their ethnicity, race, gender, religion, or other characteristic.
- **Colonialism:** The process by which a country invades a land that is not theirs, displaces Indigenous inhabitants, and settles its own people on the land. In Canada, the legacy of colonialism includes the residential school system, the 60s Scoop, the continuing racism against Indigenous peoples, and colonial policies.