Housing

SNHPC Region Housing Snapshot

According to the 2010 US Census, there are about 102,233 housing units in the SNHPC Region. Single-family homes make up 61.5% of the total units in the region, while structures with 2 to 4 units make up about 16%, structures with 5 or more units make up 20.7%, and mobile homes and other structures make up 1.8% of the total number of units in the region.

SNHPC Residential Survey

Single-family homes are the dominant housing type in the SNHPC region. While these types of homes allow the communities to keep their NH character, the physical realities of multi-story, single-family homes can be a barrier to people as they age. SNHPC surveyed residents and found 86% of respondents live in single-family homes, 7% live in multi-family/apartments, 7% live in condos, 4% live in duplexes, and 4% live in mobile homes or other housing types. Residents who attended the community conversations frequently stated they would prefer having housing options close to amenities such as grocery stores and health facilities, as well as having the ability to live in smaller homes.

Homes Values in SNHPC Region (2010 US Census)

According to recent findings by Zillow.com, the median home value in New Hampshire is $244,200, with a predicted rise of 3.7% in the next year. According to the 2010 US Census, almost 40% of homes in the SNHPC region were valued between $200,000 to $299,999, 23.7% were valued between $200,000 to $299,999, and homes valued between $150,000 to $199,999 made up 18.6% of homes in the SNHPC region.

Taxes were one of the greatest concerns raised during the community conversations—especially among seniors. SNHPC communities’ tax rate (per $1000 of value) range from $20.71 in Auburn, to $29.23 in Derry.

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Income

While the majority of housing units are owner-occupied, 33% in the SNHPC region are renter-occupied. Of those renter-occupied units, over 40% spend 35% or more of their income on rent.

Housing Options

In thinking about your future, how likely is it that you will move to a different home outside of this community?

When asked what would be the primary reason to move to a different home, millennials mentioned affordability, jobs, schools, community, and a sense of place. Seniors discussed topics that were more physical, such as the size of their home, their health, and accessibility.

About 70% of millennials said it was extremely likely they would move to a different home outside of their community in the future while 25% of seniors said it was somewhat likely.

45% of residents felt that there are no appealing alternatives in their community when either moving into their first home/unit, or downsizing to a smaller home/unit.

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