

# Williams Lake ICSP: Affordable Housing and Livable Neighbourhoods

Infographic developed from the research findings of UBC Geography 379B

Students from the UBC Geography 379B field school developed a survey and conducted several interviews in order to analyze the effectiveness of the Affordable Housing and Livable Neighbourhoods policy in the ICSP. The following graphs depict our findings.

## Home Owners and Renters

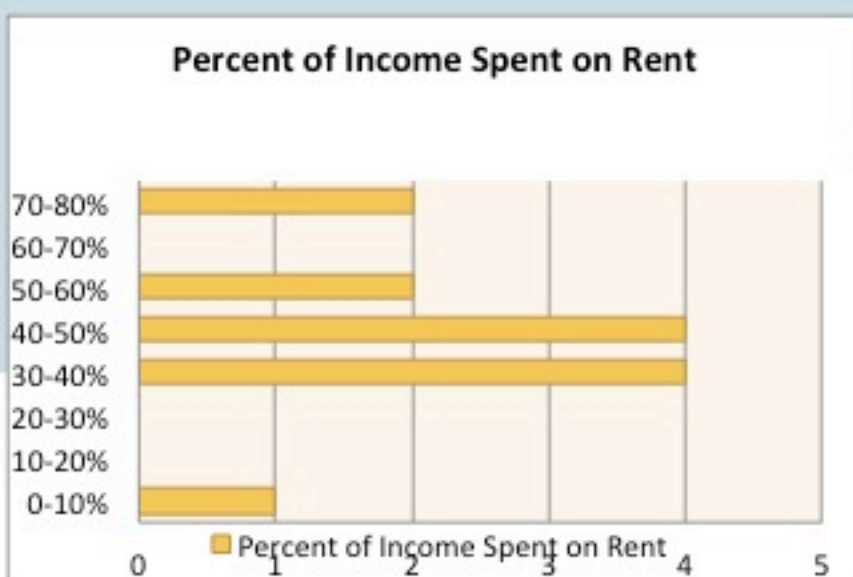


## Affordable Housing, Defined:

"Tenants/Homeowners **do not** have to spend **more than 30% of their gross income on housing costs** (excluding utility fees, internet, cablevision, and the like)"

*But...*

## Approximate Income Spent on Rent



**12 out of 14** people who responded to our survey as home renters claim that they spend **at least 30%** of their income on rent per month!

## What works for another city?



**Richmond, BC**

*Inclusionary Zoning:* Developers receive a "Density Bonus", which allows them to build wider & taller if 5% of their units are secured as affordable-housing under a rental cap.

## Top 5 Necessities for Affordable Housing in Williams Lake

As mentioned by our interviewees and survey participants

- 1. Family friendly location**
- 2. Variety of house sizes**
- 3. Access to transit**
- 4. Walkability – Access to safe roads and sidewalks**
- 5. Fostering of relationships between City Council and various community groups**