



**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

*Planning for Our Region's Future*

Bethany Branford East Haven Guilford Hamden Madison Meriden Milford  
New Haven North Branford North Haven Orange Wallingford West Haven Woodbridge

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**South Central Region, Connecticut: Housing Plan Survey**

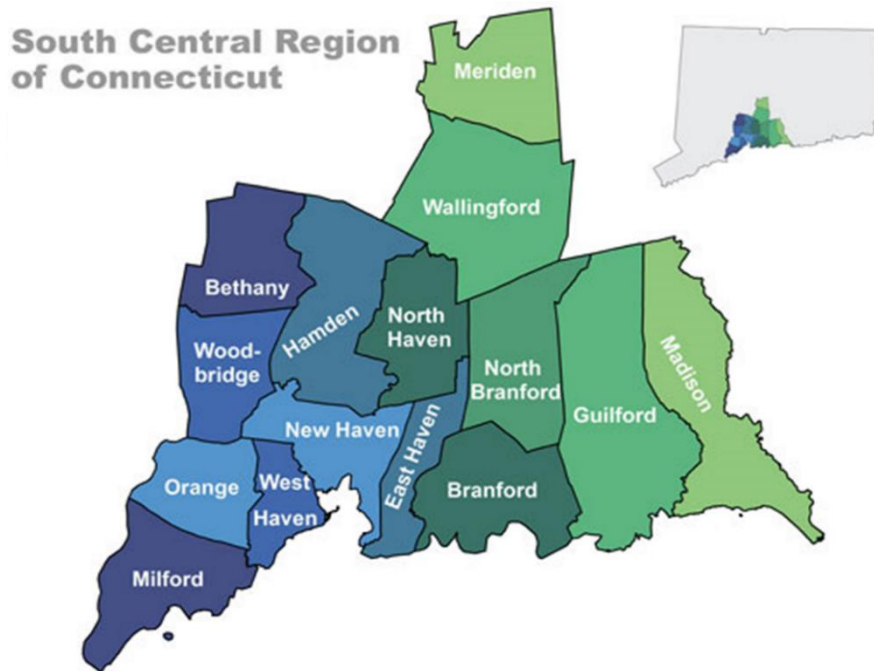
***Introduction:***

Cities and Towns in Connecticut are currently working on plans to widen their selection of housing choices and meet the current housing demands of their citizens.

The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG), which brings together local governments to coordinate municipal services, transportation, and land use planning programs, is helping municipalities in the region to create housing plans tailored to each city/town's individual housing markets and needs.

This survey is being conducted by RKG Associates, Inc., the consulting firm hired to help prepare the Housing Plans. Your responses to this survey will help identify the perceptions and realities of housing affordability, appropriateness, and challenges within your community. Your response, along with those of your neighbors, will be kept confidential and allow SCRCOG to create a housing plan that is sensitive to the needs and concerns of all residents.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this housing survey. If you have any questions, please Email Eugene Livshits, Senior Regional Planner for SCRCOG at [elivshits@scrcog.org](mailto:elivshits@scrcog.org).



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**Demographics Section:**

The following questions are intended to provide RKG Associates with an understanding of how answers vary by types of respondents. While your responses will help build an understanding of how housing issues affect different populations, generations, and socioeconomic groups, all individual responses to this survey are confidential. RKG Associates will not be sharing specific responses publicly or with SCRCOG.

Question 1: In which Town or City do you live? (*Check one option below.*)

- Bethany
- Branford
- East Haven
- Guilford
- Hamden
- Madison
- Meriden
- Milford
- New Haven
- North Branford
- North Haven
- Orange
- Wallingford
- West Haven
- Woodbridge

Questions 2: If you commute to work, which Town or City do you commute to? (*Check one option below.*)

- Bethany
- Branford
- East Haven
- Guilford
- Hamden
- Madison
- Meriden
- Milford
- New Haven
- North Branford
- North Haven
- Orange
- Wallingford
- West Haven
- Woodbridge
- Elsewhere in Connecticut
- Outside Connecticut
- Not Applicable

Question 3: What is your age range? (*Check one option below.*)

- Under 25
- 25 to 44
- 45 to 64
- Over 64

Question 4: What is your race/ethnicity? (*Check one option below.*)

- White/Caucasian
- Black/African American
- Latinx
- Asian
- Other/Multiracial
- Prefer not to answer

Question 5: Do you currently rent or own? (*Check one option below.*)

- Rent
- Own
- Prefer not to answer

Question 6: What is your current household income? (*Check one option below.*)

- Under \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$50,000
- \$50,000 to \$75,000
- \$75,000 to \$100,000
- \$100,000 to \$150,000
- \$150,000 to \$200,000
- Over \$200,000
- Prefer not to answer

Question 7: How many people live in your home (including yourself)? (*Check one option below.*)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

**Rental Housing Section:**

Question 1: How much supply do you feel exists for the following rental housing types?  
*(Check one answer for each housing type.)*

	Too Much Supply	Right Amount of Supply	Not Enough Supply	There is No Supply	Do Not Know
Studio/Efficiency	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1-Bedroom Unit	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
2-Bedroom Unit	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
3-Bedroom Unit	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
4+ Bedroom Unit	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Senior/Age Restricted	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Affordable/Workforce	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Question 2: What types of rental housing do you feel there is a demand for in your community?  
*(Check one answer for each housing type.)*

	No Demand	Slight Demand	Moderate Demand	Strong Demand	Extreme Demand
Studio/Efficiency	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1-Bedroom Unit	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
2-Bedroom Unit	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
3-Bedroom Unit	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
4+Bedroom Unit	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Senior/Age Restricted	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Affordable/Workforce	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Question 3: What type of impact do you believe more rental housing options would have on the commercial businesses in your community? *(Check one option below.)*

- [ ] Create a boost for in sales local businesses
- [ ] Reduce sales for local businesses
- [ ] Have no noticeable impact on commercial businesses

Question 4: What type of impact do you believe more rental housing options would have on public services provided by your community? *(Check one option below.)*

- [ ] Have a positive impact on level of public services
- [ ] Have a negative impact on level of public services
- [ ] Have no noticeable impact on level of public services

Question 5: What type of impact do you believe more rental housing options would have on the traffic levels in your community? (*Check one option below.*)

- A reduction in traffic levels
- An increase in traffic levels
- Have no noticeable impact on traffic levels

Question 6: What type of impact do you believe more rental housing options would have on the public finances in your community? (*Check one option below.*)

- Have a positive impact on public finances
- Have a negative impact on public finances
- Have no noticeable impact on public finances

Question 7: In your opinion, what type of impact would having more rental housing choices at different prices have on your community? (*Check one option below.*)

- Positive impact on my community
- Negative impact on my community
- It would have no noticeable impact on my community

**Home Ownership Section:**

Question 1: How much supply do you feel exists for the following homeownership types?  
*(Check one answer for each housing type.)*

	Too Much Supply	Right Amount of Supply	Not Enough Supply	There is No Supply	Do Not Know
Condominium	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Townhouse/Attached	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1-3 Bedroom House	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
4+ Bedroom House	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Estate/Luxury Home	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Senior/Age Restricted	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Affordable/Workforce	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Question 2: What types of homeownership units do you feel there is a demand for in your community?  
*(Check one answer for each housing type.)*

	No Demand	Slight Demand	Moderate Demand	Strong Demand	Extreme Demand
Condominium	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Townhouse/Attached	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1-3 Bedroom House	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
4+ Bedroom House	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Estate/Luxury Home	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Senior/Age Restricted	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Affordable/Workforce	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Question 3: What type of impact do you believe more homeownership options would have on the commercial businesses in your community?  
*(Check one option below.)*

- [ ] Create a boost for in sales local businesses
- [ ] Reduce sales for local businesses
- [ ] Have no noticeable impact on commercial businesses

Question 4: What type of impact do you believe more home ownership options would have on public services provided by your community?  
*(Check one option below.)*

- [ ] Have a positive impact on level of public services
- [ ] Have a negative impact on level of public services
- [ ] Have no noticeable impact on level of public services

Question 5: What type of impact do you believe more homeownership options would have on the traffic levels in your community? *(Check one option below.)*

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- Have no noticeable impact on public finances

Question 7: In your opinion, what type of impact would having more home ownership choices at different prices have on your community? *(Check one option below.)*

- Positive impact on my community
- Negative impact on my community
- It would have no noticeable impact on my community

***Housing Impact, Location, and Barriers to Affordability Section:***

Question 1: What type of impact do you believe having professional workers (i.e., teachers) and service workers (i.e., retail employees) working and living in your community would have? *(Check one answer for each impact type.)*

	Positive Impact	No Impact	Negative Impact	Do Not Know
Labor force	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Property Values	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
School Costs	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Question 2: What type of impact do you believe having individuals, and families with children living in your community would have? *(Check one answer for each impact type.)*

	Positive Impact	No Impact	Negative Impact	Do Not Know
Labor Force	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Property Values	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
School Costs	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Question 3: If your community was interested in developing new housing options, which do you feel should be considered priority locations? *(Check one option below.)*

- [ ] Near transit stops/train station
- [ ] Town Center/Downtown
- [ ] Along commercial corridors
- [ ] Residential areas
- [ ] Other *(please specify):*



Question 4: Do you feel there are any challenges to creating price appropriate housing for existing residents in your community? If so, please list those challenges. (*Check one option below.*)

- Zoning/regulatory limitations
- Ability of City/Town staff to implement programs and policies
- Infrastructure (i.e., water and sewer) capacity/access
- Community opposition
- Willing development partners
- Sufficiently funded development partners
- Other (*please specify*):

Question 5: In general, do you believe that your community has a responsibility to create housing options for individual and families that you would like to live in your community, but cannot afford the current cost of housing? (*Check one option below.*)

- I believe my community has an obligation to create an opportunity for others that may not be able to afford to live in your community
- I do not believe my community has an obligation to create an opportunity for others that may not be able to afford to live in your community
- Not sure