Adequate housing and access to clean drinking water are basic human rights and are necessary for health and wellness in the communities and social and economic development.

Qanuilirpitaa? 2017 is a population health survey carried out in Nunavik from August to October 2017. A total of 1,326 Nunavimmiut aged 16 and over from all 14 villages participated in this survey.

Regional organizations are committed to working with the communities to reduce housing shortages, improve housing conditions and ensure drinking water quality in order to foster public health and wellness.

In 2017:

- **33%** of the population lived in overcrowded dwellings.
- 1 out of 3 Nunavimmiut (33%) reported having offered shelter to someone who had nowhere else to live. This could be a sign of hidden homelessness.
- 1 in 5 Nunavimmiut (20%) reported living in a dwelling in need of major repairs, such as defective plumbing or electrical wiring, structural repairs to walls, floors, ceilings, etc.
- 3 out of 4 Nunavimmiut (75%) treated their water at home (filtering or boiling) before consumption, independently of the type of water used.

Nunavimmiut get their water from different sources, the most common one being the municipal system (tap at home or directly at the water plant).

Overcrowding has lessened since the Qanuippitaa? 2004 Health Survey but remains higher than in the rest of Canada.

For more information:
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Nakumik to all Nunavimmiut who contributed to this important health survey!