

Hatfield Housing Survey 2015

This survey is being conducted by the Hatfield Housing Plan Advisory Committee to gather input from residents for a local housing plan. The members of this committee are Sanford Belden, Paul Labbee, Bryan Nicholas, Donna Paddock, Tom Rossmassler (chair), and John Wilkes. The committee has the responsibility to present a completed plan to the Select Board that will identify specific unmet housing needs of Hatfield residents and develop actions to meet these needs in ways that will also support overall community goals.



This survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. Your responses are confidential. No individual information will be shared with any other government agency or company or person. Please return completed surveys to: Hatfield Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, or the Main Street Corner Market.

1. **Are you a Hatfield resident age 18 or older?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

2. **Do you live in a home that is owned or rented by you and your family?**

- ☐ Own home
- ☐ Rent home
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

3. **What best describes your type of home?**

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-family house (detached) | <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment (privately owned) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-family house (mobile) | <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment (Housing Authority) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duplex or 3-family house | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior "55+" community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

4. **How long have you lived in your current home?**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 – 20 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 Years | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 10 years | |

5. **How many people live in your household (including you)?**

1	4	7
2	5	8
3	6	9 or more

6. **Are you or someone in your household likely to move within the next five years?**

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Yes, our entire household will probably be moving
- ☐ Yes, one or more of our children will be moving
- ☐ Yes, one or more other members of our household (not a child) will be moving
- ☐ No, no one in our home is expected to move with the next five years

7. **If you answered "Yes" to any of the choices in Question 6, where will the person (or people) who are moving prefer to live next? If you answered "No," please answer based on your best estimate of when (or if) you eventually plan to move from your current home.**

	Strongly Prefer	Would Consider	Would Not Consider
Do not plan to move from my current home (ever)			
Another home in Hatfield			
Another home in a nearby town (15 min drive or less)			
Another home within a 1-hour drive			
Another home outside our region, but still in New England			
A different region or outside the U.S.			

8. **When (and if) you or someone in your household are planning to move, what type of homes are you/they most likely to consider?**

	Most Likely	Would Consider	Not Likely
Single family house (detached)			
Single family house (mobile home)			
Duplex/3-family			
Condominium			
Apartment (privately owned)			
Apartment (Housing Authority)			
Senior "55+" active living community			

Other _____

9. **Do you think there are enough of the following types of homes in Hatfield?**

	Not Enough	Right Number	Too Many
Single-family "starter" homes, less than \$250,000			
Mid-level single-family homes from \$250,00 to \$400,000			
Duplexes and three-family homes			
Condominiums			
Apartment (privately owned)			
Apartment (Housing Authority)			
Age "55+" active living communities			
Assisted living facilities for seniors & people with disabilities			
Group homes			

Other types _____

10. **Hypothetically – If you were looking to buy or rent a home in Hatfield today, could you afford the home that you're living in now at its current market price?**

- ☐ Yes, I could probably buy/rent and afford to live in my existing home at its current market price.
- ☐ No, I would probably need to find a different home that costs less.

Comment _____

11. **Where do you think most new homes, condos and apartments in Hatfield should be concentrated?**

	Yes	No
In an around Hatfield Center (Main and School Streets)		
In the village areas of North Hatfield and West Hatfield		
Along the Route 5 corridor		
In existing neighborhoods on vacant or under-used lots		
On undeveloped land (farm or forest land)		

Other locations _____

12. **What do you think should be the top housing-related priorities for helping people who want to live in Hatfield to do so?**

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Help residents access programs to rehabilitate their homes			
Develop neighborhoods with smaller lots (.25 acre or less) and smaller homes			
Allow larger homes to be converted into two or three units where served by sewer			
Encourage accessory or "in-law" apartments			
Provide more information about home financing assistance to families that earn up to \$60,930 per year (this is "low/moderate income" threshold for a family of 3*			
Help provide access to financial assistance to renters who earn up to \$60,930/year (family of 3) pay increases in rent			
Encourage construction of more apartments that are affordable to families earning up to \$60,930/year (family of 3)			
Encourage construction of more single family homes that are affordable to families earning up to \$60,930/year (family of 3)			

Other _____

**The "low/moderate" annual income threshold varies by household size. For a single person in 2015, it is \$47,390; for a couple it is \$54,160; for a family of three it is \$60,930; and for a family of four, it is \$67,700. More information at: www.communitypreservation.org/news/9205*

13. **What is the most important thing that you think Hatfield should do to improve the quality and affordability of homes in town?**

14. **Please check the range for your household's annual income for last year (2014)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$12,000/year | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$12,000 to \$19,999/year | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$149,000/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to \$29,999/year | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 to \$249,000/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 to \$49,999/year | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$250,000/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999/year | |

15. **What best describes what you do? (circle all that apply)**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed full time | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired/volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed part time | <input type="checkbox"/> Student full time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker full time | <input type="checkbox"/> Student part time |

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