

Getting Quebec out of the housing crisis

QPAREB's priorities and proposals 2026 Provincial Election

Current Situation

Quebec is facing a persistent housing capacity crisis. The main obstacle is no longer just financial: it is our collective capacity to build enough housing, quickly enough and sufficiently adapted to the needs of Quebecers.

Supply is no longer keeping pace with demand, administrative delays are slowing down projects, the regulatory framework is complicating their implementation, and access to homeownership is becoming increasingly difficult. With a homeownership rate of 59.9%, the lowest in Canada, Quebec is lagging significantly behind. For the Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers (QPAREB), access to homeownership must become a national economic priority. The solution lies in a sustained increase in the housing supply to allow more Quebecers to access homes that meet their needs.

Léger, Québec Housing Landscape, survey conducted for the QPAREB, August 2026.

What Quebecers are saying

- 85% of Quebecers consider the current housing situation to be an important problem.
- 67% consider it unaffordable, for a median-income household, to purchase a property that meets their needs in their region.
- 69% believe that access to homeownership has deteriorated over the past five years, and only 17% anticipate an improvement over the next three years.
- 84% want access to homeownership to be an important priority for the next Quebec government.
- 47% say that parties' positions on housing could influence their vote (58% among 18-34 year-olds, 61% among renters).

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Priority 1: Build more

Rapidly increase the residential supply

Quebec needs to increase its capacity to deliver residential projects more quickly by reducing the obstacles that slow down their completion.

Our proposals

1. Reduce approval times for residential projects

Accelerate permits, increase transparency, and improve municipal performance.

2. Modernize regulations that hinder construction

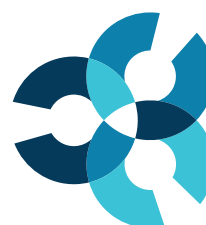
Simplify and harmonize regulations to encourage more predictable projects.

3. Empower Quebec to build more

Increase prefabricated construction capacity, support innovation, and improve productivity.

4. Replicate successful models

Scale up proven approaches and partnerships.



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Priority 2: Build better

Develop the housing that Quebecers need

Quebec needs to diversify its residential offerings and make better use of its territory in order to meet the needs of households today and tomorrow.

Our proposals

1. Develop intermediate housing options

Promote condominiums, townhouses, semi-detached homes, and plexes; support accessory dwelling units; and adapt government programs.

2. Implement smart densification

Optimize existing infrastructure and strengthen the coherence of land-use planning.

3. Leverage public land for housing

Mobilize public land assets to accelerate housing development.

QPAREB's message

The current crisis demands more than ad hoc measures. It requires a coherent vision and structural actions to sustainably increase the housing supply.

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The best way to sustainably improve affordability and facilitate access to homeownership is to increase the supply of housing adapted to the needs of Quebecers, while creating a simpler, more predictable and more efficient environment for carrying out residential projects.

Quebec has the means to act. It is time to put in place the necessary conditions to:

- **Build more.**
- **Build better.**
- **Build to meet Quebec's needs**

While 55% of Quebecers doubt the next government's ability to concretely improve the housing situation, 29% still attribute to it the greatest capacity to act, well ahead of any other stakeholder. The next Quebec government therefore has a clear opportunity to seize: to respond to a strong expectation, with the legitimacy to do so.

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Housing will be a decisive electoral issue. Acting now means responding to an expectation expressed massively by the population.



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