

# 81%

**discussed transportation, making this the most important issue for Nunavummiut.**

80% discussed accessible and quality programs and services as an issue.

### About this study

Over 3 years, we visited all 25 communities and spoke to 543 Nunavummiut about Accessibility.

Conversations took place in groups (sharing circles), and one-on-one interviews.

We spoke to Nunavummiut aged 18–88, of all genders.

88% of our participants were Inuk (Inuit).



**“Too few community members with disabilities can fully participate in the community. No, I think the one(s) with disabilities don’t even go out (and) participate in anything... they have no transportation [and] the elders that can barely walk... we need an Elders’ bus.”**

# 7 Research areas focused on Accessibility Standards Canada’s priorities:

### Employment

Nunavummiut experience barriers to employment, such as stigma regarding disabilities and a lack of awareness about workplace accommodations.

Approximately 53% of the participants who completed the survey, indicated that they are engaged in full-time or part-time employment. Work was described by many as enjoyable and fulfilling.

### Built environment

Nunavummiut want safe and accessible housing and public spaces. They want new builds to include ramps, wider doorways, accessible washrooms and safety features.

Public spaces, particularly recreational and outdoor spaces, are inaccessible. Nunavummiut want improved conditions so they can enjoy recreation and on-the-land activities.

### Communication

Improvements in communication from service providers and government agencies are desired.

Participants spoke about difficulty accessing benefits and services because processes were unclear. Accessible and transparent systems that utilize plain language are needed.

### Procurement

Participants want more representation of people with disabilities in decision making and increased transparency around how funds are allocated.

### Programs and services

People with disabilities in Nunavut want programs and services that are made with their needs in mind, and are offered long-term.

Nunavummiut are looking for opportunities to participate in hunting, sewing, and community games

### Information and communication technology

Affordable and reliable internet access is needed in Nunavut to ensure access to programs, services, education, and employment opportunities.

### Transportation

Nunavut’s 25 communities lack accessible transportation options. It was the most discussed concern in our interviews and focus groups.

Nunavummiut want affordable and accessible public transportation made available for Elders and people with disabilities.