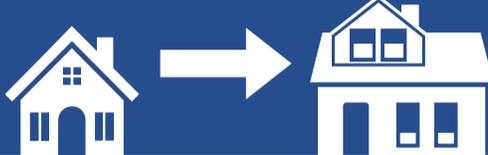


WHY DO PEOPLE MOVE IN CANADA?

Every year, **more than 1 million people in Canada move**, be it around the corner or across the country. This infographic looks at the reasons why Canadians move.



 In 2022, **1 in 4 households (25.3%)** that moved in the previous five years wanted a larger or better-quality dwelling

Among households that moved, **94% moved within the same province, while 6% moved to another province.**

The reasons for moving differed, depending on whether households stayed in the same province or not.

TOP REASONS FOR MOVING			
 Within the same province		 To another province	
Larger or better-quality dwelling	27%	Employment	43%
Become a homeowner	20%	Be closer to family	28%
Live in a more desirable neighbourhood / Because of a change in household size	14%	Live in a more desirable neighbourhood / School	9%

The reasons for moving varied based on the generation of the household head, since members of each generation are at different stages in life

 Generation of household head	TOP REASONS FOR MOVING			
	 Within the same province		 To another province	
Generation Z (1997 to 2012)	Larger or better-quality dwelling	19%	School	61%
Millennial (1981 to 1996)	Larger or better-quality dwelling	32%	Employment	59%
Generation X (1966 to 1980)	Larger or better-quality dwelling	30%	Employment	52%
Baby boom generation (1946 to 1965)	Reduce housing costs	21%	Be closer to family	48%
Interwar and greatest generations (before 1946)	Reduce housing costs / Health reasons	34%	Be closer to family	77%

At least **10%** of renter households that **moved to another rental dwelling** cited the following reasons for moving

Issues with the previous landlord or other tenants



Being forced to move



The top reason for moving for households that went from **renting to owning** and vice-versa also differed

From	To	Reason	Percentage
Renting	Renting	Larger or better-quality dwelling	25%
Renting	Owning	Become a homeowner	77%
Owning	Owning	Larger or better-quality dwelling	36%
Owning	Renting	Reduce housing costs	28%

Notes:

- Household refers to a person or group of persons who occupy the same dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada or abroad.
- Only moves that occurred in the five years preceding the 2022 Canadian Housing Survey are included. If multiple moves occurred, information on the most recent move was captured.

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