

Is shared Housing right for you?



* Disclaimer - This survey doesn't dictate that you should or shouldn't join Better Together Housing or enter into a shared housing arrangement. Instead it is a useful tool to help to see what your feelings are around shared housing and if it could be a viable option for you

1. How do you feel about sharing your living space with others?

- a) I love the idea of having roommates!
- b) I'm okay with it, as long as I have my own space
- c) I prefer living alone.

2. What is your primary reason for considering housing options?

- a) Affordability
- b) Social interaction
- c) Privacy

3. How do you typically handle conflicts or disagreements?

- a) I talk it out calmly and find a solution.
- b) I avoid conflict as much as possible.
- c) I tend to get frustrated and may react strongly.

4. How important is having your own space (e.g., a private room)?

- a) Not important - I'm fine with shared spaces
- b) Somewhat important - I can share but need some alone time.
- c) Very important - I need my privacy.

5. How often do you socialize with friends or family?

- a) Frequently - I enjoy being around others.
- b) Occasionally - I like my alone time too.
- c) Rarely - I prefer to be by myself.

How many a's _____

How many b's _____

How many c's _____

6. How do you feel about sharing household responsibilities (cleaning, cooking, etc.)?

- a) I'm excited to share the load!
- b) I'm okay with sharing, as long as it's fair.
- c) I prefer to manage things on my own.

7. What is your budget for housing?

- a) I'm looking for the cheapest option available.
- b) I have a moderate budget but can stretch it for the right situation.
- c) I prefer to invest in a higher-end, private living situation.

8. How do you typically manage your daily routines (e.g., sleep, work, leisure)?

- a) I have a flexible schedule and adapt easily.
- b) I have a somewhat structured routine but can adjust.
- c) I prefer a strict routine and dislike interruptions.

9. How do you feel about sharing groceries and cooking meals together?

- a) I love the idea of communal meals!
- b) I'm okay with sharing occasionally.
- c) I prefer to buy my own food and cook alone.

10. What kind of environment do you thrive in?

- a) A lively and social atmosphere.
- b) A balanced environment with some social and some quiet time.
- c) A calm and private space.

11. How do you typically feel about having guests over?

- a) I'm open to having friends over anytime!
- b) I like to have friends over, but I prefer to coordinate with roommates.
- c) I prefer to keep my space private and not have guests.

12. How flexible are you with house rules and agreements?

- a) Very flexible – I can adapt to what others need.
- b) Somewhat flexible – I'd like to discuss rules beforehand.
- c) Not flexible – I have specific ways I like things done.

13. How do you manage stress or busy periods in your life?

- a) I find it helpful to talk to others or seek support.
- b) I prefer to handle stress on my own but appreciate some understanding.
- c) I deal with stress best when I have my own space.

14. How do you feel about sharing amenities (like a living room, kitchen, or bathroom)?

- a) I'm excited to share and socialize in common areas!
- b) I'm okay with sharing but need some private time.
- c) I prefer having my own amenities to use whenever I want.

15. How often do you enjoy spending time with others?

- a) A few times a week
- b) Occasionally
- c) Rarely

16. How interested are you in participating in group activities with housemates (e.g., dinners, movie nights)?

- a) Interested
- b) Somewhat interested
- c) Not interested

17. How do you prefer to communicate with others in a household?

- a) Face to Face
- b) Through messages only
- c) I don't want to communicate with my people in the household

18. How comfortable are you with trusting new people in a shared living environment?

- a) Comfortable
- b) Somewhat comfortable
- c) Not comfortable at all

19. How do you feel about living with people who have different lifestyles or backgrounds than your own?

- a) I am open to it
- b) I prefer similar lifestyles
- c) I find it challenging

20. Do you have people in your life for emotional support?

- a) Yes
- b) I have 1 or 2 people
- c) No

21. How do you feel about making decisions as a group regarding household matters?

- a) I enjoy collaborative decision-making
- b) I don't mind making decision with other but would prefer making them on my own
- c) I find it challenging to agree with others

22. How important is it for you to live with people who share similar emotional temperaments?

- a) Important
- b) somewhat important
- c) not important

How many a's _____

How many b's _____

How many c's _____

23. How important is it for you to have common interests with your housemates?

- a) Important
- b) somewhat important
- c) not important

24. How comfortable are you with giving and receiving feedback from housemates about living arrangements?

- a) Comfortable
- b) Somewhat comfortable
- c) Not comfortable at all

25. how adaptable are you to changes in household routines or schedules?

- a) adaptable
- b) somewhat adaptable
- c) not very adaptable

How many a's _____

How many b's _____

How many c's _____

Scoring and Outcomes:

- **Mostly A's: Consider Shared Housing!**

You thrive in social settings and are adaptable, making shared living a viable option for you. Consider joining Better Together Housing to meet like minded women to explore shared housing.

- **Mostly B's: Think About It More.**

You appreciate some social interaction but also value your personal space. Reflect on what you need in a shared living situation. You could also become a member of Better Together Housing to get a feel of what shared living might entail to see if it could be the right fit for you as well as meet some women and share different perspectives about shared living

- **Mostly C's: Shared Housing Might Not Be for You.**

You value your independence and privacy, suggesting that independent living would be a better fit for you. Shared living isn't for everyone and that is okay. We suggest reaching out to the following services to see if they might be able to help you:

- Housing Older Womens Support Service 1800 366 877
- Department of Housing
 - Sunshine Coast - 5352 7333
 - Moreton Bay - 5432 0700
 - Mackay - 4862 9500
- Homelessness Hotline - 1800 474 753

Now that you have completed the quiz how do you feel about shared housing? is it for you? do you need some more time to consider? write your feelings below