# 2019

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# Overview of Home Renovation in 2018 and 2019



## **Big Ideas**

## REMODELING ACTIVITY REMAINS STEADY

Remodeling activity remained strong through 2018. More than half of homeowners on Houzz remodeled an average of three rooms per project, at an overall median spend of \$15,000. Similar to expectations from previous years, 50% of remodeling homeowners planned to continue or begin remodels in 2019.

## REMODELING ACTIVITY DRIVEN BY OLDER GENERATIONS

Baby Boomers (ages 55-74) and Gen Xers (ages 40-54) combined represent nearly nine in ten of the remodeling activity (86%), at a median spend of \$15,000, each. 33% of Gen Xers and 49% of Baby Boomers anticipate new projects in 2019.

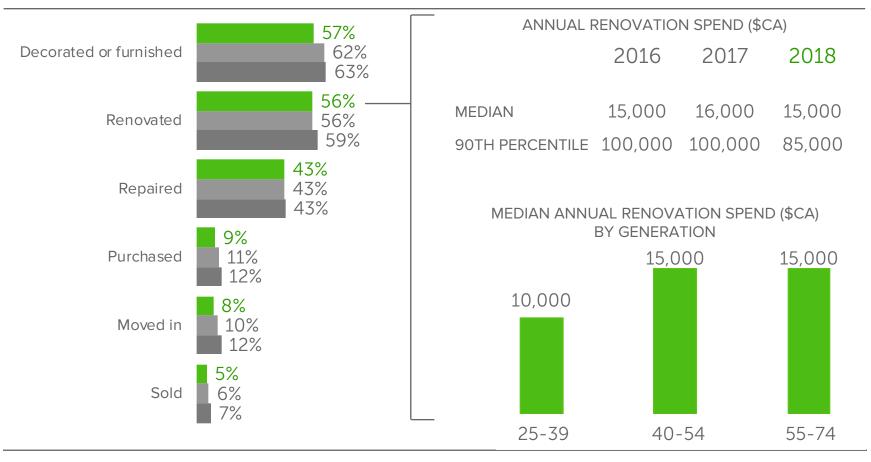
## MOTIVATIONS FOR REMODELING

As homeowners consider whether to remodel their current home or to purchase a new home, the top two considerations for remodeling are to stay in their current home or area, outranking return on investment. Wanting to stay in the current home is the biggest decision driver for Baby Boomers and Gen Xers, whereas Millennials (ages 25 to 39) chose to stay in their current home and renovate because it was more affordable than moving.

## What We Are Doing in Our Homes

Charts below show the frequency of activities related to the primary home in 2016, 2017 and 2018, as well as the median renovation spend per renovating homeowner in 2016, 2017 and 2018, overall and by age, as reported by homeowners on Houzz Canada.





#### ACTIVITIES IN THE HOME BY YEAR

## How We Are Funding Our Home Renovations

Charts below show the frequency of top five funding sources for home renovations, overall and by age, as reported by homeowners who renovated their primary homes in 2018. Year-over-year comparison are not possible due to a change in question wording.



#### **OVERALL** RENOVATING HOMEOWNERS BY AGE 77% Cash/savings 73% 71% 73% 34% Credit card that can be used anywhere 28% 30% 27% 13% 15% Home equity line of credit 19% 14% 11% Cash from previous home sale 9% 8% 9% 8% Credit card for a specific store only 7% 7% 7%

### TOP FIVE RENOVATION FUNDING SOURCES IN 2018

## Why We Are Renovating Now

Chart below shows the frequency of top five reasons for starting renovations, overall and by age, as reported by homeowners who renovated their primary homes in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

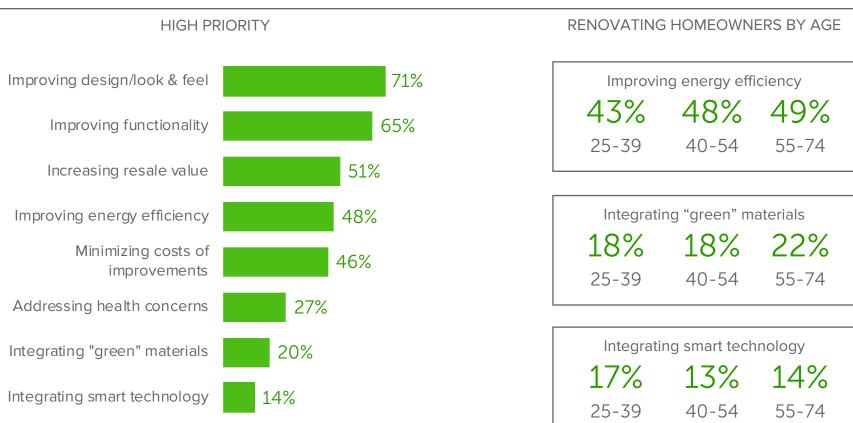


#### 39% 38% 39% 33% <sub>31%</sub> 33% 24% 23% 21% 18% 17% <sub>1</sub>4% 18% 19% 18% Wanted to do it all alongWanted to do it all alongPurchased home/moved Adapting to recent Addressing recently in recently and want to changes in family and/or discovered and finally have the time and finally have the financial means customize it lifestyle deterioration/damage due to age, termites, etc. RENOVATING HOMEOWNERS BY AGE **RENOVATING HOMEOWNERS BY AGE** 26% 36% 34% 44% 19% 17% 25 - 3940-54 55-74 25-39 40-54 55-74

### TOP FIVE REASONS FOR STARTING RENOVATIONS BY YEAR

## What We Prioritize During Renovations

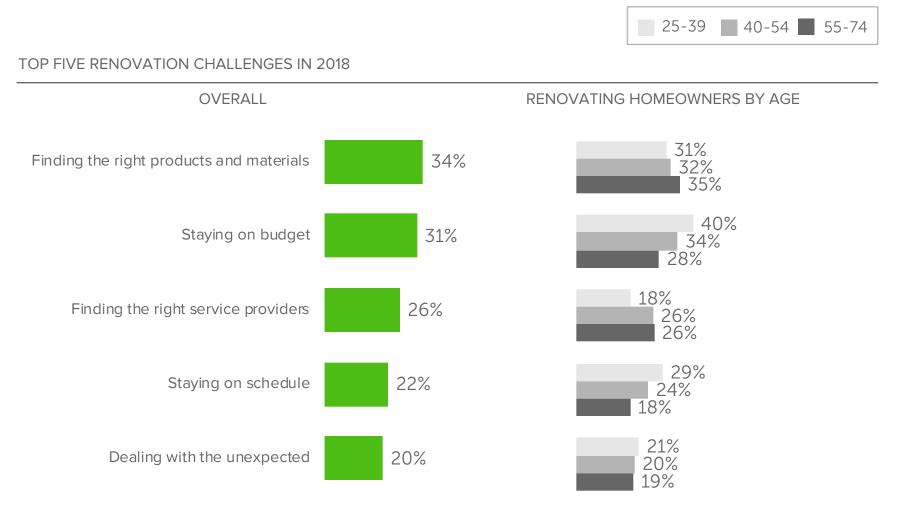
Chart below shows the frequency of priorities during renovations, overall and by age, as reported by homeowners who renovated their primary homes in 2018.



#### TOP RENOVATION PRIORITIES IN 2018

## What Renovation Challenges We Face

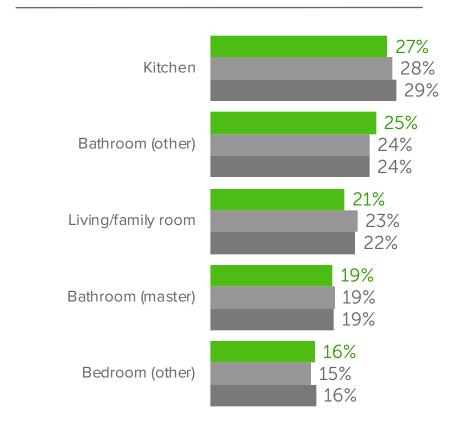
Charts below show the frequency of top five challenges during home renovations, overall and by age, as reported by homeowners who renovated their primary homes in 2018.



## Where We Focus Our Efforts

Charts and tables below show the frequency of most popular 2016, 2017 and 2018 renovations of interior rooms, as well as 2018 upgrades of home systems, exterior building features, and outdoor features, as reported homeowners who renovated their primary homes.





#### TOP INTERIOR ROOM RENOVATIONS BY YEAR

TOP HOME SYSTEM UPGRADES IN 2018

30%	27%	23%
Plumbing	Electrical	Heating

#### TOP EXTERIOR FEATURE UPGRADES IN 2018

24%	23%	21%				
Windows or skylights	Roofing	Deck				
TOP OUTDOOR FEATURE UPGRADES IN 2018						
26%	21%	18%				

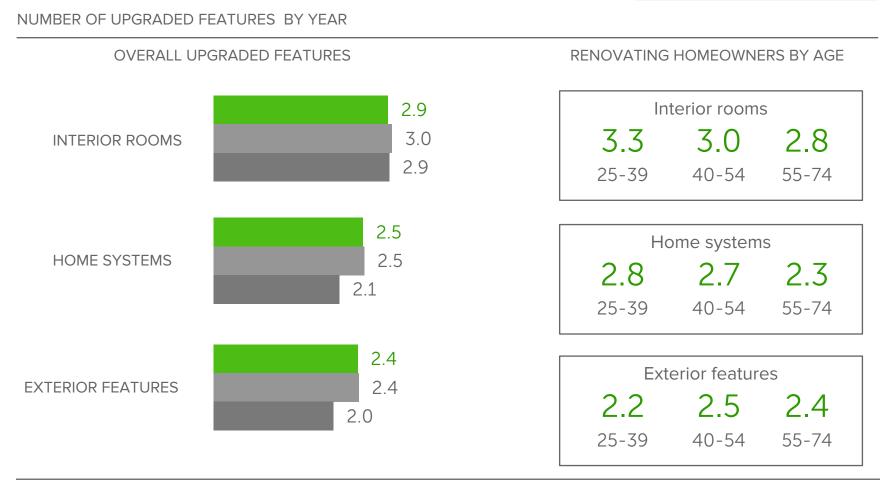
Beds & borders Planters or planter boxes

Fence

## How Many Features We Upgrade

Charts and tables below show the average number of upgrades during home renovations in 2016, 2017 and 2018, and frequency of these upgrades by age, as reported homeowners who renovated their primary homes.





## How We Plan Our Home Renovations

Charts and tables below show the frequency of professional hiring in 2016, 2017 and 2018, overall and by age, as reported by homeowners who renovated their primary homes.

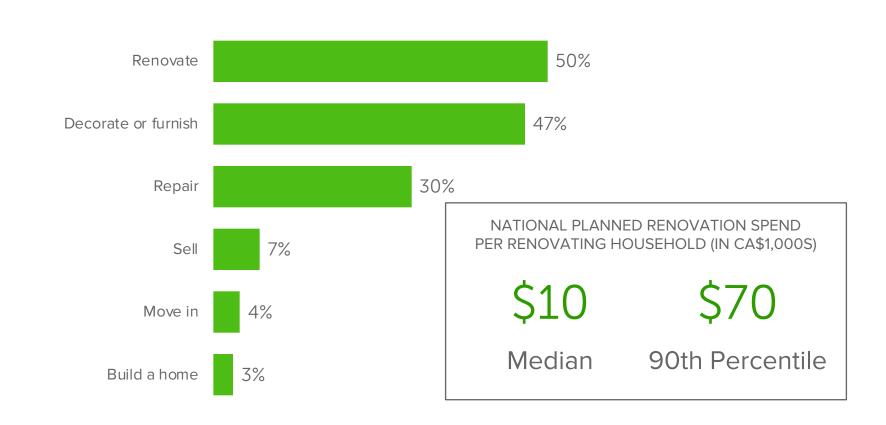
#### PRO HIRING

OVERALL PRO HIRING		SPECIFIC PRO HIRING IN 2018		
83%	84%	83%	General Contractor	25%
2016	2017	2018	Builder	10%
			Interior Designer or Decorator	9%
PRO HIRING BY AGE		Landscape Contractor	8%	
			Kitchen or Bath Designer	7%
81%	82%	84%	Kitchen or Bath Remodeler	5%
		Architect	4%	
25-39 40-54		Landscape Architect or Designer	3%	
	40-54	55-74	Design-Build Firm	3%

## What We Are Planning for 2019

Chart below shows the frequency of planned activities and planned spend in 2019, related to the primary home, as reported by homeowners on Houzz Canada.

### PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2019



# Methodology

#### APPROACH

Houzz is an all-in-one resource for homeowners working on a home renovation or decorating project. Our large and engaged user community is able to provide unprecedented insights on the latest market trends based on users' home improvement activity. We aggregate and share these insights with the community to give people greater confidence in the choices they make for their homes, and to give home professionals greater insights into their clients' wants and needs. With these goals in mind, Houzz conducted an online quantitative survey of registered Houzz users regarding trends in home improvement and design, fielded between April 3, 2019 and April 30th, 2019. The annual Houzz & Home study is the largest survey of residential remodeling, building and decorating activity conducted. This survey covers every aspect of home renovation in 2018, from interior remodels and additions to home systems, exterior upgrades and outdoor projects. This includes the historical and planned spends, professional involvement and motivations behind these projects, as well as activities planned for 2019.

#### COMPLETES AND QUALIFICATIONS

The 160-question survey gathered information from Houzz users who identified themselves as 18 years old or older and homeowners. The final sample consists of 17,431 respondents in Canada. The current report relies on a subset of responses, i.e., Canada homeowners on Houzz (n=16,020) and Canada homeowners on Houzz who renovated their primary residence in 2018 (n=8,068).

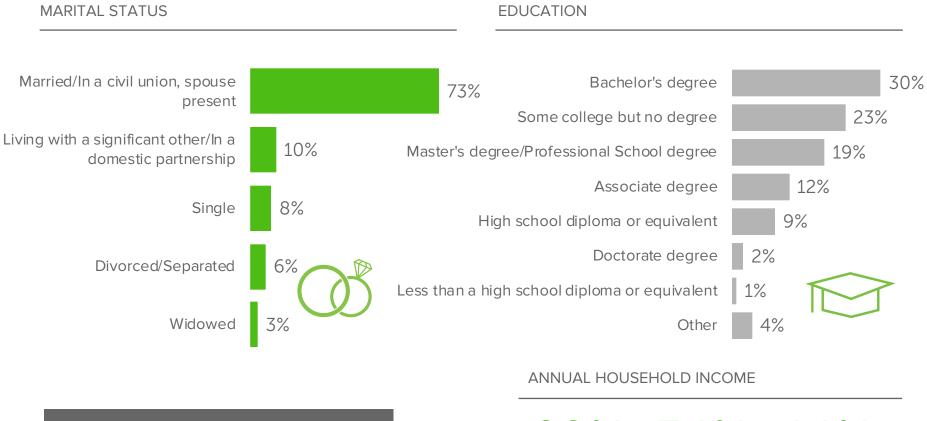
#### SAMPLING AND WEIGHTING

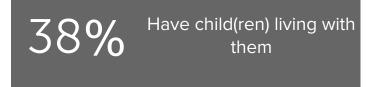
Data were gathered via an email sent to registered Houzz users. The link invited homeowners to tell us about their homes. Respondents were notified that aggregate findings would be shared with the larger Houzz community to help others in completing their own renovations. The final data were reviewed to ensure representation of the Houzz user populations.



# APPENDIX

## A. 2018 Renovating Homeowner Demographics





22% 34% 44% CA\$75,000 to CA\$125,000 or Under CA\$124,999

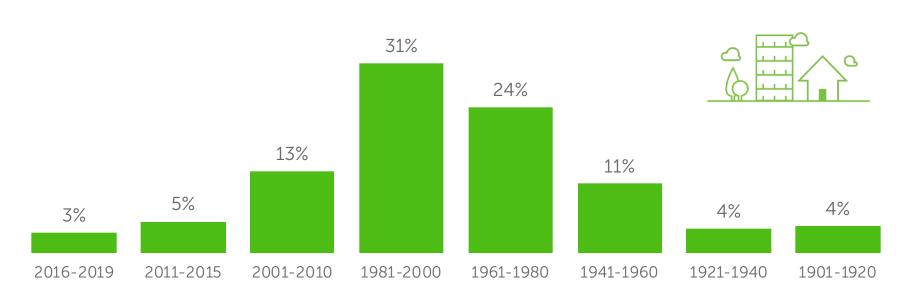
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higher

CA\$75,000

## B. Characteristics of Homes Renovated in 2018

YEAR BUILT



HOME TYPE



84% 6% 4%

Detached house

Townhouse or Duplex, triplex, row house quadruplex

Other

6%

**OWNER-REPORTED HOME VALUE** 

17% 32% 51%

CA\$300,000 to CA\$500,000 Under CA\$300,000 CA\$499,999 or higher

## C. Links to Resources on Houzz Canada

PHOTOS	FIND PROS	BROWSE PRODUCTS	ARTICLES
Kitchen	Architects and Building Designers	Furniture	Most Popular
Bath	Design-Build firms	Lighting	Houzz Tours
Bedroom	General Contractors	Kitchen & Dining	Kitchen Guides
Living	Home Builders	Bath	More Rooms
Dining	Interior designers	Home Decor	Decorating Guides
Home office	Kitchen & Bath	Bedroom	Bathroom Guides
Baby & kids	Kitchen & Bath Remodelers	Storage & Organization	Remodeling
Entry	Landscape Architects & Landscape Designers	Home Improvement	Architecture
Hall	Landscape Contractors	Outdoor	Landscape Design
Staircase	Pools and Spas	Baby & Kids	Garden Guides
		Housekeeping	Fun Houzz
		Pet Supplies	Life