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## REPORT

#### Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay Vacancy Rates Continue to Fall

The vacancy rates for Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay fell again this year according to CMHC's annual survey of residential rental structures with at least three units. Greater Sudbury's vacancy declined for the fourth consecutive year to 3.6 per cent while Thunder Bay's dropped to 3.3 per cent. The pattern in Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay was repeated throughout Northern Ontario in each of the seven other centers over 10,000 surveyed by CMHC during the first two weeks of October.

The rate reductions in Northern Ontario's two CMA's came in a low mortgage rate environment that prompted robust resale activity. But, increased demand for rental outstripped the movement away to homeownership causing the vacancy rates to drop. Of course, these low mortgage rate conditions were present throughout the country. Elsewhere in Ontario, of the eleven CMA's, all nine outside Northern Ontario saw their vacancy rates rise as strong employment growth drove renters into homeownership (see Table I on Page 3)

#### **Sudbury Summary**

 Greater Sudbury's vacancy rate for rental structures with at least three units fell again this year to 3.6 per cent, down from 5.1 per cent in October 2002.

- The rate decline marks the fourth consecutive year the vacancy rate has fallen in Sudbury coming off the 1999 peak of 11.1 per cent.
- Lower vacancies have occurred despite very good conditions for homebuying over the past year.
- The presence of College Boréal, Cambrian College and Laurentian University combined with this year's double cohort of students has meant greater demand for off-campus housing this fall.
- Decreased out-migration and more jobs in retail and call centres have helped the rental market.
- Employment by age data shows employment in the 15-24 age group is off over the past twelve months but has been increasing over the past three or four months.
- Net migration figures released by Statistics Canada this fall show a continuing improvement in Greater Sudbury in turn helping the rental market. Out-migration, is still negative but has declined dramatically from 2900 leaving in 1998-99 to less than 400 between 2001-2002...

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- After having the second highest vacancy rate in the country last year, Greater Sudbury sits sixth, trailing Saint John, New Brunswick and Saguenay, Quebec, tied for first with a rate of 5.2 per cent.
- Zone specific vacancy rate information always is varied in Greater Sudbury. It is true once more as Zone I -Lockerby continues to have the lowest vacancy rate in Greater Sudbury. Lockerby's vacancy rate of I.6 per cent

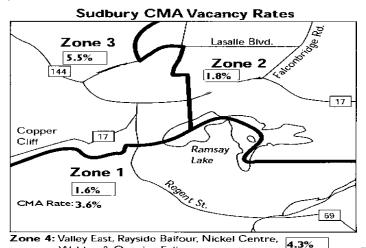


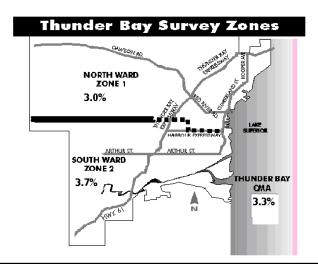
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Walden & Onaping Falls is only 0.2 per cent lower than Zone 2 – New Sudbury. All four zones of the Greater Sudbury CMA are experiences a lower vacancy rate than one year ago according

to survey data. I

- The falling vacancy rate allowed for some rent increases with one bedroom units rising 2.1 per cent to \$552 this October from \$532 last year. Two bedroom rents rose 2.3 % to \$651 per
- The highest rents in Greater Sudbury were found again in Zone I and 2 respectively, areas with the lowest vacancy rates.

month from \$647.

#### Thunder Bay Summary

- Vacancy rate continued to trend lower dropping to 3.3 per cent in October 2003 down from 4.7 per cent last year according to results from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC) Rental Market Survey.
- Call centre and retail sector jobs have been key to bringing down vacancy rates. The double cohort effect on enrolment at Lakehead University and Confederation College has

- also contributed to increased demand in the fall of 2003.
- North ward vacancies continue to be fewer than in the south ward but south ward vacancies did fall sharply this year to 3.7 per cent from 6.5 per cent last year. The vacancy rate in the north ward fell only slightly to 3.0 per cent from 3.1 per cent in 2002.
- Vacancies by bedroom type fell consistently across all bedroom types compared to one year ago in Thunder Bay.
- With the decline in the vacancy rate, increases in apartment rents have also occured. Two bedroom rents increased 2.3 per cent to \$672 per month while one bedroom rents rose 3.8 per cent to \$552.
- The rate decline moves
   Thunder Bay into ninth place
   among CMA's (centres with
   populations over 100,000) in
   Canada with high vacancy
   rates.
- Out-migration increased marginally between 2000-01 and 2001-02 and still remains negative with migrants leaving Thunder Bay but is better than the average over the latter half of the nineties.
- Thunder Bay's strong employment growth overall has

- helped fuel the drop in the vacancy rate over the past twelve months. 15-24 job growth is improving of late after year-over-year declines.
- The highest rents in Thunder Bay were found in Zone I or the North Ward, also the part of the city with the lowest vacancy rate.

# 2004 Rental Outlook: No New Supply Forecast Keeping Vacancy Rates Lower

No new rental construction is forecasted in either market adding to the likelihood of a fall in vacancy rates. Service and trade employment expansion continues which appeals to the prime renter age group of 18-30. Outmigration appears to also be on the decline which bodes well for continued demand. A small rise in homeownership carrying costs will prompt continued movement out of rental combating any large decline in vacancy rates. On balance, Sudbury's rate should fall to 3.3 per cent while Thunder Bay's should drop to 3.0 per cent by the fall of 2004.

Rents are forecast to rise with falling vacancy rates. After a jump in average two bedroom rents to \$651 per month, Greater Sudbury rents will rise two percent in 2004 to \$664 per month. Rents in Thunder Bay meanwhile, will rise 1.3 per cent in 2004 to \$681 per month.

		1997-20	0 3				
METROPOLITAN	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
AREA	October						
A B B O T S F O R D	**	**	**	**	**	2.0	2.5
CALGARY	0.5	0.6	2.8	1.3	1.2	2.9	4.4
EDMONTON	4.6	1.9	2.2	1.4	0.9	1.7	3.4
GREATER SUDBURY	7.2	9.4	11.1	7.7	5.7	5.1	3.6
HALIFAX	7.7	5.5	3.6	3.6	2.8	2.7	2.3
HAMILTON	3.1	3.2	1.9	1.7	1.3	1.6	3.0
KINGSTON	**	**	**	**	**	0.9	1.9
KITCHENER	1.9	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.9	2.3	3.2
LONDON	5.I	4.5	3.5	2.2	1.6	2.0	2.1
MONTRÉAL	5.9	4.7	3.0	1.5	0.6	0.7	1.0
O S H A W A	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.3	2.3	2.9
OTTAW A-GATINEAU	5.4	3.1	1.6	0.5	0.7	1.6	2.5
GATINEAU	9.4	6.7	4.4	1.4	0.6	0.5	1.2
OTTAWA	4.2	2.1	0.7	0.2	0.8	1.9	2.9
QUÉBEC	6.6	5.2	3.3	1.6	0.8	0.3	0.5
REGINA	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.4	2.1	1.9	2.1
SAGUENAY	4.1	4.8	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.9	5.2
ST. CATHARINES -	5.4	4.6	3.2	2.6	1.9	2.4	2.7
NIAGARA							
SAINT JOHN	8.2	7.3	5.2	3.4	5.6	6.3	5.2
ST. JOHN'S	16.6	15.4	9.2	3.8	2.5	2.7	2.0
SASKATOON	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.7	2.9	3.7	4.5
SHERBROOKE	7.5	7.3	7.6	4.7	2.3	1.8	0.7
THUNDER BAY	7.7	9.3	7.5	5.8	5.8	4.7	3.3
TORONTO	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.9	2.5	3.8
TROIS-RIVIÈRES	8.6	8.5	7.9	6.8	4.7	3.0	1.5
VANCOUVER	1.7	2.7	2.7	1.4	1.0	1.4	2.0
VICTORIA	3.5	3.8	3.6	1.8	0.5	1.5	1.1
WINDSOR	4.5	4.3	2.7	1.9	2.9	3.9	4.3
WINNIPEG	5.9	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.4	1.2	1.3
TOTAL (I)	4.1	3.4	2.6	1.6	1.1	1.7	2.2

Table 2: A verage rent of priva			resof3 units	and over)
	October 2			
		Number of	f bedroom s	
A re a	Bach	I	2	3
Abbotsford, CMA	4 4 5	5 3 7	672	*
Calgary, CMA	5 0 8	661	8 0 4	786
Charlottetown, CA	403	4 6 9	591	7
Edmonton, C M A	5 0 3	5 8 8	7 2 2	797
Gatineau, CMA	462	5 4 8	639	720
Greater Sudbury, C M A	388	5 2 4	651	729
Halifax, CMA	5 3 7	5 9 6	7 2 0	9 3 5
Hamilton, CMA	498	633	778	9 4 5
Kingston, CMA	5 0 4	627	768	890
Kitchener, CMA	5   7	6 4 6	7 5 4	9   5
London, C M A	4 5 8	586	7 3 6	9   2
Montréal, CMA	4 4 1	5 2 8	5 7 5	679
O shawa, C M A	581	7 5 2	8 4 5	9 4 4
O ttawa, C M A	627	768	932	1,157
Q uébec, C M A	4 0 5	506	5 6 7	656
Regina, C M A	3 4 9	490	589	689
Saguenay, C M A	3 0 9	3 7 4	4 5 7	493
Saint John, CMA	3 7 3	4 2 3	5 0 4	5 3 3
Saskatoon, C M A	371	4 6 9	576	635
St. Catharines-Niagara, CMA	4 3 4	600	7 0 4	774
St. John's, CMA	4 6 7	5 2 0	607	620
Thunder Bay, C M A	421	5 5 2	672	8 3 4
Toronto, C M A	7 3 I	884	1,040	1,208
Trois-Rivières, C M A	3   4	3 8 2	4 3 6	493
Vancouver, C M A	6 5 4	7 5 9	965	1,116
Victoria, C M A	5   5	619	789	900
W indsor, C M A	494	650	776	954
W innipeg, C M A	3 7 9	5 0 8	6 4 5	777
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	Table 3: Apartment Vacancy Rates By Zone and Bedroom Type											
Sudbury CMA												
Area	All Units Bach		nelor	One Be	One Bedroom		edroom	Three Be	edroom+			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003		
Zone I	1.9	1.6	7.4	8.2	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.3	2.5	2.5		
Zone 2	2.2	1.8	**	1.3	0.7	1.8	2.2	1.9	**	**		
Zone 3	8.8	5.5	16.7	12.8	9.7	6.9	7	3.1	1.5	0		
Sudbury City 1-3	5.2	3.5	13	9.5	5.9	4.5	4	2.2	1.7	1.1		
Zone 4	4.8	4.3	**	**	6.9	5.6	4.2	3.3	5.3	**		
Sudbury CMA	5.1	3.6	12.5	9.6	5.9	4.6	4.1	2.4	2.5	2.1		

	Table 3a: Apartment Vacancy Rates By Zone and Bedroom Type												
Thunder Bay CMA													
Area	All U	Jnits	Bach	Bachelor		One Bedroom		edroom	Three Be	droom+			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003			
North Ward I	3. l	3.1	**	**	2.8	2.7	2.3	3.1	**	**			
South Ward 2	6.5	3.7	12.4	4.5	7.7	3.9	5.5	3.5	**	**			
Thunder Bay CMA	4.7	3.3	14.1	5.5	5.3	3.3	3.8	3.3	6.8	2.1			

#### Page Highlights

- Vacancy rates are lower in newer structures in Greater Sudbury according to Table 5 on page 5, while rates in older structures have gerally lower vacancy rates in Thunder Bay. Newer structures have better amenities and are in greater demand.
- In Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay, the dearth of newly completed rental accommodation is evident, with no data showing up in cells for completed projects since 1995. (see Table 5)
- Rents in older structures in Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay generally have seen larger rent increases than newer structures.

Table 4: Apartment Average Rents By Zone and Bedroom Type Sudbury CMA											
Area	All Units		Bach	Bachelor		One Bedroom		edroom	Three Bedroom		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
Zone I	697	689	432	433	627	609	740	732	840	846	
Zone 2	638	648	**	421	561	579	681	685	**	**	
Zone 3	519	533	365	366	461	472	593	606	661	702	
Sudbury City 1-3	598	604	387	389	519	524	663	667	752	760	
Zone 4	536	557	**	**	439	521	560	570	619	**	
Sudbury CMA	590	598	387	388	513	524	647	65 I	719	728	

	Table 4a: Apartment Average Rents By Zone and Bedroom Type												
Thunder Bay CMA													
Area	All U	All Units		Bachelor		One Bedroom		edroom	Three Be	edroom+			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003			
North Ward I	650	669	**	**	567	586	684	708	**	**			
South Ward 2	573	584	412	429	501	519	626	632	**	**			
Thunder Bay CMA	612	627	398	421	532	552	657	672	820	834			

Table 5: A	Table 5: Apartment Vacancy Rates By Structure Year of Completion and Bedroom Type												
				Sudbury	CMA								
Year of Completion	All U	Jnits	Bach	elor	One Be	droom	Two Be	edroom	Three Be	droom+			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003			
No Date Available	**	**	N/A	**	**	**	**	**	N/U	N/U			
Pre 1940	6.5	5.2	**	**	6.5	6	5.5	1.5	**	**			
1940 - 1959	11.1	6.6	14.6	14.8	12.1	7.5	10.2	3.9	**	**			
1960 - 1974	4.5	3.7	12.9	8.7	3.6	3.4	4.1	3.3	3.5	3.5			
1975 - 1984	3.2	2.4	**	**	**	4.8	3.2	I	**	**			
1985 - 1994	2.6	1.6	9.6	1.9	3.9	2.1	1.8	1.6	**	**			
After 1995		**	N/U	N/U	**	**	**	**	N/U				
Total	5.I	3.6	12.5	9.6	5.9	4.6	4.1	2.4	2.5	2.1			

Table 5a: A	Table 5a: Apartment Vacancy Rates By Structure Year of Completion and Bedroom Type												
			T	hunder	Bay CMA								
Year of Completion	All U	Jnits	Bach	elor	One Be	edroom	Two B	edroom	Three Be	droom+			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003			
No Date Available	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	N/U	N/U			
Pre 1940	12.5	9.7	**	**	13.3	8.2	11.3	11.4	**	**			
1940 - 1959	**	1.4	**	**	**	0.9	**	1.6	**	**			
1960 - 1974	2.1	2.2	**	**	1	3.2	3.1	1.6	**	**			
1975 - 1984	2.5	3	**	**	1.9	2.5	2.7	3.3	**	**			
1985 - 1994	7.2	2.9	41.4	**	14.7	1.2	4.2	2.9	0	9.4			
After 1995	**	**	N/U	N/U	**	**	**	**	**	**			
Total	4.7	3.3	14.1	5.5	5.3	3.3	3.8	3.3	6.8	2.1			

Table	Table 6: Average Apartment Rents By Year of Completion and Bedroom Type												
Sudbury CMA													
Year of Completion	All U	All Units		elor	One Bedroom		Two Bedroom		Three Bedroom+				
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003			
No Date Available	**	**	N/A	**	**	**	**	N/A	N/U	N/U			
Pre 1940	466	476	**	**	432	432	522	530	**	**			
1940 - 1959	471	486	363	369	430	443	534	539	**	667			
1960 - 1974	587	597	397	396	538	550	618	627	718	733			
1975 - 1984	718	711	**	**	**	613	782	765	**	**			
1985 - 1994	672	671	420	427	581	589	700	706	**	**			
After 1995	**	**	N/U	N/U	**	**	**	**	N/U	N/U			
Total	590	598	387	388	513	524	647	65 I	719	728			

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Year of Completion	All Units		Bachelor			edroom	Two B	edroom	Three Be	droom -
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
No Date Available	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	N/U	N/U
Pre 1940	467	494	**	**	430	466	540	552	**	**
1940 - 1959	**	520	**	**	**	483	**	599	**	**
1960 - 1974	620	630	**	**	570	579	663	674	**	**
1975 - 1984	641	656	**	**	578	592	672	687	**	848
1985 - 1994	671	672	354	**	542	565	676	685	828	843
After 1995	**	**	N/U	N/U	**	**	**	**	**	**
Total	612	627	398	421	532	552	657	672	820	834

Ţ	Table 7: Apartment Vacancy Rates By Structure Size and Bedroom Type											
Sudbury CMA												
Structure Size	All Units		Bach	elor	One Be	One Bedroom		edroom	Three Bedroom			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003		
3 - 5 Units	9.7	5.8	14.8	11.3	11.3	7.3	8.9	3.8	1.6	1.5		
6 - 19 Units	5.7	5	16.2	12.3	6.7	7.2	4	3	6.8	5		
20 - 49 Units	4.1	2.5	5.9	6.6	6.5	3	2.7	2	4.4	0		
50 - 99 Units	2.5	2.6	9.8	4.2	1	1.6	1.8	2.8	0.9	2.6		
100+ Units	2.3	0.8	**	0	1.3	1.2	2.9	0.6	0.9	0.9		
Total	5.I	3.6	12.5	9.6	5.9	4.6	4.1	2.4	2.5	2.1		

Т	Table 7a: Apartment Vacancy Rates By Structure Size and Bedroom Type													
Thunder Bay CMA														
Structure Size	All U	Jnits	Bach	Bachelor		One Bedroom		Two Bedroom		edroom+				
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003				
3 - 5 Units	5.3	5.7	**	**	4.9	5.9	6.1	5.9	**	**				
6 - 19 Units	9.9	4.7	**	**	12.8	4	6.6	4.9	**	**				
20 - 49 Units	1.2	I	**	**	1.4	1.7	1.1	0.4	0	0				
50 - 99 Units	0.6	2.4	0	0	0.4	1.6	0.7	2.9	**	**				
100+ Units	**	**	N/U	N/U	**	**	**	**	**	**				
Total	4.7	3.3	14.1	5.5	5.3	3.3	3.8	3.3	6.8	2.1				

#### Page Highlights

• The smaller the project the higher the vacancy rates is borne out examining information found in Table 7 above with rents being generally higher (see Table 8 below) in larger projects in both Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay. Smaller projects suffered the most as the market went through transition during the last five years. Even this year, the vacancy rate is above five per cent for 3-5plexes in Thunder Bay and Sudbury CMA's.

Sudbury CMA													
Structure Size	All l	Jnits	Bachelor		One Bedroom		Two Bedroom		Three Bedroom+				
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003			
3 - 5 Units	482	498	352	350	421	428	538	541	654	681			
6 - 19 Units	542	547	377	378	454	461	598	604	625	649			
20 - 49 Units	613	620	412	428	526	539	671	677	695	687			
50 - 99 Units	672	684	411	415	645	654	738	753	849	861			
100+ Units	699	702	**	458	632	637	726	727	782	779			
Total	590	598	387	388	513	524	647	65 I	719	728			

Τ	Table 8a: Average Apartment Rents By Structure Size and Bedroom Type													
Thunder Bay CMA														
Structure Size	All Units		Bach	Bachelor		One Bedroom		Two Bedroom		edroom+				
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003				
3 - 5 Units	529	539	**	**	460	476	566	583	**	**				
6 - 19 Units	596	613	**	**	508	540	630	636	**	**				
20 - 49 Units	633	649	**	**	554	568	689	711	769	815				
50 - 99 Units	688	704	438	450	622	641	720	737	**	**				
100+ Units	**	**	N/U	N/U	**	**	**	**	**	**				
Total	612	627	398	421	532	552	657	672	820	834				

	Table 9: Apartment Vacancy Rates By Rent Range and Bedroom Type												
Sudbury CMA													
Rent Range	All U	Jnits	Bachelor		One Bedroom		Two Bedroom		Three Bedroom+				
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003			
< \$400	13.6	8.2	15.5	10.4	13.6	7	**	**	**	**			
\$400 - 499	7.7	6.3	9.2	6.6	8.2	7.4	5.5	3.7	**	**			
\$500 - 599	6.2	4.2	**	**	4	4.8	7.7	3.7	**	**			
\$600 - 699	3.8	2.9	N/U	**	2	1.5	4.3	3.4	2.9	0.7			
\$700 - 799	1.5	0.9	N/U	N/U	**	**	1.3	0.8	**	1.7			
\$800 +	1.6	0.7	N/U	N/U	**	**	**	**	**	**			
Total	5.3	3.7	12.2	8.5	6.2	5.0	4.2	2.5	2.3	1.8			
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Tab	Table 9a: Apartment Vacancy Rates By Rent Range and Bedroom Type													
Thunder Bay CMA														
Rent Range	All Units		Bach	Bachelor		One Bedroom		Two Bedroom		Three Bedroom+				
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003				
< \$400	24.9	21.6	24.8	**	28	**	**	**	N/U	N/U				
400-499	9	7.8	9.2	**	10	8.3	**	7	**	**				
500-599	4.5	4.3	**	**	3.7	2.9	5.8	6.2	**	N/U				
600-699	5.7	3.4	N/U	**	2.1	0.6	6.5	4.4	**	**				
700-799	2.7	1.2	N/U	N/U	**	**	2.8	1.4	**	**				
\$800 +	2.1	4.5	N/U	N/U	**	**	**	**	**	**				
Total	6.1	4.7	18.0	10.9	6.9	5.5	4.9	3.7	3.3	7.9				

#### Page Highlights

- Vacancy rates in both Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay are higher in structures with lower rents and lower in structures with higher rents according to Table 9 on page 7. Rates in projects with rents over \$800 in Thunder Bay are an exception to this rule.
- As seen in Table 10, two bedroom units continue to dominate both markets. In Greater Sudbury, 56
  per cent of units are two bedrooms while in Thunder Bay, 58 per cent of units are two bedroom
  units.

Table 10: Number of Apartment Units - Vacant and Total (Universe) By Zone and Bedroom Type												
Sudbury CMA												
Area	All U	Jnits	Bach	elor	One Be	droom	Two Be	edroom	Three Be	droom+		
	Vacant	Total	Vacant	Total	Vacant	Total	Vacant	Total	Vacant	Total		
Zone I	45	2,730	10	117	П	892	20	1,558	4	162		
Zone 2	42	2,357	2	158	10	557	29	1,521	**	**		
Zone 3	244	4,446	57	445	121	1,755	65	2,079	0	167		
Sudbury City 1-3	331	9,533	69	720	143	3,204	114	5,158	5	450		
Zone 4	65	1,532	**	**	19	331	34	1,028	**	**		
Sudbury CMA	396	11,065	74	776	161	3,535	149	6,186	12	567		

Table 10a: Number of Apartment Units - Vacant and Total (Universe) By Zone and Bedroom Type											
Thunder Bay CMA											
Area	All Units Bachelor One Bedroom Two Bedroom T									droom+	
	Vacant	Total	Vacant	Total	Vacant	Total	Vacant	Total	Vacant	Total	
North Ward I	84	2,804	**	**	27	984	51	1,630	**	**	
South Ward 2	96	2,586	5	120	36	924	81	1, <del>4</del> 87	**	**	
Thunder Bay CMA	180	5,390	10	183	63	1,908	103	3,117	4	183	

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation conducts the Rental Market Survey every year in October to determine the number of vacancies and the rents charged in rental structures. The survey is conducted on a sample basis in all urban areas with populations of 10,000 or more. Only structures which have been on the market for at least three months are included. While this publication is mainly about privately initiated apartments with three units and more, the CMHC survey also examines row houses and publicly initiated rental and co-op housing.

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#### Zones

The survey zones reported in this publication are identified on the map on page two.

#### **Thunder Bay Zones**

**Zone I:Thunder Bay's North Ward:** Thunder Bay Census Metropolitan Area north of a line running roughly along 10th and 11th Avenues to Edward Street; then east of Edward Street to Oliver Road; then north of Oliver Road to the CMA's western boundary.

**Zone 2:Thunder Bay's South Ward:** Thunder Bay Census Metropolitan Area south of a line running roughly along 10th and 11th Avenues to Edward Street; then west of Edward Street to Oliver Road; then south of Oliver Road to the CMA's western boundary.

#### **Sudbury Zones**

**Zone I:- Lockerby:** includes the entire area south of Ramsey Lake.

**Zone 2:- New Sudbury:** includes New Sudbury and Minnow Lake.

**Zone 3:- Old Sudbury:** includes the West End, Gatchell and Copper Cliff.

**Zone 4:- Remainder Metropolitan Area:** includes Valley East, Rayside-Balfour, Nickel Centre, Walden and Onaping Falls.

#### **Definitions**

**Vacancy:** A unit is considered vacant if, at any time of the survey, it is physically unoccupied and available for immediate rental.

Rent: The rent data refers to the actual amount tenants pay for their unit. Amenities and services such as heat, light, parking, hot water and laundry facilities may or may not be included in the monthly rent

reported in individual cases. The average rent figures reported in the publication represent the average of different units in the market area, some of which may have some or all of these services.

#### Rental apartment structure:

Any building containing three or more rental dwellings which are not ground-oriented.

#### Rental row house structure:

Any building with three or more ground-oriented rental dwellings.

#### **Abbreviations:**

\*\* - data cannot be published due to confidentiality concerns.

**N/U** - no units in this category.

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