

# NEWCOMERS GUIDE

to Thunder Bay



**GO TO THUNDERBAY**

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Thunder Bay is the largest community on Lake Superior with a census metropolitan area population of 121,621 (Census 2016). As the gateway to the Northwest, Thunder Bay is centrally located in the middle of Canada. Travel to Toronto is a quick two-hour flight, and there are multiple direct flights every day.

Our city offers incredible amenities for a community of its size. Arts & culture, entertainment, shopping and dining, as well as affordable housing, exceptional educational and career opportunities are right at your fingertips. We promote a clean, green, beautiful and healthy community that provides economic opportunity, respects diversity and provides affordable and safe neighborhoods that are accessible to all.

**DISTANCE FROM MAJOR URBAN CENTRES**

Toronto	Winnipeg
1,387 kilometres	700 kilometres
862 miles	435 miles
Minneapolis	Chicago
581 kilometres	1,047 kilometres
361 miles	651 miles
Duluth, MN	Buffalo, NY
314 kilometres	1603 kilometres
195 miles	996 miles



Northwestern Ontario is a secondary region of Northern Ontario, and consists of the districts of Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay. Major communities in the region include Thunder Bay, Kenora, Dryden, Fort Frances, Sioux Lookout, Greenstone, Red Lake, Marathon, and Atikokan. There are also several dozen First Nations communities in Northwestern Ontario.

For a map of the City of Thunder Bay, as well as park maps, a transit map, ward maps, zoning maps and more, visit [www.thunderbay.ca/maps](http://www.thunderbay.ca/maps)

Thunder Bay experiences very diverse weather, enjoying each of the four seasons in all their richness. It is the sunniest city in eastern Canada with an average of 2121 hours of bright sunshine each year. Summers are quite comfortable in Thunder Bay because of low humidity and cooler nights. Daylight in June, July, and August lasts as long as 16 hours.

The autumn season is possibly the most beautiful time of the year, as the forests becomes coloured with red, gold, and rust. Thunder Bay experiences winter weather typical of Northwestern Ontario and other northern regions – shorter days and cold temperatures with a high incidence of sunshine.

## CLIMATE COMPARISON TABLE

These tables show values for Thunder Bay, Ontario relative to Winnipeg, MB and Toronto, ON

Winnipeg	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Average Max Temperature °C ( °F)	+4 (+8)	+4 (+6)	+2 (+4)	-1 (-2)	-3 (-5)	-3 (-5)	-2 (-3)	-2 (-4)	-1 (-2)	-1 (-1)	+2 (+4)	+4 (+7)	0 (+1)
Average Temperature °C ( °F)	+3 (+6)	+2 (+4)	+1 (+3)	-1 (-2)	-3 (-5)	-3 (-5)	-2 (-4)	-2 (-3)	-1 (-2)	0 (-1)	+2 (+4)	+3 (+6)	0 (0)
Average Min Temperature °C ( °F)	+2 (+4)	+1 (+2)	+1 (+1)	-1 (-2)	-2 (-4)	-3 (-6)	-2 (-4)	-2 (-3)	-1 (-2)	0 (0)	+2 (+3)	+3 (+5)	0 (0)
Average Precipitation mm (in)	+13 (+1)	+11 (+0)	+18 (+1)	+11 (+0)	+10 (+0)	+0 (+0)	+8 (+0)	+13 (+1)	+35 (+1)	+31 (+1)	+28 (+1)	+21 (+1)	+199 (+8)
Average Daylight Hours & Minutes/ Day	+0h 12'	+0h 07'	+0h 01'	-0h 04'	-0h 10'	-0h 14'	-0h 12'	-0h 07'	-0h 01'	+0h 05'	+0h 10'	+0h 14'	0h 00'
Sun altitude at solar noon on the 21st day	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6

Source: <http://www.thunder-bay.climatemps.com/vs/winnipeg.php>

Toronto	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Average Max Temperature °C ( °F)	-8 (-14)	-5 (-10)	-3 (-6)	-1 (-2)	-1 (-1)	-1 (-2)	-1 (-1)	-1 (-2)	-3 (-5)	-3 (-5)	-5 (-10)	-7 (-13)	-3 (-6)
Average Temperature °C ( °F)	-10 (-19)	-9 (-16)	-6 (-11)	-4 (-6)	-3 (-5)	-3 (-6)	-3 (-5)	-4 (-7)	-5 (-9)	-5 (-8)	-7 (-13)	-10 (-18)	-6 (-10)
Average Min Temperature °C ( °F)	-13 (-24)	-12 (-22)	-9 (-16)	-6 (-10)	-6 (-10)	-6 (-10)	-5 (-9)	-6 (-12)	-8 (-14)	-7 (-12)	-9 (-17)	-12 (-22)	-8 (-15)
Average Precipitation mm (in)	-19 (-1)	-24 (-1)	-19 (-1)	-16 (-1)	+3 (+0)	+16 (+1)	+11 (+0)	+9 (+0)	+11 (+0)	+0 (+0)	-22 (-1)	-34 (-1)	-83 (-3)
Average Daylight Hours & Minutes/ Day	-0h 32'	-0h 19'	-0h 03'	+0h 13'	+0h 28'	+0h 37'	+0h 33'	+0h 19'	+0h 03'	-0h 13'	-0h 29'	-0h 37'	0h 00'
Sun altitude at solar noon on the 21st day	-4.7	-4.7	-4.8	-4.7	-4.7	-4.7	-4.7	-4.7	-4.7	-4.7	-4.7	-4.8	-4.7

Source: <http://www.thunder-bay.climatemps.com/vs/toronto.php>

## GETTING HERE

### AIRPORT

The Thunder Bay International Airport services over 800,000 passengers annually – nationally and internationally. The Thunder Bay Airport boasts the highest number of flying hours in the country, and is the first Canadian airport to eliminate its airport improvement fee.

For more information on The Thunder Bay International Airport please visit their website: [www.tbairport.on.ca](http://www.tbairport.on.ca).

### AIRLINES

#### Regular Scheduled Service

Air Canada | 1-888-247-2262 | [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com)

Bearskin Airlines | 1-807-577-1141  
[www.bearskinairlines.com](http://www.bearskinairlines.com)

North Star Air | 1-844-633-6294  
[www.northstarair.ca](http://www.northstarair.ca)

Porter Airlines | 1-888-619-8622 | [www.flyporter.com](http://www.flyporter.com)

Wasaya Airways LP | 1-807-473-1200  
[www.wasaya.com](http://www.wasaya.com)

WestJet | 1-888-937-8538 | [www.westjet.com](http://www.westjet.com)

#### Vacation Charter Services

Sunwing Vacations | 1-877-786-9464  
[www.sunwing.ca](http://www.sunwing.ca)

Porter Escapes | 1-855-372-1100 |  
[www.porterescapes.com](http://www.porterescapes.com)

Transat | 1-866-322-6649  
[www.redtag.ca/transat-vacations/thunder-bay.php](http://www.redtag.ca/transat-vacations/thunder-bay.php)

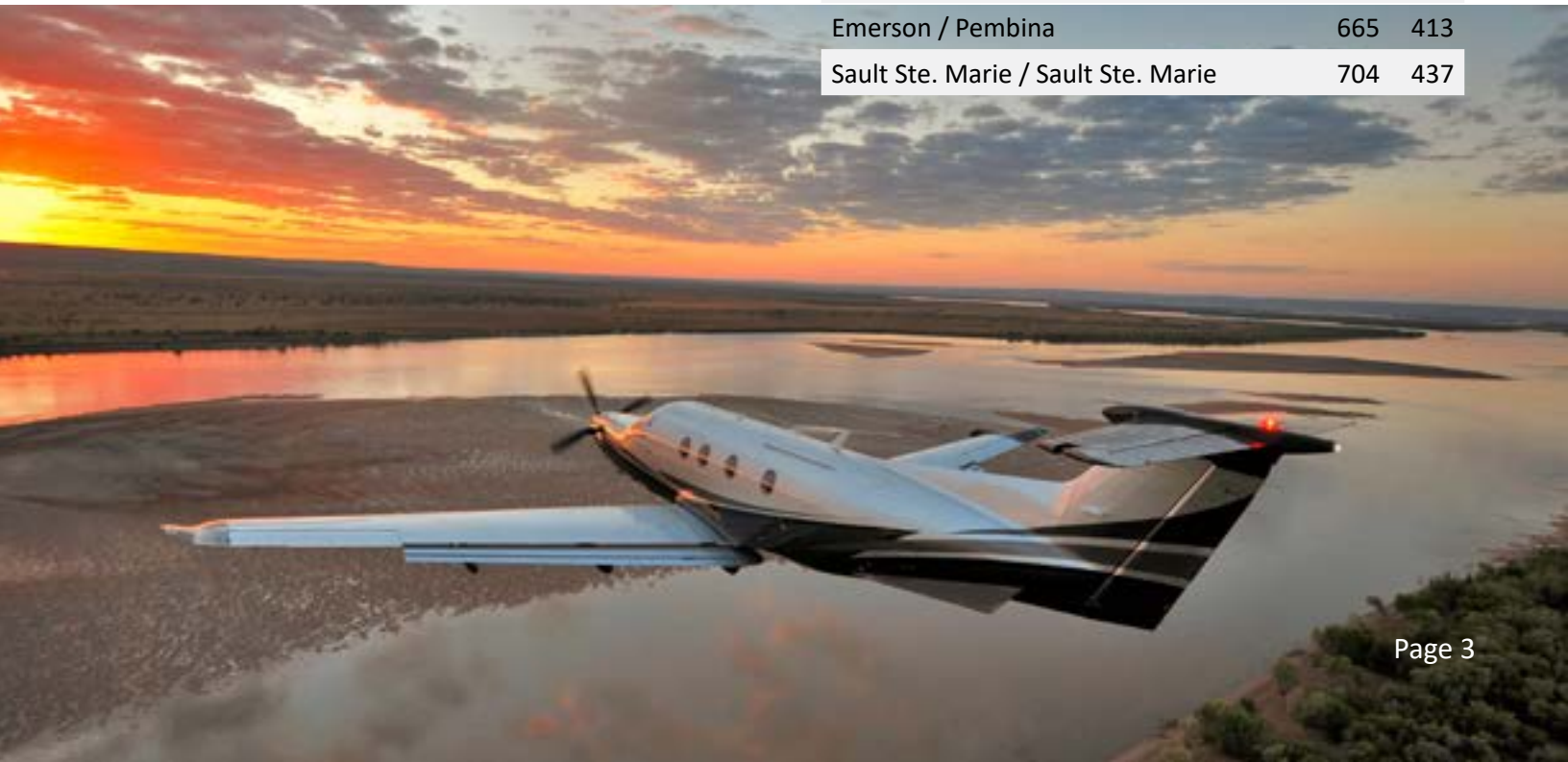
Westjet Vacations | 1-888-937-8538  
[www.westjet.com](http://www.westjet.com)

Air Canada Vacations | 1-866-529-2079  
[www.vacations.aircanada.com](http://www.vacations.aircanada.com)

### HIGHWAY

Thunder Bay is easily accessible via the Trans-Canada Highway, which connects Thunder Bay East and West with Winnipeg and Sault Ste. Marie. Thunder Bay is also only 45 minutes away from the Canadian / US border at Pigeon River.

Major Canada-U.S. Border Crossings	km	mi
Thunder Bay / Grand Portage	70	43
Fort Frances / International Falls	346	215
Rainy River / Beaudette	436	271
Emerson / Pembina	665	413
Sault Ste. Marie / Sault Ste. Marie	704	437



Thunder Bay’s real estate market has experienced remarkable growth over the last 10 years. What is even more remarkable is that the market continues to maintain a balance between value and affordability for both buyers and sellers. Despite the upswing, a detached home in Thunder Bay can be purchased for under \$200,000. As the market here stabilizes, Thunder Bay is one of the best and easiest places in Canada to own your own home.

For more information about our low cost of living, as well as buying and renting in Thunder Bay, visit [www.gotothunderbay.ca/costofliving](http://www.gotothunderbay.ca/costofliving).



Source: [www.zoocasa.com](http://www.zoocasa.com)

## AFFORDABILITY RANKING

	AVERAGE HOME PRICE	1 PERSON HOUSEHOLD		2+ PERSON HOUSEHOLD	
		PRICE TO INCOME	MEDIAN INCOME	PRICE TO INCOME	MEDIAN INCOME
1. THUNDER BAY	\$217,745	6	\$35,282	2	\$89,927
2. SUDBURY	\$268,696	9	\$31,115	3	\$80,190
3. WINDSOR	\$303,183	9	\$34,378	4	\$84,552
4. OTTAWA-GATINEAU	\$418,232	9	\$44,189	4	\$102,423
5. KINGSTON	\$366,582	10	\$36,960	4	\$89,128
6. QUINTE	\$338,646	10	\$33,617	4	\$79,825
7. LONDON	\$368,490	11	\$34,356	4	\$82,938
8. GUELPH	\$436,000	11	\$40,113	4	\$99,238
9. WATERLOO	\$479,497	12	\$41,003	5	\$101,053
10. BURLINGTON	\$569,490	12	\$48,039	5	\$112,675
11. BARRIE	\$481,400	12	\$39,243	5	\$94,155
12. BRANTFORD	\$414,150	13	\$32,491	5	\$85,110
13. CAMBRIDGE	\$473,275	13	\$36,717	5	\$92,590
14. NIAGARA	\$418,479	13	\$32,201	5	\$81,141
15. KITCHENER	\$479,497	13	\$37,355	6	\$86,824
16. MILTON	\$719,000	13	\$54,184	6	\$113,298
17. PETERBOROUGH	\$448,875	14	\$31,924	6	\$80,392
18. DURHAM	\$604,514	14	\$41,798	6	\$103,544
19. OAKVILLE	\$719,000	15	\$48,604	5	\$132,596
20. HAMILTON	\$569,490	16	\$36,460	6	\$94,697
21. GREATER TORONTO	\$804,584	20	\$39,560	9	\$94,463

Source: Total before-tax median household incomes were sourced from Statistics Canada. Average April 2018 home prices were sourced from the Canadian Real Estate Association.

Zoocasa.com provides advanced online search tools and market data to empower Canadians to buy or sell their homes faster, easier, and more successfully.

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## JOB SEEKERS

Thunder Bay offers a wide variety of jobs, from entry level to executive management. Labour is in demand, proven by a low unemployment rate which is consistently lower than unemployment rates of Ontario and Canada.

Locals enjoy an average commute time of only 15 minutes. Imagine what you'll do with all that extra time! To learn more about available resources for job seekers and a list of local job banks, visit

[www.gotothunderbay.ca/jobseekers](http://www.gotothunderbay.ca/jobseekers)

## BUSINESS SUPPORT

Thunder Bay is home to a welcoming, thriving entrepreneurial community with access to plenty of support, learning resources and networking. Turn your vision into reality in one of the most beautiful places in the world while managing that elusive work-life balance!

Thunder Bay & District Entrepreneur Centre (EC) is dedicated to helping small businesses start up, expand, and succeed. Its one-to-one business counselling, comprehensive information, consulting, and referral service make it a great first stop if you are starting a business or even thinking of starting a business. All Entrepreneur Centre services are free and confidential. Learn more at [www.EntrepreneurCentre.ca](http://www.EntrepreneurCentre.ca) or contact [entrepreneurcentre@thunderbay.ca](mailto:entrepreneurcentre@thunderbay.ca)/(807)625-3960 to make an appointment.

Buying an existing business greatly reduces the start-up risk of entrepreneurship. Browse businesses for sale at [buyabusiness.thunderbay.ca](http://buyabusiness.thunderbay.ca) or contact Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC) at [develop@thunderbay.ca](mailto:develop@thunderbay.ca) /(807)628-3960.

To learn more about available entrepreneurial resources and business supports, visit

[www.gotothunderbay.ca/businesssupport](http://www.gotothunderbay.ca/businesssupport)





### EDUCATION

Thunder Bay has excellent primary and secondary educational opportunities with schools that include French immersion programs, comprehensive special education services, and an International Baccalaureate Programme. The City is also served by a Christian private school and a French school governed by its own board.

**The Lakehead District School Board** is the largest school board, with 24 elementary schools, three secondary schools, and a centre for adult studies. One of its high schools, Superior Collegiate & Vocational Institute, offers an International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. Learn more at [www.lakeheadschoools.ca](http://www.lakeheadschoools.ca).

**The Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board** is the second largest with 15 elementary schools, three senior elementary schools and two high schools. Learn more at [www.tbcschools.ca](http://www.tbcschools.ca).

**Le Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique des Aurores Boréales** operates one elementary and one high school in Thunder Bay, and an additional five elementary schools throughout the Thunder Bay District, and three elementary schools throughout the Kenora District. Visit [www.csdcab.on.ca](http://www.csdcab.on.ca) for more information.

**Thunder Bay Christian School** is a private school delivering Christian education to children in kindergarten through grade 10. For more information, visit [www.tbaychristianschool.ca](http://www.tbaychristianschool.ca).

**Confederation College's** highly trained, approachable faculty and supportive staff create a dynamic learning environment, which prepares graduates with the knowledge, skills and hands-on experience they need to succeed in their future careers. In fact, 84% of graduates find employment within six months of graduation.

With over 60 full-time programs, nine campuses across Northwestern Ontario, and online learning opportunities, students can easily put their dreams to work, all while being supported by the Student Success Centre, services such as Financial Aid, and the Student Union. Visit Confederation College online at [www.confederationcollege.ca](http://www.confederationcollege.ca).

**Lakehead University** is a comprehensive university with 10 faculties, including law and medicine. It is ranked Canada's #1 research university in its category and is recognized as one of Ontario's "equity powerhouses" because of its commitment to serving underrepresented groups. Over half of Lakehead students are first generation (neither parent has completed a degree) and 94.5% of undergrad students are employed two years after graduation. Visit [www.lakeheadu.ca](http://www.lakeheadu.ca) for more information.

**Northern Ontario School Of Medicine (NOSM)**, a pioneering faculty of medicine, is hosted by Lakehead University in Thunder Bay and Laurentian University in Sudbury with multiple teaching and research sites distributed across Northern Ontario. Visit NOSM online at [www.nosm.ca](http://www.nosm.ca).

**Lakehead University's Bora Laskin Faculty Of Law** is a regional, unique law school with a focus on Northern Ontario. The curriculum comprises three mandates: Aboriginal and Indigenous Law, Natural Resources and Environmental Law, and Sole Practice with the Integrated Practice Curriculum (IPC). Visit the Faculty of Law website for more information at [www.lakeheadu.ca/academics/departments/law](http://www.lakeheadu.ca/academics/departments/law)

**Academy of Learning Career College (AOLCC)** is a privately owned college located in Thunder Bay that offers over 25+ diploma and certificate programs, as well as individual courses. Visit AOLCC for more information at [www.academyoflearning.com](http://www.academyoflearning.com)



*Bora Laskin Faculty of Law*

## HEALTH CARE

**Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre** has a mission to deliver a quality patient experience in an academic health care environment that is responsive to the needs of the population of Northwestern Ontario. The Health Sciences Centre is a recognized leader in patient and family-centred care.

As a teaching hospital, the Health Sciences Centre is proudly affiliated with Lakehead University and Confederation College and is a host training facility for students from medical schools including the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

TBRHSC's research arm, the **Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute (TBRHRI)**, houses the region's only cyclotron and radiopharmacy, capable of producing medical isotopes to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of cancers. The research being done by the Research Institute Scientists has also made the Health Sciences Centre one of the Top 40 Research Hospitals in Canada. For more information please visit [www.tbrhsc.net](http://www.tbrhsc.net) or [www.tbrhri.ca](http://www.tbrhri.ca).

**St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG)** offers a broad range of programs and services in addictions and mental health, rehabilitative care & chronic disease management, and seniors' health in Thunder Bay. Our sites include a rehabilitative care hospital, long-term care homes, residential addictions programs, supportive housing, and outpatient services. SJCG is Northwestern Ontario's regional lead for rehabilitative care, behavioural supports and palliative care. Coupling research with mobilization, SJCG's Centre for Applied Health Research (CAHR) supports internal and external staff and clinicians through expertise, project consultation and knowledge translation.

SJCG's Behavioural Sciences Centre provides service to many companies and businesses in the region through Employee & Family Assistance Programs, the provision of confidential, high-quality counseling, as well as insurance and workplace assessment services. Visit [www.sjcg.net](http://www.sjcg.net), [www.cahr.sjcg.net](http://www.cahr.sjcg.net), or [www.bscnorth.ca](http://www.bscnorth.ca) to learn more.

**Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)** is Ontario's healthcare plan. Through OHIP, the province pays for many of the health services you may need.

You will need to apply for OHIP, and once you are approved, you will receive an Ontario health card. Your health card proves you are covered by OHIP, and you will need to show your card every time you see a doctor, visit an emergency room, have a medical test, or go for surgery. To learn more about OHIP and to apply for coverage, visit [www.health.gov.on.ca](http://www.health.gov.on.ca).



*Picture supplied by St. Joseph's Care Group*

**Family Physicians and primary care can be accessed through multiple local clinics. Call or visit a clinic online to be rostered as a patient.**

Anishnawbe Mushkiki Aboriginal Health Access Centre  
(807)623-0383 | [www.mushkiki.com](http://www.mushkiki.com)  
Walk-in services open to public

Aurora Family Health Clinic  
(807)285-1894 | [www.aurorafamilyclinic.com](http://www.aurorafamilyclinic.com)  
Walk-in services open to rostered patients

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care  
(807)623-8511 | [www.dilico.com](http://www.dilico.com)  
Walk-in services open to public

Fort William Family Health Team  
(807)626-1234 | [fortwilliamfhn.ca](http://fortwilliamfhn.ca)  
Walk-in services open to rostered patients

Good Doctors Walk-in Clinic  
(807)700-0395 | [www.gooddoctors.ca](http://www.gooddoctors.ca)  
Walk-in services open to public

Harbourview Family Health Team  
(807)346-1240 | [www.hfht.ca](http://www.hfht.ca)  
Walk-in services open to public

Janzen's Pharmacy (four locations)  
[www.janzens.ca](http://www.janzens.ca)  
Walk-in services open to public

Joseph Esquega Health Care Centre  
(807)623-4444 | [www.esquegahealth.ca](http://www.esquegahealth.ca)  
Walk-in services open to public

Lakehead Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic  
(807)415-9595 | [lnplc.ca](http://lnplc.ca)  
Walk-in services open to public

Lakehead University Student Centre  
[www.lakeheadu.ca](http://www.lakeheadu.ca)  
Services offered to students only

Mountdale Family Health Clinic  
(807)577-5676 | [www.mountdaleclinic.com](http://www.mountdaleclinic.com)  
Walk-in services open to rostered patients

Northwest Walk-in Medical Clinic  
(807)623-7101  
Walk-in services open to public

NorWest Community Health Centre  
(807)622-8235 | [www.norwestchc.org](http://www.norwestchc.org)  
Walk-in services open to public

Oak Medical Arts (five locations)  
[www.oakmedicalarts.com](http://www.oakmedicalarts.com)  
Walk-in services open to public

Port Arthur Health Centre  
(807)346-1000 | [www.pahealthcentre.com](http://www.pahealthcentre.com)  
Walk-in services open to rostered patients

Red River Walk-in Medical Clinic  
Walk-in services open to public

Ridgeway Walk-in Medical Clinic  
(807)622-0601  
Walk-in services open to public

Spence Clinic  
(807)626-1111  
Walk-in services open to rostered patients

Superior Family Health Organization  
(807)344-8475  
Walk-in services open to rostered patients

White Cedar Health Care Centre  
(807)475-4357 | [www.whitecedarhealthcare.com](http://www.whitecedarhealthcare.com)  
Walk-in services open to public

## CHILDCARE

All childcare centres in Thunder Bay offer a combination of full day, half day, as well as before and after school care depending on age. In addition, many centres offer flexible summer time options as well. Home daycare options are also available.

Most centres offer transportation to and from many schools to help parents with access to care. Below is a list of public centres. For more information on public daycare options within the community, and to register your child with a daycare provider, visit the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board online at [thunderbay.onehsn.com/](http://thunderbay.onehsn.com/).

Harbour View Child Care Centre  
Newborn – 12 years  
[harbourviewchildcare.ca](http://harbourviewchildcare.ca)

Kinderplace Childcare Centre  
Newborn – 12 years  
[www.kinderplace.ca](http://www.kinderplace.ca)

Little Lions Waldorf Daycare and Kindergarten  
6 months – 12 years  
[www.littlelionswaldorf.ca](http://www.littlelionswaldorf.ca)

Mahmowenchike Family Development Centre  
6 months – 12 years  
[mahmowenchike.ca](http://mahmowenchike.ca)

Nanabijou Childcare Centre (Reggio Emilia Approach)  
6 months – 12 years  
[www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/nanabijou](http://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/nanabijou)

Schoolhouse Playcare Centre  
6 months – 12 years  
[www.schoolhouseplaycare.com](http://www.schoolhouseplaycare.com)

Footsteps Family Centre  
18 months – 12 years  
[www.footstepsfamilycentre.ca](http://www.footstepsfamilycentre.ca)

Little George's Child Care Centre  
18 months – 5 years  
[www.georgejeffrey.com/community-day-care](http://www.georgejeffrey.com/community-day-care)

Rural Roots Children's Centre  
18 months – 12 years  
[www.ruralrootscentre.ca](http://www.ruralrootscentre.ca)

Step by Step Childcare Centre  
18 months – 12 years

W.J. Griffis Children's Centre (Montessori)  
18 months – 12 years  
[www.cltb.ca/wj-griffis](http://www.cltb.ca/wj-griffis)

City of Thunder Bay Operated Childcare Centres  
[www.thunderbay.ca/en/recreation/child-care.aspx](http://www.thunderbay.ca/en/recreation/child-care.aspx)

Algoma Child Care Centre  
18 months – 12 years

Grace Remus Child Care Centre  
18 months – 12 years

Ogden Child Care Centre  
18 months – 12 years

Woodcrest Child Care Centre  
18 months – 12 years



Population	Thunder Bay, Ontario [CMA]
Population, 2016 Census data	121,621
Population, 2011 Census data	121,596
Population percentage change, 2011 to 2016	0
Total private dwellings Census data	57,146
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents Census data	52,545
Population density per square kilometre	47.6
Land area in square kilometres	2,556.81

Source: <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E>

Median Household Income (before tax)	Thunder Bay	Ontario	Canada
2012	54,550	53,530	52,120
2013	55,710	54,380	53,210
2014	56,370	55,790	54,630
2015	57,820	57,430	55,930
2016	57,990	58,440	56,600

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 11-10-0017-01 Census families by family type and family composition including before and after-tax median income of the family

Mother tongue	Thunder Bay, Ontario [CMA]
Total - Mother tongue for the total population excluding institutional residents - 100% data	119885
Single responses	118325
Official languages	105345
English	102665
French	2680
Non-official languages	12985
Aboriginal languages	1225
Afro-Asiatic languages	285
Austro-Asiatic languages	130
Austronesian languages	245
Creole languages	15
Dravidian languages	165
Indo-European languages	7890
Japanese	35
Korean	85
Niger-Congo languages	60
Nilo-Saharan languages	10
Sign languages	40
Sino-Tibetan languages	780
Tai-Kadai languages	20
Turkic languages	10
Multiple responses	1560

Source: <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E>

Highest certificate, diploma or degree	Thunder Bay, Ontario [CMA]
Total - Highest certificate, diploma or degree for the population aged 15 years and over in private households - 25% sample data	101,140
No certificate, diploma or degree	20,065
Secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate	26,500
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	54,575
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	8,260
Trades certificate or diploma other than Certificate of Apprenticeship or Certificate of Qualification	3,460
Certificate of Apprenticeship or Certificate of Qualification	4,800
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	24,620
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	1,975
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	19,705
Bachelor's degree	14,085
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	1,295
Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry	585
Master's degree	3,010
Earned doctorate	740

Source: <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E>

Year	Thunder Bay	Ontario	Canada
2008	5.9	6.6	6.1
2009	8.3	9.1	8.3
2010	6.8	8.7	8.1
2011	6.8	7.9	7.5
2012	5.5	7.9	7.3
2013	6.1	7.6	7.1
2014	5.2	7.3	6.9
2015	5.2	6.8	6.9
2016	6.8	6.5	7
2017	5.7	6	6.3
2018	5.1	5.6	5.8

Source: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=1410009601> & <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=1410009001>



Lakehead University

Employers	Business type	Number of employees
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre	Acute Care Hospital	2,824
Lakehead District School Board	Elementary & Secondary Education	2,200
St. Joseph's Care Group	Complex Care, Rehabilitation, Mental Health & Addiction Services, Long Term Care	2,200
Lakehead University	Education	2,100
City of Thunder Bay	Municipal Government	*1,855
Government of Ontario	Provincial Government	1,849
Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	Elementary & Secondary Education	1,500
Bombardier Transportation	Mass Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	1,100
Confederation College	Education	785

*\*Employee numbers vary seasonally*



## Occupation - National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2016

Thunder Bay,  
Ontario (CMA)

Occupation - National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2016	Thunder Bay, Ontario (CMA)
Total labour force population aged 15 years and over by occupation - National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2016 - 25% sample data	61,690
Occupation - not applicable	1,050
All occupations	60,635
0 Management occupations	5,105
1 Business, finance and administration occupations	8,715
2 Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	3,730
3 Health occupations	6,000
4 Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	8,645
5 Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	1,390
6 Sales and service occupations	14,565
7 Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	9,670
8 Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	1,285
9 Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	1,530

Source: <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E>





Industry - North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2012	Thunder Bay, Ontario (CMA)
Total Labour Force population aged 15 years and over by Industry - North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2012 - 25% sample data	61,690
Industry - NAICS2012 - not applicable	1,055
All industry categories	60,640
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	1,155
21 Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	845
22 Utilities	590
23 Construction	4,730
31-33 Manufacturing	3,235
41 Wholesale trade	1,560
44-45 Retail trade	7,255
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	3,105
51 Information and cultural industries	1,215
52 Finance and insurance	1,350
53 Real estate and rental and leasing	805
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	3,230
55 Management of companies and enterprises	10
56 Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	1,920
61 Educational services	5,365
62 Health care and social assistance	10,775
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,170
72 Accommodation and food services	4,770
81 Other services (except public administration)	2,660
91 Public administration	4,895

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## LINKS AND RESOURCES

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Everything you need to know about living, investing, and opportunity in Thunder Bay.

Thunder Bay Multicultural Association

[www.thunderbay.org](http://www.thunderbay.org)

Newcomer settlement, language and interpretation services, and programs to help newcomers to Thunder Bay.

[www.ontario.ca](http://www.ontario.ca)

Update your address online.

Canada Post | [www.canadapost.ca](http://www.canadapost.ca)

Have your mail forwarded to your new address.

Ministry of Transportation of Ontario

[www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca)

Register your vehicle, license plates, and obtain an Ontario driver's license.

Health Coverage | [www.health.gov.on.ca](http://www.health.gov.on.ca)

Apply for Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage.

211 Ontario North | [www.211ontarionorth.ca](http://www.211ontarionorth.ca)

Searchable database of social, community, health, and government services.

### Utilities

Electricity: Synergy North | [www.synergynorth.ca](http://www.synergynorth.ca)

Water and Property Taxes: City of Thunder Bay

Revenue Division | [www.thunderbay.ca/revenue](http://www.thunderbay.ca/revenue)

Natural Gas: Union Gas | [www.uniongas.com](http://www.uniongas.com)

Tourism Thunder Bay | [www.visitthunderbay.ca](http://www.visitthunderbay.ca)

Thunder Bay Transit

<https://www.thunderbay.ca/en/city-services/transit.aspx>

Thunder Bay Public Library | [www.tbpl.ca](http://www.tbpl.ca)

Emergency | 911

Thunder Bay Police | (807) 684-1200

Ontario Provincial Police | 1-888-310-1122 | (807)939-2133

Thunder Bay Fire & Rescue | (807) 625-2103

Poison Control | 1-800-268-9017





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