



## **Spurring Affordable Housing Development: New Ideas, Approaches and Tools**

# **from Schools to Home: Creating Affordable Housing**

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# Role of a Housing Service Manager

## The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)

provides services to a catchment area of 407,000 km<sup>2</sup> ranging from the Manitoba border, to the east of Ignace, south to the Rainy River District and north to the 14<sup>th</sup> baseline.

The vast geography includes nine municipalities and four unincorporated territories with small villages and vast rural, remote areas.

The Kenora District encompasses 40 First Nations communities; some bordering municipalities, others situated far north



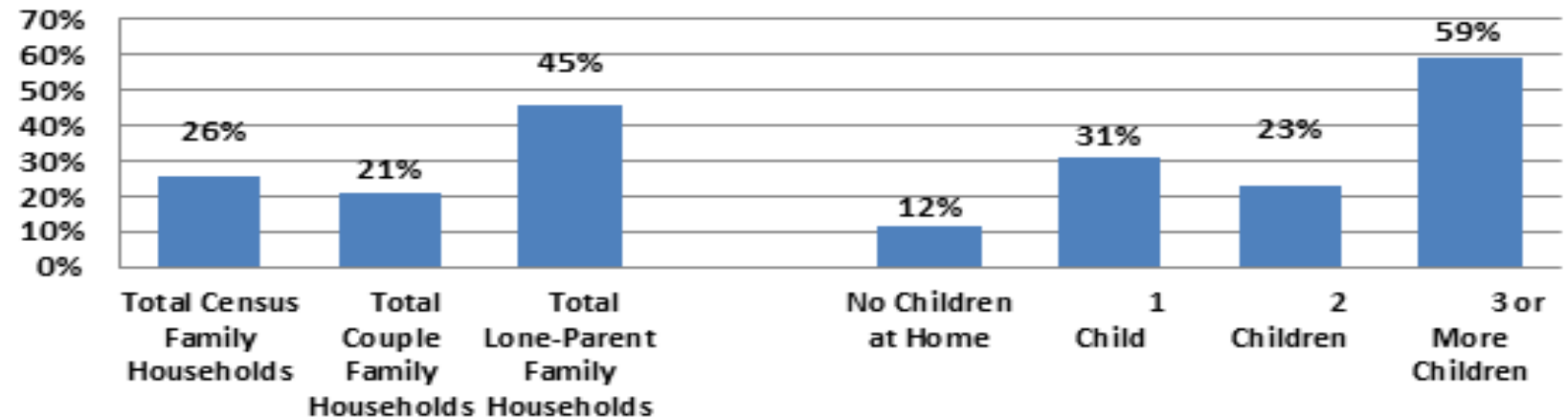
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According to the 2016 Census, the population of the Kenora District has increased by **13.8%** from 2011.

The increase in population is **not uniform across households or age categories.**

Lone-parent family households is the fastest growing category

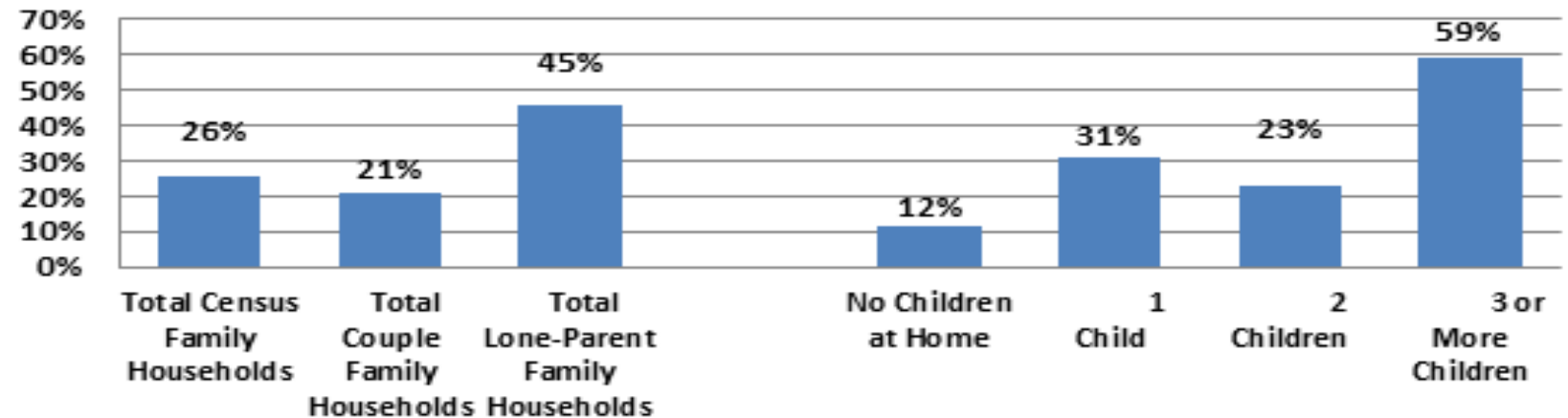
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**Over 67% of family households on Social Assistance are lone-parent households, making the need for support services and programs, especially housing and employment support programs, even more critical**

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According to the 2016 Census, the Kenora District population is diverse; with almost **50%** of the population self-identifying as Aboriginal.

		Household Population	Aboriginal Identity	Non-Aboriginal Identity	% of pop. Aboriginal
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Kenora</u></b>	<b>65,533</b>	<b>31,800</b>	<b>32,820</b>	<b>48.5%</b>
2	Toronto	2,731,571	23,065	2,668,600	0.8%
3	Ottawa	934,243	22,960	893,900	2.5%
4	Simcoe	479,650	21,960	449,170	4.6%
5	Thunder Bay	146,048	21,755	121,325	14.9%
6	Greater Sudbury	161,647	15,055	143,720	9.3%
7	Brantford	130,296	6,935	120,810	5.3%
8	Cochrane	79,682	12,835	65,675	16.1%
9	London	455,526	11,145	437,390	2.4%
10	Hamilton	536,917	12,135	515,795	2.3%

*\*2016 Census*

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The waiting list for affordable housing in the Kenora District has increased by over **114%** in the last five years.

At the end of 2017, there were **1084 approved applications** for housing which included people in both active and offered status. This includes 75 Special Priority Placement Applications

- **SPP applications represent nearly 7% of the total wait list for housing.**

	Total Applications	Seniors	Families	Single Non-Elderly
Dryden	242	38	88	116
Ear Falls	13	1	9	3
Kenora	608	133	286	189
Machin	7	2	4	1
Red Lake	50	9	18	23
Sioux Lookout	164	9	99	56
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>388</b>



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- Dryden Urban Indigenous Homeward Bound Invitation
- Acquiring the former Pinewood School Property
  - Working with Keewatin-Patricia District School Board
  - Bill # empowers DSSABs and Municipalities to acquire surplus school properties.
  - Working with the City of Dryden to rezone the property
    - Needed to demonstrate that the development of Urban Indigenous programs and empowerment of Friendship Centres and Urban Indigenous Housing providers is also a responsibility of the community (the Municipality/DSSAB).
    - Rezoning Process: community consultations.
    - The consultations included the visit to 64 residences, apartments and businesses.
    - The discussions included the purchase of property, zoning, partners of the UIHB and breakdown of the project. Highlighting housing, childcare, job readiness and education.
- Rezoning process successful.



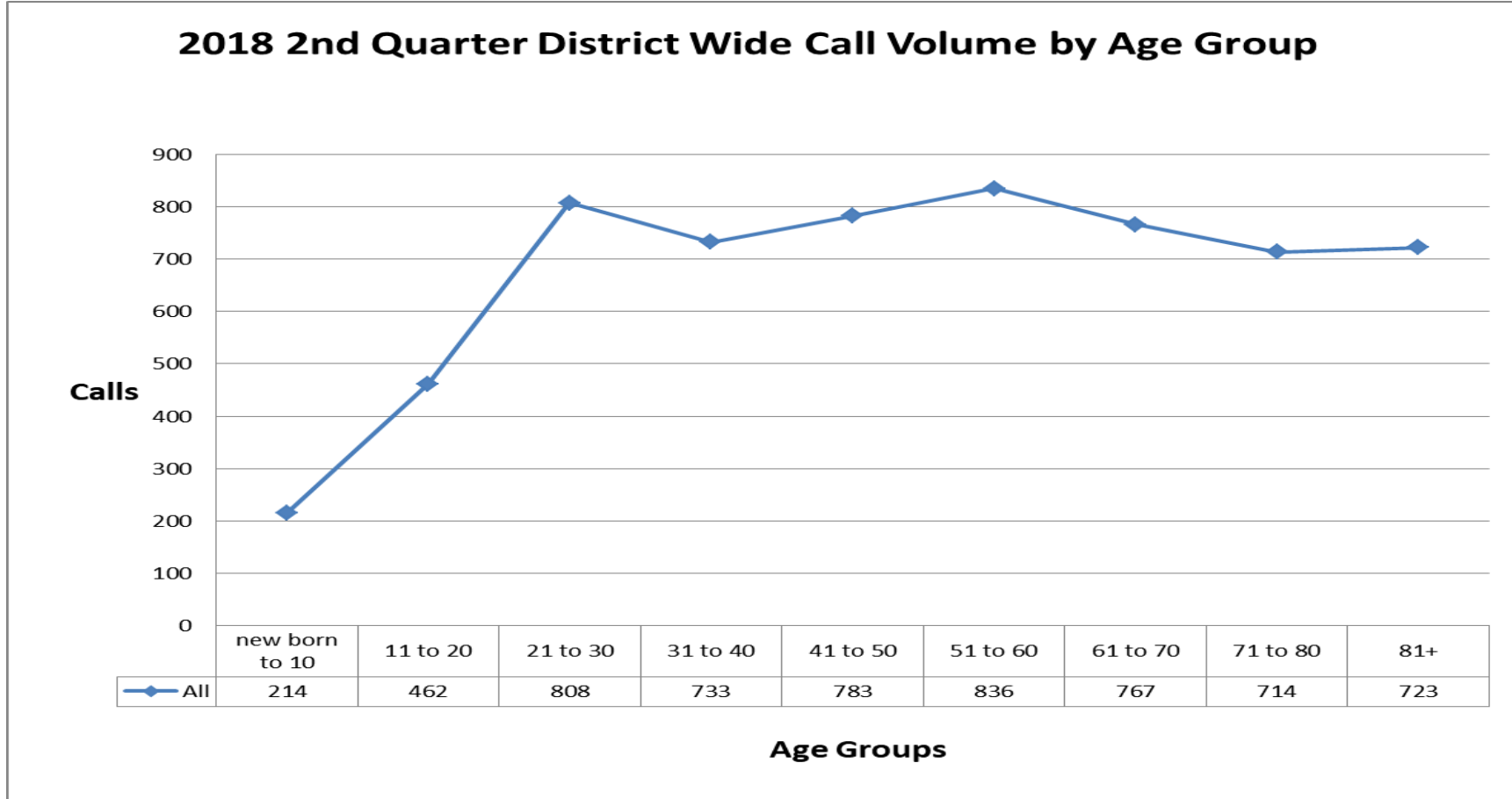
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**2018 2nd Quarter District Wide Demographic Call Volume by Age Group**

