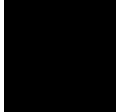
# MARKET SURVEY (JUNE 2015) H.R.M. WAREHOUSE



# Scope

This survey included every warehouse building with a total rentable area of 5,000 ft.² or greater, available for rent in the Halifax Regional Municipality. A team of trained researchers collected rental, operating expense and vacancy data on 148 buildings with an aggregate rentable area of 7,697,847 ft.². The survey successfully collected information on 95% of the rental stock polled. The following results flow from what we believe is the most comprehensive survey of warehouse space ever undertaken in Greater Halifax.

## **Vacancy Rates**

The vacancy rate excludes any space available for sub-lease: it is the total amount of space which is vacant and not currently leased. The vacancy rate in H.R.M. increased from 9.86% in 2014 to 13.12%, driven by increased vacancy across nearly all H.R.M. industrial parks.

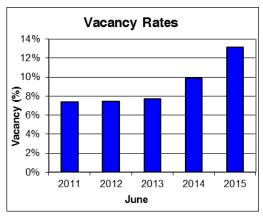
Our survey measured the vacancy rate by geographic node. The current vacancy rate in each of the following locations is: Atlantic Acres Industrial Park 43.77%; Bayers Lake Industrial Park 22.45%; Bedford 23.73% Burnside/City of Lakes Industrial Park 11.57%; Central Halifax 10.34%; Ragged Lake Industrial Park 0%; Sackville Industrial Park 0%.

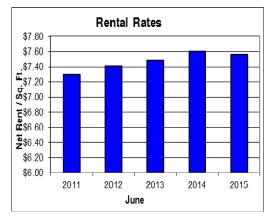
Our survey also measured rental rates. Industrial properties in H.R.M saw the overall net absolute rent/ft.<sup>2</sup> decrease by 0.53% year over year. The average overall net rental rates/ft.<sup>2</sup> in each of the following locations are: Atlantic Acres Industrial Park \$6.77; Bayers Lake Industrial Park \$10.59; Bedford \$11.20; Burnside/City of Lakes Industrial Park \$7.16; Central Halifax \$7.55; Ragged Lake Industrial Park \$7.50; Sackville Industrial Park \$9.50.

### Forecast (Next 12 months)

We anticipate that the overall vacancy rate will increase slightly to 13.42% from the current 13.12%, resulting from a slight decrease in demand. This is expected to result in the overall net absolute rental rate remaining unchanged.









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