

# Housing NOW Kelowna



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### Kelowna New Home Market Remains Strong in 2006

The Kelowna area new home market recorded another strong performance in 2006, housing starts reaching the second highest level ever. Housing starts totaled 2,692 units, down slightly from 2,755 units in 2005. Both December and fourth quarter housing starts were down from a year ago.

Housing starts have broken the 2,000 unit mark for four straight years. Once again, multi-family starts

have surpassed singles construction activity. Price and lifestyle are the key drivers. Singles starts, though remaining at high levels, have dropped back in response to rising prices.

Multi-family starts, lead by the condominium sector increased to a record high in 2006. Resort and other types of lifestyle-oriented housing remain the fastest growing segment of the new condo market. Retirees are also a big source of demand. With the price of both new and detached units up sharply, more

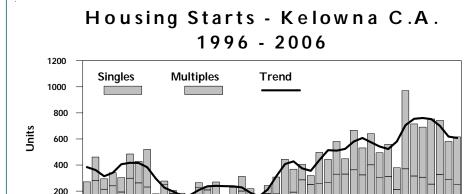
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### New Homes cont..

first-time buyers are turning to the new condo and townhouse markets. Condominium absorption has moderated during the past few months, the inventory of complete and unoccupied units edging up from the record lows seen earlier this year. High levels of construction activity have led to an increasingly competitive market. Rising prices, lengthy construction delays and unusually severe fall and winter weather have also contributed to slower absorption. First-time buyeroriented town house projects have remained especially strong performers.

The Kelowna area recorded fewer singles starts in 2006. Soaring new home prices and increased supply of resale singles listings have resulted in stronger competition from both the new and resale multi-family and resale singles sectors. Strong demand for more upscale housing, rising lot and other costs and prolonged construction periods have continued to push up new home prices. The average new singles price jumped 27% in 2006. Absorption has maintained a steady pace, keeping inventories low. The move-up, move-down and retiree markets remain the focus of new singles demand.

Solid market fundamentals helped sustain a robust new home market in 2006. Kelowna's economy has continued to expand. Strong employment growth has, in turn, fueled in-migration and demand for housing. Regional amenities also remain a big draw. An aging population and hot BC and Alberta economies have led to sharply increased demand for retiree, resort and other types of lifestyle-oriented housing.

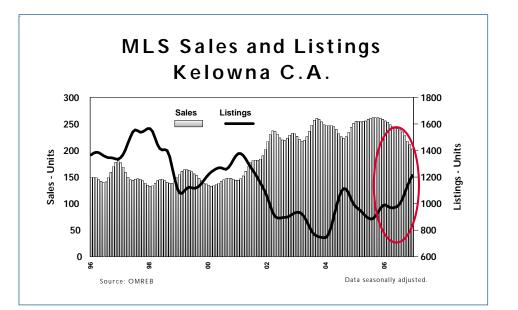
## Resale Market Sales Down in 2006

The Kelowna area saw resale market activity moderate in 2006. Sales have dropped back in response to rising prices and slightly higher interest rates. Sales, though down from 2005's record pace, remained at high levels. The decline extended across all house types. Sales of detached, condominium and townhouse units each fell by nine per cent in 2006. More homes are available for sale. Kelowna's resale market continue to move towards a more balanced from a seller's market position

Monthly singles sales have steadily trended down, recording year-overyear declines since April. Like the new home market, the resale singles sector is seeing stronger competition from the new and resale multi-family markets. Once again, strong upward pressure on prices has led to reduced demand for detached housing. Both condominium and townhouse sales, though down overall from 2005, have stabilized in recent months, sales matching last year's fourth quarter performance. The supply of singles listings has increased in response to moderating demand, easing upward since last May. Also, expectations of big price gains have drawn more sellers into the market place. The resale multifamily sector is also better supplied, high levels of construction activity boosting the supply of both condominium and townhouse listings.

The average resale house price jumped 23 per cent in 2006, recording double-digit increases for the fifth straight year. Prices have almost doubled in just four years. The rate of increase has begun to slow. Slightly reduced demand in combination with an increased supply of listings has led to smaller gains during the past few months.

Townhouse prices have also continued to trend upwards. The average condominium price dropped in 2006. The decline was due to product mix, rather than a shift in market conditions. The sale of a luxury, lakefront project pushed up the average condominium price by 31 per cent in 2005. Less the impact of this project, the average condominium price also trended up in 2006.





### HOUSING NOW REPORT TABLES

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- 3.5 Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market Year-to-Date
- 4.1 Average Price (\$) of Absorbed Single-Detached Units

#### **SYMBOLS**

n/a Not applicable

- \* Totals may not add up due to co-operatives and unknown market types
- \*\* Percent change > 200%
- Nil or zero
- -- Amount too small to be expressed
- SA Monthly figures are adjusted to remove normal seasonal variation

Ta	able 1: Ho				of Kelo	wna CA			
			Decembe						
			Owne	rship			Ren	tal	
		Freehold		С	ondominiun	ו			T . I . I*
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
STARTS									
December 2006	72	0	0	2	61	0	4	0	139
December 2005	78	2	0	7	16	108	7	25	243
% Change	-7.7	-100.0	n/a	-71.4	**	-100.0	-42.9	-100.0	-42.8
Year-to-date 2006	1,026	0	0	33	433	1,132	68	0	2,692
Year-to-date 2005	1,147	44	0	8	265	1,124	59	108	2,755
% Change	-10.5	-100.0	n/a	**	63.4	0.7	15.3	-100.0	-2.3
UNDER CONSTRUCTION									
December 2006	730	0	0	24	401	1,859	44	25	3,083
December 2005	688	20	0	30	265	1,541	48	162	2,754
% Change	6.1	-100.0	n/a	-20.0	51.3	20.6	-8.3	-84.6	11.9
COMPLETIONS									
December 2006	56	0	0	2	4	78	5	0	145
December 2005	98	6	0	0	2	11	5	40	162
% Change	-42.9	-100.0	n/a	n/a	100.0	**	0.0	-100.0	-10.5
Year-to-date 2006	946	12	0	52	303	814	65	137	2,329
Year-to-date 2005	1,074	90	7	0	197	462	58	48	1,936
% Change	-11.9	-86.7	-100.0	n/a	53.8	76.2	12.1	185.4	20.3
<b>COMPLETED &amp; NOT ABSOR</b>	BED								
December 2006	65	8	0	1	12	78	0	1	165
December 2005	49	9	0	0	2	9	0	0	69
% Change	32.7	-11.1	n/a	n/a	**	**	n/a	n/a	139.1
ABSORBED									
December 2006	59	0	0	2	8	33	5	0	107
December 2005	104	6	0	0	19	111	6	22	268
% Change	-43.3	-100.0	n/a	n/a	-57.9	-70.3	-16.7	-100.0	-60.1
Year-to-date 2006	925	13	0	53	175	428	65	58	1,717
Year-to-date 2005	1,111	95	0	0	242	929	61	97	2,535
% Change	-16.7	-86.3	n/a	n/a	-27.7	-53.9	6.6	-40.2	-32.3

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey, Market Absorption Survey)

Ta	able 1.1: H				ry by Sub	market			
			Decembe						
			Owne	rship			Ren	tal	
		Freehold		C	ondominium	ı			Tatal*
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
STARTS									
Kelowna City									
December 2006	40	0	0	0	32	0	2	0	74
December 2005	58	0	0	7	16	76	1	0	158
Lake Country D.M.									
December 2006	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
December 2005	5	0	0	0	0	32	1	25	63
Peachland D.M.									
December 2006	2	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	22
December 2005	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reg. Dist. Sub. J - Westside									
December 2006	26	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	32
December 2005	13	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	20
Reg. Dist. Sub. I - Eastside									
December 2006	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	7
December 2005	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kelowna CA		Ū		Ū				, in the second s	
December 2006	72	0	0	2	61	0	4	0	139
December 2005	78	2	0	7	16	108	. 7	25	243
UNDER CONSTRUCTION	10	-		,	10	100	,	20	210
Kelowna City									
December 2006	428	0	0	9	304	1,460	32	0	2,233
December 2005	426	14	0	26	202	1,333	18	137	2,255
Lake Country D.M.	420	14	0	20	202	1,555	10	137	2,150
December 2006	75	0	0	1	0	232	2	25	335
December 2005	69	0	0	0	3	32	3	25	132
Peachland D.M.	07	0	U	U	5	JZ	J	23	152
December 2006	13	0	0	0	48	39	0	0	100
December 2005	13	0	0	0	40	134	0	0	157
Reg. Dist. Sub. J - Westside	10	0	0	U	1	134	U	0	157
December 2006	195	0	0	11	27	128	9	0	370
December 2005	195	6		3		42		0	240
Reg. Dist. Sub. I - Eastside	144	0	0	3	39	42	0	U	240
-	10	0	0	2	22	0	1	0	45
December 2006	19 19	0		3		0	1	0	45 35
December 2005	19	0	0	1	14	0		0	35
Kelowna CA	720	^	0	24	401	1 050	A A	25	2,002
December 2006	730	0		24	401	1,859		25 142	3,083
December 2005	688	20	0	30	265	1,541	48	162	2,754

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey, Market Absorption Survey)

Т	able 1.1: H		Activity Decembe		ry by Sul	omarket			
			Owne						
		Freehold	C IIII	-	Condominium	1	Ren	tal	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
COMPLETIONS									
Kelowna City									
December 2006	39	0	0	0	2	52	5	0	98
December 2005	78	4	0	0	2	11	1	0	96
Lake Country D.M.									
December 2006	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
December 2005	6	0		0	0	0	1	0	- 7
Peachland D.M.									
December 2006	1	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	27
December 2005	0	2		0	0	0	0	0	2
Reg. Dist. Sub. J - Westside	0	2	U	U	0	U	U	Ū	2
December 2006	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	15
December 2005	9	0		0	0	0	3	40	52
Reg. Dist. Sub. I - Eastside	7	0	U	0	0	U	J	40	JZ
December 2006	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
December 2005	3	0		0	0	0	0	0	3
Kelowna CA	3	0	U	0	0	U	U	0	3
	F.(	0	0	2	4	70	F	0	145
December 2006	56	0		2	4	78	5	0	145
December 2005	98	6	0	0	2	11	5	40	162
COMPLETED & NOT ABSOR	RED								
Kelowna City									
December 2006	42	4		1	9	78	0	1	135
December 2005	38	5	0	0	1	9	0	0	53
Lake Country D.M.									
December 2006	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
December 2005	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Peachland D.M.									
December 2006	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
December 2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reg. Dist. Sub. J - Westside									
December 2006	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
December 2005	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
Reg. Dist. Sub. I - Eastside									
December 2006	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
December 2005	0	3		0		0	0	0	3
Kelowna CA									
December 2006	65	8	0	1	12	78	0	1	165
December 2005	49	9		0		9		0	69

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey, Market Absorption Survey)

	Table 2:	Starts				Dwell	ing Typ	be			
			Dece	mber	2006						
	Sing	gle	Ser	ni	Ro	w	Apt. &	Other		Total	
Submarket	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	%
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	Change
Black Mountain	5	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	13	-61.5
Dilworth Mountain	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	7	-85.7
Ellison/Joe Rich	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	**
Glenrosa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Glenmore	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0
Kelowna Core Area	0	5	0	0	0	6	0	46	0	57	-100.0
Lake Country	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	57	4	63	-93.7
Lakeview Heights	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	n/a
Lower Mission	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-100.0
North Glenmore	13	11	0	2	28	0	0	30	41	43	-4.7
Peachland	2	1	0	0	20	0	0	0	22	1	**
Rutland	2	3	0	0	4	4	0	0	6	7	-14.3
Southeast Kelowna	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	-80.0
Shannon Lake	20	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	21	4	**
Upper Mission	15	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	23	-34.8
Westbank	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	**
West Kelowna	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	-50.0
Westside	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-100.0
Kelowna CA	78	92	8	8	53	10	0	133	139	243	-42.8

Та	ble 2.1:	Starts	by Sub	marke	t and b	y Dwel	lling Ty	ре				
		Jar	nuary -	Decem	nber 20	06						
	Sing	gle	Ser	ni	Ro	w	Apt. &	Other		Total		
Submarket	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	%	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	Change	
Black Mountain	74	86	2	0	0	0	0	0	76	86	-11.6	
Dilworth Mountain	21	34	16	32	0	0	0	0	37	66	-43.9	
Ellison/Joe Rich	25	28	32	16	0	0	0	0	57	44	29.5	
Glenrosa	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.0	
Glenmore 9 24 0 2 4 0 217 0 230 26												
Kelowna Core Area	44	118	16	8	4	25	198	190	262	341	-23.2	
Lake Country	140	118	0	0	0	3	200	57	340	178	91.0	
Lakeview Heights	56	53	0	0	18	0	86	0	160	53	**	
Lower Mission	21	42	10	6	51	10	72	344	154	402	-61.7	
North Glenmore	148	106	22	20	48	8	231	242	449	376	19.4	
Peachland	18	21	12	4	40	3	7	78	77	106	-27.4	
Rutland	44	53	28	8	102	98	121	239	295	398	-25.9	
Southeast Kelowna	23	39	12	0	0	0	0	0	35	39	-10.3	
Shannon Lake	79	66	0	4	1	14	0	42	80	126	-36.5	
Upper Mission	282	265	10	0	0	12	0	0	292	277	5.4	
Westbank	29	15	10	4	0	0	0	40	39	59	-33.9	
West Kelowna	55	46	0	8	0	25	0	0	55	79	-30.4	
Westside	43	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	40	7.5	
Kelowna CA	1,122	1,205	170	112	268	206	1,132	1,232	2,692	2,755	-2.3	

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Ta	Table 3: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type												
			Dece	mber	2006								
	Sing	gle	Ser	ni	Ro	w	Apt. &	Other		Total			
Submarket	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	%		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	Change		
Black Mountain	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	-42.9		
Dilworth Mountain	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	**		
Ellison/Joe Rich	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.0		
Glenrosa	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	-100.0		
Glenmore 1 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 4 -													
Kelowna Core Area	5	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	16	-68.8		
Lake Country	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	-71.4		
Lakeview Heights	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	50.0		
Lower Mission	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	17	-88.2		
North Glenmore	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	-62.5		
Peachland	1	0	0	2	0	0	26	0	27	2	**		
Rutland	5	9	0	0	0	0	52	0	57	9	**		
Southeast Kelowna	3	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	10	-70.0		
Shannon Lake	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	100.0		
Upper Mission	18	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	17	5.9		
Westbank	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	4	40	-90.0		
West Kelowna	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	-60.0		
Westside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a		
Kelowna CA	63	101	4	10	0	0	78	51	145	162	-10.5		

Tab	le 3.1: Co	mpleti	ions by	Subma	rket ar	nd by D	welling	Туре				
		Jai	nuary -	Decem	nber 20	06						
	Sing	gle	Sei	mi	Ro	W	Apt. &	Other		Total		
Submarket	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	%	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	Change	
Black Mountain	90	79	0	2	0	0	0	0	90	81	11.1	
Dilworth Mountain	29	38	28	22	0	0	0	0	57	60	-5.0	
Ellison/Joe Rich	21	29	24	6	0	0	0	0	45	35	28.6	
Glenrosa 2 11 0 6 0 0 0 2 17												
Glenmore 16 15 2 0 4 0 0 17 22 32												
Kelowna Core Area	70	132	14	6	27	40	394	158	505	336	50.3	
Lake Country	134	71	0	2	3	12	0	0	137	85	61.2	
Lakeview Heights	48	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	48	0.0	
Lower Mission	29	57	4	2	13	14	0	92	46	165	-72.1	
North Glenmore	111	74	18	8	8	28	182	0	319	110	190.0	
Peachland	21	18	8	10	3	0	102	0	134	28	**	
Rutland	44	48	12	0	95	47	273	85	424	180	135.6	
Southeast Kelowna	23	47	4	14	0	0	0	0	27	61	-55.7	
Shannon Lake	68	44	0	18	14	0	0	0	82	62	32.3	
Upper Mission	265	243	0	0	0	32	0	0	265	275	-3.6	
Westbank	20	18	4	12	0	0	0	40	24	70	-65.7	
West Kelowna	42	49	8	0	21	17	0	0	71	66	7.6	
Westside	21	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	32	-34.4	
Kelowna CA	1,060	1,126	130	110	188	190	951	510	2,329	1,936	20.3	

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

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					Price F								
Submarket	< \$30	0,000	\$300, \$349		\$350	-	\$400, \$499		\$500,0	000 +	Total	Median Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)			Πισε (ψ)
Black Mountain													
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	3	60.0			
December 2005	3	37.5	0	0.0	2	25.0	3	37.5	0	0.0	8		
Year-to-date 2006	2	2.4	13	15.5	24	28.6	21	25.0	24	28.6	84	439,900	451,867
Year-to-date 2005	25	30.5	23	28.0	27	32.9	7	8.5	0	0.0	82	344,900	344,253
Dilworth Mountain													
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	2		
December 2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2		
Year-to-date 2006	1	3.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	29.6	18	66.7	27	599,450	592,404
Year-to-date 2005	1	2.6	7	17.9	12	30.8	6	15.4	13	33.3		399,900	459,021
Ellison/Joe Rich													·
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	1		
December 2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	2	66.7	0	0.0	3		
Year-to-date 2006	2	9.5	0	0.0	3	14.3	12	57.1	4	19.0		454,800	463,937
Year-to-date 2005	8	25.8	9	29.0	7	22.6	5	16.1	2	6.5		349,950	368,586
Glenrosa		2010		2710	-					010		0177700	000,000
December 2006	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0		
December 2005	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a			
Year-to-date 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0			
Year-to-date 2005	3	25.0	2	16.7	3	25.0	1	8.3	3	25.0		384,900	410,533
Glenmore	5	23.0	2	10.7	5	25.0	1	0.5	5	25.0	12	304,700	410,555
December 2006	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	2		
December 2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	100.0	0	0.0			
Year-to-date 2006	2	12.5	0	0.0	4	25.0	4	37.5	4	25.0		477,450	577,693
Year-to-date 2005	3	12.5	1	5.3	4	5.3	13	68.4	4	25.0		447,950	422,506
	3	15.0	1	0.5	1	0.5	13	00.4	1	0.5	19	447,930	422,300
Kelowna Core Area		00.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0			
December 2006	4	80.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0			
December 2005	2	13.3	10	66.7	2	13.3	1	6.7	0	0.0		349,900	345,660
Year-to-date 2006	31	43.1	13	18.1	13	18.1	11	15.3	4	5.6		379,900	478,621
Year-to-date 2005	58	43.3	58	43.3	9	6.7	6	4.5	3	2.2	134	337,000	352,478
Lake Country		0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		50.0		50.0			
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0			
December 2005	1	14.3	2	28.6	3	42.9	1	14.3	0	0.0			
Year-to-date 2006	18	14.0	33	25.6	11	8.5	33	25.6	34	26.4		449,000	519,772
Year-to-date 2005	19	27.1	23	32.9	6	8.6	18	25.7	4	5.7	70	329,900	364,896
Lakeview Heights													
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0			
December 2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0			
Year-to-date 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	21.4	33	78.6		707,200	815,575
Year-to-date 2005	4	6.9	3	5.2	9	15.5	22	37.9	20	34.5	58	450,000	549,753
Lower Mission													
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0			
December 2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	4	66.7	6		
Year-to-date 2006	2	6.7	0	0.0	2	6.7	8	26.7	18	60.0	30	998,000	1,169,679
Year-to-date 2005	5	8.8	5	8.8	11	19.3	9	15.8	27	47.4	57	489,900	644,205

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

	Table	e 4: Al	osorbe	d Sin	gle-De	etache	ed Uni	ts by	Price l	Range	9		
				D	ecem	be <mark>r 2</mark> 0	06						
					Price F	Ranges							
Submarket	< \$30	0,000	\$300, \$349		\$350, \$399	,000 - 9,999	\$400, \$499		\$500,0	)00 +	Total	Median Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)			
North Glenmore													
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	2	66.7	3		
December 2005	2	25.0	0	0.0	1	12.5	5	62.5	0	0.0			
Year-to-date 2006	25	23.1	1	0.9	3		27	25.0	52	48.1	108	499,900	493,524
Year-to-date 2005	23	30.7	5	6.7	3	4.0	30	40.0	14	18.7	75	449,000	463,396
Peachland													
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	1		
December 2005	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0		
Year-to-date 2006	2	9.5	1	4.8	3	14.3	10	47.6	5	23.8	21	459,900	495,563
Year-to-date 2005	1	5.6	1	5.6	8	44.4	8	44.4	0	0.0	18	389,900	396,039
Rutland													
December 2006	0	0.0	1	16.7	4	66.7	1	16.7	0	0.0			
December 2005	7	77.8	1	11.1	0	0.0	1	11.1	0	0.0			
Year-to-date 2006	5	11.6	16	37.2	14	32.6	5	11.6	3	7.0		359,000	372,036
Year-to-date 2005	25	51.0	21	42.9	2	4.1	1	2.0	0	0.0	49	301,000	312,134
Southeast Kelowna													
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0		0	0.0	3	100.0	3		
December 2005	1	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	25.0	5	62.5	8		
Year-to-date 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	24	100.0	24	629,000	664,100
Year-to-date 2005	1	2.1	0	0.0	3	6.3	19	39.6	25	52.1	48	509,000	537,674
Shannon Lake													
December 2006	2	28.6	0	0.0	0		5	71.4	0	0.0	7		
December 2005	1	33.3	0	0.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0			
Year-to-date 2006	15	22.4	4	6.0	18	26.9	27	40.3	3	4.5	67	409,900	401,111
Year-to-date 2005	12	26.7	10	22.2	16	35.6	6	13.3	1	2.2	45	359,450	337,264
Upper Mission													
December 2006	1	5.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	15.8	15	78.9	19	598,600	589,363
December 2005	0	0.0	3	15.8	3	15.8	7	36.8	6	31.6		459,900	466,774
Year-to-date 2006	1	0.4	10	3.8	27	10.2	95	35.7	133	50.0		502,400	548,354
Year-to-date 2005	5	2.0	60	24.6	50	20.5	56	23.0	73	29.9	244	423,700	450,378
Westbank						_							
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	2	50.0		0.0			
December 2005	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a			
Year-to-date 2006	3	15.0	3	15.0	6	30.0	6	30.0		10.0		394,450	422,775
Year-to-date 2005	4	22.2	12	66.7	0	0.0	1	5.6	1	5.6	18	334,900	386,472
West Kelowna			-										
December 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0		3	100.0		0.0			
December 2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	2		2	40.0	1	20.0			
Year-to-date 2006	1	2.5	0	0.0	5	12.5	26	65.0		20.0		463,200	467,212
Year-to-date 2005	9	16.1	5	8.9	18	32.1	15	26.8	9	16.1	56	372,200	415,716
Westside													
December 2006	0	n/a	0	n/a	0		0	n/a	0	n/a			
December 2005	0	n/a	0	n/a	0		0	n/a	0	n/a			
Year-to-date 2006	6	30.0	4	20.0	6	30.0	1	5.0		15.0		354,900	371,850
Year-to-date 2005	25	80.6	2	6.5	1	3.2	2	6.5	1	3.2	31	259,900	277,997
Kelowna CA			,										
December 2006	8	12.1	1	1.5	7		22	33.3	28	42.4	66	499,000	515,809
December 2005	17	15.9	18	16.8	20	18.7	35	32.7	17	15.9		409,450	432,678
Year-to-date 2006	116	11.2	99	9.5	140		308	29.6	377	36.3		469,000	538,658
Year-to-date 2005	244	20.9	268	23.0	191	16.4	257	22.1	205	17.6	1,165	374,000	422,928

Table	e 4.1: Average Pri	ce (\$) of Abso December 2		le-detached L	Jnits	
Submarket	Dec. 2006	Dec. 2005	% Change	YTD 2006	YTD 2005	% Change
Black Mountain			n/a	451,867	344,253	31.3
Dilworth Mountain			n/a	592,404	459,021	29.1
Ellison/Joe Rich			n/a	463,937	368,586	25.9
Glenrosa			n/a		410,533	n/a
Glenmore			n/a	577,693	422,506	36.7
Kelowna Core Area		345,660	n/a	478,621	352,478	35.8
Lake Country			n/a	519,772	364,896	42.4
Lakeview Heights			n/a	815,575	549,753	48.4
Lower Mission			n/a	1,169,679	644,205	81.6
North Glenmore			n/a	493,524	463,396	6.5
Peachland			n/a	495,563	396,039	25.1
Rutland			n/a	372,036	312,134	19.2
Southeast Kelowna			n/a	664,100	537,674	23.5
Shannon Lake			n/a	401,111	337,264	18.9
Upper Mission	589,363	466,774	26.3	548,354	450,378	21.8
Westbank			n/a	422,775	386,472	9.4
West Kelowna			n/a	467,212	415,716	12.4
Westside			n/a	371,850	277,997	33.8
Kelowna CA	515,809	432,678	19.2	538,658	422,928	27.4

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

			Та	able 5: N			tial Act ber 200	ivity for 6	Kelow	/na			
			Single D	etached			Town	house			Apartmer	nt Condo	
		Number of Sales	Number of Active Listings	Sales-to- Active Listings Ratio	Average Price (\$)	Number of Sales	Number of Active Listings	Sales-to- Active Listings Ratio	Average Price (\$)	Number of Sales	Number of Active Listings	Sales-to- Active Listings Ratio	Average Price (\$)
2005	January	174	850	20		20	115	17	220,635	45	300	15	
	February	246	900	27	311,545	32	130	25	233,766	78	305	26	
	March	300	940	32	321,536	35	150	23		80	310	26	
	April	307	981	31	346,663	44	120	37	236,775	84	318	26	199,060
	May	295	961	31	365,932	51	114	45		83	300	28	188,373
	June	314	973	32	-	48	102	47	258,677	97	309	31	210,584
	July	295	1,030	29	355,173	31	103	30		82	287	29	203,676
	August	319	992	32	363,328	54	99	55	250,284	103	263	39	220,441
	September	266	907	29	370,235	33	82	40	214,815	198	227	87	454,368
	October	214	961	23	346,256	31	75	41	269,043	51	245	21	233,924
	November	231	905	26	363,613	32	83	39	260,222	66	267	25	199,414
	December	151	861	18	425,390	22	76	29	324,648	46	276	17	211,475
2005	January	181	879	21	385,999	33	71	46	234,614	63	297	21	208,204
	February	248	903	27	397,826	35	78	45	266,919	72	301	24	218,775
	March	300	943	32	416,577	30	113	27	277,057	104	326	32	233,160
	April	269	980	27	425,053	41	104	39	241,460	80	324	25	237,063
	May	287	1,052	27	429,380	41	110	37	290,076	95	326	29	229,184
	June	285	1,097	26	452,552	37	120	31	264,677	85	334	25	239,556
	July	286	1,091	26	431,303	36	119	30	293,267	94	309	30	242,583
	August	265	1,110	24	472,579	32	124	26	286,744	104	315	33	250,496
	September	228	1,149	20	462,252	27	138	20	341,911	67	323	21	267,496
	October	200	1,178	17	444,229	41	119	34	261,367	66	342	19	235,392
	November	177	1,120	16	416,965	20	139	14	276,748	63	345	18	234,035
	December	117	919	13	454,227	21	127	17	289,852	34	339	10	239,416
	YTD 2005	3,112	938	28	352,228	433	104	36	244,712	1,013	284	31	254,187
	YTD 2006	2,839	1,035	23	432,165	394	114	31	274,835	926	323	24	236,629
	% Change	-9	10	-18	23	-9	10	-14	12	-9	14	-23	-7

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Note: Based on boundaries of the OMREB. Townhouse and apartment data does not include Big White.

Source: Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board (OMREB)

			Та	ble 6:	Economic	Indica	ators			
				D	ecember 2	2006				
		Inter	rest Rates		NHPI Total % chq		Kel	owna Labour Ma	ırket	Average
		P & I Per \$100,000	Mortage (% 1 Yr. Term		Kelowna CMA 1997=100	CPI	Employment SA (,000)	Unemployment Rate (%) SA	Participation Rate (%) SA	Weekly Earnings (\$)
2005	January	643	4.80	6.05	1.03	1.24	82.0	4.4	63.3	702
	February	643	4.80	6.05		1.24	82.3	5.5	64.0	703
	March	655	5.05	6.25		1.24	81.4	5.7	63.2	704
	April	643	4.90	6.05		1.25	80.1	5.8	62.1	701
	May	637	4.85	5.95	1.07	1.25	77.7	5.5	59.7	699
	June	622	4.75	5.70	1.07	1.25	80.1	5.8	61.7	700
	July	628	4.90	5.80	1.07	1.26	82.4	5.2	63.2	700
	August	628	5.00	5.80	1.08	1.26	84.2	4.9	64.4	701
	September	628	5.00	5.80	1.08	1.27	83.9	4.7	63.7	704
	October	640	5.25	6.00	1.08	1.26	82.6	4.9	62.8	706
	November	649	5.60	6.15	1.08	1.26	81.1	5.9	62.0	711
	December	658	5.80	6.30	1.08	1.26	80.9	5.7	61.8	710
2006	January	658	5.80	6.30	1.10	1.26	79.5	6.2	60.7	715
	February	667	5.85	6.45	1.10	1.26	82.3	5.7	62.1	715
	March	667	6.05	6.45	1.11	1.26	83.9	6.0	63.3	718
	April	685	6.25	6.75	1.12	1.27	87.0	6.6	65.9	719
	May	685	6.25	6.75	1.12	1.28	86.5	5.7	64.3	720
	June	697	6.60	6.95	1.12	1.28	86.5	5.4	64.0	722
	July	697	6.60	6.95	1.13	1.28	85.2	5.2	62.9	722
	August	691	6.40	6.85	1.15	1.28	84.8	6.9	63.7	724
	September	682	6.40	6.70	1.16	1.28	87.0	6.9	64.8	726
	October	688	6.40	6.80	1.16	1.28	89.2	6.5	65.9	730
	November	673	6.40	6.55	1.16	1.28	90.0	6.0	65.7	734
	December	667	6.30	6.45		1.28	90.6	5.2	65.8	737

"P & I" means Principal and Interest (assumes \$100,000 mortgage amortized over 25 years using current 5 year interest rate)

"NHPI" means New Housing Price Index

"CPI" means Consumer  $\mathsf{Price}\,\mathsf{Index}$ 

"SA" means Seasonally Adjusted

Source: CMHC, adapted from Statistics Canada (CANSIM), CREA (MLS®), Statistics Canada (CANSIM)

# Methodology

#### Starts & Completions Survey Methodology

The Starts and Completions Survey is conducted by way of site visits which are used to confirm that new units have reached set stages in the construction process. Since most municipalities in the country issue building permits, these are used as an indication of where construction is likely to take place. In areas where there are no permits, reliance has to be placed either on local sources or searching procedures.

The Starts and Completions Survey is carried out monthly in urban areas with population in excess of 50,000, as defined by the 2001 Census. In urban areas with populations of 10,000 to 49,999, all Starts are enumerated in the last month of the quarter (i.e. four times a year, in March, June, September and December). In these centres with quarterly enumeration, Completion activity is modelled based on historical patterns. Monthly Starts and Completions activity in these quarterly locations are statistically estimated at a provincial level for single and multi categories. Centres with populations below 10,000 are enumerated on a sample basis, also in the last month of each quarter (i.e. four times a year, in March, June, September and December).

The Starts and Completions Survey enumerates dwelling units in new structures only, designed for non-transient and year-round occupancy.

Mobile homes are included in the surveys. A mobile home is a type of manufactured house that is completely assembled in a factory and then moved to a foundation before it is occupied.

Trailers or any other movable dwelling (the larger often referred to as a mobile home) with no permanent foundation are excluded from the survey.

Conversions and/or alterations within an existing structure are excluded from the surveys as are seasonal dwellings, such as: summer cottages, hunting and ski cabins, trailers and boat houses; and hostel accommodations, such as: hospitals, nursing homes, penal institutions, convents, monasteries, military and industrial camps, and collective types of accommodation such as: hotels, clubs, and lodging homes.

#### Market Absorption Survey Methodology

The Market Absorption Survey is carried out in conjunction with the Starts and Completions Survey in urban areas with populations in excess of 50,000. When a structure is recorded as completed, an update is also made as units are sold or rented. The dwellings are then enumerated each month until such time as full absorption occurs.

## STARTS AND COMPLETIONS SURVEY AND MARKET ABSORPTION SURVEY DEFINITIONS

A "dwelling unit", for purposes of the Starts and Completions Survey, is defined as a structurally separate set of self-contained living premises with a private entrance from outside the building or from a common hall, lobby, or stairway inside the building. Such an entrance must be one that can be used without passing through another separate dwelling unit.

A "start", for purposes of the Starts and Completions Survey, is defined as the beginning of construction work on a building, usually when the concrete has been poured for the whole of the footing around the structure, or an equivalent stage where a basement will not be part of the structure.

The number of units "**under construction**" as at the end of the period shown, takes into account certain adjustments which are necessary for various reasons. For example, after a start on a dwelling has commenced construction may cease, or a structure, when completed, may contain more or fewer dwelling units than were reported at start.

A "completion", for purposes of the Starts and Completions Survey, is defined as the stage at which all the proposed construction work on a dwelling unit has been performed, although under some circumstances a dwelling may be counted as completed where up to 10 per cent of the proposed work remains to be done.

The term "**absorbed**" means that a housing unit is no longer on the market (i.e. has been sold or rented). This usually happens when a binding contract is secured by a non-refundable deposit and has been signed by a qualified purchaser. The purpose of the Market Absorption Survey is to measure the rate at which units are sold or rented after they are completed, as well as collect sale prices.

## **DWELLING TYPES**:

A "**Single-Detached**" dwelling (also referred to as "**Single**") is a building containing only one dwelling unit, which is completely separated on all sides from any other dwelling or structure. Includes link homes, where two units may share a common basement wall but are separated above grade. Also includes cluster-single developments.

A "Semi-Detached (Double)" dwelling (also referred to as "Semi") is one of two dwellings located side-by-side in a building, adjoining no other structure and separated by a common or party wall extending from ground to roof.

A "**Row (Townhouse)**" dwelling is a one family dwelling unit in a row of three or more attached dwellings separated by a common or party wall extending from ground to roof.

The term "**Apartment and other**" includes all dwellings other than those described above, including structures commonly known as stacked townhouses, duplexes, triplexes, double duplexes and row duplexes.

## Intended market:

The "intended market" is the tenure in which the unit is being marketed. This includes the following categories:

Freehold: A residence where the owner owns the dwelling and lot outright.

**Condominium (including Strata-Titled):** An individual dwelling which is privately owned, but where the building and/or the land are collectively owned by all dwelling unit owners. A condominium is a form of ownership rather than a type of house.

Rental: Dwelling constructed for rental purposes regardless of who finances the structure.

## Geographical terms:

A census metropolitan area (CMA) or a census agglomeration (CA) is formed by one or more adjacent municipalities centred on a large urban area (known as the urban core). The census population count of the urban core is at least 10,000 to form a census agglomeration and at least 100,000 to form a census metropolitan area. To be included in the CMA or CA, other adjacent municipalities must have a high degree on integration with the central urban area, as measured by commuting flows derived from census place of work data. CMAs and CAs contain whole municipalities or Census Subdivisions.

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