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New Home Market

Starts Edge Lower in 2006

Ontario new home construction edged lower in the fourth quarter and in 2006. Ontario all area starts declined to just over 73,417 units last year, down from just shy of 78,795 units in 2005. The longer term trend for Ontario housing starts has been one of high starts levels gradually edging lower. For example, while 2006 Ontario home

starts were seven per cent lower compared to the previous year, starts were still above historical averages. Multi-family home construction declined, but the more expensive single detached home segment weighed most on home construction. Growing choice in Ontario's resale market, rising new home prices and capacity constraints were factors contributing to lower home starts.

Multi-family home starts posted less of a decline on a percentage basis relative to the single detached home

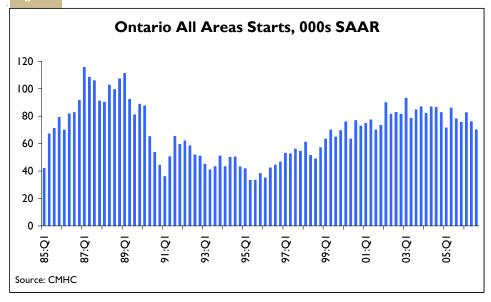
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segment, thanks largely to the apartment sector. Both rental and ownership apartment starts remained buoyant in 2006. On the rental front, despite high vacancy rates in the conventional rental market, more assisted and private rental projects were brought on stream. On the ownership front, rising prices for low rise homes shifted end user demand to more modestly priced condominium apartment projects. Investors also remained active in the province's condominium apartment market thanks to tight condominium rental vacancy rates and growing apartment rents.

A closer look at Ontario's Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) shows that job creation and consumer confidence have been most negatively impacted in the Windsor, Thunder Bay, Kitchener and St. Catharines-Niagara metropolitan areas. High energy prices and the high dollar have forced auto and forestry sectors to consolidate. This translated into sharper declines in new home construction in these centers. Alternatively, strong local job growth has contributed to rising home starts in the Ottawa, London, Sudbury and Kingston areas. Ontario's largest market, Toronto, continued to cool given capacity constraints, higher listings in the resale market and rising new home prices.

The median price of completed and absorbed single-detached homes grew above the general rate of inflation in most major centers in

2006. St. Catharines-Niagara, Windsor and Oshawa experienced the strongest price growth last year and were also centers where new home demand cooled most. Increased land and materials costs can also explain higher new home prices last year.

Resale Market

More Balanced

Ontario existing home sales moderated to 194,793 units in 2006 from just over 197,000 units in the previous year. The rising cost gap between owning and renting, slower job growth and the lagged effects of slower population growth dampened Ontario existing home sales last year. Still, healthy consumer confidence helped keep home sales near record levels.

Higher home prices and relatively low mortgage rates have sparked growth in homeowner equity across the province. While some homeowners have borrowed against their home equity, others have tapped into their real estate wealth by listing their homes for sale. New listings outpaced existing home sales in 2006. Ontario's sales-to-new listings ratio, a leading indicator of future price growth, is trending lower.

Most major Ontario resale markets are moving toward a balanced state. In a balanced market, home prices rise closer to the general rate of inflation. In 2006, homes rose by just

under 6 per cent following a 7.3 per cent increase the prior year.

Economic Overview

Ontario Economy Slows

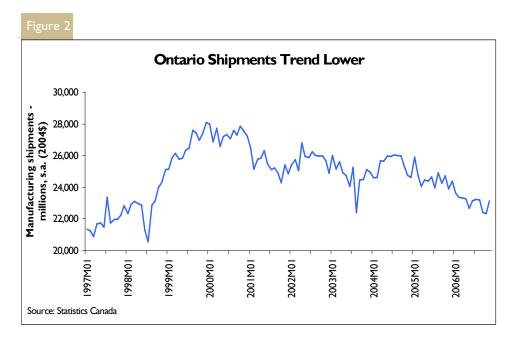
Canadian and Ontario economic growth slowed in the second half of 2006. Exports were the biggest drag on growth as a slowing US economy, a high dollar and declining demand for our manufactured goods dampened business activity across the province. Domestic demand however remained buoyant. Strong income growth, lower energy prices and the low cost of borrowing kept consumer confidence high.

Ontario job growth and the cost of borrowing are two critical ingredients feeding into housing demand. Slower Ontario economic growth translated into a slower pace in hiring throughout 2006. Goods producers, particularly in manufacturing, shed labor as they continued to adjust to a high Canadian dollar. However, employment in the services sector helped pick up some of the slack as more hiring was registered in the health, finance, education and retail sectors.

A slowing global and Canadian economy dampened inflationary pressures in the second half of 2006. This kept the Bank of Canada's rate hikes on hold. Long term bond yields edged lower taking posted mortgage rates with them late last year. While

mortgage rates inched slightly higher in 2006, they still remained near historical lows—helping support consumer demand for housing.

Immigration is supporting housing demand in Ontario. However, the increased level of immigration into Ontario in recent years has been offset by out-migration of many Ontarians to the west. A very strong energy based economy and low unemployment in Western Canada has increasingly attracted migrants from Ontario. This has weighed on net migration and population growth across the province.



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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

| Table I: Housing Activity Summary of Ontario Region Fourth Quarter 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|----------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| | | | | Urban (| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Owne | rship | | | _ | | | | | | |
| | | Freehold | | C | ondominiu | n | Rer | ital | Rural | Total* | | | |
| | Single | Semi | Row, Apt. & Other | Single | Row and Semi | Apt. & Other | Single, Semi, and Row | Apt. & Other | Centres | | | | |
| STARTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 8,179 | 1,058 | 1,944 | 28 | 614 | 3,682 | 123 | 716 | 1,278 | 17,626 | | | |
| Q4 2005 | 8,896 | 959 | 1,897 | 44 | 907 | 3,604 | 170 | 1,398 | 1,548 | 19,514 | | | |
| % Change | -8.1 | 10.3 | 2.5 | -36.4 | -32.3 | 2.2 | -27.6 | -48.8 | -17.4 | -9.7 | | | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 33,132 | 4,034 | 7,650 | 185 | 3,123 | 15,514 | 238 | 3,895 | 5,636 | 73,417 | | | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 36,475 | 4,520 | 8,405 | 233 | 3,420 | 16,183 | 640 | 3,203 | 5,618 | 78,795 | | | |
| % Change | -9.2 | -10.8 | -9.0 | -20.6 | -8.7 | -4.1 | -62.8 | 21.6 | 0.3 | -6.8 | | | |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 17,220 | 2,052 | 5,576 | 79 | 2,394 | 28,787 | 230 | 5,284 | 3,208 | 64,837 | | | |
| Q4 2005 | 18,128 | 2,489 | 5,452 | 97 | 2,906 | 28,735 | 449 | 4,231 | 4,747 | 67,338 | | | |
| % Change | -5.0 | -17.6 | 2.3 | -18.6 | -17.6 | 0.2 | -48.8 | 24.9 | -32.4 | -3.7 | | | |
| COMPLETIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 8,482 | 1,072 | 1,651 | 72 | 717 | 2,400 | 70 | 410 | 2,169 | 17,101 | | | |
| Q4 2005 | 9,924 | 1,482 | 2,423 | 93 | 923 | 3,192 | 136 | 429 | 1,512 | 20,114 | | | |
| % Change | -14.5 | -27.7 | -31.9 | -22.6 | -22.3 | -24.8 | -48.5 | -4.4 | 43.5 | -15.0 | | | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 33,980 | 4,443 | 7,494 | 206 | 3,479 | 15,399 | 423 | 2,513 | 6,461 | 74,481 | | | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 38,734 | 4,650 | 8,063 | 284 | 3,237 | 13,923 | 496 | 3,052 | 4,490 | 76,929 | | | |
| % Change | -12.3 | -4.5 | -7.1 | -27.5 | 7.5 | 10.6 | -14.7 | -17.7 | 43.9 | -3.2 | | | |
| COMPLETED & NOT ABSO | RBED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 1,332 | 166 | 453 | 18 | 241 | 876 | 47 | 727 | n/a | 3,860 | | | |
| Q4 2005 | 1,269 | 221 | 445 | 17 | 234 | 676 | 54 | 1,135 | n/a | 4,051 | | | |
| % Change | 5.0 | -24.9 | 1.8 | 5.9 | 3.0 | 29.6 | -13.0 | -35.9 | n/a | -4.7 | | | |
| ABSORBED | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 7,355 | 1,008 | 1,626 | 67 | 639 | 2,313 | 70 | 304 | n/a | 13,382 | | | |
| Q4 2005 | 9,151 | 1,454 | 2,337 | 87 | 858 | 3,268 | 109 | 677 | n/a | 17,941 | | | |
| % Change | -19.6 | -30.7 | -30.4 | -23.0 | -25.5 | -29.2 | -35.8 | -55.1 | n/a | -25.4 | | | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 30,671 | 4,377 | 7,217 | 200 | 3,307 | 14,995 | 245 | 1,997 | n/a | 63,009 | | | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 35,811 | 4,535 | 7,970 | 270 | 3,135 | 13,945 | 438 | 2,337 | n/a | 68,441 | | | |
| % Change | -14.4 | -3.5 | -9.4 | -25.9 | 5.5 | 7.5 | -44.1 | -14.5 | n/a | -7.9 | | | |

Source: CM HC (Starts and Completions Survey, Market Absorption Survey)

| Table 1.2: History of Housing Starts of Ontario Region 1997 - 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|----------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| | | | | Urban (| Centres | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Owne | rship | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Freehold | | C | ondominiu | n | Ren | ntal | Rural | Total* | | | |
| | Single | Semi | Row, Apt. & Other | Single | Row and Semi | Apt. & Other | Single, Semi, and Row | Apt. & Other | Centres | | | | |
| 2006 | 33,132 | 4,034 | 7,650 | 185 | 3,123 | 15,514 | 238 | 3,895 | 5,636 | 73,417 | | | |
| % Change | -9.2 | -10.8 | -9.0 | -20.6 | -8.7 | -4.1 | -62.8 | 21.6 | 0.3 | -6.8 | | | |
| 2005 | 36,475 | 4,520 | 8,405 | 233 | 3,420 | 16,183 | 640 | 3,203 | 5,618 | 78,795 | | | |
| % Change | -16.8 | -9.2 | -4.3 | 14.8 | -0.1 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 7.6 | -7.4 | | | |
| 2004 | 43,845 | 4,976 | 8,786 | 203 | 3,424 | 15,031 | 601 | 3,023 | 5,220 | 85,114 | | | |
| % Change | 0.9 | -20.5 | -4.8 | 25.3 | 45.0 | 5.0 | 10.5 | -28.5 | 22.9 | -0.1 | | | |
| 2003 | 43,449 | 6,262 | 9,227 | 162 | 2,361 | 14,314 | 544 | 4,226 | 4,247 | 85,180 | | | |
| % Change | -7.6 | -7.8 | 8.9 | -6.9 | -14.5 | 38.9 | -9.3 | 28.6 | 6.7 | 1.9 | | | |
| 2002 | 47,034 | 6,795 | 8,476 | 174 | 2,762 | 10,308 | 600 | 3,286 | 3,982 | 83,597 | | | |
| % Change | 28.6 | -2.0 | 21.5 | 7.4 | -3.0 | -25.3 | 38.2 | 43.9 | 31.9 | 14.1 | | | |
| 2001 | 36,568 | 6,931 | 6,975 | 162 | 2,846 | 13,807 | 434 | 2,283 | 3,020 | 73,282 | | | |
| % Change | -0.9 | -2.3 | -12.4 | 22.7 | 7.2 | 31.2 | 73.6 | 27.2 | -26.3 | 2.5 | | | |
| 2000 | 36,911 | 7,095 | 7,960 | 132 | 2,656 | 10,520 | 250 | 1,795 | 4,098 | 71,521 | | | |
| % Change | 5.2 | 12.9 | 15.6 | 0.0 | -22.5 | 7.8 | -3.5 | 68.7 | -4.9 | 6.4 | | | |
| 1999 | 35,077 | 6,282 | 6,887 | 132 | 3,429 | 9,755 | 259 | 1,064 | 4,310 | 67,235 | | | |
| % Change | 21.3 | 43.2 | 8.4 | -25.8 | -10.1 | 85.2 | 79.9 | 2.6 | 15.2 | 24.9 | | | |
| 1998 | 28,909 | 4,387 | 6,353 | 178 | 3,814 | 5,266 | 144 | 1,037 | 3,742 | 53,830 | | | |
| % Change | -8.0 | 6.0 | 18.3 | 53.4 | -14.5 | 43.3 | 9.9 | 57.4 | -8.7 | -0.4 | | | |
| 1997 | 31,415 | 4,138 | 5,372 | 116 | 4,462 | 3,676 | 131 | 659 | 4,100 | 54,072 | | | |

Source: CM HC (Starts and Completions Survey)

| Table 2: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Ontario Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fourth Quarter 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sin | ıgle | Se | mi | Ro | ow | Apt. & | Other | | Total | | | | |
| Submarket | Q4 2006 | Q4 2005 | % Change | | | |
| Centres 100,000+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greater Sudbury | 115 | 102 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 106 | 14.2 | | | |
| Hamilton | 595 | 342 | 2 | 18 | 291 | 333 | 0 | 60 | 888 | 753 | 17.9 | | | |
| Kingston | 91 | 161 | 2 | 6 | 35 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 140 | 195 | | | | |
| Kitchener | 235 | 429 | 34 | 40 | 68 | 131 | 53 | 201 | 390 | 801 | -51.3 | | | |
| London | 453 | 512 | 4 | 20 | 105 | 47 | 155 | 361 | 717 | 940 | -23.7 | | | |
| Oshawa | 488 | 531 | 2 | 4 | 92 | 17 | 72 | 210 | 654 | 762 | -14.2 | | | |
| Ottawa | 746 | 589 | 111 | 132 | 438 | 426 | 281 | 183 | 1,576 | 1,330 | 18.5 | | | |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 185 | 270 | 26 | 12 | 35 | 89 | 16 | 2 | 262 | 373 | -29.8 | | | |
| Thunder Bay | 45 | 50 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 52 | -9.6 | | | |
| Toronto | 3,714 | 3,872 | 798 | 649 | 1,335 | 1,558 | 3,731 | 3,775 | 9,578 | 9,854 | -2.8 | | | |
| Windsor | 91 | 245 | 12 | 14 | - 11 | 43 | 0 | 12 | 114 | 314 | -63.7 | | | |
| Centres 50,000 - 99,999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barrie | 252 | 298 | 4 | 10 | 24 | | | 0 | 280 | 368 | -23.9 | | | |
| Belleville | 59 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 59 | 32.2 | | | |
| Brantford | 67 | 72 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 44 | 0 | 53 | 87 | 171 | -49.1 | | | |
| Chatham-Kent | 27 | 34 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 44 | 41 | 7.3 | | | |
| Cornwall | 32 | 21 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 21 | 81.0 | | | |
| Guelph | 103 | 149 | 10 | 14 | 27 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 177 | -20.9 | | | |
| Kawartha Lakes | 77 | 70 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 75 | 21.3 | | | |
| Norfolk | 75 | 64 | 2 | 8 | 36 | 17 | 0 | 4 | 113 | 93 | 21.5 | | | |
| North Bay | 42 | 44 | 0 | 4 | 0 | _ | _ | 45 | 42 | 93 | -54.8 | | | |
| Peterborough | 56 | 149 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 217 | -64.1 | | | |
| Sarnia | 33 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 51 | -35.3 | | | |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 26 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 22 | 18.2 | | | |

| Table 2: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type Ontario Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Fourth Quarter 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sin | | | mi | Ro | | Apt. & | Other | | Total | | | | | |
| Submarket | Q4 2006 | Q4 2005 | Q4 2006 | Q4 2005 | Q4 2006 | Q4 2005 | Q4 2006 | Q4 2005 | Q4 2006 | Q4 2005 | % Change | | | | |
| Centres 10,000 - 49,999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bracebridge | 16 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 20 | -20.0 | | | | |
| Brant | 20 | 42 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 61 | -67.2 | | | | |
| Brockville | 23 | 43 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 43 | -32.6 | | | | |
| Cobourg | 32 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 32 | 40 | 69 | 30 | 133 | 87 | 52.9 | | | | |
| Collingwood | 22 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 33 | -33.3 | | | | |
| Elliot Lake | - 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 1 | 2 | -50.0 | | | | |
| Erin | 2 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 19 | -89.5 | | | | |
| Georgian Highlands | - 1 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 1 | 16 | -93.8 | | | | |
| Gravenhurst | 8 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 12 | -33.3 | | | | |
| Greater Napanee | 17 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 24 | -29.2 | | | | |
| Haldimand | 46 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 59 | 24 | 145.8 | | | | |
| Hunstville | 23 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 35 | -34.3 | | | | |
| Ingersoll | 8 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 15 | -46.7 | | | | |
| Kenora | 7 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 7 | 47 | -85.1 | | | | |
| Lambton Shores | 16 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 29 | -44.8 | | | | |
| Leamington | 22 | 40 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 46 | 0 | 4 | 32 | 96 | -66.7 | | | | |
| Midland | 24 | 80 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 84 | -71.4 | | | | |
| Mississippi Mills | 23 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 24 | -4.2 | | | | |
| North Perth | 10 | - 11 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 23 | - 11 | 109.1 | | | | |
| Orillia | 34 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 26 | 61.5 | | | | |
| Owen Sound | 19 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 15 | 66.7 | | | | |
| Petawawa | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | n/a | | | | |
| Port Hope | 14 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 27 | -37.0 | | | | |
| Prince Edward County | 26 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 24 | 8.3 | | | | |
| Saugeen Shores | 17 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 21 | -4.8 | | | | |
| South Huron | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 9 | 100.0 | | | | |
| Stratford | 5 | 15 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 60 | 22 | 85 | -74.1 | | | | |
| Temiskaming Shores | 12 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 33.3 | | | | |
| Tillsonburg | 10 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 6 | 100.0 | | | | |
| Timmins | 20 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | | | 185.7 | | | | |
| Trent Hills | 16 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 8 | 100.0 | | | | |
| Wasaga Beach | 53 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 53 | | -36.9 | | | | |
| West Nipissing | 18 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 18 | | -30.8 | | | | |
| Woodstock | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Ontario (10,000+) | 8,216 | | | | 2,652 | 2,987 | 4,412 | 5,062 | 16,348 | | -9.0 | | | | |

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

| Table 2.1: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|
| Ontario Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January - December 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 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 | | | |
| Centres 100,000+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greater Sudbury | 448 | 384 | 18 | 12 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 477 | 400 | 19.3 | | | |
| Hamilton | 1,741 | 1,502 | 138 | 204 | 948 | 1,002 | 216 | 437 | 3,043 | 3,145 | -3.2 | | | |
| Kingston | 481 | 598 | 28 | 34 | 88 | 31 | 371 | 20 | 968 | 683 | 41.7 | | | |
| Kitchener | 1,542 | 2,082 | 210 | 116 | 545 | 918 | 302 | 647 | 2,599 | 3,763 | -30.9 | | | |
| London | 2,090 | 2,063 | 42 | 44 | 414 | 310 | 1,128 | 650 | 3,674 | 3,067 | 19.8 | | | |
| Oshawa | 2,109 | 2,301 | 18 | 10 | 382 | 305 | 486 | 318 | 2,995 | 2,934 | 2.1 | | | |
| Ottawa | 2,480 | 2,350 | 383 | 300 | 1,793 | 1,578 | 1,219 | 754 | 5,875 | 4,982 | 17.9 | | | |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 873 | 1,043 | 102 | 76 | 184 | 288 | 135 | 5 | 1,294 | 1,412 | -8.4 | | | |
| Thunder Bay | 157 | 179 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 165 | 227 | -27.3 | | | |
| Toronto | 14,120 | 15,797 | 2,892 | 3,375 | 5,177 | 6,516 | 14,891 | 15,908 | 37,080 | 41,596 | -10.9 | | | |
| Windsor | 692 | 1,110 | 50 | 96 | 90 | 182 | 213 | 108 | 1,045 | 1,496 | -30.1 | | | |
| Centres 50,000 - 99,999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barrie | 972 | 1,219 | 26 | 48 | 109 | 217 | 62 | 0 | 1,169 | 1,484 | -21.2 | | | |
| Belleville | 277 | 331 | 2 | 4 | 34 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 313 | 367 | -14.7 | | | |
| Brantford | 357 | 331 | 2 | 4 | 47 | 139 | 3 | 60 | 409 | 534 | -23.4 | | | |
| Chatham-Kent | 141 | 147 | 28 | 12 | 46 | 38 | 2 | 0 | 217 | 197 | 10.2 | | | |
| Cornwall | 98 | 104 | 28 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 31 | 132 | 159 | -17.0 | | | |
| Guelph | 485 | 566 | 80 | 70 | 205 | 282 | 94 | 33 | 864 | 951 | -9.1 | | | |
| Kawartha Lakes | 305 | 289 | 10 | 12 | 19 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 334 | 322 | 3.7 | | | |
| Norfolk | 301 | 369 | 12 | 24 | 44 | 33 | 0 | 4 | 357 | 430 | -17.0 | | | |
| North Bay | 142 | 163 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 51 | 185 | 226 | -18.1 | | | |
| Peterborough | 283 | 449 | 4 | 8 | 89 | 157 | 61 | 5 | 437 | 619 | -29.4 | | | |
| Sarnia | 177 | 177 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 64 | 191 | 243 | -21.4 | | | |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 98 | 101 | 4 | 24 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 105 | 128 | -18.0 | | | |

| Table 2.1.1: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| | | | Onta | rio Re | gion | | | | | | | | |
| | | Jar | nuary - | Decem | ber 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 | | |
| Centres 10,000 - 49,999 | | | , | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bracebridge | 62 | 76 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 62 | 92 | -32.6 | | |
| Brant | 141 | 229 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 141 | 260 | -45.8 | | |
| Brockville | 85 | 111 | 6 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 109 | 113 | -3.5 | | |
| Cobourg | 78 | 56 | 4 | 4 | 82 | 57 | 86 | 74 | 250 | 191 | 30.9 | | |
| Collingwood | 132 | 155 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 190 | 204 | -6.9 | | |
| Elliot Lake | 10 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 140.0 | | |
| Erin | 31 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 51 | -39.2 | | |
| Georgian Highlands | 19 | 32 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 42 | -7.1 | | |
| Gravenhurst | 50 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 56 | 82 | -31.7 | | |
| Greater Napanee | 42 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 52 | -19.2 | | |
| Haldimand | 202 | 116 | 14 | 2 | 44 | 0 | 44 | 3 | 304 | 121 | 151.2 | | |
| Hunstville | 93 | 119 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 36 | 6 | 132 | 127 | 3.9 | | |
| Ingersoll | 49 | 59 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 68 | -25.0 | | |
| Kenora | 17 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 17 | 56 | -69.6 | | |
| Lambton Shores | 40 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 68 | -41.2 | | |
| Leamington | 100 | 111 | 12 | 12 | 50 | 78 | 0 | 4 | 162 | 205 | -21.0 | | |
| Midland | 181 | 204 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 26 | 2 | 0 | 196 | 236 | -16.9 | | |
| Mississippi Mills | 67 | 71 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 79 | -5.1 | | |
| North Perth | 38 | 37 | 8 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 85 | 37 | 129.7 | | |
| Orillia | 128 | 231 | 2 | 0 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 184 | 284 | -35.2 | | |
| Owen Sound | 69 | 44 | 2 | 9 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 93 | 93 | 0.0 | | |
| Petawawa | 88 | 43 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 47 | 91.5 | | |
| Port Hope | 42 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 85 | 74 | 14.9 | | |
| Prince Edward County | 118 | 82 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 122 | 96 | 27.1 | | |
| Saugeen Shores | 103 | 83 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 83 | 27.7 | | |
| South Huron | 27 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 29 | 100.0 | | |
| Stratford | 24 | 63 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 22 | 9 | 60 | 43 | 149 | -71.1 | | |
| Temiskaming Shores | 25 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 29 | -13.8 | | |
| Tillsonburg | 65 | 47 | 2 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 47 | 127.7 | | |
| Timmins | 57 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 34 | 67.6 | | |
| Trent Hills | 69 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 45 | 53.3 | | |
| Wasaga Beach | 446 | 362 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 470 | 381 | 23.4 | | |
| West Nipissing | 66 | 56 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 68 | 60 | | | |
| Woodstock | 81 | 158 | 6 | 14 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 172 | -12.8 | | |
| Total Ontario (10,000+) | 33,331 | 36,708 | 4,178 | 4,598 | 10,826 | 12,387 | 19,446 | 19,484 | 67,781 | 73,177 | | | |

Source: CM HC (Starts and Completions Survey)

| Table 3.1: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|
| Ontario Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January - December 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 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 | | | |
| Centres 100,000+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greater Sudbury | 426 | 378 | 12 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 449 | 388 | 15.7 | | | |
| Hamilton | 1,535 | 1,644 | 260 | 90 | 956 | 756 | 596 | 352 | 3,347 | 2,842 | 17.8 | | | |
| Kingston | 528 | 620 | 30 | 42 | 53 | 39 | 20 | 385 | 631 | 1,086 | -41.9 | | | |
| Kitchener | 1,777 | 2,191 | 222 | 115 | 732 | 786 | 445 | 577 | 3,176 | 3,669 | -13.4 | | | |
| London 2,128 2,111 64 32 239 356 356 562 2,787 3,061 -9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oshawa | 2,050 | 2,174 | 20 | 46 | 269 | 238 | 244 | 165 | 2,583 | 2,623 | -1.5 | | | |
| Ottawa | 2,325 2,642 | | 384 | 280 | 1,728 | 1,970 | 864 | 1,154 | 5,301 | 6,046 | -12.3 | | | |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 955 | 1,129 | 64 | 90 | 242 | 288 | 2 | 114 | 1,263 | 1,621 | -22.1 | | | |
| Thunder Bay | 165 | 211 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 32 | 181 | 249 | -27.3 | | | |
| Toronto | 14,779 | 16,917 | 3,135 | 3,614 | 5,725 | 5,742 | 14,482 | 13,023 | 38,121 | 39,296 | -3.0 | | | |
| Windsor | 801 | 1,180 | 36 | 138 | 98 | 280 | 16 | 281 | 951 | 1,879 | -49.4 | | | |
| Centres 50,000 - 99,999 | | | | | , | | | | | | | | | |
| Barrie | 915 | 1,383 | 20 | 112 | 172 | 350 | 131 | 0 | 1,238 | 1,845 | -32.9 | | | |
| Belleville | 290 | 411 | 2 | 8 | 32 | 29 | 28 | 0 | 352 | 448 | -21.4 | | | |
| Brantford | 323 | 410 | 4 | 4 | 106 | 54 | 53 | 7 | 486 | 475 | 2.3 | | | |
| Chatham-Kent | 118 | 131 | 22 | 10 | 39 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 181 | 163 | 11.0 | | | |
| Cornwall | 93 | 123 | 20 | 28 | 6 | 0 | 27 | 10 | 146 | 161 | -9.3 | | | |
| Guelph | 539 | 589 | 84 | 82 | 168 | 313 | 125 | 100 | 916 | 1,084 | -15.5 | | | |
| Kawartha Lakes | 274 | 326 | 4 | 6 | 22 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 348 | -13.8 | | | |
| Norfolk | 331 | 521 | 20 | 22 | 31 | 27 | 4 | 0 | 386 | 570 | -32.3 | | | |
| North Bay | 150 | 148 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 162 | 157 | 3.2 | | | |
| Peterborough | 398 | 359 | 0 | 12 | 143 | 24 | 5 | 18 | 546 | 413 | 32.2 | | | |
| Sarnia | 157 | 184 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 169 | 186 | -9.1 | | | |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 86 | 98 | 12 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 104 | 118 | -11.9 | | | |

| Table 3.1: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| | | | Ont | tario R | egion | | | | | | | | |
| | | Ja | anuary | - Dece | mber 2 | 006 | | | | | | | |
| | 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 | | |
| Centres 10,000 - 49,999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bracebridge | 57 | 81 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 63 | 91 | -30.8 | | |
| Brant | 170 | 248 | 12 | 24 | 7 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 191 | 293 | -34.8 | | |
| Brockville | 100 | 109 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 107 | 121 | -11.6 | | |
| Cobourg | 60 | 63 | 4 | 6 | 59 | 12 | 36 | 87 | 159 | 168 | -5.4 | | |
| Collingwood | 153 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 238 | 257 | -7.4 | | |
| Elliot Lake | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 60.0 | | |
| Erin | 41 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 48 | -14.6 | | |
| Georgian Highlands | 32 | 25 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 31 | 48.4 | | |
| Gravenhurst | 57 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 43 | 0 | 106 | 37 | 186.5 | | |
| Greater Napanee | 47 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 46 | 2.2 | | |
| Haldimand | 160 | 149 | 14 | 6 | 24 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 201 | 155 | 29.7 | | |
| Hunstville | 105 | 133 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 36 | 6 | 146 | 139 | 5.0 | | |
| Ingersoll | 54 | 63 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 63 | 3.2 | | |
| Kenora | 20 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 53 | 30 | 76.7 | | |
| Lambton Shores | 55 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 76 | -27.6 | | |
| Leamington | 113 | 117 | 16 | 24 | 113 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 248 | 141 | 75.9 | | |
| Midland | 212 | 147 | 8 | 4 | 29 | 5 | 2 | 62 | 251 | 218 | 15.1 | | |
| Mississippi Mills | 69 | 63 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 71 | 8.5 | | |
| North Perth | 40 | 37 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 60 | 39 | 53.8 | | |
| Orillia | 128 | 261 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 53 | 54 | 188 | 317 | -40.7 | | |
| Owen Sound | 64 | 41 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 124 | 48 | 158.3 | | |
| Petawawa | 68 | 51 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 51 | 45.1 | | |
| Port Hope | 48 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 90 | -38.9 | | |
| Prince Edward County | 107 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 106 | 0.9 | | |
| Saugeen Shores | 103 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 76 | 40.8 | | |
| South Huron | 26 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 23 | 69.6 | | |
| Stratford | 37 | 69 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 19 | 60 | 0 | 109 | 92 | 18.5 | | |
| Temiskaming Shores | 26 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 20 | 30.0 | | |
| Tillsonburg | 61 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 60 | 23.3 | | |
| Timmins | 42 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 35 | 20.0 | | |
| Trent Hills | 65 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 50 | 30.0 | | |
| Wasaga Beach | 441 | 348 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 462 | 348 | 32.8 | | |
| West Nipissing | 59 | 52 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 61 | 56 | 8.9 | | |
| Woodstock | 123 | 181 | 10 | 20 | 66 | 0 | 216 | 6 | 415 | 207 | 100.5 | | |
| Total Ontario (10,000+) | 34,201 | 39,035 | 4,535 | 4,882 | 11,295 | 11,492 | 17,989 | 17,030 | 68,020 | 72,439 | -6.1 | | |

| Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range in Ontario Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-------|------------|------------|
| | | | | Fou | ırth Q | uarte | r 200 <i>6</i> | 5 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Price F | langes | | | | | | | |
| Submarket | < \$17 | 5,000 | \$175, \$199 | | \$200, \$299 | | \$300, \$499 | | \$500, | 000 + | Total | Median | Average |
| | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | | Price (\$) | Price (\$) |
| Barrie | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 4 | 1.8 | - 11 | 5.0 | 126 | 57.5 | 53 | 24.2 | 25 | 11.4 | 219 | 287,900 | 324,975 |
| Q4 2005 | 14 | 4.4 | 19 | 6.0 | 226 | 70.8 | 49 | 15.4 | 11 | 3.4 | 319 | 248,900 | 269,505 |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 24 | 2.7 | 61 | 6.8 | 538 | 60.0 | 189 | 21.1 | 85 | 9.5 | 897 | 269,990 | 307,948 |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 57 | 3.9 | 155 | 10.7 | 1,049 | 72.4 | 163 | 11.3 | 24 | 1.7 | 1,448 | 235,990 | 252,715 |
| Belleville | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 4 | 4.8 | 15 | 18.1 | 60 | 72.3 | 4 | 4.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 83 | 220,000 | 221,664 |
| Q4 2005 | 27 | 43.5 | 9 | 14.5 | 25 | 40.3 | I | 1.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 62 | 175,000 | 184,166 |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 55 | 18.9 | 54 | 18.6 | 167 | 57.4 | 14 | 4.8 | - 1 | 0.3 | 291 | 205,860 | 212,764 |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 40 | 9.8 | 43 | 10.5 | 214 | 52.5 | 109 | 26.7 | 2 | 0.5 | 408 | 250,000 | 258,586 |
| Brantford | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 36 | 40.4 | 28 | 31.5 | 21 | 23.6 | 4 | 4.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 89 | 178,000 | 184,976 |
| Q4 2005 | 54 | 46.6 | 29 | 25.0 | 31 | 26.7 | 2 | 1.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 116 | 180,000 | 179,230 |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 122 | 40.9 | 71 | 23.8 | 91 | 30.5 | 13 | 4.4 | - 1 | 0.3 | 298 | 182,000 | 190,810 |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 186 | 51.1 | 78 | 21.4 | 96 | 26.4 | 4 | 1.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 364 | 165,000 | 174,035 |
| Chatham-Kent | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 5 | 13.5 | 2 | 5.4 | 19 | 51.4 | 11 | 29.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 37 | 269,000 | 262,022 |
| Q4 2005 | - 11 | 22.4 | 18 | 36.7 | 12 | 24.5 | 7 | 14.3 | 1 | 2.0 | 49 | 180,000 | 214,286 |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 31 | 28.2 | 21 | 19.1 | 40 | 36.4 | 17 | 15.5 | ı | 0.9 | 110 | 207,000 | 227,307 |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 46 | 37. I | 27 | 21.8 | 30 | 24.2 | 20 | 16.1 | I | 0.8 | 124 | 180,000 | 208,774 |
| Cornwall | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 23 | 62.2 | 3 | 8.1 | - 11 | 29.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 37 | 154,500 | 165,072 |
| Q4 2005 | 17 | 39.5 | 12 | 27.9 | 12 | 27.9 | 2 | 4.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 43 | 189,000 | 192,909 |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 51 | 56.0 | 11 | 12.1 | 24 | 26.4 | 5 | 5.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 91 | 160,000 | 181,983 |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 41 | 33.1 | 31 | 25.0 | 41 | 33.1 | 10 | 8.1 | I | 0.8 | 124 | 189,000 | 211,340 |
| Guelph | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | - 1 | 0.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 32 | 27.4 | 77 | 65.8 | 7 | 6.0 | 117 | 338,744 | 368,780 |
| Q4 2005 | 0 | 0.0 | ı | 0.7 | 58 | 40.3 | 81 | 56.3 | 4 | 2.8 | 144 | 312,902 | 328,294 |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 3 | 0.6 | 0 | | 185 | 35.2 | 310 | 59.0 | | 5.1 | 525 | 327,560 | 342,330 |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 3 | 0.5 | 22 | 3.7 | 340 | 57.6 | 207 | 35. I | 18 | 3.1 | 590 | 283,500 | 300,001 |
| Kawartha Lakes | | | | | | 27.12 | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | - 1 | 1.6 | - 1 | 1.6 | 37 | 59.7 | 19 | 30.6 | 4 | 6.5 | 62 | 278,750 | 315,235 |
| Q4 2005 | 7 | 9.5 | 21 | 28.4 | 36 | 48.6 | 9 | 12.2 | Ī | 1.4 | 74 | 229,950 | 243,681 |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 17 | 6.6 | 23 | 8.9 | 155 | 59.8 | 56 | 21.6 | 8 | 3.1 | 259 | 250,000 | 273,480 |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 40 | 12.1 | 64 | | 184 | 55.6 | 39 | 11.8 | 4 | 1.2 | 331 | 229,900 | 240,762 |
| Norfolk | .0 | 12.1 | Ų. | 17.5 | .0. | 33.0 | 37 | 11.0 | · | 1.2 | 331 | 227,700 | 210,702 |
| Q4 2006 | 10 | 14.5 | 9 | 13.0 | 36 | 52.2 | 13 | 18.8 | I | 1.4 | 69 | 218,000 | 239,261 |
| Q4 2005 | 15 | 15.8 | 14 | 14.7 | 52 | 54.7 | 12 | 12.6 | 2 | 2.1 | 95 | 210,000 | 235,095 |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 52 | 16.1 | 56 | 17.3 | 144 | 44.6 | 57 | 17.6 | 14 | 4.3 | 323 | 218,000 | 245,040 |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 176 | 34.3 | 69 | 13.5 | 193 | 37.6 | 70 | 13.6 | 5 | 1.0 | 513 | 200,000 | 217,205 |
| North Bay | .,5 | 3 1.3 | <u> </u> | . 5.5 | 173 | 37.3 | , 5 | .5.5 | | 1.0 | 3.3 | 200,000 | 217,203 |
| Q4 2006 | 3 | 8.3 | 3 | 8.3 | 20 | 55.6 | 10 | 27.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 36 | 259,000 | 269,414 |
| Q4 2005 | 0 | 0.0 | 14 | 28.6 | 30 | 61.2 | 5 | 10.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 49 | 229,000 | 236,651 |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 23 | 14.6 | 19 | 12.1 | 73 | 46.5 | 40 | 25.5 | 2 | 1.3 | 157 | 249,000 | 260,580 |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 6 | 4.6 | 26 | 20.0 | 73 78 | 60.0 | 20 | 15.4 | 0 | 0.0 | | | 245,246 |
| rear-to-date 2005 | 0 | 4.0 | 26 | 20.0 | /6 | 80.0 | 20 | 13.4 | U | 0.0 | 130 | 447,000 | Z73,Z40 |

Source: CM HC (Market Absorption Survey)

| Table 4 | : Abso | rbed | Single | -Deta | ched | Units | by Pri | ce Ra | nge in | Onta | ırio Re | egion | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|-----------|---------|---|---|--|
| | Fourth Quarter 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Price F | | | | | | | | | |
| Submarket | < \$17 | 5,000 | \$175, \$199 | | \$200, \$299 | ,000 - | \$300, \$499 | | \$500, | 000 + | Total | Median | Average | |
| | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | | Price (\$) | Price (\$) | |
| Peterborough | | (70) | | (70) | | (70) | | (70) | | (70) | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 1 | 1.2 | 5 | 6.1 | 50 | 61.0 | 20 | 24.4 | 6 | 7.3 | 82 | 271,495 | 313,505 | |
| Q4 2005 | 20 | 14.3 | 9 | 6.4 | 93 | 66.4 | 18 | 12.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 140 | 244,995 | 245,700 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 10 | 2.6 | 29 | 7.5 | 216 | 56.1 | 112 | 29.1 | 18 | 4.7 | 385 | 265,990 | 298,272 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 60 | 16.2 | 39 | 10.5 | 222 | 59.8 | 48 | 12.9 | 2 | 0.5 | 371 | 240,900 | 246,892 | |
| Sarnia | | | | | | 3113 | | 1 = 11 | _ | | | | , | |
| Q4 2006 | 9 | 14.3 | 11 | 17.5 | 30 | 47.6 | 12 | 19.0 | 1 | 1.6 | 63 | 249,900 | 253,382 | |
| Q4 2005 | 4 | 10.5 | 2 | 5.3 | 23 | 60.5 | 7 | 18.4 | 2 | 5.3 | 38 | 259,450 | 275,922 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 16 | 9.2 | 19 | 10.9 | 104 | 59.8 | 31 | 17.8 | 4 | 2.3 | 174 | 259,900 | 269,489 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 43 | 26.7 | 20 | 12.4 | 73 | 45.3 | 22 | 13.7 | 3 | 1.9 | 161 | 218,000 | 234,373 | |
| Sault Ste. Marie | | | = - | | | | | | | | | 2,220 | , | |
| Q4 2006 | 4 | 12.9 | - 11 | 35.5 | 16 | 51.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 31 | 200,000 | 206,852 | |
| Q4 2005 | 7 | 24.1 | 9 | 31.0 | 11 | 37.9 | 2 | 6.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 29 | 195,000 | 197,414 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 19 | 20.7 | 35 | 38.0 | 30 | 32.6 | 7 | 7.6 | 1 | 1.1 | 92 | 195,000 | 206,547 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 29 | 27.1 | 29 | 27.1 | 42 | 39.3 | 6 | 5.6 | 1 | 0.9 | 107 | 195,000 | 197,251 | |
| Greater Sudbury CMA | _, | | | | | 31.15 | | | | J. 1 | | .,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | .,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | |
| Q4 2006 | 8 | 4.6 | 31 | 17.7 | 86 | 49.1 | 48 | 27.4 | 2 | 1.1 | 175 | 269,000 | 268,996 | |
| Q4 2005 | 13 | 10.2 | 36 | 28.3 | 59 | 46.5 | 17 | 13.4 | 2 | 1.6 | 127 | 250,000 | 247,366 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 26 | 6.3 | 54 | 13.0 | 227 | 54.7 | 106 | 25.5 | 2 | 0.5 | 415 | 269,000 | 266,695 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 55 | 14.6 | 101 | 26.9 | 177 | 47.1 | 40 | 10.6 | 3 | 0.8 | 376 | 225,000 | 236,530 | |
| Hamilton CMA | | , . | | = | | | | 1 21 2 | | | | , | | |
| Q4 2006 | 1 | 0.3 | 7 | 1.9 | 92 | 25.3 | 224 | 61.5 | 40 | 11.0 | 364 | 339,775 | 384,395 | |
| Q4 2005 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 1.0 | 136 | 33.5 | 195 | 48.0 | 71 | 17.5 | 406 | 333,900 | 376,312 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 10 | 0.7 | 19 | 1.3 | 436 | 29.4 | 826 | 55.6 | 194 | 13.1 | 1,485 | 335,000 | 392,305 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 9 | 0.5 | 22 | 1.3 | 578 | 34.9 | 861 | 51.9 | 188 | 11.3 | 1,658 | 327,495 | 369,808 | |
| Kingston CMA | | | | - 112 | | 2 111 | | | | | ., | , | , | |
| Q4 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 8.3 | 60 | 50.0 | 45 | 37.5 | 5 | 4.2 | 120 | 291,000 | 299,286 | |
| Q4 2005 | 13 | 7.4 | 6 | 3.4 | 127 | 72.2 | 29 | 16.5 | Ī | 0.6 | 176 | 264,000 | 263,403 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 10 | 1.9 | 92 | 17.6 | 276 | 52.7 | 138 | 26.3 | 8 | 1.5 | 524 | 274,000 | 274,964 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 42 | | | 7.6 | 456 | | | 13.2 | | 0.8 | | 256,700 | 258,455 | |
| Kitchener CMA | | | | | | | | 1212 | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 1.2 | 251 | 58.2 | 150 | 34.8 | 25 | 5.8 | 431 | 275,000 | 314,599 | |
| Q4 2005 | 5 | 0.7 | 19 | 2.8 | 441 | 65.0 | 191 | 28.2 | 22 | 3.2 | | 264,900 | 290,582 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 4 | 0.2 | 26 | 1.5 | 1,010 | 57.4 | 624 | 35.5 | 95 | 5.4 | | 279,100 | 313,149 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 25 | 1.1 | 101 | 4.6 | 1,404 | | 578 | 26.3 | | 3.9 | | 259,068 | 287,623 | |
| London CMA | | | | | , | | | | | | | , | | |
| Q4 2006 | 19 | 3.4 | 42 | 7.6 | 341 | 61.3 | 142 | 25.5 | 12 | 2.2 | 556 | 257,000 | 279,129 | |
| Q4 2005 | 29 | 5.4 | 57 | 10.6 | 315 | 58.8 | 114 | 21.3 | 21 | 3.9 | | 250,000 | 273,903 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 82 | 3.9 | 213 | 10.1 | 1,285 | 61.0 | 476 | 22.6 | 51 | 2.4 | | 250,975 | 273,548 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 178 | 8.5 | 233 | 11.1 | 1,159 | | 426 | 20.4 | | | | 240,000 | 270,936 | |
| Oshawa CMA | | 2.3 | | | , . • • | | | 1 | | | ., | | ,,,,,, | |
| Q4 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.4 | 260 | 50.3 | 233 | 45.1 | 22 | 4.3 | 517 | 298,990 | 317,965 | |
| Q4 2005 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.3 | 390 | 57.5 | 274 | 40.4 | 12 | 1.8 | | 287,900 | 302,046 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | I | 0.0 | 8 | 0.4 | 937 | 46.7 | 985 | 49.1 | 75 | 3.7 | | 305,990 | 323,685 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 3 | 0.1 | 110 | 5.1 | 1,225 | | 757 | 35.2 | | 2.7 | | 279,900 | 294,535 | |

Source: CM HC (Market Absorption Survey)

| Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range in Ontario Region Fourth Quarter 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------|--------------|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | | | | Price R | | | | | | | | | |
| Submarket | < \$17 | 5,000 | \$175, \$199 | | \$200, \$299 | 000 - | \$300, \$499 | | \$500,0 | 000 + | Total | Median Price (\$) | Average Price (\$) | |
| | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | | πιου (ψ) | που (ψ) | |
| Ottawa CMA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | - 1 | 0.2 | 1 | 0.2 | 133 | 20.4 | 437 | 67. I | 79 | 12.1 | 651 | 357,900 | 397,853 | |
| Q4 2005 | 5 | 0.6 | 8 | 1.0 | 182 | 23.2 | 518 | 66. I | 71 | 9.1 | 784 | 346,900 | 371,874 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 7 | 0.3 | 7 | 0.3 | 564 | 24.2 | 1,506 | 64.6 | 249 | 10.7 | 2,333 | 351,900 | 385,729 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 12 | 0.5 | 26 | 1.0 | 702 | 26.4 | 1,736 | 65.4 | 180 | 6.8 | 2,656 | 337,900 | 357,549 | |
| St. Catharines-Niagara Cl | MA | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 6 | 2.6 | 13 | 5.7 | 88 | 38.6 | 110 | 48.2 | 11 | 4.8 | 228 | 304,900 | 326,945 | |
| Q4 2005 | 25 | 8.9 | 21 | 7.5 | 119 | 42.5 | 99 | 35.4 | 16 | 5.7 | 280 | 274,900 | 294,140 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 36 | 3.9 | 45 | 4.8 | 389 | 41.6 | 410 | 43.9 | 55 | 5.9 | 935 | 299,900 | 323,359 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 97 | 8.9 | 82 | 7.5 | 519 | 47.7 | 348 | 32.0 | 41 | 3.8 | 1,087 | 265,500 | 287,068 | |
| Thunder Bay CMA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 6 | 10.9 | 15 | 27.3 | 27 | 49.1 | 7 | 12.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 55 | 210,000 | 225,960 | |
| Q4 2005 | 9 | 12.2 | 17 | 23.0 | 40 | 54.1 | 8 | 10.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 74 | 220,000 | 226,311 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 25 | 15.7 | 33 | 20.8 | 81 | 50.9 | 20 | 12.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 159 | 215,000 | 226,633 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 30 | 14.1 | 48 | 22.5 | 117 | 54.9 | 18 | 8.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 213 | 215,000 | 222,587 | |
| Toronto CMA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 2 | 0.1 | 5 | 0.2 | 170 | 5.2 | 2,131 | 65.2 | 960 | 29.4 | 3,268 | 429,995 | 501,961 | |
| Q4 2005 | 4 | 0.1 | 10 | 0.2 | 478 | 11.9 | 3,085 | 76.5 | 456 | 11.3 | 4,033 | 371,990 | 412,727 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 10 | 0.1 | 44 | 0.3 | 1,163 | 7.9 | 10,421 | 70.5 | 3,145 | 21.3 | 14,783 | 403,990 | 466,230 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 13 | 0.1 | 81 | 0.5 | 2,381 | 13.9 | 12,407 | 72.2 | 2,303 | 13.4 | 17,185 | 375,000 | 418,938 | |
| Windsor CMA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 13 | 9.2 | 26 | 18.3 | 68 | 47.9 | 30 | 21.1 | 5 | 3.5 | 142 | 230,000 | 256,624 | |
| Q4 2005 | 75 | 24.3 | 81 | 26.2 | 92 | 29.8 | 54 | 17.5 | 7 | 2.3 | 309 | 198,900 | 242,721 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 56 | 7.2 | 229 | 29.4 | 339 | 43.6 | 133 | 17.1 | 21 | 2.7 | 778 | 210,470 | 252,302 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 343 | 29.2 | 300 | 25.5 | 306 | 26.0 | 198 | 16.9 | 28 | 2.4 | 1,175 | 189,900 | 234,959 | |
| Total Urban Centres in C | ntario (| (50,000 | +) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q4 2006 | 157 | 2.1 | 256 | 3.4 | 2,034 | 27.4 | 3,780 | 50.9 | 1,205 | 16.2 | 7,432 | 354,900 | 398,398 | |
| Q4 2005 | 354 | 3.8 | 418 | 4.5 | 2,988 | 32.3 | 4,779 | 51.7 | 700 | 7.6 | 9,239 | 324,000 | 345,941 | |
| Year-to-date 2006 | 690 | 2.2 | 1,169 | 3.8 | 8,474 | 27.4 | 16,496 | 53.4 | 4,057 | 13.1 | 30,886 | 348,000 | 386,261 | |
| Year-to-date 2005 | 1,534 | 4.2 | 1,755 | 4.9 | 11,586 | 32.1 | 18,171 | 50.3 | 3,050 | 8.4 | 36,096 | 323,990 | 349,663 | |

Source: CM HC (Market Absorption Survey)

| | Table 5: MLS [®] Residential Activity for Ontario Region | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|---|--------------------|---------|----------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Fourth | Quarter | 2006 | | | | | | | | |
| | | Number of Sales | Yr/Yr % | Sales SA | Number of New Listings | New Listings SA | Sales-to- New Listings SA | Average Price (\$) | Yr/Yr % | Average Price (\$) SA | | | | |
| 2005 | January | 9,668 | -1.8 | 15,734 | 23,427 | 26,598 | 59.2 | 249,500 | 7.8 | 255,808 | | | | |
| | February | 13,869 | 1.3 | 15,773 | 25,342 | 26,738 | 59.0 | 259,588 | 7.6 | 256,544 | | | | |
| | March | 17,598 | -14.3 | 15,651 | 31,317 | 26,210 | 59.7 | 260,810 | 8.2 | 254,307 | | | | |
| | April | 20,283 | -5.0 | 16,298 | 35,612 | 28,190 | 57.8 | 264,770 | 6.7 | 258,040 | | | | |
| | May | 21,435 | 0.3 | 16,553 | 36,277 | 27,859 | 59.4 | 268,480 | 7.0 | 263,638 | | | | |
| | June | 21,233 | -0.9 | 16,844 | 32,889 | 27,993 | 60.2 | 268,074 | 8.2 | 264,562 | | | | |
| | July | 17,750 | -0.8 | 16,559 | 27,381 | 27,410 | 60.4 | 258,004 | 6.8 | 262,659 | | | | |
| | August | 18,639 | 10.8 | 17,359 | 29,050 | 28,600 | 60.7 | 253,131 | 6.9 | 263,516 | | | | |
| | September | 16,980 | 7.2 | 17,053 | 31,171 | 28,594 | 59.6 | 264,707 | 7.3 | 267,615 | | | | |
| | October | 15,724 | 4.0 | 16,854 | 26,354 | 28,503 | 59.1 | 269,166 | 6.9 | 266,971 | | | | |
| | November | 14,653 | 3.4 | 16,666 | 21,625 | 28,223 | 59.1 | 270,044 | 7.8 | 270,302 | | | | |
| | December | 9,175 | -1.2 | 15,663 | 11,021 | 26,548 | 59.0 | 263,768 | 5.4 | 271, 4 72 | | | | |
| 2006 | January | 10,525 | 8.9 | 16,580 | 26,762 | 29,438 | 56.3 | 265,364 | 6.4 | 274,394 | | | | |
| | February | 14,843 | 7.0 | 16,806 | 27,224 | 28,747 | 58.5 | 277,927 | 7.1 | 274,594 | | | | |
| | March | 19,039 | 8.2 | 16,500 | 35,514 | 28,935 | 57.0 | 281,194 | 7.8 | 275,654 | | | | |
| | April | 18,949 | -6.6 | 16,023 | 33,881 | 28,707 | 55.8 | 286,538 | 8.2 | 278,913 | | | | |
| | May | 21,899 | 2.2 | 16,092 | 39,429 | 29,035 | 55.4 | 287,097 | 6.9 | 280,174 | | | | |
| | June | 20,424 | -3.8 | 15,816 | 33,733 | 28,543 | 55.4 | 280,263 | 4.5 | 277,820 | | | | |
| | July | 17,007 | -4.2 | 16,053 | 28,906 | 28,992 | 55.4 | 272,419 | 5.6 | 278,996 | | | | |
| | August | 17,284 | -7.3 | 15,840 | 29,189 | 28,783 | 55.0 | 268,367 | 6.0 | 278,921 | | | | |
| | September | 15,633 | -7.9 | 15,751 | 31,886 | 29,577 | 53.3 | 275,267 | 4.0 | 277,178 | | | | |
| | October | 15,515 | -1.3 | 16,128 | 27,608 | 28,950 | 55.7 | 282,261 | 4.9 | 282,661 | | | | |
| | November | 13,915 | -5.0 | 16,100 | 21,736 | 28,813 | 55.9 | 281,448 | 4.2 | 282,059 | | | | |
| | December | 9,760 | 6.4 | 17,104 | 11,521 | 28,869 | 59.2 | 272,333 | 3.2 | 280,304 | | | | |
| | Q4 2005 | 39,552 | 2.5 | | 59,000 | | | 268,239 | 6.9 | | | | | |
| | Q4 2006 | 39,190 | -0.9 | | 60,865 | | | 279,500 | 4.2 | | | | | |
| | YTD 2005 | 197,007 | -0.2 | | 331,466 | | | 262,504 | 7.2 | | | | | |
| | YTD 2006 | 194,793 | -1.1 | | 347,389 | | | 277,540 | 5.7 | | | | | |

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Source: CREA (MLS®)

| Table 6: Level of Economic Indicators for Ontario Region Fourth Quarter 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Interest Rates | | | | | Migration | Consumer | Average | | |
| | | P & I Mortage Rates (%) | | s (%) | Employment SA (,000) | Unemployment Rate (%) SA | Total Net | Confidence Index | Weekly Wages | Manufacturing Shipments | Exchange Rate (%) |
| | | \$100,000 | I Yr. Term | 5 Yr. Term | | | | (1997=100) | (\$) | | |
| | January - March | 655 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 2,113.1 | 6.8 | 24,269 | 123.3 | 243 | 24,596,500 | 1.228 |
| | April - June | 622 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 2,132.3 | 6.8 | 37,794 | 122.2 | 246 | 26,233,575 | 1.246 |
| | July - September | 628 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 2,136.7 | 6.5 | 34,081 | 99.3 | 249 | 24,476,528 | 1.191 |
| | October - December | 658 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 2,147.8 | 6.2 | -772 | 108.9 | 251 | 24,720,452 | 1.170 |
| | January - March | 667 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 2,149.3 | 6.3 | 21,441 | 115.9 | 252 | 24,060,701 | 1.148 |
| | April - June | 697 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 2,170.0 | 6.0 | 31,308 | 120.7 | 255 | 25,252,098 | 1.112 |
| | July - September | 682 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 2,167.2 | 6.5 | 21,838 | 118.9 | 257 | 23,183,827 | 1.118 |
| | October - December | 667 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 2,170.7 | 6.3 | | 116.3 | 258 | 24,446,606 | 1.144 |

 $Source: CM\,HC, adapted from \,\,Statistics \,\,Canada \,(CANSIM), CREA \,\,(M\,LS^{@}), \,Statistics \,\,Canada \,\,(CANSIM)$

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

[&]quot;NHPI" means New Housing Price Index

[&]quot;CPI" means Consumer Price Index

[&]quot;SA" means Seasonally Adjusted

⁽¹⁾ Growth year over year expressed in percentage

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 200 I 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 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.

A "Rural" area, for the purposes of this publication, is a centre with a population less than 10,000.

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