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NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION DIPS IN APRIL

The seasonally-adjusted annual rate of total housing starts in the Toronto Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) dipped to 34,900 in April from 40,500 in March. Single-detached starts, which declined by over 20 per cent compared to March, were the major factor contributing to this decline.

Year-to-date results through April were mixed. In the home ownership category, single and semi-detached starts declined by approximately 16 and 15 per cent respectively compared to the first four months of 2005. New construction of town homes and condominium apartments increased

by six and 15 per cent respectively over the same period.

High home prices have prompted many buyers to shift their attention away from single and semi-detached houses toward less-expensive town homes and condominium apartment home types.

Condominium apartment starts remain the big story in 2006, with year-to-date results pointing to another record year for the construction of this housing type.

Residential construction activity has been volatile this year, due in large part to the increased

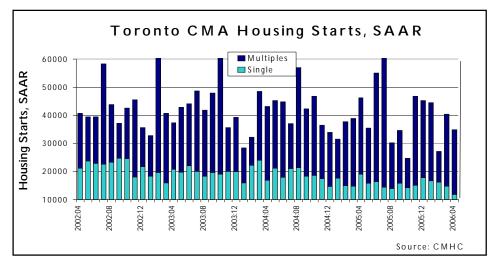




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multiple-family share of development. Despite this volatility, total starts on a seasonally-adjusted annualized basis are trending well above the tenyear average of approximately 36,000.

Steady growth in jobs and real wages coupled with very low borrowing costs experienced over the paste two years kept consumers confident in their ability to purchase a home. Preconstruction home sales were very strong in 2004 and 2005. These sales are translating into robust housing starts this year.



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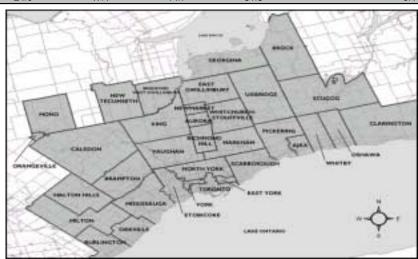




Table 1: Housing Activity Summary for Toronto CMA

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		FREEHOLD		CONDOMINI	IUM			GRAND
	*SINGLE	*SEMI	ROW	ROW	APT	ROW	APT	**TOTAL
STARTS			·	•	·	•	·	
April 2006	1,061	314	226	192	1,446	8	0	3,247
April 2005	1,855	470	369	38	1,356	0	360	4,448
% Change	-42.8	-33.2	-38.8	**	6.6	NA	-100.0	-27.0
Year-to-date 2006	3,686	880	1,020	750	3,886	8	307	10,537
Year-to-date 2005	4,408	1,040	1,221	443	3,374	81	799	11,366
% Change	-16.4	-15.4	-16.5	69.3	15.2	-90.1	-61.6	-7.3
Q1 2006	2,625	566	794	558	2,440	0	307	7,290
Q1 2005	2,553	570	852	405	2,018	81	439	6,918
% Change	2.8	-0.7	-6.8	37.8	20.9	-100.0	-30.1	5.4
UNDER CONSTRUCT	TION							
April 2006	8,935	1,905	2,918	1,813	23,869	22	1,638	41,100
April 2005	9,491	1,916	2,773	1,036	22,754	132	1,848	39,950
COMPLETIONS								
April 2006	1,202	174	229	70	1,060	0	0	2,735
April 2005	1,347	304	336	39	0	0	0	2,026
% Change	-10.8	-42.8	-31.8	79.5	NA	NA	NA	35.0
Year-to-date 2006	4,635	860	1,148	452	5,300	24	804	13,223
Year-to-date 2005	5,942	1,120	1,491	238	4,171	6	435	13,403
% Change	-22.0	-23.2	-23.0	89.9	27.1	**	84.8	-1.3
Q1 2006	3,433	686	919	382	4,240	24	804	10,488
Q1 2005	4,595	816	1,155	199	4,171	6	435	11,377
% Change	-25.3	-15.9	-20.4	92.0	1.7	**	84.8	-7.8
COMPLETE & NOT A	ABSORBED							
April 2006	270	92	132	18	543	17	573	1,645
April 2005	532	97	123	34	1,001	6	437	2,230
ABSORPTIONS								
April 2006	1,166	164	236	82	1,042	6	116	2,812
April 2005	1,368	347	330	26	290	0	65	2,426
% Change	-14.8	-52.7	-28.5	**	**	NA	78.5	15.9
Year-to-date 2006	4,735	871	1,165	448	5,282	8	707	13,216
Year-to-date 2005	6,010	1,146	1,552	271	3,985	11	183	13,158
% Change	-21.2	-24.0	-24.9	65.3	32.5	-27.3	**	0.4
Q1 2006	3,569	707	929	366	4,240	2	591	10,404
Q1 2005	4,642	799	1,222	245	3,695	11	118	10,732
% Change	-23.1	-11.5	-24.0	49.4	14.7	-81.8	**	-3.1

^{*}Includes all market types



 $[\]ensuremath{^{**}}$ Year-over-year change greater than 200 per cent.

Table 2A: Starts by Area and by Intended Market - Current Month

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Sub Market		SINGLES			MULTIPLES			TOTAL		
Area	Apr 05	Apr 06	% change	Apr 05	Apr 06	% change	Apr 05	Apr 06	% change	
Greater Toronto Area	2,102	1,205	-42.7	2,655	2,367	-10.8	4,757	3,572	-24.9	
Toronto City	125	128	2.4	1,364	1,263	-7.4	1,489	1,391	-6.6	
Toronto	10	4	-60.0	614	45	-92.7	624	49	-92.1	
East York	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	
Etobicoke	7	15	114.3	485	27	-94.4	492	42	-91.5	
North York	58	77	32.8	22	771	**	80	848	**	
Scarborough	49	32	-34.7	239	267	11.7	288	299	3.8	
York	1	0	-100.0	4	153	**	5	153	**	
York Region	368	379	3.0	356	628	76.4	724	1,007	39.1	
Aurora	6	39	**	0	35	NA	6	74	**	
East Gwillimbury	5	4	-20.0	0	0	NA	5	4	-20.0	
Georgina Township	24	29	20.8	0	0	NA	24	29	20.8	
King Township	0	3	NA	0	0	NA	0	3	NA	
Markham	123	108	-12.2	140	447	**	263	555	111.0	
Newmarket	2	35	**	8	45	**	10	80	**	
Richmond Hill	143	65	-54.5	123	16	-87.0	266	81	-69.5	
Vaughan	60	55	-8.3	85	85	0.0	145	140	-3.4	
Whitchurch-Stouffville	5	41	**	0	0	NA	5	41	**	
Peel Region	499	278	-44.3	556	156	-71.9	1,055	434	-58.9	
Brampton	446	193	-56.7	497	98	-80.3	943	291	-69.1	
Caledon	8	3	-62.5	2	4	100.0	10	7	-30.0	
Mississauga	45	82	82.2	57	54	-5.3	102	136	33.3	
Halton Region	679	117	-82.8	236	157	-33.5	915	274	-70.1	
Burlington	35	21	-40.0	36	68	88.9	71	89	25.4	
Halton Hills	202	5	-97.5	8	0	-100.0	210	5	-97.6	
Milton	323	12	-96.3	163	55	-66.3	486	67	-86.2	
Oakville	119	79	-33.6	29	34	17.2	148	113	-23.6	
Durham Region	431	303	-29.7	143	163	14.0	574	466	-18.8	
Ajax	170	118	-30.6	47	41	-12.8	217	159	-26.7	
Brock	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	
Clarington	72	53	-26.4	7	43	**		96	21.5	
Oshawa	84	64	-23.8	0	36	NA	84	100	19.0	
Pickering	0	14	NA	0	0	NA	0	14	NA	
Scugog	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	
Uxbridge	6	10	66.7	59	0	-100.0	65	10	-84.6	
Whitby	99	44	-55.6	30	43	43.3	129	87	-32.6	
Rest of Toronto CMA	43	38	-11.6	11	9	-18.2	54	47	-13.0	
Bradford West Gwillimbury	19	1	-94.7	0	0	NA	19	1	-94.7	
Town of Mono	5	3	-40.0	0	0	NA NA	5	3	-40.0	
New Tecumseth	12	30	150.0	4	9	125.0	<u></u>	39	143.8	
Orangeville	7	4	-42.9	7	0	-100.0	14	4	-71.4	
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^{**}Change greater than 200 per cent.

Table 2B: Starts by Area and by Intended Market- Year-to-Date

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Sub Market		SINGLES			MULTIPLES			TOTAL	
Area	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	% change	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	% change	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	% change
Greater Toronto Area	4,949	4,312	-12.9	7,139	7,412	3.8	12,088	11,724	-3.0
Toronto City	448	428	-4.5	3,513	2,483	-29.3	3,961	2,911	-26.5
Toronto	22	22	0.0	1,287	560	-56.5	1,309	582	-55.5
East York	3	7	133.3	0	0	NA	3	7	133.3
Etobicoke	12	27	125.0	664	337	-49.2	676	364	-46.2
North York	134	130	-3.0	1,055	1,021	-3.2	1,189	1,151	-3.2
Scarborough	273	239	-12.5	299	412	37.8	572	651	13.8
York	4	3	-25.0	208	153	-26.4	212	156	-26.4
York Region	1,225	1,444	17.9	1,393	2,120	52.2	2,618	3,564	36.1
Aurora	23	43	87.0	0	35	NA	23	78	**
East Gwillimbury	12	4	-66.7	27	0	-100.0	39	4	-89.7
Georgina Township	46	97	110.9	0	4	NA	46	101	119.6
King Township	3	10	**	0	0	NA	3	10	**
Markham	498	565	13.5	483	1,104	128.6	981	1,669	70.1
Newmarket	7	103	**	23	177	**	30	280	**
Richmond Hill	373	195	-47.7	384	487	26.8	757	682	-9.9
Vaughan	220	276	25.5	476	275	-42.2	696	551	-20.8
Whitchurch-Stouffville	43	151	**	0	38	NA	43	189	**
Peel Region	1,250	615	-50.8	1,510	1,560	3.3	2,760	2,175	-21.2
Brampton	1,039	430	-58.6	629	228	-63.8	1,668	658	-60.6
Caledon	33	11	-66.7	25	6	-76.0	58	17	-70.7
Mississauga	178	174	-2.2	856	1,326	54.9	1,034	1,500	45.1
Halton Region	1,134	558	-50.8	474	661	39.5	1,608	1,219	-24.2
Burlington	187	106	-43.3	111	217	95.5	298	323	8.4
Halton Hills	261	38	-85.4	20	58	190.0	281	96	-65.8
Milton	380	87	-77.1	234	113	-51.7	614	200	-67.4
Oakville	306	327	6.9	109	273	150.5	415	600	44.6
Durham Region	892	1,267	42.0	249	588	136.1	1,141	1,855	62.6
Ajax	363	574	58.1	57	222	**	420	796	89.5
Brock	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Clarington	147	139	-5.4	53	49	-7.5	200	188	-6.0
Oshawa	140	246	75.7	0	36	NA	140	282	101.4
Pickering	38	24	-36.8	46	0	-100.0	84	24	-71.4
Scugog	14	0	-100.0	0	0	NA	14	0	-100.0
Uxbridge	30	34	13.3	59	0	-100.0	89	34	-61.8
Whitby	160	250	56.3	34	281	**	194	531	173.7
Rest of Toronto CMA	107	115	7.5	17	22	29.4	124	137	10.5
Bradford West Gwillimbury	40	11	-72.5	4	0	-100.0	44	11	-75.0
Town of Mono	22	9	-59.1	0	0	NA	22	9	-59.1
New Tecumseth	24	84	**	6	22	**	30	106	**
Orangeville	21	11	-47.6	7	0	-100.0	28	11	-60.7
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^{**}Change greater than 200 per cent.

Table 3: Average Price (\$) of Completed and Absorbed Single-Detached Dwellings

Sub Market Area	Apr 05	Apr 06	% change	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	% change
Toronto CMA	439,115	447,615	1.9	415,070	450,384	8.5
Ajax, Pickering, Uxbridge	360,819	369,696	2.5	317,523	336,836	6.1
Brampton, Caledon	366,021	372,105	1.7	368,619	382,227	3.7
Toronto	597,899	953,233	59.4	546,080	917,240	68.0
Mississauga	489,129	453,957	-7.2	471,707	500,909	6.2
Oakville, Milton, Halton Hills	514,100	463,146	-9.9	448,934	481,544	7.3
Richmond Hill	415,470	479,485	15.4	408,762	453,447	10.9
Vaughan	505,574	479,969	-5.1	483,343	513,340	6.2
Markham	367,483	343,029	-6.7	376,588	403,386	7.1

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Note: NA may appear where CMHC data suppression rules apply

Table 4: Completed and Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range

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AREA	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)		Share (%)		Share (%)		Share (%)	TOTAL	
Toronto CMA								, , ,				
April 2006	26	2.2	52	4.5	626	53.7	252	21.6	210	18.0	1,166	
April 2005	48	3.5	146	10.7	689	50.4	307	22.4	178	13.0	1,368	
YTD 2006	182	3.8	318	6.7	2,174	45.9	1,210	25.6	851	18.0	4,735	
YTD 2005	275	4.6	753	12.5	2,812	46.8	1,405	23.4	765	12.7	6,010	
Ajax, Pickering, Uxbrid	dge											
April 2006	5	17.9	2	7.1	12	42.9	6	21.4	3	10.7	28	
April 2005	2	3.0	11	16.4	36	53.7	16	23.9	2	3.0	67	
YTD 2006	66	17.2	88	22.9	165	43.0	53	13.8	12	3.1	384	
YTD 2005	131	26.8	86	17.6	203	41.5	60	12.3	9	1.8	489	
Brampton, Caledon												
April 2006	1	0.3	10	3.3	244	80.3	38	12.5	11	3.6	304	
April 2005	3	0.8	44	11.7	237	63.0	76	20.2	16	4.3	376	
YTD 2006	3	0.2	61	4.8	879	69.5	243	19.2	79	6.2	1,265	
YTD 2005	14	0.9	214	14.4	863	58.1	292	19.7	103	6.9	1,486	
Toronto												
April 2006	0	0.0	4	4.2	9	9.4	4	4.2	79	82.3	96	
April 2005	1	0.5	10	5.4	113	60.8	8	4.3	54	29.0	186	
YTD 2006	1	0.3	8	2.5	56	17.6	13	4.1	240	75.5	318	
YTD 2005	11	1.4	103	13.4	329	43.0	101	13.2	222	29.0	766	
Mississauga												
April 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	35.5	31	50.0	9	14.5	62	
April 2005	0	0.0	1	1.2	26	30.6	38	44.7	20	23.5	85	
YTD 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	39	22.5	98	56.6	36	20.8	173	
YTD 2005	0	0.0	2	0.5	106	27.4	191	49.4	88	22.7	387	
Oakville, Milton, Halto	n Hills											
April 2006	0	0.0	13	9.0	68	46.9	24	40	40	27.6	145	
April 2005	12	5.2	53	23.1	80	34.9	47	20.5	37	16.2	229	
YTD 2006	3	0.4	60	8.4	356	49.8	146	20.4	150	21.0	715	
YTD 2005	35	4.5	172	22.0	290	37.1	197	25.2	87	11.1	781	
Richmond Hill												
April 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	9.9	78	59.5	40	30.5	131	
April 2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	55	49.1	50	44.6	7	6.3	112	
YTD 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	126	22.5	326	58.2	108	19.3	560	
YTD 2005	0	0.0	3	0.5	334	60.0	167	30.0	53	9.5	557	
Vaughan												
April 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	20.0	24	43.6	20	36.4	55	
April 2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	7.8	35	54.7	24	37.5	64	
YTD 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	9.2	111	46.3	107	44.6	240	
YTD 2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	60	16.4	194	53.0	112	30.6	366	
Markham												
April 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	197	97.0	6	3.0	0	0.0	203	
April 2005	1	0.9	0	0.0	88	75.2	27	23.1	1	0.9	117	
YTD 2006	1	0.2	3	0.6	363	67.2	101	18.7	72	13.3	540	
YTD 2005	3	0.5	27	4.4	418	68.6	145	23.8	16	2.6	609	

Table 5A: Resale Housing Activity for Toronto Real Estate Board

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		Number of Sales	Yr/Yr %	Sales SAAR	Number of New Listings	New Listings SAAR	Sales-to-New Listings SA	Average Price (\$)	Yr/Yr %	Average Price (\$) SA
2005	January	4,154	-2.4	80,000	10,856	149,600	53.5	323,220	9.2	345,863
	February	6,172	1.8	81,100	11,679	145,200	55.9	334,254	7.8	333,625
	March	7,904	-12.9	82,900	14,583	140,500	59.0	330,545	7.6	312,758
	April	8,834	-3.6	85,500	16,161	155,700	54.9	342,032	6.5	324,389
	May	9,209	0.2	86,300	16,443	155,800	55.4	346,474	6.4	343,625
	June	9,153	-1.2	87,500	14,576	151,400	57.8	345,065	9.0	334,506
	July	7,373	0.8	85,800	11,954	153,600	55.9	325,985	4.3	334,119
	August	7,473	10.8	90,800	12,681	157,000	57.8	323,354	6.3	333,884
	September	7,326	11.2	89,300	14,798	155,800	57.3	338,267	5.4	337,513
	October	7,174	7.8	85,700	12,516	156,700	54.7	342,450	5.6	358,456
	November	6,646	5.5	88,400	10,172	154,900	57.1	341,177	7.0	336,470
	December	4,254	0.5	84,700	4,933	140,000	60.5	326,689	3.5	338,713
2006	January	4,586	10.4	89,100	12,092	161,700	55.1	332,670	2.9	348,371
	February	6,756	9.5	89,800	12,869	161,100	55.8	353,928	5.9	349,262
	March	8,707	10.2	88,500	16,457	158,500	55.9	353,134	6.8	347,888
	April	8,361	-5.4	81,600	15,419	158,900	51.4	366,683	7.2	366,563
	May									
	June									
	July									
	August									
	September									
	October									
	November									
	December									
	Q1 2005	18,230	-6.0	81,332	37,118	145,088	56.1	330,132	8.0	330,546
	Q1 2006	20,049	10.0	89,908	41,418	160,824	55.9	348,720	5.6	346,473
	YTD 2005	27,064	-5.2		53,279			334,016	7.5	
	YTD 2006	28,410	5.0		56,837			354,007	6.0	

	Annual		Annual		Annual		
	Sales	Yr/Yr %	New Listings	Yr/Yr %	Average Price (\$)	Yr/Yr %	
1997	58,841	1.0	88,894	-5.6	210,453	7.1	
1998	55,360	-5.9	85,709	-3.6	216,795	3.0	
1999	58,957	6.5	84,285	-1.7	228,372	5.3	
2000	58,349	-1.0	89,463	6.1	243,249	6.5	
2001	67,612	15.9	101,800	13.8	251,508	3.4	
2002	74,759	10.6	109,819	7.9	275,887	9.7	
2003	79,366	6.2	132,819	20.9	293,308	6.3	
2004	84,854	6.9	145,023	9.2	315,266	7.5	
2005	85,672	1.0	151,352	4.4	336,176	6.6	

Source: Canadian Real Estate Association

Table 5B: Average Price (\$) of Resale Single-Detached Dwellings

Area	Apr 05	Apr 06	% Change	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	% Change
Toronto CMA	458,094	490,656	7.1	434,308	460,825	6.1
Ajax, Pickering, Uxbridge	313,748	338,875	8.0	337,766	332,673	-1.5
Brampton, Caledon	334,853	363,438	8.5	328,440	356,233	8.5
Toronto	546,616	585,477	7.1	500,475	529,447	5.8
Mississauga	427,939	479,122	12.0	419,424	454,305	8.3
Oakville, Milton, Halton Hills	417,019	478,093	14.6	425,851	463,563	8.9
Richmond Hill	518,955	531,819	2.5	495,887	512,880	3.4
Vaughan	490,783	499,941	1.9	469,747	482,102	2.6
Markham	477,309	510,136	6.9	441,021	479,653	8.8

^{**} Year-over-year change greater than 200 per cent.

Source: CMHC

Table 6: Economic Indicators

		lı	nterest and E	xchange Rate	S	Inflation Rate (%)	NHPI*** % chg.	Toronto CMA Labour Market			
		P&I*	Mortgag	e Rate (%)	Exch. Rate	Ontario	Toronto CMA	Employment	Employment	Unemployment	
		Per \$100,000	1 Yr. Term	5 Yr. Term	(\$US/\$Cdn)	1996=100	1997=100	SA** (,000)	SA m/m (%)	Rate (%) SA	
2005	January	642.78	4.8	6.1	0.806	1.0	5.2	2706.9	0.0	7.5	
	February	642.78	4.8	6.1	0.811	1.4	4.9	2698.9	-0.3	7.6	
	March	654.74	5.1	6.3	0.827	1.9	5.3	2707.3	0.3	7.5	
	April	642.78	4.9	6.1	0.795	1.9	4.8	2714.2	0.3	7.6	
	May	636.84	4.9	6.0	0.797	1.3	4.0	2739.0	0.9	7.4	
	June	622.08	4.8	5.7	0.816	1.6	4.4	2754.8	0.6	7.3	
	July	627.97	4.9	5.8	0.817	1.7	4.2	2770.9	0.6	7.3	
	August	627.97	5.0	5.8	0.842	2.4	4.0	2777.8	0.2	7.0	
	September	627.97	5.0	5.8	0.860	2.7	4.3	2786.3	0.3	6.8	
	October	639.81	5.3	6.0	0.847	2.3	4.6	2804.9	0.7	6.5	
	November	648.75	5.6	6.2	0.857	1.9	4.3	2809.8	0.2	6.4	
	December	657.75	5.8	6.3	0.860	2.1	4.0	2804.9	-0.2	6.3	
2006	January	657.75	5.8	6.3	0.878	2.8	4.6	2789.3	-0.6	6.5	
	February	666.80	5.9	6.5	0.880	2.0	4.6	2778.5	-0.4	6.7	
	March	666.80	6.1	6.5	0.856	2.0	4.3	2779.7	0.0	6.7	
	April	685.05	6.3	6.8	0.894	2.3		2782.1	0.1	6.6	
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	November										
	December										

 $^{^{\}star}$ Principal and Interest Payment assumes a five year mortgage rate and 25 year amortization period.

Source: CMHC, Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

^{**} Seasonally Adjusted

^{***} New Housing Price Index

Definitions

- 1. Starts: refers to units where construction has advanced to a stage where full (100%) footings are in place. For multiple dwellings (semi-detached, row housing and apartments) the definition of a start applies to the structure or block of row units rather than to the project as a whole.
- 2. Under Construction: those units which have been started but which are not complete.
- 3. Completions Single-detached/semi-detached units: this generally is the stage at which all proposed construction work is complete. A unit may be completed at the 90% stage where the remaining work is largely cosmetic. Row housing/Apartment: completions means that 90% or more of the dwelling units within a block of row units or an apartment structure are completed and ready for occupancy
- 4. Completed and Not Absorbed: all completed units of new construction (excluding model homes not available for sale) which have never been sold or leased.
- 5. Absorptions: the number of completed units (excluding model homes) that have been sold or leased.
- 6. Seasonally Adjusted (SA): Actual monthly (or quarterly) figures adjusted to remove normal seasonal variation.
- 7. Seasonally Adjust Annual Rates (SAAR): Seasonally adjusted monthly figures multiplied by 12 (or guarterly figures multiplied by 4) to reflect annualized levels of activity..
- 8. Definitions for CMA, NHPI, CPI, and Inflation Rate can be found in the Statistics Canada website http://www.statcan.ca

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