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Montréal Metropolitan Area Housing Starts in January 2011

The results of the latest starts survey conducted by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in January 2011 show that 1,179 dwellings were started in the Montréal census metropolitan area (CMA) during this month, compared to 1,786

in January 2010.

The 34-per-cent decrease registered in January was the third consecutive monthly decline in housing starts. The slowdown in residential construction observed over the last few months of 2010 therefore continued at the beginning of 2011. Demand for new homes has been weakening since the fall of 2010, particularly on account of the more balanced conditions on the resale market.

Housing Starts - Montréal CMA January 2,500 2,000 1,500 1,000 500 Freehold Rental Condominium Total Source: CMHC

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In January, all market segments sustained decreases in activity. Rental housing starts recorded the greatest decline (-56 per cent), once again reflecting the low level of activity observed in this segment for the past few quarters. Freehold home building also fell significantly (-50 per cent). In this segment, starts dropped sharply for single-detached houses (-40 per cent), as well as for semi-detached and row homes (-65 per cent). Fewer than 200 single-detached homes were started in January, as this housing type registered a seventh monthly decrease in a row. Condominiums, for their part, experienced a smaller decline (-7 per cent), since activity in this segment was buoyed up by the start of construction on a few major projects. Condominium construction remains very active.

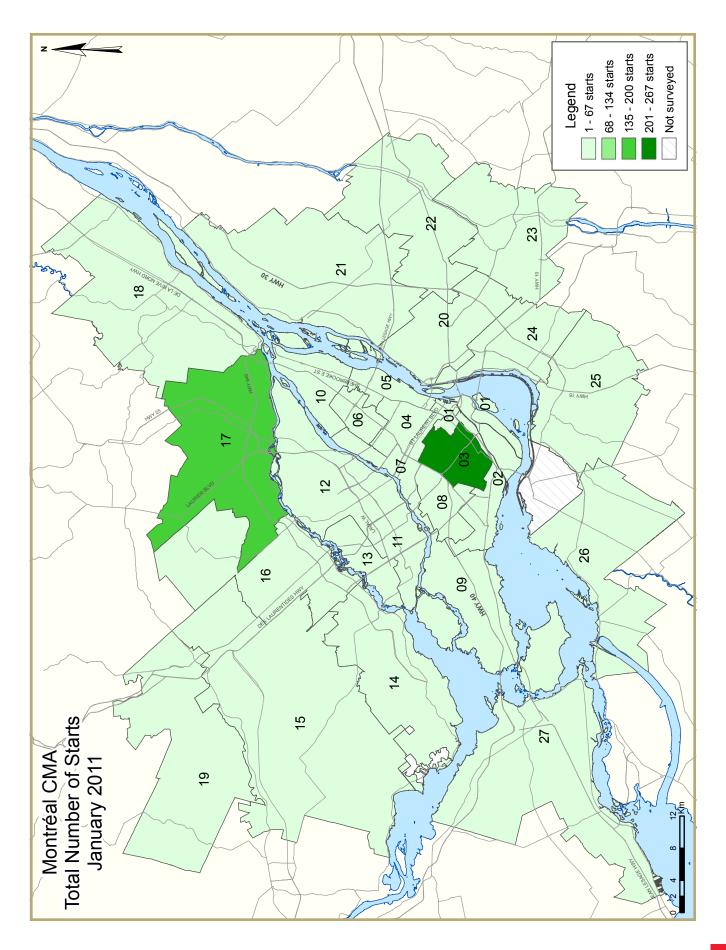
A look at the different geographic sectors reveals that only the Island of Montréal posted an increase in activity (+33 per cent), while all the suburban sectors sustained decreases in starts. In the North Crown, the 6-per-cent drop resulted from a considerable fall in freehold home building (-54 per cent), which was partly offset by gains in rental and condominium housing starts. In the South Crown, the decline was marked (-73 per cent), but it should be recalled that an exceptionally high number of starts, especially in the case of seniors' housing, had been registered in this sector in January 2010. Lastly, activity was also sluggish in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges sector (-73 per cent), where only 24 housing starts were enumerated.

Job market

In January, the labour market remained stable in relation to the previous month in the Montréal CMA. Just like in December, the area had a total of about 1,937,000 jobs². The unemployment rate, for its part, fell for a second straight month, reaching 8.3 per cent. This was the lowest rate recorded in the last two years in the area. Since the job market began recovering in September 2009, the Montréal CMA economy has registered a net gain of some 33,000 jobs.

 $^{^{\}rm I}$ In this report, rental market data exclude co-operative housing starts.

² Seasonally adjusted rate



	ZONE DESCRIPTIONS - MONTRÉAL CMA
Zone I	Downtown Montréal (bordered on the east by Amherst Street, on the west by Guy Street and on the north by Chemin Remembrance and Des Pins Avenue), Île-des-Soeurs.
Zone 2	Dorval, L'Île-Dorval, Montréal (Lachine, LaSalle, Le Sud-Ouest, Verdun).
Zone 3	Côte-Saint-Luc, Hampstead, Montréal (Côte-des-Neiges, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Outremont), Montréal-Ouest, Mont-Royal, Westmount.
Zone 4	Montréal (Parc-Extension, Plateau Mont-Royal, Rosemont (including La Petite-Patrie), Saint-Michel, Villeray).
Zone 5	Montréal (Mercier, Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, Centre-Sud).
Zone 6	Montréal (Anjou, Saint-Léonard).
Zone 7	Montréal (Ahuntsic, Cartierville, Montréal-Nord).
Zone 8	Montréal (Saint-Laurent).
Zone 9	Beaconsfield, Baie-d'Urfé, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Kirkland, Pointe-Claire, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Senneville, Montréal (L'Île-Bizard, Pierrefonds, Roxboro, Sainte-Geneviève).
Zone 10	Montréal-Est, Montréal (Pointe-aux-Trembles, Rivière-des-Prairies).
Zone II	Laval (Chomedey, Sainte-Dorothée, Laval-sur-le-Lac).
Zone 12	Laval (Auteuil, Duvernay, Laval-des-Rapides, Pont-Viau, Saint-François, Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, Vimont).
Zone 13	Laval (Fabreville, Laval-Ouest, Sainte-Rose).
Zone 14	MRC Deux-Montagnes (Deux-Montagnes, Oka, Pointe-Calumet, Saint-Eustache, Saint-Joseph-du-Lac, Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac, Saint-Placide).
Zone 15	Mirabel.
Zone 16	MRC Thérèse-de-Blainville (Blainville, Boisbriand, Bois-des-Filion, Lorraine, Rosemère, Sainte-Anne-des-Plaines, Sainte-Thérèse)
Zone 17	MRC Les Moulins (Terrebonne, Mascouche).
Zone 18	Charlemagne, Lavaltrie, L'Assomption, Repentigny, Saint-Sulpice, L'Épiphanie
Zone 19	Gore, Saint-Colomban, Saint-Jérôme.
Zone 20	Longueuil.
Zone 21	Boucherville, Saint-Amable, Sainte-Julie, Varennes, Verchères
Zone 22	Beloeil, McMasterville, Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Otterburn Park, Saint-Basile-le-Grand, Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Saint-Mathieu-de-Beloeil.
Zone 23	Carignan, Chambly, Richelieu, Saint-Mathias-sur-Richelieu.
Zone 24	Brossard, La Prairie, Saint-Lambert.
Zone 25	Candiac, Delson, Saint-Constant, Saint-Mathieu, Saint-Philippe, Sainte-Catherine.
Zone 26	Beauharnois, Châteauguay, Léry, Mercier, Saint-Isidore.
Zone 27	Hudson, Les Cèdres, L'Île-Cadieux, L'Île-Perrot, Notre-Dame-de-L'Île-Perrot, Pincourt, Pointe-des-Cascades, Saint-Lazare, Terrasse-Vaudreuil, Vaudreuil-Dorion, Vaudreuil-sur-le-Lac, Saint-Zotique, Coteau-du-Lac M, Les Coteaux M

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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%
- Ni
- -- Amount too small to be expressed
- SA Monthly figures are adjusted to remove normal seasonal variation

	able I: Ho	ousing A	ctivity Su	mmary o	of Montré	al CMA			
			January	2011					
			Owne	ership			Ren	4-1	
		Freehold		Condominium			Ken		
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
STARTS									
January 2011	195	40	31	0	3	743	0	167	1,179
January 2010	324	86	119	0	33	767	0	383	1,786
% Change	-39.8	-53.5	-73.9	n/a	-90.9	-3.1	n/a	-56.4	-34.0
Year-to-date 2011	195	40	31	0	3	743	0	167	1,179
Year-to-date 2010	324	86	119	0	33	767	0	383	1,786
% Change	-39.8	-53.5	-73.9	n/a	-90.9	-3.1	n/a	-56.4	-34.0
UNDER CONSTRUCTION									
January 2011	1,873	524	683	0	93	9,271	0	1,834	14,605
January 2010	2,189	444	656	0	216	6,302	0	2,804	13,071
% Change	-14.4	18.0	4.1	n/a	-56.9	47.1	n/a	-34.6	11.7
COMPLETIONS									
January 2011	400	138	77	0	0	323	0	140	1,354
January 2010	456	74	70	0	14	407	0	378	1,409
% Change	-12.3	86.5	10.0	n/a	-100.0	-20.6	n/a	-63.0	-3.9
Year-to-date 2011	400	138	77	0	0	323	0	I 4 0	1,354
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% Change	-12.3	86.5	10.0	n/a	-100.0	-20.6	n/a	-63.0	-3.9
COMPLETED & NOT ABSORE	ED								
January 2011	452	194	185	0	31	1,161	0	1,434	3,457
January 2010	485	171	176	0	35	1,540	4	2,198	4,609
% Change	-6.8	13.5	5.1	n/a	-11.4	-24.6	-100.0	-34.8	-25.0
ABSORBED									
January 2011	398	106	63	0	2	274	0	173	1,016
January 2010	482	71	79	0	17	560	2	324	1,535
% Change	-17.4	49.3	-20.3	n/a	-88.2	-51.1	-100.0	-46.6	-33.8
Year-to-date 2011	398	106	63	0	2	274	0	173	1,016
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			January	2011					
			Owne						
		Freehold			Condominium	1	Ren	tal	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
STARTS									
Île de Montréal									
January 2011	22	20	12	0	0	455	0	4	513
January 2010	17	12	42	0	29	221	0	15	385
Laval									
January 2011	27	4	8	0	0	25	0	3	67
January 2010	34	4		0	0	3	0	3	44
Rive-Nord		•		, and the second					
January 2011	57	6	9	0	0	123	0	142	337
January 2010	121	18	65	0	0	140	0	43	387
Rive-Sud	121	10	U.S.	J		0	J	15	307
January 2011	65	10	2	0	3	140	0	18	238
January 2010	106	44	8	0	4	387	0	308	882
Vaudreuil-Soulanges	100		J	J	,	307	Ū	300	002
January 2011	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
January 2010	46	8	4	0	0	16	0	14	88
Montréal CMA	70	0	7	U	U	10	U	17	00
January 2011	195	40	31	0	3	743	0	167	1,179
	324	86	119	0	33	7 4 3 767	0	383	1,179
January 2010 UNDER CONSTRUCTION	324	00	117	U	33	/6/	U	363	1,700
Île de Montréal	104	110	120	0	0	F 350	0	407	4 5 43
January 2011	194	112	129	0	8	5,358	0	486	6,543
January 2010	191	72	135	0	131	3,069	0	394	4,317
Laval				-1			-		
January 2011	216	46	97	0	0	730	0	424	1,513
January 2010	336	76	71	0	8	765	0	478	1,778
Rive-Nord									
January 2011	721	96	300	0	6	988	0	452	2,563
January 2010	853	82	292	0	8	7 4 0	0	4 52	2,457
Rive-Sud									
January 2011	548	258	128	0	79	1,967	0	463	3,514
January 2010	576	200	118	0	49	1,481	0	1,213	3,698
Vaudreuil-Soulanges									
January 2011	194	12	29	0	0	228	0	9	472
January 2010	233	14	40	0		247	0	267	821
Montréal CMA									
January 2011	1,873	524	683	0	93	9,271	0	1,834	14,605
January 2010	2,189	444		0		6,302		2,804	13,071

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COMPLETIONS									
Île de Montréal									
January 2011	20	16	4	0	0	62	0	16	394
January 2010	32	14	2	0	14	144	0	152	368
Laval									
January 2011	46	8	8	0	0	35	0	19	116
January 2010	65	10	4	0	0	41	0	126	246
Rive-Nord				-	-			. 20	= . •
January 2011	133	8	38	0	0	98	0	52	329
January 2010	164	8	41	0	0	59	0	63	335
Rive-Sud		_		-	-		-		
January 2011	150	102	19	0	0	104	0	53	428
January 2010	168	40	19	0	0	143	0	34	404
Vaudreuil-Soulanges				•			-		
January 2011	51	4	8	0	0	24	0	0	87
January 2010	27	2	4	0	0	20	0	3	56
Montréal CMA	21		'	J	U	20	U	J	30
January 2011	400	138	77	0	0	323	0	140	1,354
January 2010	456	74	70	0	14	407	0	378	1,409
COMPLETED & NOT ABSORE		77	70	U	דו	1 07	U	370	1,707
Île de Montréal)EU								
	32	30	24	0	2	153	0	544	786
January 2011	41		24 45	0	3 20	574	0		
January 2010	41	30	45	U	20	5/ 4	U	728	1, 4 38
Laval	40	,	22	0		212	0	2.47	7.47
January 2011	49	6	32	0	I	312	0	347	747
January 2010	59	15	36	0	0	314	0	685	1,109
Rive-Nord	200		2.1		•	2.40		212	201
January 2011	202	42	84	0	0	340	0	213	881
January 2010	246	32	68	0	2	249	0	4 75	1,072
Rive-Sud							-		
January 2011	124	112	23	0	27	301	0	318	905
January 2010	96	84	22	0	13	373	0	303	891
Vaudreuil-Soulanges									
January 2011	45	4		0	0	55		12	138
January 2010	43	10	5	0	0	30	4	7	99
Montréal CMA									
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ABSORBED									
Île de Montréal									
January 2011	27	8	13	0		78	0	36	164
January 2010	35	12	12	0	17	248	0	76	400
Laval									
January 2011	57	- 11	5	0	0	24	0	30	127
January 2010	74	7	- 1	0	0	79	0	124	285
Rive-Nord									
January 2011	121	6	27	0	0	79	0	53	286
January 2010	165	9	41	0	0	59	0	67	341
Rive-Sud									
January 2011	145	79	17	0	0	88	0	54	383
January 2010	179	42	20	0	0	168	0	54	463
Vaudreuil-Soulanges									
January 2011	48	2	I	0	0	5	0	0	56
January 2010	29	- 1	5	0	0	6	2	3	46
Montréal CMA									
January 2011	398	106	63	0	2	274	0	173	1,016
January 2010	482	71	79	0	17	560	2	324	1,535

	Table 2: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type											
			Jai	nuary 20	H							
	Sir	ngle	Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total			
Submarket	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	% Change	
Zone I	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	55	4	55	-92.7	
Zone 2	5	0	2	0	12	23	45	54	64	77	-16.9	
Zone 3	1	3	0	0	0	0	266	3	267	6	**	
Zone 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	28	44	28	57.1	
Zone 5	0	0	2	0	0	13	19	35	21	48	-56.3	
Zone 6	1	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	I	9	-88.9	
Zone 7	2	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	26	0	n/a	
Zone 8	2	- 1	0	0	0	27	57	90	59	118	-50.0	
Zone 9	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	20	2	24	-91.7	
Zone 10	9	8	16	12	0	0	0	0	25	20	25.0	
Zone II	6	12	2	0	0	0	20	3	28	15	86.7	
Zone 12	9	12	0	0	8	0	0	0	17	12	41.7	
Zone 13	12	10	2	4	0	0	8	3	22	17	29.4	
Zone I4	5	16	2	2	0	0	0	24	7	42	-83.3	
Zone 15	- 1	15	0	0	0	0	24	16	25	31	-19.4	
Zone 16	9	4	0	0	0	0	38	6	47	10	**	
Zone 17	14	35	0	2	0	- 11	138	104	152	152	0.0	
Zone 18	13	29	4	12	3	0	53	26	73	67	9.0	
Zone 19	15	22	0	2	0	0	18	61	33	85	-61.2	
Zone 20	10	19	0	6	0	0	42	19	52	44	18.2	
Zone 21	5	20	0	10	0	0	25	38	30	68	-55.9	
Zone 22	18	22	0	2	3	29	12	38	33	91	-63.7	
Zone 23	17	8	2	6	0	0	9	0	28	14	100.0	
Zone 24	3	9	0	12	0	3	27	498	30	522	-94.3	
Zone 25	3	3	4	2	0	3	29	44	36	52	-30.8	
Zone 26	9	25	4	6	0	0	16	60	29	91	-68.1	
Zone 27	24	46	0	8	0	4	0	30	24	88	-72.7	
Montréal CMA	195	324	40	86	26	121	918	1,255	1,179	1,786	-34.0	

Table 2.1: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type											
			January	- Janua	ry 2011						
	Sin	gle	Semi		Ro	w	Apt. & Other		Total		
Submarket	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	% Change
Zone I	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	55	4	55	-92.7
Zone 2	5	0	2	0	12	23	45	54	64	77	-16.9
Zone 3	I	3	0	0	0	0	266	3	267	6	**
Zone 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	28	44	28	57.1
Zone 5	0	0	2	0	0	13	19	35	21	48	-56.3
Zone 6	1	- 1	0	0	0	8	0	0	I	9	-88.9
Zone 7	2	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	26	0	n/a
Zone 8	2	- 1	0	0	0	27	57	90	59	118	-50.0
Zone 9	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	20	2	24	-91.7
Zone 10	9	8	16	12	0	0	0	0	25	20	25.0
Zone II	6	12	2	0	0	0	20	3	28	15	86.7
Zone I2	9	12	0	0	8	0	0	0	17	12	41.7
Zone 13	12	10	2	4	0	0	8	3	22	17	29. 4
Zone I4	5	16	2	2	0	0	0	24	7	42	-83.3
Zone I5	- 1	15	0	0	0	0	24	16	25	31	-19.4
Zone 16	9	4	0	0	0	0	38	6	4 7	10	**
Zone I7	14	35	0	2	0	11	138	104	152	152	0.0
Zone 18	13	29	4	12	3	0	53	26	73	67	9.0
Zone 19	15	22	0	2	0	0	18	61	33	85	-61.2
Zone 20	10	19	0	6	0	0	42	19	52	44	18.2
Zone 21	5	20	0	10	0	0	25	38	30	68	-55.9
Zone 22	18	22	0	2	3	29	12	38	33	91	-63.7
Zone 23	17	8	2	6	0	0	9	0	28	14	100.0
Zone 24	3	9	0	12	0	3	27	498	30	522	-94.3
Zone 25	3	3	4	2	0	3	29	44	36	52	-30.8
Zone 26	9	25	4	6	0	0	16	60	29	91	-68.1
Zone 27	24	46	0	8	0	4	0	30	24	88	-72.7
Montréal CMA	195	324	40	86	26	121	918	1,255	1,179	1,786	-34.0

Table 2.2:	Table 2.2: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market											
		Ja	anuary 201	I								
		Ro	w		Apt. & Other							
Submarket	Freeho Condor		Ren	ntal	Freeho Condor		Rer	ntal				
	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010				
Zone I	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	6				
Zone 2	12	23	0	0	45	54	0	0				
Zone 3	0	0	0	0	266	3	0	0				
Zone 4	0	0	0	0	40	28	4	0				
Zone 5	0	13	0	0	19	26	0	9				
Zone 6	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Zone 7	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0				
Zone 8	0	27	0	0	57	90	0	0				
Zone 9	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0				
Zone 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Zone II	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	3				
Zone I2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Zone 13	0	0	0	0	5	3	3	0				
Zone I4	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	6				
Zone I5	0	0	0	0	18	16	6	0				
Zone I6	0	0	0	0	14	6	24	0				
Zone I7	0	- 11	0	0	32	96	106	8				
Zone 18	3	0	0	0	53	8	0	18				
Zone 19	0	0	0	0	12	50	6	11				
Zone 20	0	0	0	0	39	19	3	0				
Zone 21	0	0	0	0	25	32	0	6				
Zone 22	3	4	0	0	8	35	4	3				
Zone 23	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	0				
Zone 24	0	3	0	0	19	235	8	263				
Zone 25	0	3	0	0	29	44	0	0				
Zone 26	0	0	0	0	16	24	0	36				
Zone 27	0	4	0	0	0	16	0	14				
Montréal CMA	26	96	0	0	751	823	167	383				

Table 2.3:	Table 2.3: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market January - January 2011											
		Ro		,	Apt. & Other							
Submarket	Freeho Condo		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condo		Rental					
	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010				
Zone I	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	6				
Zone 2	12	23	0	0	45	54	0	0				
Zone 3	0	0	0	0	266	3	0	0				
Zone 4	0	0	0	0	40	28	4	0				
Zone 5	0	13	0	0	19	26	0	9				
Zone 6	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Zone 7	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0				
Zone 8	0	27	0	0	57	90	0	0				
Zone 9	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0				
Zone 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Zone II	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	3				
Zone 12	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Zone 13	0	0	0	0	5	3	3	0				
Zone I4	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	6				
Zone I5	0	0	0	0	18	16	6	0				
Zone 16	0	0	0	0	14	6	24	0				
Zone 17	0	11	0	0	32	96	106	8				
Zone 18	3	0	0	0	53	8	0	18				
Zone 19	0	0	0	0	12	50	6	11				
Zone 20	0	0	0	0	39	19	3	0				
Zone 21	0	0	0	0	25	32	0	6				
Zone 22	3	4	0	0	8	35	4	3				
Zone 23	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	0				
Zone 24	0	3	0	0	19	235	8	263				
Zone 25	0	3	0	0	29	44	0	0				
Zone 26	0	0	0	0	16	24	0	36				
Zone 27	0	4	0	0	0	16	0	14				
Montréal CMA	26	96	0	0	751	823	167	383				

T	Table 2.4: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market											
		Ja	anuary 20 l									
	Freel	hold	Condor	minium	Ren	ntal	Total*					
Submarket	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010				
Zone I	0	0	4	0	0	6	4	55				
Zone 2	19	16	45	61	0	0	64	77				
Zone 3	1	3	266	3	0	0	267	6				
Zone 4	0	0	40	28	4	0	44	28				
Zone 5	2	8	19	31	0	9	21	48				
Zone 6	1	9	0	0	0	0	I	9				
Zone 7	2	0	24	0	0	0	26	0				
Zone 8	2	11	57	107	0	0	59	118				
Zone 9	2	4	0	20	0	0	2	24				
Zone 10	25	20	0	0	0	0	25	20				
Zone II	8	12	20	0	0	3	28	15				
Zone I2	17	12	0	0	0	0	17	12				
Zone 13	14	14	5	3	3	0	22	17				
Zone I4	7	18	0	18	0	6	7	42				
Zone 15	3	31	16	0	6	0	25	31				
Zone 16	9	10	14	0	24	0	47	10				
Zone 17	14	64	32	80	106	8	152	152				
Zone 18	22	43	51	6	0	18	73	67				
Zone 19	17	38	10	36	6	11	33	85				
Zone 20	10	27	39	17	3	0	52	44				
Zone 21	5	30	25	32	0	6	30	68				
Zone 22	20	24	9	39	4	3	33	91				
Zone 23	19	14	6	0	3	0	28	14				
Zone 24	3	24	19	235	8	263	30	522				
Zone 25	7	8	29	44	0	0	36	52				
Zone 26	13	31	16	24	0	36	29	91				
Zone 27	24	58	0	16	0	14	24	88				
Montréal CMA	266	529	746	800	167	383	1,179	1,786				

Table 2.5: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market											
		Januai	ry - Januar	y 2011							
	Free	hold	Condo	minium	Rer	ntal	Total*				
Submarket	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010			
Zone I	0	0	4	0	0	6	4	55			
Zone 2	19	16	45	61	0	0	64	77			
Zone 3	1	3	266	3	0	0	267	6			
Zone 4	0	0	40	28	4	0	44	28			
Zone 5	2	8	19	31	0	9	21	48			
Zone 6	1	9	0	0	0	0	- 1	9			
Zone 7	2	0	24	0	0	0	26	0			
Zone 8	2	11	57	107	0	0	59	118			
Zone 9	2	4	0	20	0	0	2	24			
Zone I0	25	20	0	0	0	0	25	20			
Zone II	8	12	20	0	0	3	28	15			
Zone I2	17	12	0	0	0	0	17	12			
Zone 13	14	14	5	3	3	0	22	17			
Zone I4	7	18	0	18	0	6	7	42			
Zone 15	3	31	16	0	6	0	25	31			
Zone 16	9	10	14	0	24	0	47	10			
Zone 17	14	64	32	80	106	8	152	152			
Zone 18	22	43	51	6	0	18	73	67			
Zone 19	17	38	10	36	6	11	33	85			
Zone 20	10	27	39	17	3	0	52	44			
Zone 21	5	30	25	32	0	6	30	68			
Zone 22	20	24	9	39	4	3	33	91			
Zone 23	19	14	6	0	3	0	28	14			
Zone 24	3	24	19	235	8	263	30	522			
Zone 25	7	8	29	44	0	0	36	52			
Zone 26	13	31	16	24	0	36	29	91			
Zone 27	24	58	0	16	0	14	24	88			
Montréal CMA	266	529	746	800	167	383	1,179	1,786			

Table 3: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type											
			Jaı	nuary 20	110						
	Sir	ngle	Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total		
Submarket	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	% Change
Zone I	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	-100.0
Zone 2	5	0	0	0	0	6	6	30	11	36	-69.4
Zone 3	I	I	0	0	0	0		_	I	1	0.0
Zone 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	139	74	139	-46.8
Zone 5	0	0	4	0	0	0	8	84	12	84	-85.7
Zone 6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	- 1	3	-66.7
Zone 7	0	I	0	0	0	0	223	22	223	23	**
Zone 8	3	4	0	2	0	8	0	8	3	22	-86.4
Zone 9	5	14	0	4	0	0	45	10	50	28	78.6
Zone 10	5	9	12	4	0	0	2	15	19	28	-32.1
Zone II	14	15	2	0	8	4	20	57	44	76	- 4 2.1
Zone 12	9	22	0	8	0	0	16	105	25	135	-81.5
Zone 13	23	28	6	2	0	0	18	5	47	35	34.3
Zone 14	9	23	2	0	0	0	6	0	17	23	-26.1
Zone 15	- 11	15	0	0	0	0	32	20	43	35	22.9
Zone 16	35	15	4	2	6	5	65	79	110	101	8.9
Zone 17	27	45	0	0	0	12	58	12	85	69	23.2
Zone 18	21	34	2	6	0	0	14	9	37	49	-24.5
Zone 19	30	32	0	0	0	0	7	26	37	58	-36.2
Zone 20	31	23	16	2	6	0	53	29	106	54	96.3
Zone 21	18	18	22	6	0	0	30	10	70	34	105.9
Zone 22	30	28	2	6	7	6	6	44	45	84	-46.4
Zone 23	15	31	6	6	0	0	8	21	29	58	-50.0
Zone 24	28	20	42	4	0	0	24	63	94	87	8.0
Zone 25	2	14	12	6	0	9	0	14	14	43	-67.4
Zone 26	26	34	2	10	0	0	42	0	70	44	59.1
Zone 27	51	27	4	2	8	4	24	23	87	56	55.4
Montréal CMA	400	456	138	74	35	54	781	825	1,354	1,409	-3.9

Tab	Table 3.1: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type											
			January	- Janua	ry 2011							
	Sing	gle	Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total			
Submarket	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	%	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	Change	
Zone I	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	-100.0	
Zone 2	5	0	0	0	0	6	6	30	11	36	-69.4	
Zone 3	- 1	- 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	- 1	0.0	
Zone 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	139	74	139	- 4 6.8	
Zone 5	0	0	4	0	0	0	8	84	12	84	-85.7	
Zone 6	- 1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	3	-66.7	
Zone 7	0	- 1	0	0	0	0	223	22	223	23	**	
Zone 8	3	4	0	2	0	8	0	8	3	22	-86.4	
Zone 9	5	14	0	4	0	0	45	10	50	28	78.6	
Zone I0	5	9	12	4	0	0	2	15	19	28	-32.1	
Zone II	14	15	2	0	8	4	20	57	44	76	-42.1	
Zone 12	9	22	0	8	0	0	16	105	25	135	-81.5	
Zone 13	23	28	6	2	0	0	18	5	47	35	34.3	
Zone I4	9	23	2	0	0	0	6	0	17	23	-26.1	
Zone 15	П	15	0	0	0	0	32	20	43	35	22.9	
Zone 16	35	15	4	2	6	5	65	79	110	101	8.9	
Zone I7	27	4 5	0	0	0	12	58	12	85	69	23.2	
Zone 18	21	34	2	6	0	0	14	9	37	49	-2 4 .5	
Zone 19	30	32	0	0	0	0	7	26	37	58	-36.2	
Zone 20	31	23	16	2	6	0	53	29	106	54	96.3	
Zone 21	18	18	22	6	0	0	30	10	70	34	105.9	
Zone 22	30	28	2	6	7	6	6	44	45	84	-46.4	
Zone 23	15	31	6	6	0	0	8	21	29	58	-50.0	
Zone 24	28	20	42	4	0	0	24	63	94	87	8.0	
Zone 25	2	14	12	6	0	9	0	14	14	43	-67.4	
Zone 26	26	34	2	10	0	0	42	0	70	44	59.1	
Zone 27	51	27	4	2	8	4	24	23	87	56	55.4	
Montréal CMA	400	456	138	74	35	54	781	825	1,354	1, 4 09	-3.9	

Table 3.2: Co	mpletions by	y Submark	cet, by Dw	elling Typ	e and by li	ntended M	larket			
		Ja	anuary 201	I						
		Ro	w		Apt. & Other					
Submarket	Freeho Condo		Ren	ntal	Freeho Condor		Rental			
	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010		
Zone I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Zone 2	0	6	0	0	6	30	0	0		
Zone 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Zone 4	0	0	0	0	5	67	16	72		
Zone 5	0	0	0	0	8	14	0	70		
Zone 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Zone 7	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	3		
Zone 8	0	8	0	0	0	8	0	0		
Zone 9	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0		
Zone 10	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	7		
Zone II	8	4	0	0	20	36	0	21		
Zone I2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	105		
Zone 13	0	0	0	0	15	5	3	0		
Zone I4	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0		
Zone 15	0	0	0	0	32	20	0	0		
Zone 16	6	5	0	0	26	52	39	27		
Zone I7	0	12	0	0	58	9	0	3		
Zone 18	0	0	0	0	4	0	10	9		
Zone 19	0	0	0	0	4	2	3	24		
Zone 20	6	0	0	0	36	17	17	12		
Zone 21	0	0	0	0	30	8	0	2		
Zone 22	7	6	0	0	6	41	0	3		
Zone 23	0	0	0	0	2	13	6	8		
Zone 24	0	0	0	0	24	54	0	9		
Zone 25	0	9	0	0	0	14	0	0		
Zone 26	0	0	0	0	12	0	30	0		
Zone 27	8	4	0	0	24	20	0	3		
Montréal CMA	35	54	0	0	365	437	140	378		

Table 3.3: Co	mpletions b				e and by I	ntended M	larket		
			ry - Januar	y 2011		A-+ 0	Other		
	Freeho	Ro old and			Apt. & Other Freehold and				
Submarket	Condo		Rer	ntal	Condo		Rental		
	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	
Zone I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Zone 2	0	6	0	0	6	30	0	0	
Zone 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Zone 4	0	0	0	0	5	67	16	72	
Zone 5	0	0	0	0	8	14	0	70	
Zone 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Zone 7	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	3	
Zone 8	0	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	
Zone 9	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	
Zone I0	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	7	
Zone II	8	4	0	0	20	36	0	21	
Zone I2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	105	
Zone 13	0	0	0	0	15	5	3	0	
Zone I4	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	
Zone 15	0	0	0	0	32	20	0	0	
Zone 16	6	5	0	0	26	52	39	27	
Zone 17	0	12	0	0	58	9	0	3	
Zone 18	0	0	0	0	4	0	10	9	
Zone 19	0	0	0	0	4	2	3	24	
Zone 20	6	0	0	0	36	17	17	12	
Zone 21	0	0	0	0	30	8	0	2	
Zone 22	7	6	0	0	6	41	0	3	
Zone 23	0	0	0	0	2	13	6	8	
Zone 24	0	0	0	0	24	54	0	9	
Zone 25	0	9	0	0	0	14	0	0	
Zone 26	0	0	0	0	12	0	30	0	
Zone 27	8	4	0	0	24	20	0	3	
Montréal CMA	35	54	0	0	365	437	140	378	

Table 3.4: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market										
		Ja	anuary 20 l	I						
	Free	hold	Condor	minium	Ren	ntal	Total*			
Submarket	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010		
Zone I	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4		
Zone 2	5	0	6	36	0	0	11	36		
Zone 3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	I		
Zone 4	2	2	3	65	16	72	74	139		
Zone 5	4	0	8	14	0	70	12	84		
Zone 6	1	3	0	0	0	0	I	3		
Zone 7	0	1	0	19	0	3	223	23		
Zone 8	3	6	0	16	0	0	3	22		
Zone 9	5	18	45	0	0	0	50	28		
Zone 10	19	13	0	8	0	7	19	28		
Zone II	24	19	20	36	0	21	44	76		
Zone I2	9	30	0	0	16	105	25	135		
Zone 13	29	30	15	5	3	0	47	35		
Zone I4	11	23	6	0	0	0	17	23		
Zone 15	27	29	16	6	0	0	43	35		
Zone 16	47	24	24	50	39	27	110	101		
Zone I7	33	63	52	3	0	3	85	69		
Zone 18	27	40	0	0	10	9	37	49		
Zone 19	34	34	0	0	3	24	37	58		
Zone 20	57	25	32	17	17	12	106	54		
Zone 21	40	24	30	8	0	2	70	34		
Zone 22	39	40	6	41	0	3	45	84		
Zone 23	23	41	0	9	6	8	29	58		
Zone 24	70	24	24	54	0	9	94	87		
Zone 25	14	29	0	14	0	0	14	43		
Zone 26	28	44	12	0	30	0	70	44		
Zone 27	63	33	24	20	0	3	87	56		
Montréal CMA	615	600	323	421	140	378	1,354	1,409		

Table 3.5: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market										
		Janua	ry - Januar	y 2011						
	Free	hold	Condo	minium	Rer	ntal	Total*			
Submarket	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2010		
Zone I	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4		
Zone 2	5	0	6	36	0	0	11	36		
Zone 3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Zone 4	2	2	3	65	16	72	74	139		
Zone 5	4	0	8	14	0	70	12	84		
Zone 6	1	3	0	0	0	0	- 1	3		
Zone 7	0	1	0	19	0	3	223	23		
Zone 8	3	6	0	16	0	0	3	22		
Zone 9	5	18	45	0	0	0	50	28		
Zone I0	19	13	0	8	0	7	19	28		
Zone II	24	19	20	36	0	21	44	76		
Zone I2	9	30	0	0	16	105	25	135		
Zone 13	29	30	15	5	3	0	47	35		
Zone I4	- 11	23	6	0	0	0	17	23		
Zone I5	27	29	16	6	0	0	43	35		
Zone 16	47	24	24	50	39	27	110	101		
Zone I7	33	63	52	3	0	3	85	69		
Zone 18	27	40	0	0	10	9	37	49		
Zone 19	34	34	0	0	3	24	37	58		
Zone 20	57	25	32	17	17	12	106	54		
Zone 21	40	24	30	8	0	2	70	34		
Zone 22	39	40	6	41	0	3	45	84		
Zone 23	23	41	0	9	6	8	29	58		
Zone 24	70	24	24	54	0	9	94	87		
Zone 25	14	29	0	14	0	0	14	43		
Zone 26	28	44	12	0	30	0	70	44		
Zone 27	63	33	24	20	0	3	87	56		
Montréal CMA	615	600	323	421	140	378	1,354	1,409		

Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range													
	January 2011												
					Price F	Ranges							
Submarket	< \$20	0,000	\$200,000 - \$299,999		\$300,000 - \$399,999		\$400,000 - \$499,999		\$500,000 +		Total	Median Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)		Price (\$)	11100 (ψ)
Island of Montréal													
January 2011	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	29.4	7	41.2	5	29.4	17	420,000	526,765
January 2010	0	0.0	3	11.1	6	22.2	10	37.0	8	29.6	27	430,000	488,727
Year-to-date 2011	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	29.4	7	41.2	5	29.4	17	420,000	526,765
Year-to-date 2010	0	0.0	3	11.1	6	22.2	10	37.0	8	29.6	27	430,000	488,727
Laval													
January 2011	2	4 .1	8	16.3	17	34.7	7	14.3	15	30.6	49	377,636	419,272
January 2010	0	0.0	4	5.6	23	32.4	18	25.4	26	36.6	71	410,000	452,944
Year-to-date 2011	2	4 .1	8	16.3	17	34.7	7	14.3	15	30.6	49	377,636	419,272
Year-to-date 2010	0	0.0	4	5.6	23	32.4	18	25.4	26	36.6	71	410,000	452,944
North Shore													
January 2011	8	9.1	46	52.3	19	21.6	6	6.8	9	10.2	88	269,255	311,561
January 2010	0	0.0	54	40.6	55	41.4	17	12.8	7	5.3	133	325,000	336,726
Year-to-date 2011	8	9.1	46	52.3	19	21.6	6	6.8	9	10.2	88	269,255	311,561
Year-to-date 2010	0	0.0	54	40.6	55	41.4	17	12.8	7	5.3	133	325,000	336,726
South Shore													
January 2011	- 1	0.9	39	35.5	41	37.3	17	15.5	12	10.9	110	322,500	365,935
January 2010	17	13.6	57	45.6	27	21.6	16	12.8	8	6.4	125	265,000	301,792
Year-to-date 2011	- 1	0.9	39	35.5	41	37.3	17	15.5	12	10.9	110	322,500	365,935
Year-to-date 2010	17	13.6	57	4 5.6	27	21.6	16	12.8	8	6.4	125	265,000	301,792
Vaudreuil-Soulanges													
January 2011	2	5.9	4	11.8	11	32.4	2	5.9	15	44.1	34	397,500	758,091
January 2010	- 1	5.6	4	22.2	5	27.8	5	27.8	3	16.7	18	391,660	385,177
Year-to-date 2011	2	5.9	4	11.8	11	32.4	2	5.9	15	44 .1	34	397,500	758,091
Year-to-date 2010	- 1	5.6	4	22.2	5	27.8	5	27.8	3	16.7	18	391,660	385,177
Montréal CMA													
January 2011	13	4.4	97	32.6	93	31.2	39	13.1	56	18.8	298	330,000	412,566
January 2010	18	4.8	122	32.6	116	31.0	66	17.6	52	13.9	374	349,500	360,418
Year-to-date 2011	13	4.4	97	32.6	93	31.2	39	13.1	56	18.8	298	330,000	412,566
Year-to-date 2010	18	4.8	122	32.6	116	31.0	66	17.6	52	13.9	374	349,500	360,418

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

A methodological change in the collection of selling prices was introduced in July 2009.

Table 4.1: Average Price (\$) of Absorbed Single-detached Units January 2011										
Submarket	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	% Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	% Change				
Zone I			n/a			n/a				
Zone 2			n/a			n/a				
Zone 3			n/a			n/a				
Zone 4			n/a			n/a				
Zone 5			n/a			n/a				
Zone 6			n/a			n/a				
Zone 7			n/a			n/a				
Zone 8			n/a			n/a				
Zone 9		478,271	n/a		478,271	n/a				
Zone 10		361,967	n/a		361,967	n/a				
Zone II	521,966	550,222	-5.1	521,966	550,222	-5.1				
Zone I2		484,381	n/a		484,381	n/a				
Zone 13	328,270	377,594	-13.1	328,270	377,594	-13.1				
Zone I4		325,500	n/a		325,500	n/a				
Zone 15		338,059	n/a		338,059	n/a				
Zone 16	450,500		n/a	450,500		n/a				
Zone 17	305,101	359,111	-15.0	305,101	359,111	-15.0				
Zone 18	258,011	315,357	-18.2	258,011	315,357	-18.2				
Zone 19	233,892	301,504	-22.4	233,892	301,504	-22.4				
Zone 20	349,020	287,500	21.4	349,020	287,500	21.4				
Zone 21		270,647	n/a		270,647	n/a				
Zone 22	365,565	345,296	5.9	365,565	345,296	5.9				
Zone 23	307,917	192,500	60.0	307,917	192,500	60.0				
Zone 24	499,545	465,545	7.3	499,545	465,545	7.3				
Zone 25		320,000	n/a		320,000	n/a				
Zone 26	264,300	264,964	-0.3	264,300	264,964	-0.3				
Zone 27	758,091	385,177	96.8	758,091	385,177	96.8				
Montréal CMA	412,566	360,418	14.5	412,566	360,418	14.5				

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

A methodological change in the collection of selling prices was introduced in July 2009.

			Т	able 6:	Economic	Indicat	tors					
				j	January 20	П						
		Inte	rest Rates		NHPI, Total.	CPI,		Montréal Labour Market				
		P & I Per \$100,000	Mortage I I Yr. Term	Rates (%) 5 Yr. Term	Montréal CMA 2007=100	2002 =100	Employment SA (,000)	Unemployment Rate (%) SA	Participation Rate (%) SA	Average Weekly Earnings (\$)		
2009	January	610	3.60	5.49	108.5	114.0	1,935	9.2	67.4	759		
	February	604	3.60	5.39	108.8	114.2	1,944	9.2	67.7	757		
	March	631	3.60	5.85	109.9	114.5	1,953	9.1	67.8	757		
	April	655	3.80	6.25	109.9	114.8	1,958	9.0	67.9	754		
	May	639	3.70	5.99	110.2	114.9	1,963	8.9	67.9	757		
	June	633	3.60	5.89	110.4	114.8	1,974	8.5	67.9	756		
	July	627	3.50	5.79	110.4	114.5	1,972	8.4	67.7	758		
	August	604	3.30	5.39	110.6	114.5	1,968	8.4	67.5	760		
	September	604	3.30	5.39	112.3	114.8	1,955	8.6	67.1	765		
	October	598	3.20	5.29	112.5	115.3	1,953	8.6	67.0	77 I		
	November	607	3.35	5.44	112.6	115.6	1,939	8.6	66.4	770		
	December	592	3.35	5.19	112.3	115.8	1,936	8.5	66.1	773		
2010	January	592	3.35	5.19		116.3	1,937	8.3	66.0	775		
	February											
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	July											
	August											
	September											
	October											
	November											
	December											

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

Source: CMHC, adapted from Statistics Canada (CANSIM), Statistics Canada (CANSIM)

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

[&]quot;CPI" means Consumer Price Index

[&]quot;SA" means Seasonally Adjusted

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 2006 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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