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## New Home Market

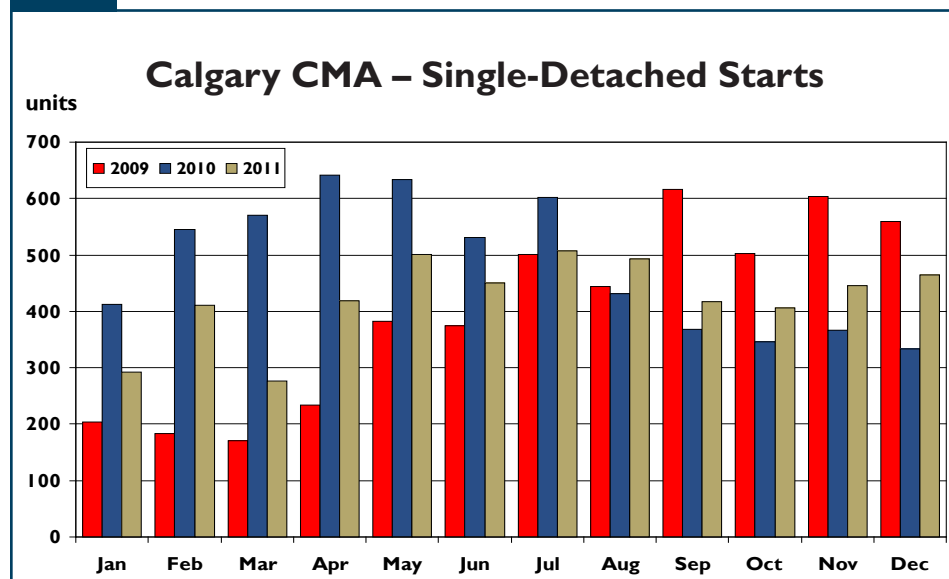
### Calgary housing starts increase in December

Total housing starts in the Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) nearly doubled in December 2011 to 970 units, up from 486 units in the previous year. The increase was experienced among both single-detached and multi-family units. With

December's gain, total housing starts in 2011 reached 9,292 units, up slightly from 9,262 units in 2010.

Single-detached builders started work on 465 units in December, an increase of 40 per cent from the 333 units that broke ground a year earlier. Given the increase in December, single-detached starts ended the year with five consecutive months of year-over-year gains. However, due to reductions

Figure 1



Source: CMHC

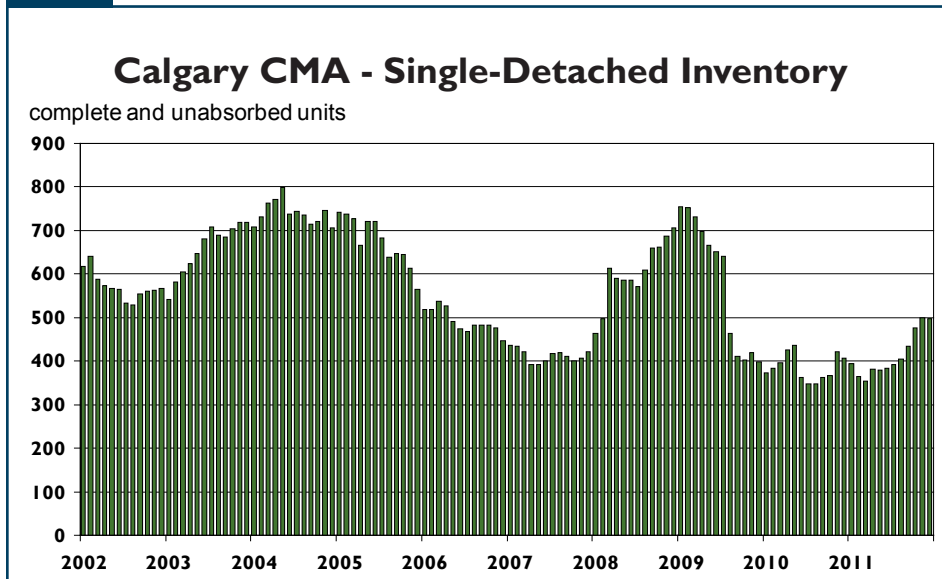
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Figure 2



Source: CMHC

in the first seven months of the year when builders were adjusting to the elevated supply in the resale market, total starts in 2011 declined. Single-detached starts in 2011 amounted to 5,084 units, down 12 per cent from 2010.

The number of complete and unabsorbed single-detached units in December was 498 units, up 22 per cent from the previous year, but down two units from November. This represented the first month-over-month decline since May 2011. Single-detached completions amounted to 449 units in December 2011, declining 17 per cent from 541 units a year earlier. On the other hand, absorptions outpaced completions by two units with 451 units in December, down 19 per cent from the previous year. The number of complete and unabsorbed single-detached units had remained relatively low in the first half of 2011 but gradually rose in the second half of the year.

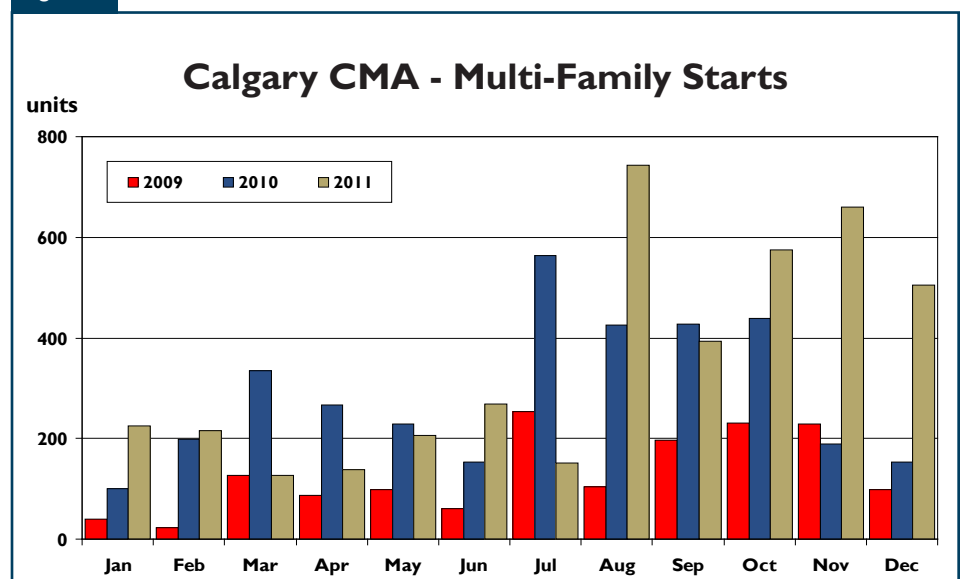
The median absorbed single-detached price, which is less influenced than the average by extreme values, reached \$462,161 in December, up

0.8 per cent from the previous year when it was \$458,500. To the end of December, the median absorbed price increased 5.1 per cent year-over-year to \$457,271. Readers should note that these absorbed prices reflect units absorbed at or after completion in a given month, which is not necessarily the month when the price was negotiated.

Multi-family production, which consists of semi-detached units, rows, and apartments, increased from 153 units in December 2010 to 505 units in December 2011. A majority of December's construction can be attributed to apartment starts. Foundations were poured for 383 apartment units in December, compared to 16 units in the previous year. For all of 2011, multi-family starts increased 21 per cent to 4,208 units from 3,480 in 2010. Apartment starts for the year increased 56 per cent to 2,106 units, while semi-detached and row construction was relatively unchanged.

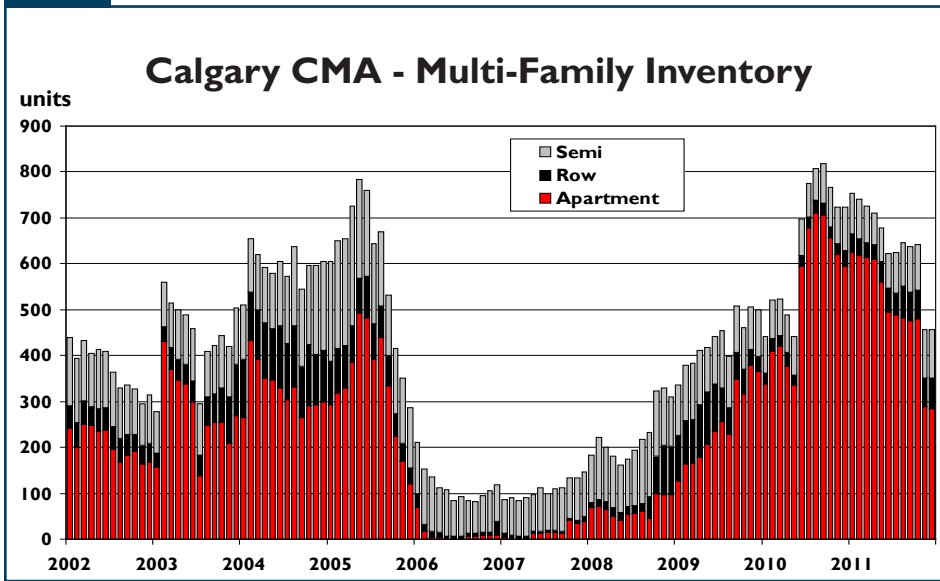
The number of multi-family units under construction increased 26 per cent from 4,758 units in December 2010 to 5,997 in December 2011. The rise can be attributed to all three segments of the multi-family market, with apartments showing the largest gains from the previous year. There were 4,383 apartment units under construction in December 2011, up 33 per cent from a year earlier as a number of new apartment projects started construction in the second

Figure 3



Source: CMHC

Figure 4



Source: CMHC

half of 2011. Semi-detached builders had 630 units under construction in December 2011, up 13 per cent from the previous year while row units increased 10 per cent to 984 units.

Complete and unabsorbed multi-family inventories declined 37 per cent year-over-year to 456 units in December 2011, primarily due to fewer apartment units in inventory. Semi-detached and row inventories increased in December to a combined total of 171 units, up 33 per cent from the end of 2010. Conversely, apartment inventories decreased 52 per cent, from 594 units in December 2010 to 285 units in December 2011.

## Resale Market

### Sales increase in 2011

MLS® residential sales in the fourth quarter increased on a year-over-year basis for the third consecutive quarter reaching 4,570 units, up 11 per cent from the previous year. Full-time job growth, stronger migration, and higher earnings, have contributed to the lift in sales. In addition, low mortgage rates continue to provide opportunities for

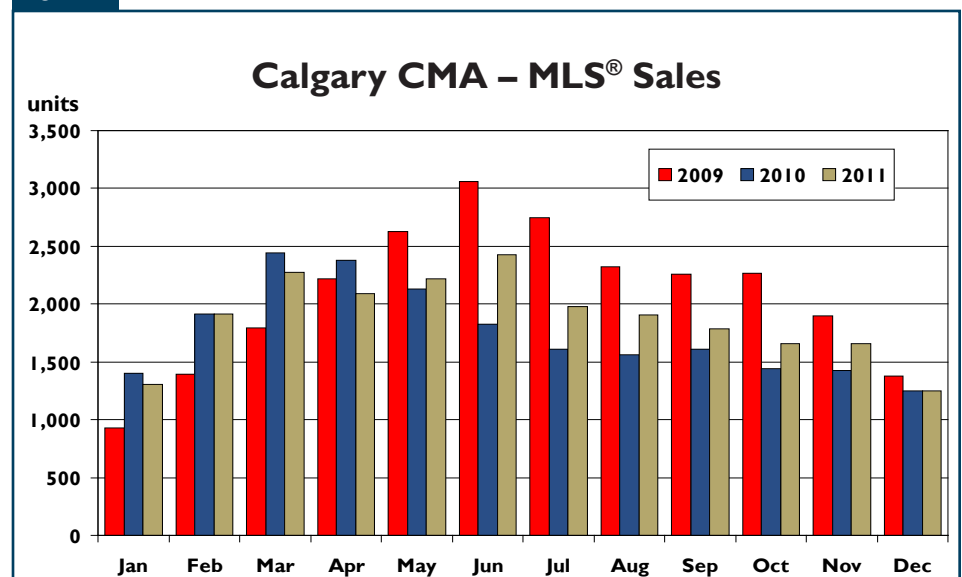
prospective buyers, such as first-time home buyers, to purchase a home. Sales in 2011 totalled 22,466 units, representing an increase of seven per cent from 20,996 units in 2010.

Active listings on a seasonally adjusted basis have been elevated but started to show some signs of moderation in recent months. This is a positive sign for the resale market, as the number of active listings has contributed

to the market favouring the buyer. Despite the recent downward trend, active listings were still elevated at year end and may take a number of months before the market moves to more balanced levels. New listings in the fourth quarter remained relatively unchanged compared to the previous year at 7,085 units. Although new listings in the third and fourth quarter were up from a year earlier, on an annual basis new listings declined five per cent from 46,278 units in 2010 to 43,781 in 2011.

Average price growth has been relatively flat as price pressures have been tempered by a well supplied resale market. The sale-to-active listings ratio averaged 19 per cent in the fourth quarter, slightly up from 18 per cent in the previous year. These conditions more closely reflect buyers' conditions and as such, price growth has been modest. The average resale price in the fourth quarter of 2011 was \$397,133, up 1.4 per cent from 2010. To the end of December, the average price only increased one per cent to \$402,851 from a year earlier.

Figure 5



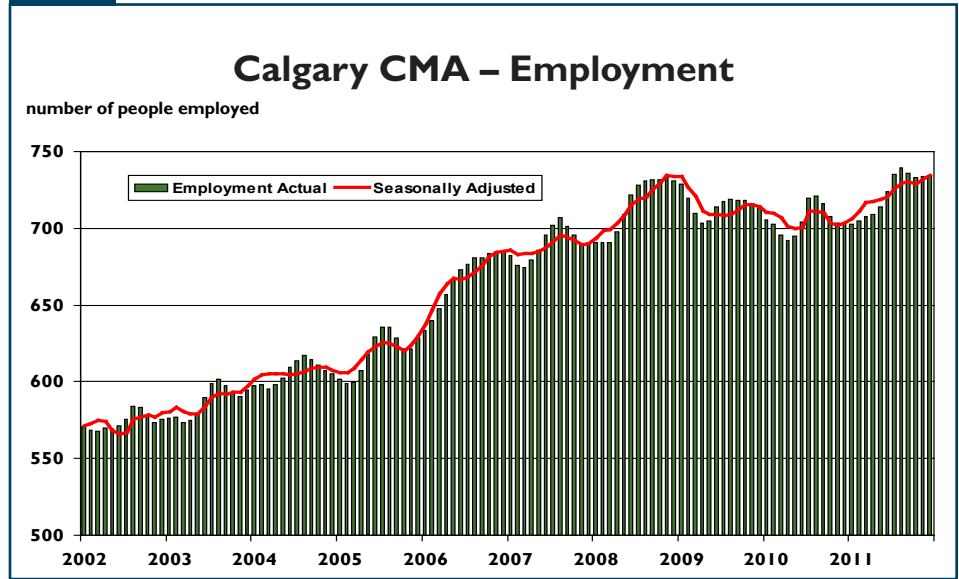
Source: CREA

## Economy

### Calgary posts encouraging employment gains in 2011

Employment in the Calgary CMA averaged approximately 734,600 people in the fourth quarter, up 4.5 per cent from the previous year. The energy sector as well as other segments in the Calgary economy has helped expand the labour market. To the end of December 2011, employment was up 2.9 per cent from 2010. A majority of the jobs that were created were full-time positions, increasing 2.8 per cent and adding over 16,000 jobs. Part-time jobs also rose from the previous year. The unemployment rate had moved lower with more people finding work. However, with employment opportunities also improving, more people have been drawn into the labour force, preventing any large declines in the unemployment rate. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the unemployment rate in the fourth quarter was 5.5 per cent, compared to 5.8 and 5.9 per cent in the second and third quarter, respectively.

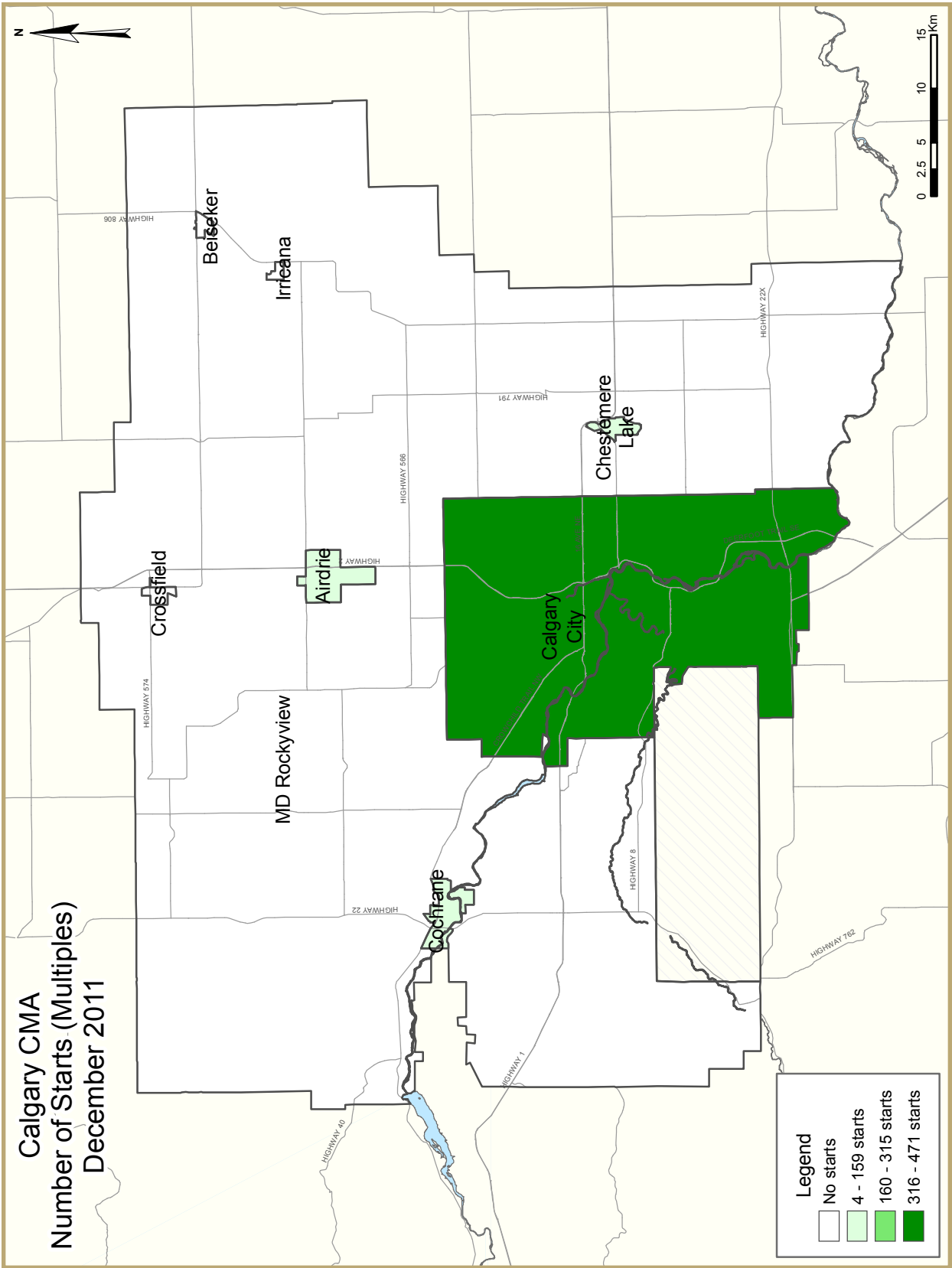
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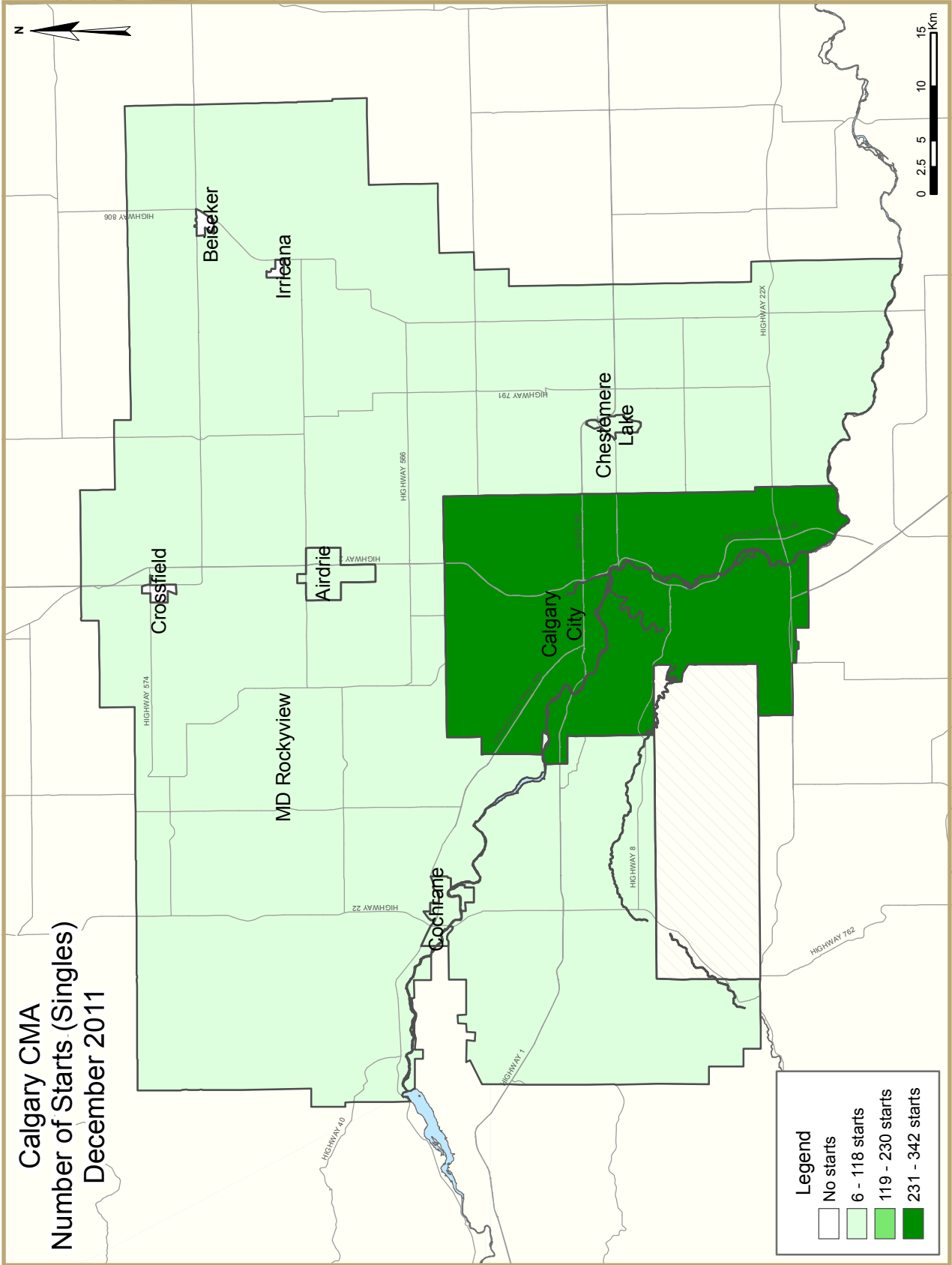


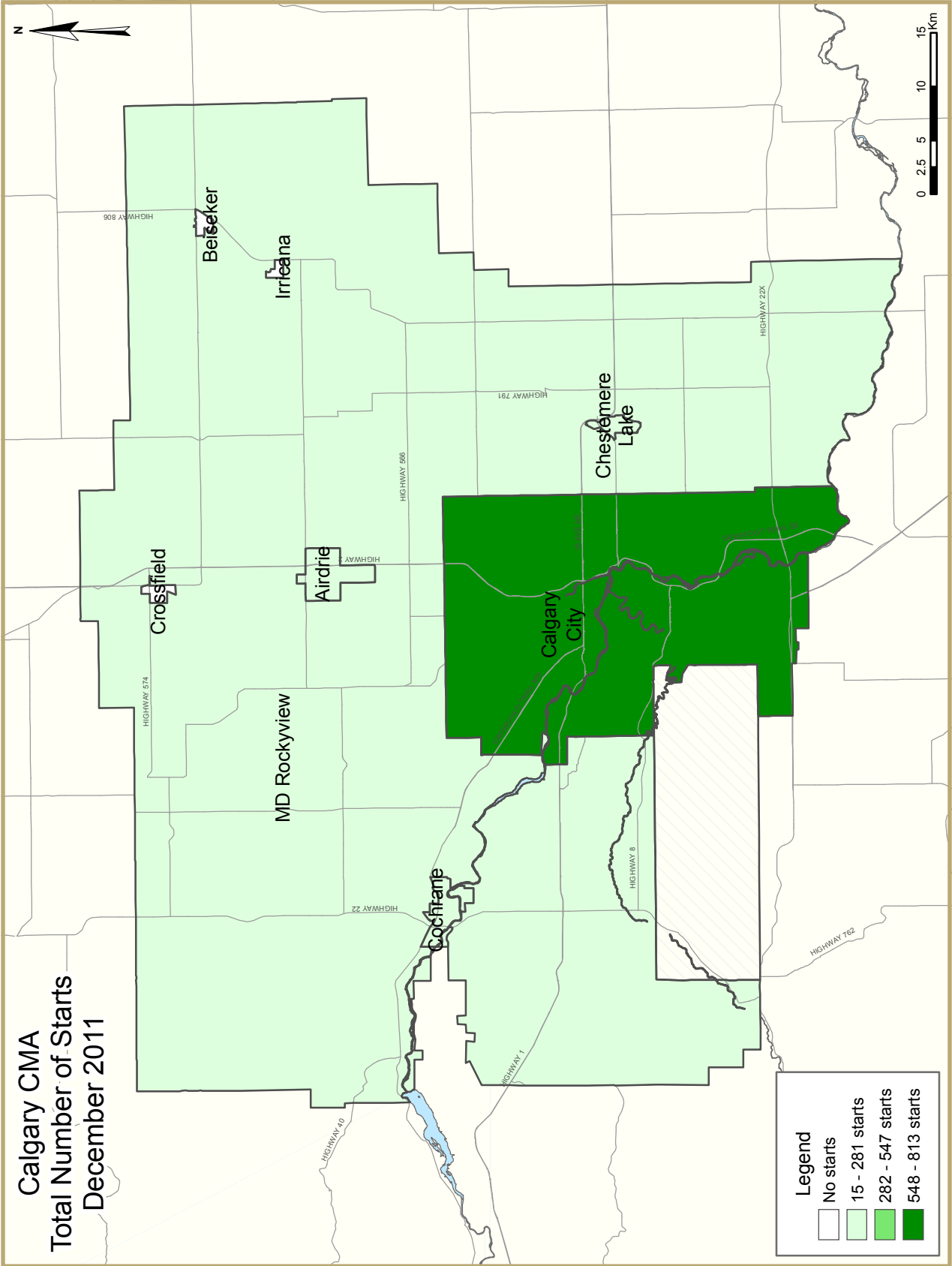
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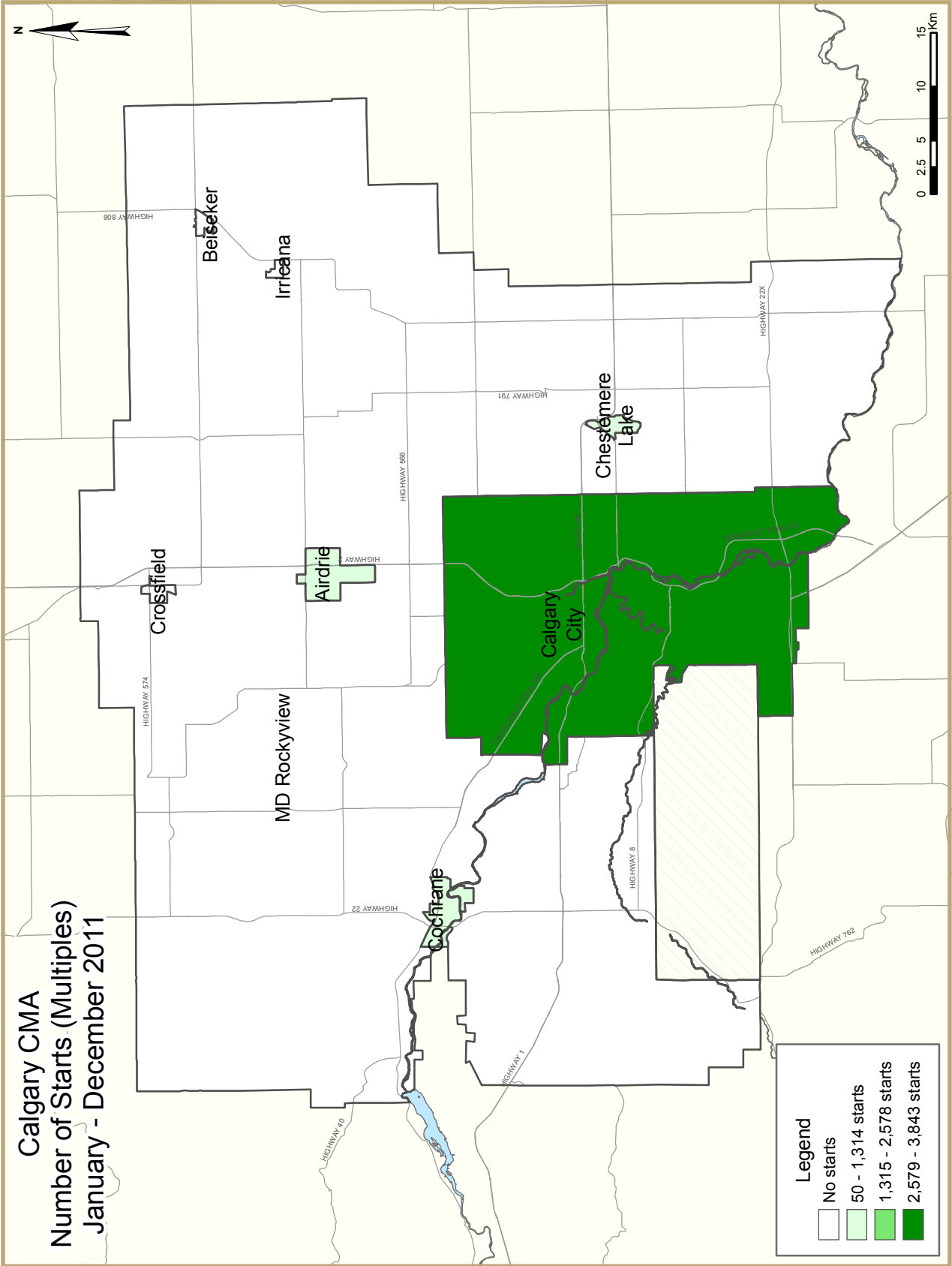
The employment opportunities in Alberta have attracted people to the province. Total net migration from July to September increased 96 per cent year-over-year to 10,716 migrants. The flow of migrants from other countries has been encouraging. Net international migration including non-permanent residents totalled 7,580 people in the third quarter of 2011, compared to 4,304 migrants a year earlier. Net interprovincial

migration was also impressive in the third quarter, increasing from 1,155 migrants in 2010 to 3,136 in 2011. Alberta's labour market has been relatively strong compared to many other areas in Canada, contributing to the net gains from other provinces. After three quarters, net migration in Alberta reached 32,732 migrants, up 69 per cent from the same time in 2010.

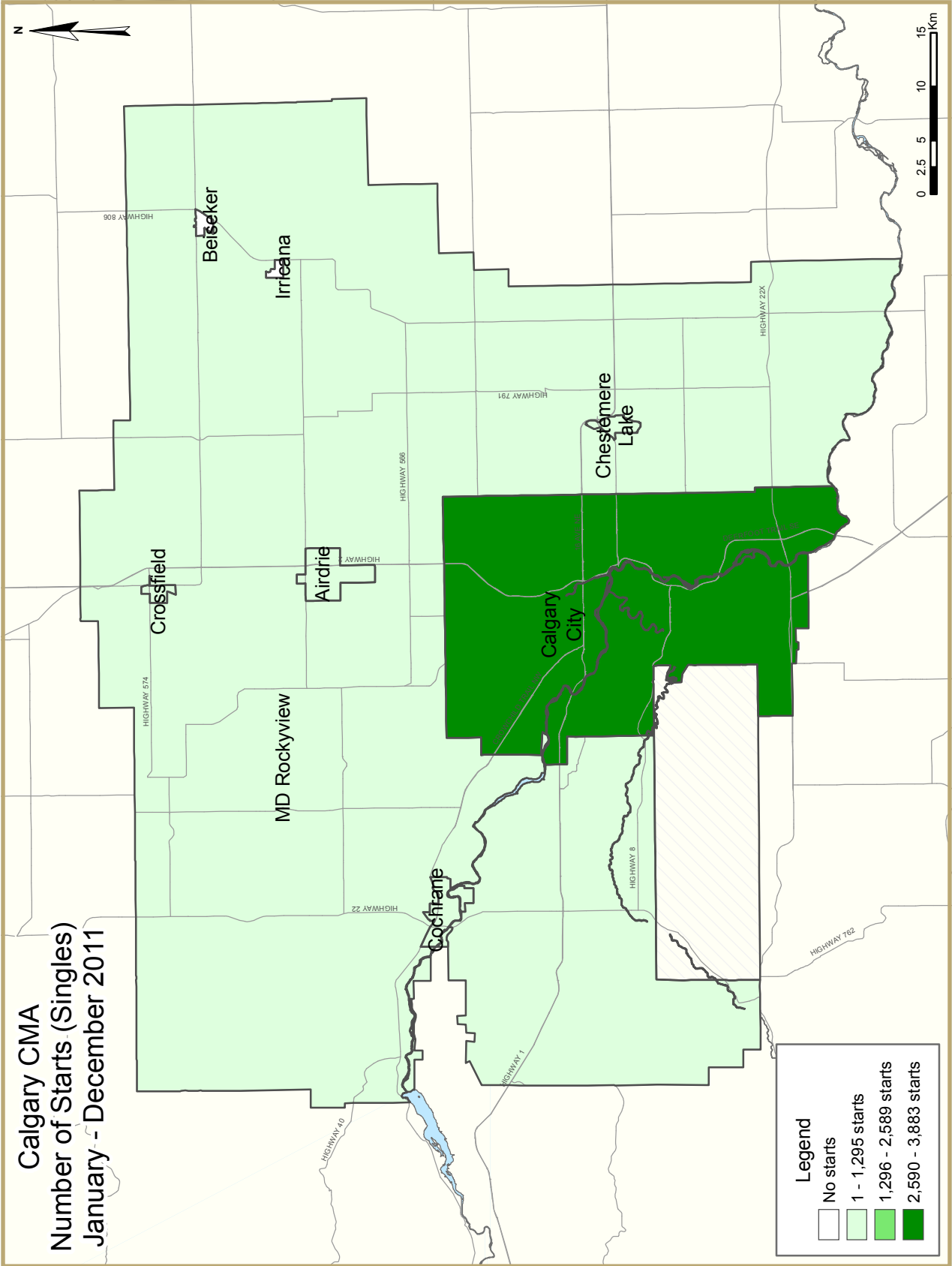


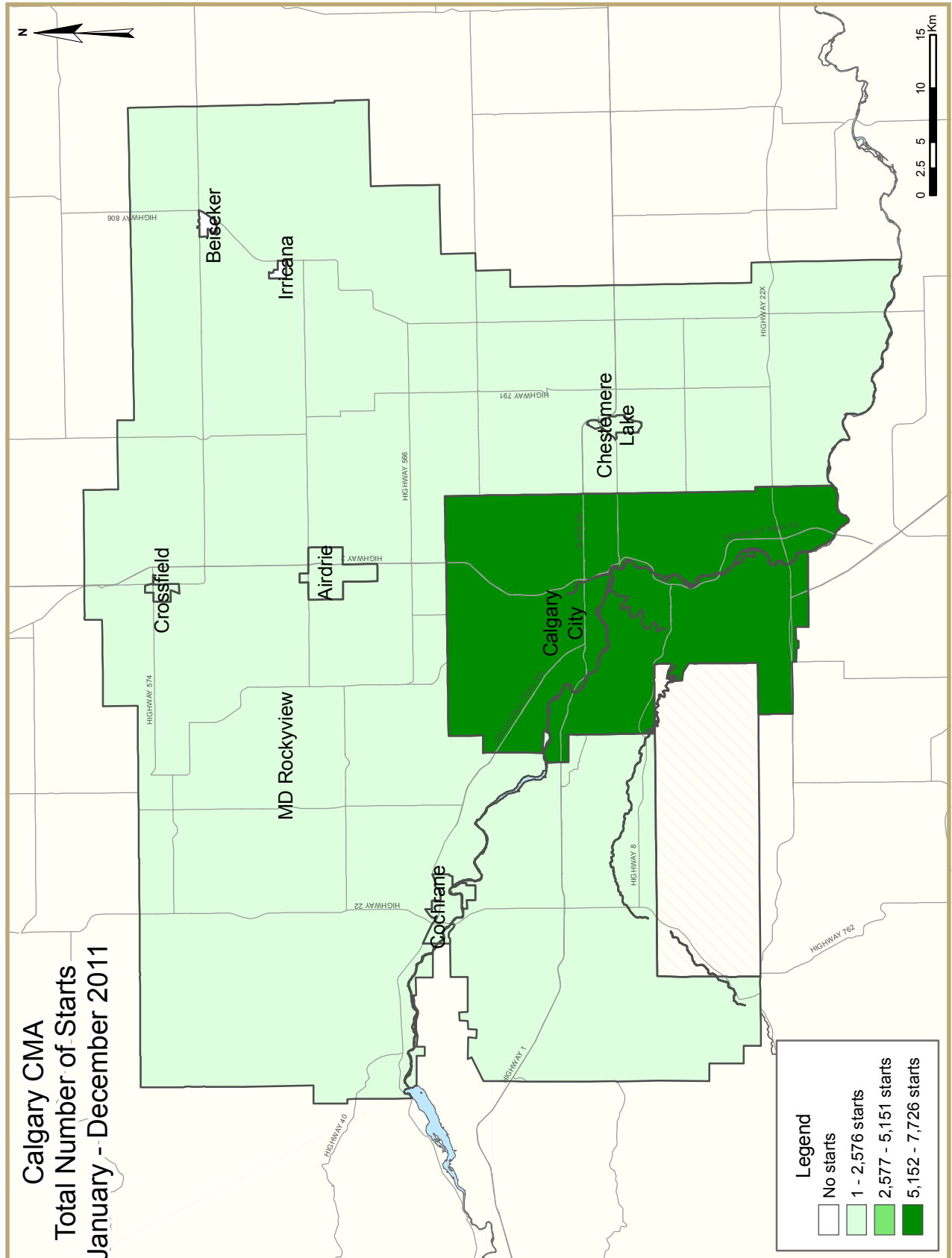












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### SYMBOLS

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

**Table 1: Housing Activity Summary of Calgary CMA**  
**December 2011**

|                          | Ownership |      |                      |             |                 |                 | Rental                      |                 | Total* |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------|
|                          | Freehold  |      |                      | Condominium |                 |                 | Single,<br>Semi, and<br>Row | Apt. &<br>Other |        |
|                          | Single    | Semi | Row, Apt.<br>& Other | Single      | Row and<br>Semi | Apt. &<br>Other |                             |                 |        |
| STARTS                   |           |      |                      |             |                 |                 |                             |                 |        |
| December 2011            | 465       | 86   | 0                    | 0           | 36              | 379             | 0                           | 4               | 970    |
| December 2010            | 333       | 82   | 0                    | 0           | 55              | 16              | 0                           | 0               | 486    |
| % Change                 | 39.6      | 4.9  | n/a                  | n/a         | -34.5           | **              | n/a                         | n/a             | 99.6   |
| Year-to-date 2011        | 5,084     | 912  | 4                    | 0           | 1,186           | 1,886           | 0                           | 220             | 9,292  |
| Year-to-date 2010        | 5,782     | 908  | 32                   | 0           | 1,191           | 1,063           | 0                           | 286             | 9,262  |
| % Change                 | -12.1     | 0.4  | -87.5                | n/a         | -0.4            | 77.4            | n/a                         | -23.1           | 0.3    |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION       |           |      |                      |             |                 |                 |                             |                 |        |
| December 2011            | 2,694     | 628  | 10                   | 0           | 976             | 3,837           | 0                           | 546             | 8,691  |
| December 2010            | 2,441     | 542  | 21                   | 0           | 906             | 2,907           | 0                           | 382             | 7,199  |
| % Change                 | 10.4      | 15.9 | -52.4                | n/a         | 7.7             | 32.0            | n/a                         | 42.9            | 20.7   |
| COMPLETIONS              |           |      |                      |             |                 |                 |                             |                 |        |
| December 2011            | 449       | 94   | 4                    | 0           | 75              | 177             | 0                           | 0               | 799    |
| December 2010            | 541       | 90   | 0                    | 0           | 98              | 70              | 0                           | 0               | 799    |
| % Change                 | -17.0     | 4.4  | n/a                  | n/a         | -23.5           | 152.9           | n/a                         | n/a             | 0.0    |
| Year-to-date 2011        | 4,824     | 828  | 4                    | 0           | 1,127           | 681             | 2                           | 223             | 7,689  |
| Year-to-date 2010        | 6,364     | 832  | 22                   | 0           | 764             | 2,768           | 0                           | 241             | 10,991 |
| % Change                 | -24.2     | -0.5 | -81.8                | n/a         | 47.5            | -75.4           | n/a                         | -7.5            | -30.0  |
| COMPLETED & NOT ABSORBED |           |      |                      |             |                 |                 |                             |                 |        |
| December 2011            | 498       | 105  | 2                    | 0           | 64              | 285             | 0                           | 0               | 954    |
| December 2010            | 407       | 93   | 0                    | 0           | 36              | 594             | 0                           | 0               | 1,130  |
| % Change                 | 22.4      | 12.9 | n/a                  | n/a         | 77.8            | -52.0           | n/a                         | n/a             | -15.6  |
| ABSORBED                 |           |      |                      |             |                 |                 |                             |                 |        |
| December 2011            | 451       | 94   | 2                    | 0           | 74              | 180             | 0                           | 0               | 801    |
| December 2010            | 556       | 75   | 0                    | 0           | 87              | 96              | 0                           | 0               | 814    |
| % Change                 | -18.9     | 25.3 | n/a                  | n/a         | -14.9           | 87.5            | n/a                         | n/a             | -1.6   |
| Year-to-date 2011        | 4,733     | 816  | 2                    | 0           | 1,094           | 806             | 2                           | 95              | 7,548  |
| Year-to-date 2010        | 6,349     | 833  | 22                   | 0           | 767             | 2,541           | 0                           | 3               | 10,515 |
| % Change                 | -25.5     | -2.0 | -90.9                | n/a         | 42.6            | -68.3           | n/a                         | **              | -28.2  |

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

**Table I.1: Housing Activity Summary by Submarket**  
**December 2011**

|                   | Ownership |      |                   |             |              |              | Rental                |              | Total* |
|-------------------|-----------|------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
|                   | Freehold  |      |                   | Condominium |              |              |                       |              |        |
|                   | Single    | Semi | Row, Apt. & Other | Single      | Row and Semi | Apt. & Other | Single, Semi, and Row | Apt. & Other |        |
| STARTS            |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| Calgary City      |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 342       | 52   | 0                 | 0           | 36           | 379          | 0                     | 4            | 813    |
| December 2010     | 270       | 78   | 0                 | 0           | 46           | 16           | 0                     | 0            | 410    |
| Airdrie           |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 89        | 4    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 93     |
| December 2010     | 24        | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 5            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 29     |
| Beiseker          |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Chestermere Lake  |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 6         | 10   | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 16     |
| December 2010     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 4            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 4      |
| Cochrane          |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 13        | 20   | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 33     |
| December 2010     | 18        | 4    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 22     |
| Crossfield        |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Irricana          |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Rocky View No. 44 |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 15        | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 15     |
| December 2010     | 21        | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 21     |
| Calgary CMA       |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 465       | 86   | 0                 | 0           | 36           | 379          | 0                     | 4            | 970    |
| December 2010     | 333       | 82   | 0                 | 0           | 55           | 16           | 0                     | 0            | 486    |

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

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**December 2011**

|                    | Ownership |      |                   |             |              |              | Rental                |              | Total* |
|--------------------|-----------|------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
|                    | Freehold  |      |                   | Condominium |              |              |                       |              |        |
|                    | Single    | Semi | Row, Apt. & Other | Single      | Row and Semi | Apt. & Other | Single, Semi, and Row | Apt. & Other |        |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| Calgary City       |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011      | 2,125     | 538  | 4                 | 0           | 829          | 3,760        | 0                     | 546          | 7,802  |
| December 2010      | 1,822     | 494  | 15                | 0           | 670          | 2,755        | 0                     | 382          | 6,138  |
| Airdrie            |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011      | 315       | 34   | 6                 | 0           | 91           | 45           | 0                     | 0            | 491    |
| December 2010      | 341       | 4    | 6                 | 0           | 151          | 45           | 0                     | 0            | 547    |
| Beiseker           |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011      | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010      | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Chestermere Lake   |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011      | 46        | 14   | 0                 | 0           | 36           | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 96     |
| December 2010      | 56        | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 26           | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 82     |
| Cochrane           |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011      | 94        | 36   | 0                 | 0           | 20           | 32           | 0                     | 0            | 182    |
| December 2010      | 103       | 22   | 0                 | 0           | 53           | 107          | 0                     | 0            | 285    |
| Crossfield         |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011      | 1         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 1      |
| December 2010      | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Irricana           |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011      | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010      | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Rocky View No. 44  |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011      | 113       | 6    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 119    |
| December 2010      | 119       | 22   | 0                 | 0           | 6            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 147    |
| Calgary CMA        |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011      | 2,694     | 628  | 10                | 0           | 976          | 3,837        | 0                     | 546          | 8,691  |
| December 2010      | 2,441     | 542  | 21                | 0           | 906          | 2,907        | 0                     | 382          | 7,199  |

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|                   | Ownership |      |                   |             |              |              | Rental                |              | Total* |
|-------------------|-----------|------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
|                   | Freehold  |      |                   | Condominium |              |              |                       |              |        |
|                   | Single    | Semi | Row, Apt. & Other | Single      | Row and Semi | Apt. & Other | Single, Semi, and Row | Apt. & Other |        |
| COMPLETIONS       |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| Calgary City      |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 335       | 82   | 4                 | 0           | 67           | 132          | 0                     | 0            | 620    |
| December 2010     | 435       | 84   | 0                 | 0           | 77           | 70           | 0                     | 0            | 666    |
| Airdrie           |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 76        | 2    | 0                 | 0           | 8            | 45           | 0                     | 0            | 131    |
| December 2010     | 49        | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 12           | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 61     |
| Beiseker          |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Chestermere Lake  |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 7         | 4    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 11     |
| December 2010     | 7         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 9            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 16     |
| Cochrane          |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 15        | 6    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 21     |
| December 2010     | 19        | 4    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 23     |
| Crossfield        |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Irricana          |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Rocky View No. 44 |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 16        | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 16     |
| December 2010     | 31        | 2    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 33     |
| Calgary CMA       |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 449       | 94   | 4                 | 0           | 75           | 177          | 0                     | 0            | 799    |
| December 2010     | 541       | 90   | 0                 | 0           | 98           | 70           | 0                     | 0            | 799    |

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

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**December 2011**

|                          | Ownership |      |                   |             |              |              | Rental                |              | Total* |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
|                          | Freehold  |      |                   | Condominium |              |              |                       |              |        |
|                          | Single    | Semi | Row, Apt. & Other | Single      | Row and Semi | Apt. & Other | Single, Semi, and Row | Apt. & Other |        |
| COMPLETED & NOT ABSORBED |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| Calgary City             |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011            | 443       | 99   | 2                 | 0           | 64           | 285          | 0                     | 0            | 893    |
| December 2010            | 352       | 87   | 0                 | 0           | 29           | 594          | 0                     | 0            | 1,062  |
| Airdrie                  |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011            | 30        | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 30     |
| December 2010            | 23        | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 1            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 24     |
| Beiseker                 |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011            | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010            | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Chestermere Lake         |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011            | 3         | 2    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 5      |
| December 2010            | 6         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 6      |
| Cochrane                 |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011            | 20        | 4    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 24     |
| December 2010            | 24        | 6    | 0                 | 0           | 6            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 36     |
| Crossfield               |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011            | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010            | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Irricana                 |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011            | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010            | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Rocky View No. 44        |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011            | 2         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 2      |
| December 2010            | 2         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 2      |
| Calgary CMA              |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011            | 498       | 105  | 2                 | 0           | 64           | 285          | 0                     | 0            | 954    |
| December 2010            | 407       | 93   | 0                 | 0           | 36           | 594          | 0                     | 0            | 1,130  |

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



**Table I.1: Housing Activity Summary by Submarket  
December 2011**

|                   | Ownership |      |                   |             |              |              | Rental                |              | Total* |
|-------------------|-----------|------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
|                   | Freehold  |      |                   | Condominium |              |              |                       |              |        |
|                   | Single    | Semi | Row, Apt. & Other | Single      | Row and Semi | Apt. & Other | Single, Semi, and Row | Apt. & Other |        |
| ABSORBED          |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| Calgary City      |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 337       | 82   | 2                 | 0           | 66           | 135          | 0                     | 0            | 622    |
| December 2010     | 444       | 67   | 0                 | 0           | 66           | 96           | 0                     | 0            | 673    |
| Airdrie           |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 73        | 2    | 0                 | 0           | 8            | 45           | 0                     | 0            | 128    |
| December 2010     | 50        | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 12           | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 62     |
| Beiseker          |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Chestermere Lake  |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 7         | 4    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 11     |
| December 2010     | 8         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 9            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 17     |
| Cochrane          |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 18        | 6    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 24     |
| December 2010     | 23        | 4    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 27     |
| Crossfield        |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Irricana          |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| December 2010     | 0         | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| Rocky View No. 44 |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 16        | 0    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 16     |
| December 2010     | 31        | 4    | 0                 | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0                     | 0            | 35     |
| Calgary CMA       |           |      |                   |             |              |              |                       |              |        |
| December 2011     | 451       | 94   | 2                 | 0           | 74           | 180          | 0                     | 0            | 801    |
| December 2010     | 556       | 75   | 0                 | 0           | 87           | 96           | 0                     | 0            | 814    |

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

**Table 1.2: History of Housing Starts of Calgary CMA  
2002 - 2011**

|          | Ownership |       |                   |             |              |              | Rental                |              | Total* |
|----------|-----------|-------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
|          | Freehold  |       |                   | Condominium |              |              |                       |              |        |
|          | Single    | Semi  | Row, Apt. & Other | Single      | Row and Semi | Apt. & Other | Single, Semi, and Row | Apt. & Other |        |
| 2011     | 5,084     | 912   | 4                 | 0           | 1,186        | 1,886        | 0                     | 220          | 9,292  |
| % Change | -12.1     | 0.4   | -87.5             | n/a         | -0.4         | 77.4         | n/a                   | -23.1        | 0.3    |
| 2010     | 5,782     | 908   | 32                | 0           | 1,191        | 1,063        | 0                     | 286          | 9,262  |
| % Change | 21.1      | 25.4  | -44.8             | n/a         | **           | 177.5        | -100.0                | **           | 46.6   |
| 2009     | 4,775     | 724   | 58                | 0           | 363          | 383          | 10                    | 5            | 6,318  |
| % Change | 8.8       | 8.1   | **                | n/a         | -45.5        | -92.8        | n/a                   | -98.6        | -44.8  |
| 2008     | 4,387     | 670   | 12                | 0           | 666          | 5,335        | 0                     | 368          | 11,438 |
| % Change | -43.6     | -29.6 | -66.7             | -100.0      | -51.7        | 59.7         | n/a                   | **           | -15.3  |
| 2007     | 7,776     | 952   | 36                | 1           | 1,380        | 3,340        | 0                     | 20           | 13,505 |
| % Change | -25.8     | -1.9  | 176.9             | -88.9       | 17.8         | -20.9        | n/a                   | -89.4        | -20.8  |
| 2006     | 10,473    | 970   | 13                | 9           | 1,171        | 4,222        | 0                     | 188          | 17,046 |
| % Change | 20.2      | 21.9  | -40.9             | 200.0       | -11.9        | 51.9         | n/a                   | **           | 24.7   |
| 2005     | 8,716     | 796   | 22                | 3           | 1,329        | 2,780        | 0                     | 21           | 13,667 |
| % Change | 6.0       | 8.4   | 22.2              | -70.0       | 21.1         | -19.4        | -100.0                | -95.5        | -2.4   |
| 2004     | 8,223     | 734   | 18                | 10          | 1,097        | 3,451        | 12                    | 463          | 14,008 |
| % Change | -3.5      | 36.4  | -60.9             | 150.0       | -27.1        | 23.9         | 200.0                 | 93.7         | 2.7    |
| 2003     | 8,522     | 538   | 46                | 4           | 1,504        | 2,785        | 4                     | 239          | 13,642 |
| % Change | -9.2      | 40.8  | 76.9              | -82.6       | 1.0          | 1.9          | 100.0                 | -18.4        | -4.9   |
| 2002     | 9,390     | 382   | 26                | 23          | 1,489        | 2,734        | 2                     | 293          | 14,339 |

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 2: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type**  
**December 2011**

| Submarket          | Single     |            | Semi      |           | Row       |           | Apt. & Other |           | Total      |            |             |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
|                    | Dec 2011   | Dec 2010   | Dec 2011  | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011  | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011     | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011   | Dec 2010   | % Change    |
| Calgary City       | 342        | 270        | 52        | 78        | 36        | 46        | 383          | 16        | 813        | 410        | 98.3        |
| Airdrie            | 89         | 24         | 4         | 0         | 0         | 5         | 0            | 0         | 93         | 29         | **          |
| Beiseker           | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0          | 0          | n/a         |
| Chestermere Lake   | 6          | 0          | 10        | 0         | 0         | 4         | 0            | 0         | 16         | 4          | **          |
| Cochrane           | 13         | 18         | 20        | 4         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 33         | 22         | 50.0        |
| Crossfield         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0          | 0          | n/a         |
| Irricana           | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0          | 0          | n/a         |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 15         | 21         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 15         | 21         | -28.6       |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>465</b> | <b>333</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>383</b>   | <b>16</b> | <b>970</b> | <b>486</b> | <b>99.6</b> |

**Table 2.1: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type**  
**January - December 2011**

| Submarket          | Single       |              | Semi       |            | Row          |              | Apt. & Other |              | Total        |              |            |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
|                    | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011   | YTD 2010   | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     | % Change   |
| Calgary City       | 3,883        | 4,345        | 746        | 822        | 1,036        | 863          | 2,061        | 1,265        | 7,726        | 7,295        | 5.9        |
| Airdrie            | 673          | 796          | 56         | 8          | 97           | 195          | 45           | 84           | 871          | 1,083        | -19.6      |
| Beiseker           | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | n/a        |
| Chestermere Lake   | 90           | 114          | 20         | 0          | 30           | 47           | 0            | 0            | 140          | 161          | -13.0      |
| Cochrane           | 248          | 274          | 96         | 72         | 21           | 100          | 0            | 0            | 365          | 446          | -18.2      |
| Crossfield         | 1            | 4            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1            | 4            | -75.0      |
| Irricana           | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | n/a        |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 189          | 249          | 0          | 24         | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 189          | 273          | -30.8      |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>5,084</b> | <b>5,782</b> | <b>918</b> | <b>926</b> | <b>1,184</b> | <b>1,205</b> | <b>2,106</b> | <b>1,349</b> | <b>9,292</b> | <b>9,262</b> | <b>0.3</b> |

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 2.2: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market  
December 2011**

| Submarket          | Row                      |           |          |          | Apt. & Other             |           |          |          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
|                    | Freehold and Condominium |           | Rental   |          | Freehold and Condominium |           | Rental   |          |
|                    | Dec 2011                 | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011 | Dec 2010 | Dec 2011                 | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011 | Dec 2010 |
| Calgary City       | 36                       | 46        | 0        | 0        | 379                      | 16        | 4        | 0        |
| Airdrie            | 0                        | 5         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Beiseker           | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Chestermere Lake   | 0                        | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Cochrane           | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Crossfield         | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Irricana           | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>36</b>                | <b>55</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>379</b>               | <b>16</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>0</b> |

**Table 2.3: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market  
January - December 2011**

| Submarket          | Row                      |              |          |          | Apt. & Other             |              |            |            |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|                    | Freehold and Condominium |              | Rental   |          | Freehold and Condominium |              | Rental     |            |
|                    | YTD 2011                 | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011 | YTD 2010 | YTD 2011                 | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011   | YTD 2010   |
| Calgary City       | 1,036                    | 863          | 0        | 0        | 1,841                    | 979          | 220        | 286        |
| Airdrie            | 97                       | 195          | 0        | 0        | 45                       | 84           | 0          | 0          |
| Beiseker           | 0                        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| Chestermere Lake   | 30                       | 47           | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| Cochrane           | 21                       | 100          | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| Crossfield         | 0                        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| Irricana           | 0                        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 0                        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>1,184</b>             | <b>1,205</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1,886</b>             | <b>1,063</b> | <b>220</b> | <b>286</b> |

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 2.4: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market  
December 2011**

| Submarket          | Freehold   |            | Condominium |           | Rental   |          | Total*     |            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
|                    | Dec 2011   | Dec 2010   | Dec 2011    | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011 | Dec 2010 | Dec 2011   | Dec 2010   |
| Calgary City       | 394        | 348        | 415         | 62        | 4        | 0        | 813        | 410        |
| Airdrie            | 93         | 24         | 0           | 5         | 0        | 0        | 93         | 29         |
| Beiseker           | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| Chestermere Lake   | 16         | 0          | 0           | 4         | 0        | 0        | 16         | 4          |
| Cochrane           | 33         | 22         | 0           | 0         | 0        | 0        | 33         | 22         |
| Crossfield         | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| Irricana           | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 15         | 21         | 0           | 0         | 0        | 0        | 15         | 21         |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>551</b> | <b>415</b> | <b>415</b>  | <b>71</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>970</b> | <b>486</b> |

**Table 2.5: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market  
January - December 2011**

| Submarket          | Freehold     |              | Condominium  |              | Rental     |            | Total*       |              |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|                    | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011   | YTD 2010   | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     |
| Calgary City       | 4,629        | 5,183        | 2,877        | 1,826        | 220        | 286        | 7,726        | 7,295        |
| Airdrie            | 727          | 802          | 144          | 281          | 0          | 0          | 871          | 1,083        |
| Beiseker           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Chestermere Lake   | 110          | 114          | 30           | 47           | 0          | 0          | 140          | 161          |
| Cochrane           | 344          | 346          | 21           | 100          | 0          | 0          | 365          | 446          |
| Crossfield         | 1            | 4            | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 1            | 4            |
| Irricana           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 189          | 273          | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 189          | 273          |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>6,000</b> | <b>6,722</b> | <b>3,072</b> | <b>2,254</b> | <b>220</b> | <b>286</b> | <b>9,292</b> | <b>9,262</b> |

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 3: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type  
December 2011**

| Submarket          | Single     |            | Semi       |           | Row       |           | Apt. & Other |           | Total      |            |            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
|                    | Dec 2011   | Dec 2010   | Dec 2011   | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011  | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011     | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011   | Dec 2010   | % Change   |
| Calgary City       | 335        | 435        | 88         | 84        | 65        | 77        | 132          | 70        | 620        | 666        | -6.9       |
| Airdrie            | 76         | 49         | 2          | 0         | 8         | 12        | 45           | 0         | 131        | 61         | 114.8      |
| Beiseker           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0          | 0          | n/a        |
| Chestermere Lake   | 7          | 7          | 4          | 0         | 0         | 9         | 0            | 0         | 11         | 16         | -31.3      |
| Cochrane           | 15         | 19         | 6          | 4         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 21         | 23         | -8.7       |
| Crossfield         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0          | 0          | n/a        |
| Irricana           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0          | 0          | n/a        |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 16         | 31         | 0          | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 16         | 33         | -51.5      |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>449</b> | <b>541</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>73</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>177</b>   | <b>70</b> | <b>799</b> | <b>799</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

**Table 3.1: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type  
January - December 2011**

| Submarket          | Single       |              | Semi       |            | Row          |            | Apt. & Other |              | Total        |               |              |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                    | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011   | YTD 2010   | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010   | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010      | % Change     |
| Calgary City       | 3,575        | 4,848        | 718        | 756        | 876          | 514        | 784          | 2,896        | 5,953        | 9,014         | -34.0        |
| Airdrie            | 696          | 837          | 28         | 2          | 155          | 115        | 45           | 45           | 924          | 999           | -7.5         |
| Beiseker           | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | n/a          |
| Chestermere Lake   | 101          | 107          | 6          | 0          | 20           | 66         | 0            | 0            | 127          | 173           | -26.6        |
| Cochrane           | 257          | 307          | 82         | 80         | 54           | 77         | 75           | 68           | 468          | 532           | -12.0        |
| Crossfield         | 0            | 4            | 0          | 2          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 6             | -100.0       |
| Irricana           | 0            | 1            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1             | -100.0       |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 195          | 260          | 16         | 6          | 6            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 217          | 266           | -18.4        |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>4,824</b> | <b>6,364</b> | <b>850</b> | <b>846</b> | <b>1,111</b> | <b>772</b> | <b>904</b>   | <b>3,009</b> | <b>7,689</b> | <b>10,991</b> | <b>-30.0</b> |

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 3.2: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market  
December 2011**

| Submarket          | Row                      |           |          |          | Apt. & Other             |           |          |          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
|                    | Freehold and Condominium |           | Rental   |          | Freehold and Condominium |           | Rental   |          |
|                    | Dec 2011                 | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011 | Dec 2010 | Dec 2011                 | Dec 2010  | Dec 2011 | Dec 2010 |
| Calgary City       | 65                       | 77        | 0        | 0        | 132                      | 70        | 0        | 0        |
| Airdrie            | 8                        | 12        | 0        | 0        | 45                       | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Beiseker           | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Chestermere Lake   | 0                        | 9         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Cochrane           | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Crossfield         | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Irricana           | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>73</b>                | <b>98</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>177</b>               | <b>70</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

**Table 3.3: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market  
January - December 2011**

| Submarket          | Row                      |            |          |          | Apt. & Other             |              |            |            |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|                    | Freehold and Condominium |            | Rental   |          | Freehold and Condominium |              | Rental     |            |
|                    | YTD 2011                 | YTD 2010   | YTD 2011 | YTD 2010 | YTD 2011                 | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011   | YTD 2010   |
| Calgary City       | 876                      | 514        | 0        | 0        | 561                      | 2,655        | 223        | 241        |
| Airdrie            | 155                      | 115        | 0        | 0        | 45                       | 45           | 0          | 0          |
| Beiseker           | 0                        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| Chestermere Lake   | 20                       | 66         | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| Cochrane           | 54                       | 77         | 0        | 0        | 75                       | 68           | 0          | 0          |
| Crossfield         | 0                        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| Irricana           | 0                        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 6                        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0                        | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>1,111</b>             | <b>772</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>681</b>               | <b>2,768</b> | <b>223</b> | <b>241</b> |

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 3.4: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market  
December 2011**

| Submarket          | Freehold   |            | Condominium |            | Rental   |          | Total*     |            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
|                    | Dec 2011   | Dec 2010   | Dec 2011    | Dec 2010   | Dec 2011 | Dec 2010 | Dec 2011   | Dec 2010   |
| Calgary City       | 421        | 519        | 199         | 147        | 0        | 0        | 620        | 666        |
| Airdrie            | 78         | 49         | 53          | 12         | 0        | 0        | 131        | 61         |
| Beiseker           | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| Chestermere Lake   | 11         | 7          | 0           | 9          | 0        | 0        | 11         | 16         |
| Cochrane           | 21         | 23         | 0           | 0          | 0        | 0        | 21         | 23         |
| Crossfield         | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| Irricana           | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0          |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 16         | 33         | 0           | 0          | 0        | 0        | 16         | 33         |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>547</b> | <b>631</b> | <b>252</b>  | <b>168</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>799</b> | <b>799</b> |

**Table 3.5: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market  
January - December 2011**

| Submarket          | Freehold     |              | Condominium  |              | Rental     |            | Total*       |               |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
|                    | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010     | YTD 2011   | YTD 2010   | YTD 2011     | YTD 2010      |
| Calgary City       | 4,279        | 5,612        | 1,449        | 3,161        | 225        | 241        | 5,953        | 9,014         |
| Airdrie            | 720          | 839          | 204          | 160          | 0          | 0          | 924          | 999           |
| Beiseker           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0             |
| Chestermere Lake   | 107          | 107          | 20           | 66           | 0          | 0          | 127          | 173           |
| Cochrane           | 339          | 387          | 129          | 145          | 0          | 0          | 468          | 532           |
| Crossfield         | 0            | 6            | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 6             |
| Irricana           | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 1             |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 211          | 266          | 6            | 0            | 0          | 0          | 217          | 266           |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>5,656</b> | <b>7,218</b> | <b>1,808</b> | <b>3,532</b> | <b>225</b> | <b>241</b> | <b>7,689</b> | <b>10,991</b> |

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)



**Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range**  
**December 2011**

| Submarket         | Price Ranges |           |                       |           |                       |           |                       |           |             |           | Total | Median Price (\$) | Average Price (\$) |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                   | < \$350,000  |           | \$350,000 - \$449,999 |           | \$450,000 - \$549,999 |           | \$550,000 - \$649,999 |           | \$650,000 + |           |       |                   |                    |
|                   | Units        | Share (%) | Units                 | Share (%) | Units                 | Share (%) | Units                 | Share (%) | Units       | Share (%) |       |                   |                    |
| Calgary City      |              |           |                       |           |                       |           |                       |           |             |           |       |                   |                    |
| December 2011     | 51           | 15.3      | 92                    | 27.5      | 82                    | 24.6      | 30                    | 9.0       | 79          | 23.7      | 334   | 475,514           | 577,995            |
| December 2010     | 49           | 11.1      | 155                   | 35.1      | 97                    | 22.0      | 55                    | 12.5      | 85          | 19.3      | 441   | 463,549           | 571,932            |
| Year-to-date 2011 | 462          | 13.3      | 988                   | 28.5      | 877                   | 25.3      | 348                   | 10.1      | 787         | 22.7      | 3,462 | 476,387           | 577,540            |
| Year-to-date 2010 | 759          | 15.9      | 1,808                 | 37.8      | 1,002                 | 20.9      | 463                   | 9.7       | 753         | 15.7      | 4,785 | 441,820           | 529,727            |
| Airdrie           |              |           |                       |           |                       |           |                       |           |             |           |       |                   |                    |
| December 2011     | 16           | 21.9      | 30                    | 41.1      | 18                    | 24.7      | 5                     | 6.8       | 4           | 5.5       | 73    | 421,400           | 442,837            |
| December 2010     | 13           | 26.0      | 23                    | 46.0      | 7                     | 14.0      | 5                     | 10.0      | 2           | 4.0       | 50    | 403,700           | 428,342            |
| Year-to-date 2011 | 219          | 31.8      | 300                   | 43.5      | 130                   | 18.9      | 28                    | 4.1       | 12          | 1.7       | 689   | 393,400           | 407,298            |
| Year-to-date 2010 | 243          | 28.4      | 437                   | 51.1      | 144                   | 16.8      | 25                    | 2.9       | 7           | 0.8       | 856   | 389,700           | 396,824            |
| Beiseker          |              |           |                       |           |                       |           |                       |           |             |           |       |                   |                    |
| December 2011     | 0            | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0           | n/a       | 0     | --                | --                 |
| December 2010     | 0            | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0           | n/a       | 0     | --                | --                 |
| Year-to-date 2011 | 0            | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0           | n/a       | 0     | --                | --                 |
| Year-to-date 2010 | 0            | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0           | n/a       | 0     | --                | --                 |
| Chestermere Lake  |              |           |                       |           |                       |           |                       |           |             |           |       |                   |                    |
| December 2011     | 0            | 0.0       | 1                     | 14.3      | 2                     | 28.6      | 4                     | 57.1      | 0           | 0.0       | 7     | --                | --                 |
| December 2010     | 0            | 0.0       | 2                     | 25.0      | 2                     | 25.0      | 2                     | 25.0      | 2           | 25.0      | 8     | --                | --                 |
| Year-to-date 2011 | 7            | 6.7       | 19                    | 18.3      | 29                    | 27.9      | 26                    | 25.0      | 23          | 22.1      | 104   | 540,750           | 556,116            |
| Year-to-date 2010 | 5            | 4.5       | 23                    | 20.9      | 35                    | 31.8      | 25                    | 22.7      | 22          | 20.0      | 110   | 527,800           | 547,313            |
| Cochrane          |              |           |                       |           |                       |           |                       |           |             |           |       |                   |                    |
| December 2011     | 1            | 5.6       | 8                     | 44.4      | 4                     | 22.2      | 3                     | 16.7      | 2           | 11.1      | 18    | 442,300           | 484,884            |
| December 2010     | 1            | 4.3       | 13                    | 56.5      | 4                     | 17.4      | 1                     | 4.3       | 4           | 17.4      | 23    | 421,300           | 470,820            |
| Year-to-date 2011 | 53           | 20.3      | 93                    | 35.6      | 75                    | 28.7      | 22                    | 8.4       | 18          | 6.9       | 261   | 434,400           | 454,296            |
| Year-to-date 2010 | 62           | 19.8      | 135                   | 43.1      | 74                    | 23.6      | 26                    | 8.3       | 16          | 5.1       | 313   | 419,900           | 441,546            |
| Crossfield        |              |           |                       |           |                       |           |                       |           |             |           |       |                   |                    |
| December 2011     | 0            | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0           | n/a       | 0     | --                | --                 |
| December 2010     | 0            | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0           | n/a       | 0     | --                | --                 |
| Year-to-date 2011 | 0            | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0           | n/a       | 0     | --                | --                 |
| Year-to-date 2010 | 2            | 50.0      | 1                     | 25.0      | 1                     | 25.0      | 0                     | 0.0       | 0           | 0.0       | 4     | --                | --                 |
| Irricana          |              |           |                       |           |                       |           |                       |           |             |           |       |                   |                    |
| December 2011     | 0            | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0           | n/a       | 0     | --                | --                 |
| December 2010     | 0            | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0           | n/a       | 0     | --                | --                 |
| Year-to-date 2011 | 0            | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0                     | n/a       | 0           | n/a       | 0     | --                | --                 |
| Year-to-date 2010 | 1            | 100.0     | 0                     | 0.0       | 0                     | 0.0       | 0                     | 0.0       | 0           | 0.0       | 1     | --                | --                 |
| Rocky View No. 44 |              |           |                       |           |                       |           |                       |           |             |           |       |                   |                    |
| December 2011     | 3            | 18.8      | 3                     | 18.8      | 6                     | 37.5      | 3                     | 18.8      | 1           | 6.3       | 16    | 514,450           | 477,931            |
| December 2010     | 9            | 29.0      | 0                     | 0.0       | 5                     | 16.1      | 3                     | 9.7       | 14          | 45.2      | 31    | 625,500           | 607,748            |
| Year-to-date 2011 | 38           | 19.5      | 29                    | 14.9      | 35                    | 17.9      | 22                    | 11.3      | 71          | 36.4      | 195   | 545,000           | 633,806            |
| Year-to-date 2010 | 45           | 17.4      | 40                    | 15.4      | 50                    | 19.3      | 21                    | 8.1       | 103         | 39.8      | 259   | 538,188           | 698,955            |
| Calgary CMA       |              |           |                       |           |                       |           |                       |           |             |           |       |                   |                    |
| December 2011     | 71           | 15.8      | 134                   | 29.9      | 112                   | 25.0      | 45                    | 10.0      | 86          | 19.2      | 448   | 462,161           | 548,025            |
| December 2010     | 72           | 13.0      | 193                   | 34.9      | 115                   | 20.8      | 66                    | 11.9      | 107         | 19.3      | 553   | 458,500           | 556,318            |
| Year-to-date 2011 | 779          | 16.5      | 1,429                 | 30.3      | 1,146                 | 24.3      | 446                   | 9.5       | 911         | 19.3      | 4,711 | 457,271           | 547,670            |
| Year-to-date 2010 | 1,117        | 17.7      | 2,444                 | 38.6      | 1,306                 | 20.6      | 560                   | 8.8       | 901         | 14.2      | 6,328 | 435,251           | 514,466            |

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

**Table 4.1: Average Price (\$) of Absorbed Single-detached Units  
December 2011**

| Submarket          | Dec 2011       | Dec 2010       | % Change    | YTD 2011       | YTD 2010       | % Change   |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Calgary City       | 577,995        | 571,932        | 1.1         | 577,540        | 529,727        | 9.0        |
| Airdrie            | 442,837        | 428,342        | 3.4         | 407,298        | 396,824        | 2.6        |
| Beiseker           | --             | --             | n/a         | --             | --             | n/a        |
| Chestermere Lake   | --             | --             | n/a         | 556,116        | 547,313        | 1.6        |
| Cochrane           | 484,884        | 470,820        | 3.0         | 454,296        | 441,546        | 2.9        |
| Crossfield         | --             | --             | n/a         | --             | --             | n/a        |
| Irricana           | --             | --             | n/a         | --             | --             | n/a        |
| Rocky View No. 44  | 477,931        | 607,748        | -21.4       | 633,806        | 698,955        | -9.3       |
| <b>Calgary CMA</b> | <b>548,025</b> | <b>556,318</b> | <b>-1.5</b> | <b>547,670</b> | <b>514,466</b> | <b>6.5</b> |

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

**Table 5: MLS® Residential Activity for Calgary**  
**December 2011**

|      |           | Number of<br>Sales <sup>1</sup> | Yr/Yr <sup>2</sup> (%) | Sales SA <sup>1</sup> | Number of<br>New<br>Listings <sup>1</sup> | New<br>Listings SA <sup>1</sup> | Sales-to-<br>New<br>Listings SA <sup>2</sup> | Average<br>Price <sup>1</sup> (\$) | Yr/Yr <sup>2</sup> (%) | Average<br>Price <sup>1</sup> (\$) SA |
|------|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2010 | January   | 1,398                           | 50.6                   | 1,945                 | 3,487                                     | 3,601                           | 54.0                                         | 382,009                            | 5.5                    | 387,847                               |
|      | February  | 1,913                           | 37.4                   | 1,944                 | 4,051                                     | 4,040                           | 48.1                                         | 389,388                            | 5.2                    | 393,371                               |
|      | March     | 2,446                           | 36.1                   | 1,958                 | 5,433                                     | 4,391                           | 44.6                                         | 405,551                            | 9.0                    | 399,412                               |
|      | April     | 2,382                           | 7.4                    | 1,992                 | 5,416                                     | 4,660                           | 42.7                                         | 395,847                            | 6.4                    | 392,450                               |
|      | May       | 2,133                           | -18.7                  | 1,791                 | 5,150                                     | 4,125                           | 43.4                                         | 417,978                            | 9.2                    | 409,095                               |
|      | June      | 1,824                           | -40.3                  | 1,447                 | 4,782                                     | 4,075                           | 35.5                                         | 415,431                            | 5.8                    | 404,541                               |
|      | July      | 1,612                           | -41.3                  | 1,519                 | 3,596                                     | 3,450                           | 44.0                                         | 402,809                            | 5.5                    | 403,249                               |
|      | August    | 1,562                           | -32.8                  | 1,598                 | 3,418                                     | 3,586                           | 44.6                                         | 385,712                            | -0.8                   | 391,248                               |
|      | September | 1,606                           | -28.8                  | 1,681                 | 3,873                                     | 3,628                           | 46.3                                         | 401,080                            | 1.6                    | 408,740                               |
|      | October   | 1,442                           | -36.3                  | 1,638                 | 3,124                                     | 3,587                           | 45.7                                         | 393,574                            | -1.5                   | 396,713                               |
|      | November  | 1,427                           | -25.0                  | 1,669                 | 2,489                                     | 3,577                           | 46.7                                         | 398,619                            | -0.6                   | 401,981                               |
|      | December  | 1,251                           | -9.0                   | 1,814                 | 1,459                                     | 3,561                           | 50.9                                         | 381,308                            | -3.3                   | 400,191                               |
| 2011 | January   | 1,302                           | -6.9                   | 1,810                 | 3,567                                     | 3,655                           | 49.5                                         | 394,655                            | 3.3                    | 402,678                               |
|      | February  | 1,917                           | 0.2                    | 1,947                 | 3,995                                     | 3,976                           | 49.0                                         | 400,879                            | 3.0                    | 405,870                               |
|      | March     | 2,273                           | -7.1                   | 1,804                 | 4,375                                     | 3,564                           | 50.6                                         | 398,836                            | -1.7                   | 397,240                               |
|      | April     | 2,087                           | -12.4                  | 1,830                 | 4,184                                     | 3,594                           | 50.9                                         | 411,875                            | 4.0                    | 402,190                               |
|      | May       | 2,219                           | 4.0                    | 1,795                 | 4,641                                     | 3,643                           | 49.3                                         | 416,055                            | -0.5                   | 402,824                               |
|      | June      | 2,427                           | 33.1                   | 1,924                 | 4,371                                     | 3,658                           | 52.6                                         | 412,016                            | -0.8                   | 400,362                               |
|      | July      | 1,975                           | 22.5                   | 1,948                 | 3,764                                     | 3,703                           | 52.6                                         | 397,613                            | -1.3                   | 398,817                               |
|      | August    | 1,907                           | 22.1                   | 1,853                 | 3,819                                     | 3,758                           | 49.3                                         | 394,251                            | 2.2                    | 403,571                               |
|      | September | 1,789                           | 11.4                   | 1,867                 | 3,980                                     | 3,713                           | 50.3                                         | 406,252                            | 1.3                    | 409,389                               |
|      | October   | 1,661                           | 15.2                   | 1,875                 | 3,277                                     | 3,625                           | 51.7                                         | 398,924                            | 1.4                    | 402,725                               |
|      | November  | 1,656                           | 16.0                   | 1,935                 | 2,356                                     | 3,379                           | 57.3                                         | 398,722                            | 0.0                    | 401,343                               |
|      | December  | 1,253                           | 0.2                    | 1,878                 | 1,452                                     | 3,511                           | 53.5                                         | 392,661                            | 3.0                    | 407,157                               |
|      | Q4 2010   | 4,120                           | -25.6                  |                       | 7,072                                     |                                 |                                              | 391,597                            | -1.8                   |                                       |
|      | Q4 2011   | 4,570                           | 10.9                   |                       | 7,085                                     |                                 |                                              | 397,133                            | 1.4                    |                                       |
|      | YTD 2010  | 20,996                          | -15.6                  |                       | 46,278                                    |                                 |                                              | 398,764                            | 3.3                    |                                       |
|      | YTD 2011  | 22,466                          | 7.0                    |                       | 43,781                                    |                                 |                                              | 402,851                            | 1.0                    |                                       |

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<sup>1</sup>Source: CREA

<sup>2</sup>Source: CMHC, adapted from MLS® data supplied by CREA

**Table 6: Economic Indicators**  
**December 2011**

|      |           | Interest Rates            |                    |               | NHPI,<br>Total,<br>Calgary<br>CMA<br>2007=100 | CPI,<br>2002<br>=100 | Calgary Labour Market   |                             |                              |                                    |
|------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|      |           | P & I<br>Per<br>\$100,000 | Mortgage Rates (%) |               |                                               |                      | Employment<br>SA (,000) | Unemployment<br>Rate (%) SA | Participation<br>Rate (%) SA | Average<br>Weekly<br>Earnings (\$) |
|      |           |                           | 1 Yr.<br>Term      | 5 Yr.<br>Term |                                               |                      |                         |                             |                              |                                    |
| 2010 | January   | 610                       | 3.60               | 5.49          | 95.1                                          | 122.4                | 709                     | 7.4                         | 76.4                         | 983                                |
|      | February  | 604                       | 3.60               | 5.39          | 95.1                                          | 122.8                | 710                     | 7.1                         | 76.1                         | 984                                |
|      | March     | 631                       | 3.60               | 5.85          | 95.5                                          | 122.3                | 707                     | 7.3                         | 75.8                         | 989                                |
|      | April     | 655                       | 3.80               | 6.25          | 95.6                                          | 122.4                | 703                     | 7.5                         | 75.4                         | 978                                |
|      | May       | 639                       | 3.70               | 5.99          | 95.8                                          | 122.8                | 702                     | 7.6                         | 75.2                         | 978                                |
|      | June      | 633                       | 3.60               | 5.89          | 95.8                                          | 122.9                | 702                     | 7.3                         | 74.8                         | 969                                |
|      | July      | 627                       | 3.50               | 5.79          | 95.8                                          | 123.3                | 710                     | 6.7                         | 75.1                         | 980                                |
|      | August    | 604                       | 3.30               | 5.39          | 95.7                                          | 122.7                | 711                     | 6.4                         | 74.8                         | 979                                |
|      | September | 604                       | 3.30               | 5.39          | 96.0                                          | 122.6                | 709                     | 6.3                         | 74.5                         | 986                                |
|      | October   | 598                       | 3.20               | 5.29          | 95.4                                          | 122.9                | 704                     | 6.5                         | 73.9                         | 981                                |
|      | November  | 607                       | 3.35               | 5.44          | 95.5                                          | 122.7                | 702                     | 6.3                         | 73.4                         | 983                                |
|      | December  | 592                       | 3.35               | 5.19          | 95.6                                          | 122.8                | 703                     | 6.2                         | 73.4                         | 985                                |
| 2011 | January   | 592                       | 3.35               | 5.19          | 95.9                                          | 123.3                | 706                     | 6.2                         | 73.6                         | 985                                |
|      | February  | 607                       | 3.50               | 5.44          | 95.5                                          | 124.2                | 712                     | 6.3                         | 74.2                         | 985                                |
|      | March     | 601                       | 3.50               | 5.34          | 95.4                                          | 124.3                | 718                     | 6.1                         | 74.6                         | 981                                |
|      | April     | 621                       | 3.70               | 5.69          | 95.4                                          | 125.6                | 720                     | 5.8                         | 74.4                         | 974                                |
|      | May       | 616                       | 3.70               | 5.59          | 95.8                                          | 125.8                | 722                     | 5.7                         | 74.4                         | 981                                |
|      | June      | 604                       | 3.50               | 5.39          | 95.5                                          | 124.9                | 723                     | 5.7                         | 74.3                         | 991                                |
|      | July      | 604                       | 3.50               | 5.39          | 95.0                                          | 125.5                | 727                     | 5.8                         | 74.7                         | 1,000                              |
|      | August    | 604                       | 3.50               | 5.39          | 95.2                                          | 125.9                | 729                     | 5.9                         | 74.9                         | 1,002                              |
|      | September | 592                       | 3.50               | 5.19          | 95.5                                          | 125.7                | 729                     | 5.8                         | 74.7                         | 1,014                              |
|      | October   | 598                       | 3.50               | 5.29          | 95.7                                          | 126.9                | 729                     | 5.6                         | 74.3                         | 1,029                              |
|      | November  | 598                       | 3.50               | 5.29          | 95.3                                          | 126.3                | 732                     | 5.4                         | 74.3                         | 1,038                              |
|      | December  | 598                       | 3.50               | 5.29          |                                               | 126.2                | 733                     | 5.5                         | 74.5                         | 1,038                              |

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

"NHPI" means New Housing Price Index

"CPI" means Consumer Price Index

"SA" means Seasonally Adjusted

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

## METHODOLOGY

### Starts & Completions Survey Methodology

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

The Starts and Completions Survey is carried out monthly in urban areas with population in excess of 50,000, as defined by the 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 of 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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