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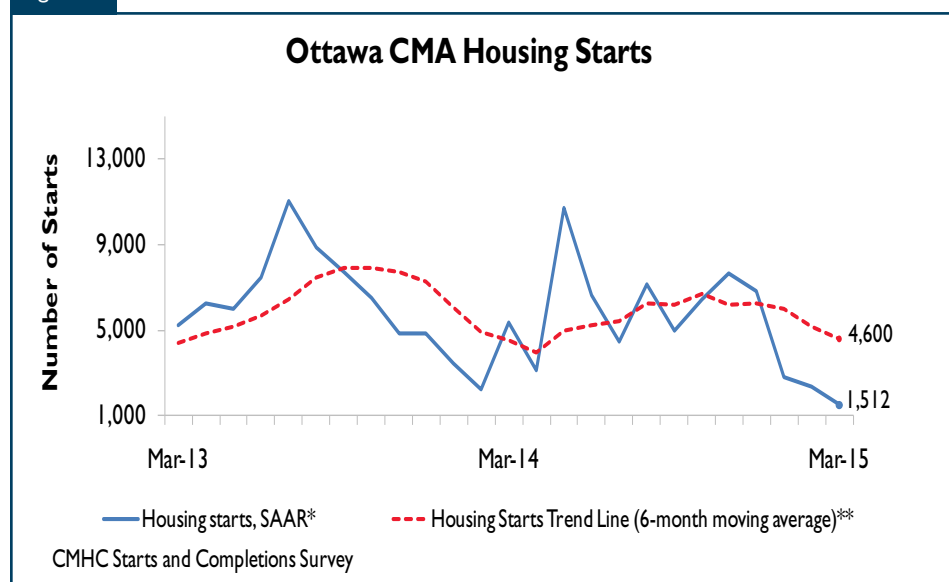
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## Highlights

- New home starts declined for all dwelling types
- MLS® sales trended lower largely due to a decline in condominium sales
- Balanced market conditions prevailed with price growth just below inflation

Figure 1



\* SAAR<sup>2</sup>: Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate. \*\* Trend: Six-month moving average of the SAAR.

<sup>1</sup> Ontario part of Ottawa-Gatineau CMA

<sup>2</sup> All starts figures in this release, other than actual starts and the trend estimate, are seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR) — that is, monthly figures adjusted to remove normal seasonal variation and multiplied by 12 to reflect annual levels. By removing seasonal ups and downs, seasonal adjustment allows for a comparison from one season to the next and from one month to the next. Reporting monthly figures at annual rates indicates the annual level of starts that would be obtained if the monthly pace was maintained for 12 months. This facilitates comparison of the current pace of activity to annual forecasts as well as to historical annual levels.

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## New Home Market

In March housing starts in the Ottawa Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) trended at 4,600 units down from 5,175 units in February. The trend is a six-month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR<sup>2</sup>) of housing starts.

First quarter housing starts came in substantially lower (42 per cent) compared to the same time last year, and trended down from the last quarter in 2014 in seasonally adjusted<sup>3</sup> terms. Colder than normal temperatures in the first two months of the year reduced the number of construction work days and kept starts activity for all dwelling types at bay. In addition, weak CMA employment since last year dented housing activity as builders kept an eye on fundamental market signals before initiating large construction projects.

A near halt in condominium apartment starts led the decline in starts activity this quarter. Apartment starts came in at their lowest quarterly level since Q3-2005. The condominium building boom that occurred in the CMA since 2012, and which has translated into a high inventory of completed but unsold units, led builders to reduce the number of projects. Condominium completions in the first quarter are almost on par with those completed at the same time last year. 2014 ended with 2,412 completed condominium units. With condominium start levels in 2014 approximately close to those in 2012 and 2013, it is expected that condominium completions would be near 2000 units this year as well. The

inventory of completed and unsold condominium units moved up again to a record 443 units in March.

In the low-rise segment of the market, row home starts retreated in the first quarter, albeit after trending up for three consecutive quarters. Single-detached home starts also declined, but at a more modest pace. Although condominium starts are retreating from peak levels, condominiums are here to stay as a staple on the Ottawa skyline. The significant price difference between a single-detached home and a condominium both on the new home and the resale market will continue to make condominiums a popular option for smaller households due to their relative affordability. About 60 per cent of Ottawa households fall in the category of one- to two-person households.

This quarter about 23 per cent of total starts occurred in Nepean outside the greenbelt (OTG), another 22 per cent occurred in Gloucester OTG, and 19 per cent in Kanata. These three areas have averaged about 46 per cent of all starts over the last five years as these are the areas with the larger population and available land. This quarter, their total share rose to 64 per cent as the core area share declined considerably from 30 per cent in Q1-2014 to 13 per cent. Core area share was down due to a retreat in condominium starts - typical core area dwellings. West Ottawa, which includes Nepean and Kanata, typically has more starts activity since both income and population are slightly higher in these areas, as well as resale home prices.

Weak employment has dampened starts growth in the CMA.

Employment has eased since the start of the year. Any employment gains in recent months have solely come from the creation of part-time jobs, while the number of full-time jobs fell for five months in a row. Full-time jobs came in about two per cent lower than the previous quarter. Employment of the 25-44 year-olds weakened this quarter on the heels of a weak ending to the final 2014 quarter. Most first-time buyers fall within in this age group, but given the employment situation, some potential buyers seem to be favouring renting over ownership despite lower mortgage rates.

## Resale Market

Seasonally adjusted sales of existing homes were down 2.7 per cent over the preceding quarter ending December. While sales in the CMA have been spared large fluctuations from year to year in recent years, they have remained fairly flat over the last two years and have been trending generally down from their 2009 peak.

Both freehold<sup>4</sup> and condominium<sup>5</sup> sales edged lower this quarter relative to the quarter ending December with a stronger decline on the condominium transactions side. In year-over-year terms however, freehold sales were up about 5 per cent compared to the first quarter in 2014, while condominium sales came in 10 per cent lower.

Sales activity in both segments of the market has trended down for two consecutive quarters following an

<sup>3</sup> All numbers in this report are seasonally adjusted when comparing the change between two consecutive quarters.

<sup>4</sup> The freehold segment of the resale market includes single-detached, semi-detached and home-owner rows. Single-detached sales represent on average 70 per cent of total sales in the freehold segment, home-owner rows take up another 23 per cent, while semi-detached units have a small share at 7 per cent.

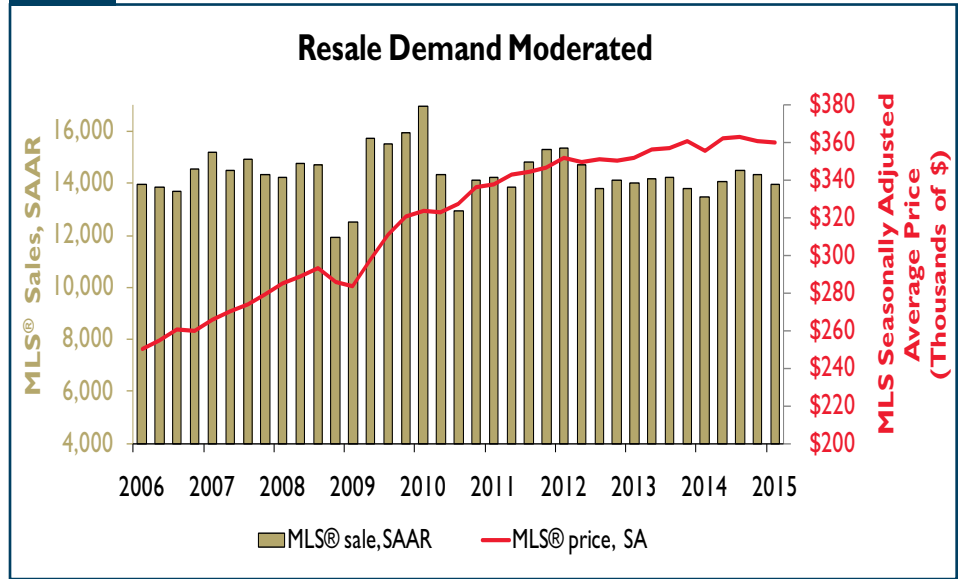
<sup>5</sup> The condominium segment of the market includes condo rows, condo apartments and stacked townhouses. Condominium apartments on the resale market represent almost half of all condominium offerings, while condo rows make up one-third sales, the remaining share is held by stacked townhouse units.

uptick in the third quarter of 2014. While sales activity has trended down for both market segments, there was year-over-year growth in freehold sales in the CMA stemming from sustained growth in single-detached home sales; they remain the most traded on the resale market. The price of a new single home is, on average, 25 per cent higher than a single in the resale market, which makes resale singles appealing.

This quarter bungalow sales grew at the strongest pace compared to the same quarter last year at 18 per cent, while two-storey homes grew at a modest 2 per cent; the latter are the most traded type of dwelling on the market. The average price of a bungalow retreated this quarter explaining some of the rise in sales for this type of single-detached home. The fundamental drivers for single-detached home sales have not changed from last year as the employment rate for the 45-64 age group has remained robust around 54 per cent slowly recovering from a slight decline in 2013 to 53 per cent, supporting this group's demand for big ticket items including homes.

In the condominium segment of the market, condo apartment sales remained flat from the same quarter a year earlier despite about a five per cent decline in the average price indicating that demand remains muted. The downward trend in condo row sales, in evidence since 2009, continued unabated in the first quarter of 2015, and the average price continued to fluctuate between \$220,000 and \$240,000, a pattern in place since 2012. Sales of condominium units on the resale

Figure 2



Source: CMHC, adapted from CREA (MLS®)

Note: Sales are seasonally adjusted and are multiplied by 4 to show an annual rate. Prices are seasonally adjusted. MLS® is a registered trademark of the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA).

market are pressured down as employment conditions in the CMA remain weak and confidence muted, particularly among potential first-time buyers.

In terms of supply, freehold<sup>6</sup> listings rose modestly over the last quarter in 2014 while condominium listings rose at a much stronger rate. Compared to the first quarter in 2014, listings for freeholds and condominiums rose at eight and 10 per cent respectively.

The moderation in overall sales activity coupled with a rise in overall listings pushed the overall market balance lower than the previous quarter. However, MLS® activity remained in balanced<sup>7</sup> market territory with a seasonally adjusted sales-to-new-listings ratio (SNL) of 42 per cent down from 45 per cent.

By area, the largest number of MLS® transactions occurred in Orleans, at

20 per cent of total urban sales, while the area with the highest growth in sales this quarter was Kanata with sales rising 14 per cent over the same quarter last year. Orleans prices remained relatively more affordable than in any other submarket, supporting demand for homes in the area. Prices on homes sold averaged \$40,000 lower than the average urban price. While the average price grew to varying degrees in most areas, the average price fell in the Downtown and Stittsville. Average weekly earnings trended lower this quarter, perhaps an indication that tight budgets are a concern. And although lower gasoline prices have given the Ottawa consumer extra cash, the effect will remain modest as the extra dollars are not enough to help out in the longer term commitment of purchasing a home.

<sup>6</sup> Only the aggregate listings in for either the condo or freehold market segments are reported on.

<sup>7</sup> A market is considered balanced if the sales-to-new-listings (SNL) ratio is within the 0.40 and 0.60 range.

UNIT TYPE	MLS <sup>®</sup> Sales						MLS <sup>®</sup> Prices (\$)					
	March			Q1			March			Q1		
	2015	2014	% Chg.	2015	2014	% Chg.	2015	2014	% Chg.	2015	2014	% Chg.
<b>SINGLE- DETACHED</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>415,047</b>	<b>404,913</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>403,278</b>	<b>399,742</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<i>Bungalow</i>	208	190	9.5	495	430	15.1	338,928	373,744	-9.3	350,737	367,950	-4.7
<i>Two-Storey</i>	341	315	8.3	724	700	3.4	463,292	451,190	2.7	455,117	443,814	2.5
<i>Other Single-Detached</i>	120	146	-17.8	292	292	0.0	409,890	345,633	18.6	363,814	340,909	6.7
<b>ROW</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>313,241</b>	<b>323,847</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>314,025</b>	<b>324,354</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
<b>SEMI</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>360,648</b>	<b>400,280</b>	<b>-9.9</b>	<b>377,871</b>	<b>388,309</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
<b>CONDOMINIUM</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>251,665</b>	<b>251,581</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>256,725</b>	<b>258,629</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<i>Apartment</i>	131	120	9.2	293	293	0.0	260,222	281,856	-7.7	271,178	286,430	-5.3
<i>Row</i>	64	85	-24.7	144	187	-23.0	236,220	219,307	7.7	233,059	222,275	4.9
<i>Other Condominiums</i>	33	40	-17.5	73	88	-17.0	247,653	229,337	8.0	245,399	243,316	0.9
<b>OTHERS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>362,918</b>	<b>358,966</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>358,837</b>	<b>355,090</b>	<b>1.1</b>

Source: Ottawa Real Estate Board

\* Properties under Row type refer to one dwelling unit of a group of three or more attached, self-contained dwelling units of similar design and size, each unit separately titled)  
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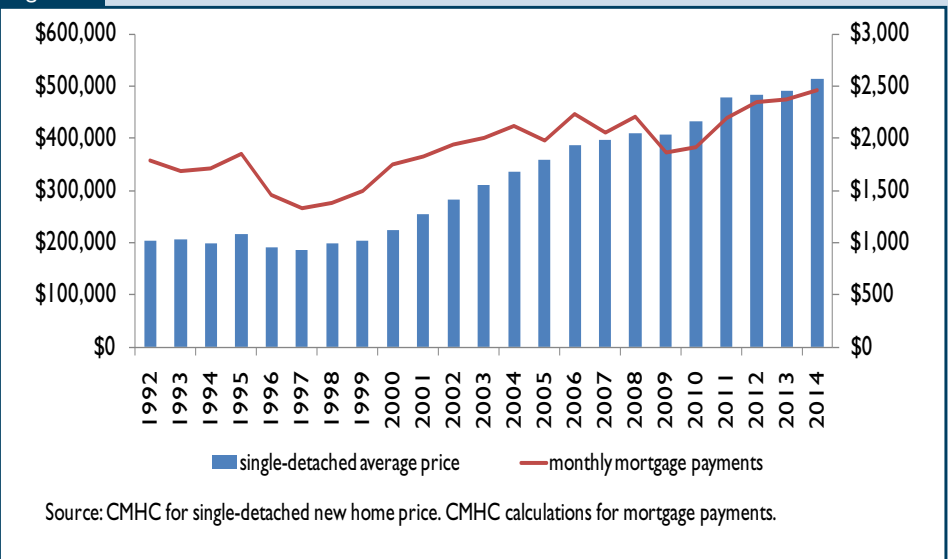
## A Closer Look At New Single-Detached Home Prices

The average price for new single-detached homes has been on an upward trajectory since 2000 with few interruptions. In the decade before 2000, prices were fairly flat, or grew at modest rates, only once surpassing five per cent but remaining below 10 per cent. Nominal average new single-detached home prices have doubled since the 1990s. However, adjusted for inflation, that is, in real terms, prices declined from 1990 to 2000, and then grew over 35 per cent from 2003 to 2014.

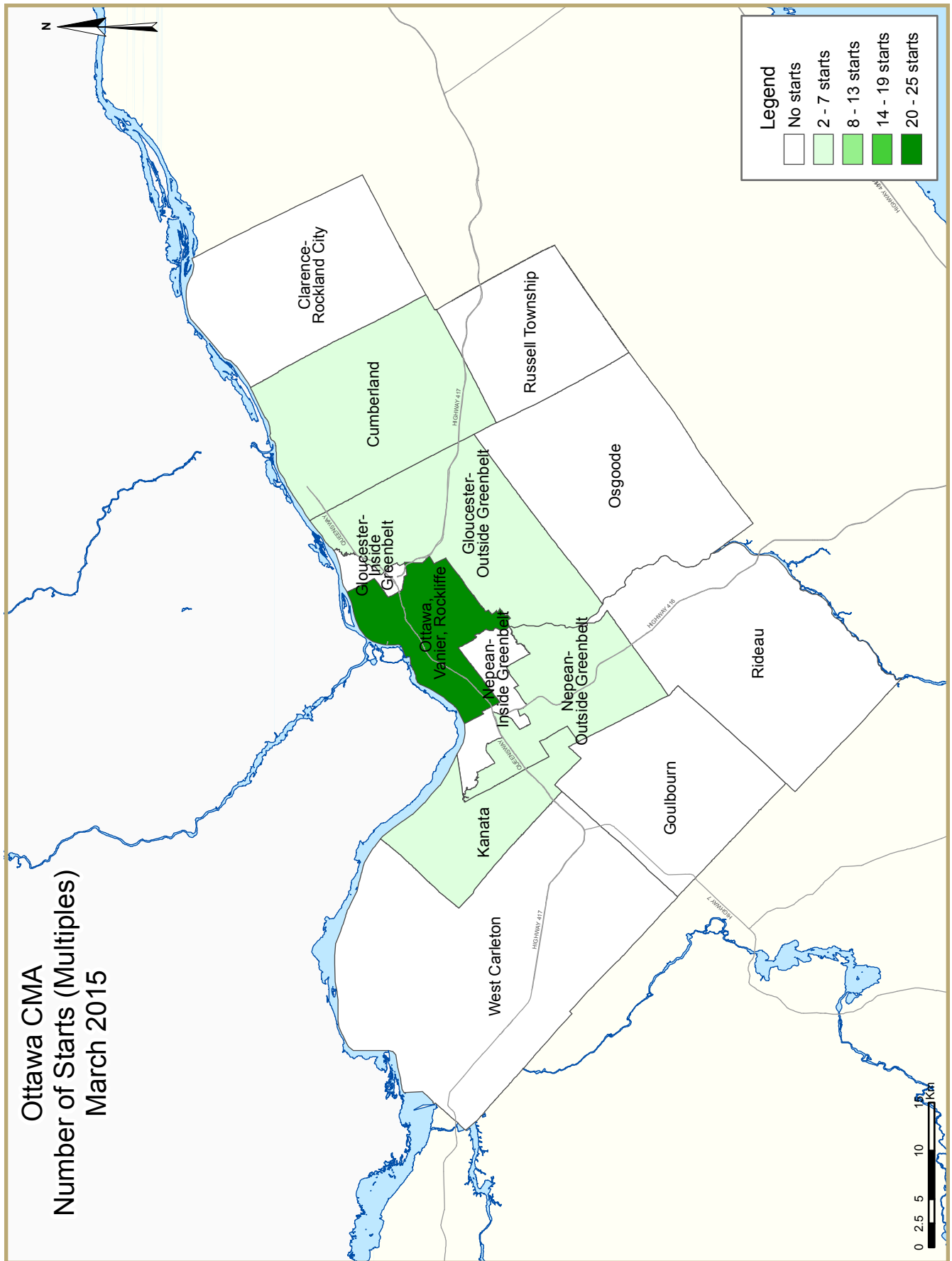
during the period of most rapid price growth between 2000 and 2006. Subsequently, mortgage rates increased but changes in amortization periods limited growth in monthly payments. A sharp drop in mortgage rates combined with a slight drop in price brought down the monthly payment in 2009. Since then, mortgage rate declines have been modest, so the monthly payment has been rising along with the rising average price.

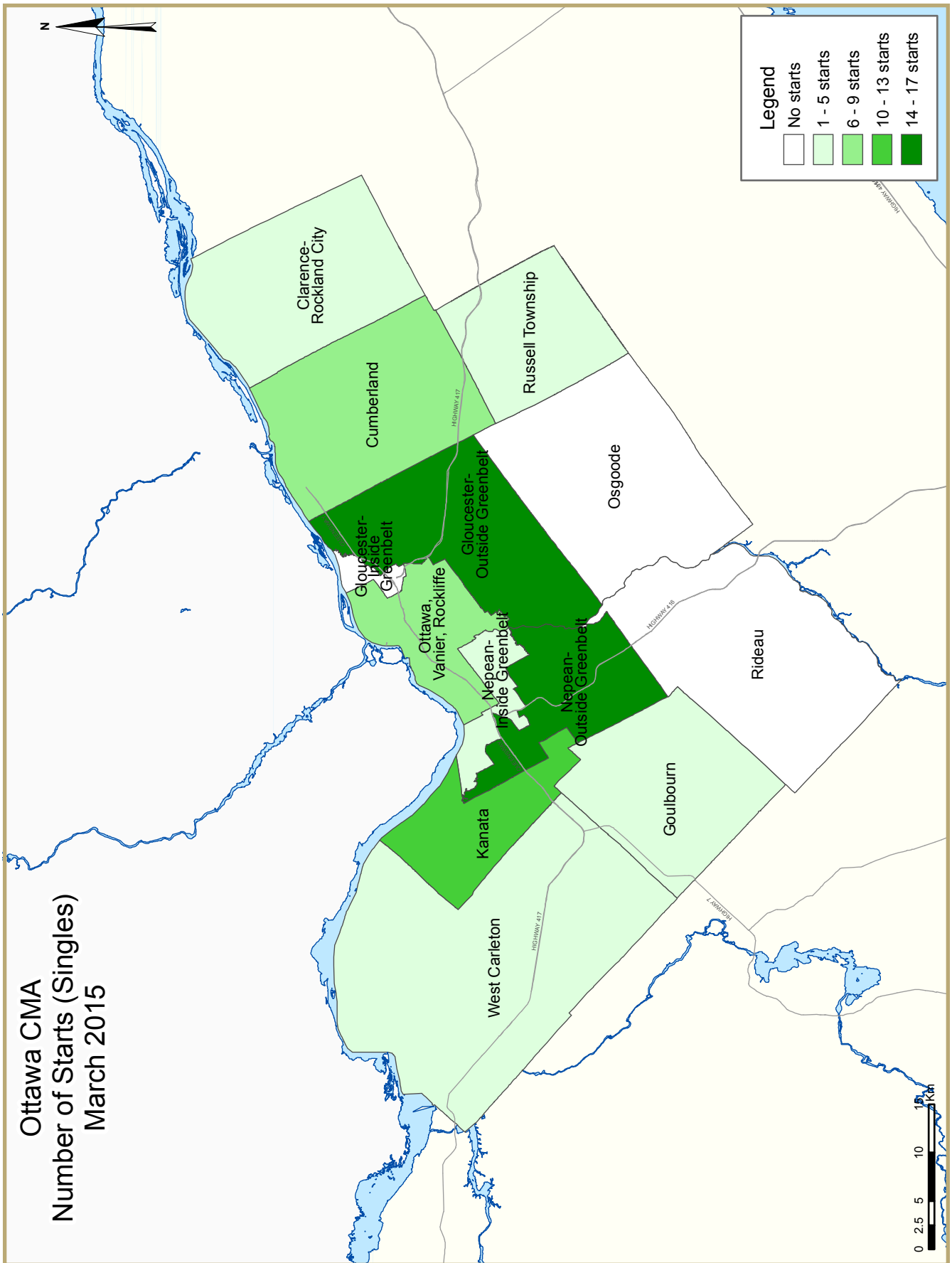
Many factors in addition to mortgage rates and amortization periods influence home prices, including population, employment and income growth, construction and land costs, regulations and buyer preferences. However, trends in the average monthly mortgage payment allow us to gain some insight into the relationship between mortgage rates, amortization periods and price. Looking at the average monthly mortgage payments<sup>8</sup> for a new single-detached home, it is clear that mortgage rate declines offset some of the impact on buyers' budgets of the increase in prices

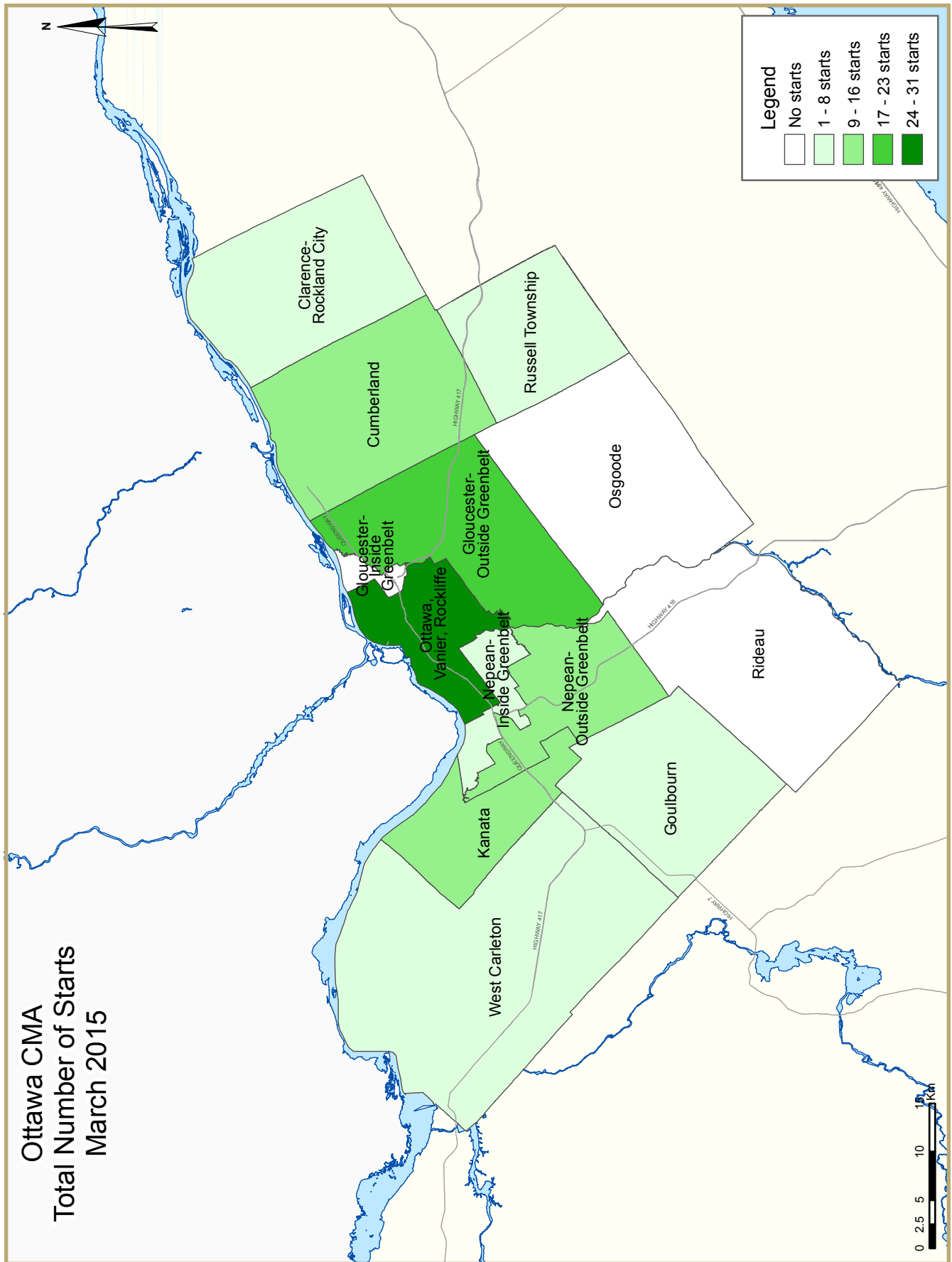
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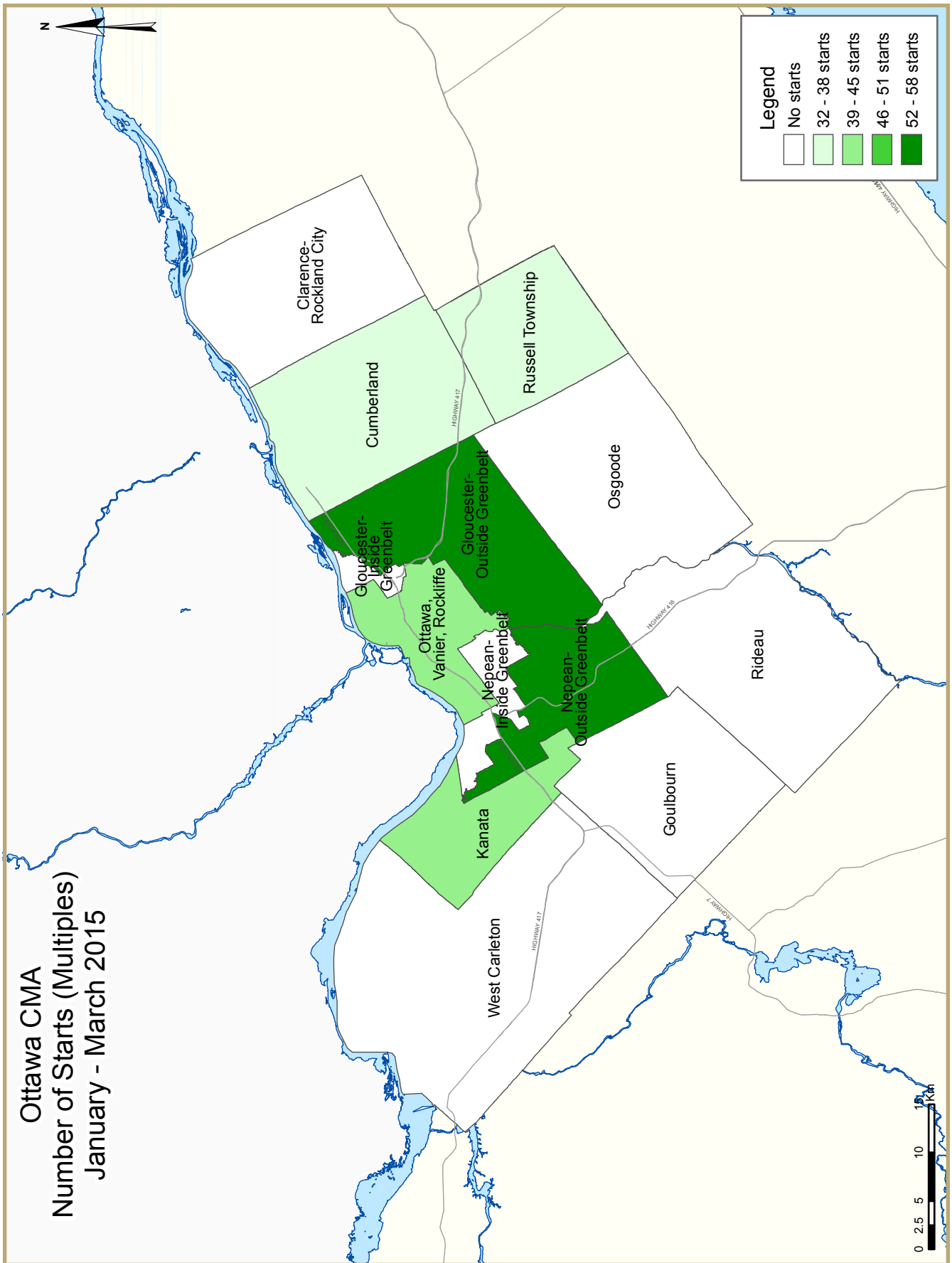
<sup>8</sup> Monthly mortgage payment is calculated as such: pre-2006, 25-year amortization, 2007, 40-year amortization, 2008-2010, 35-year amortization, 2011, 30-year amortization, starting from 2012, 25-year amortization, 5Yr-posted fixed rate and 10% down payment.

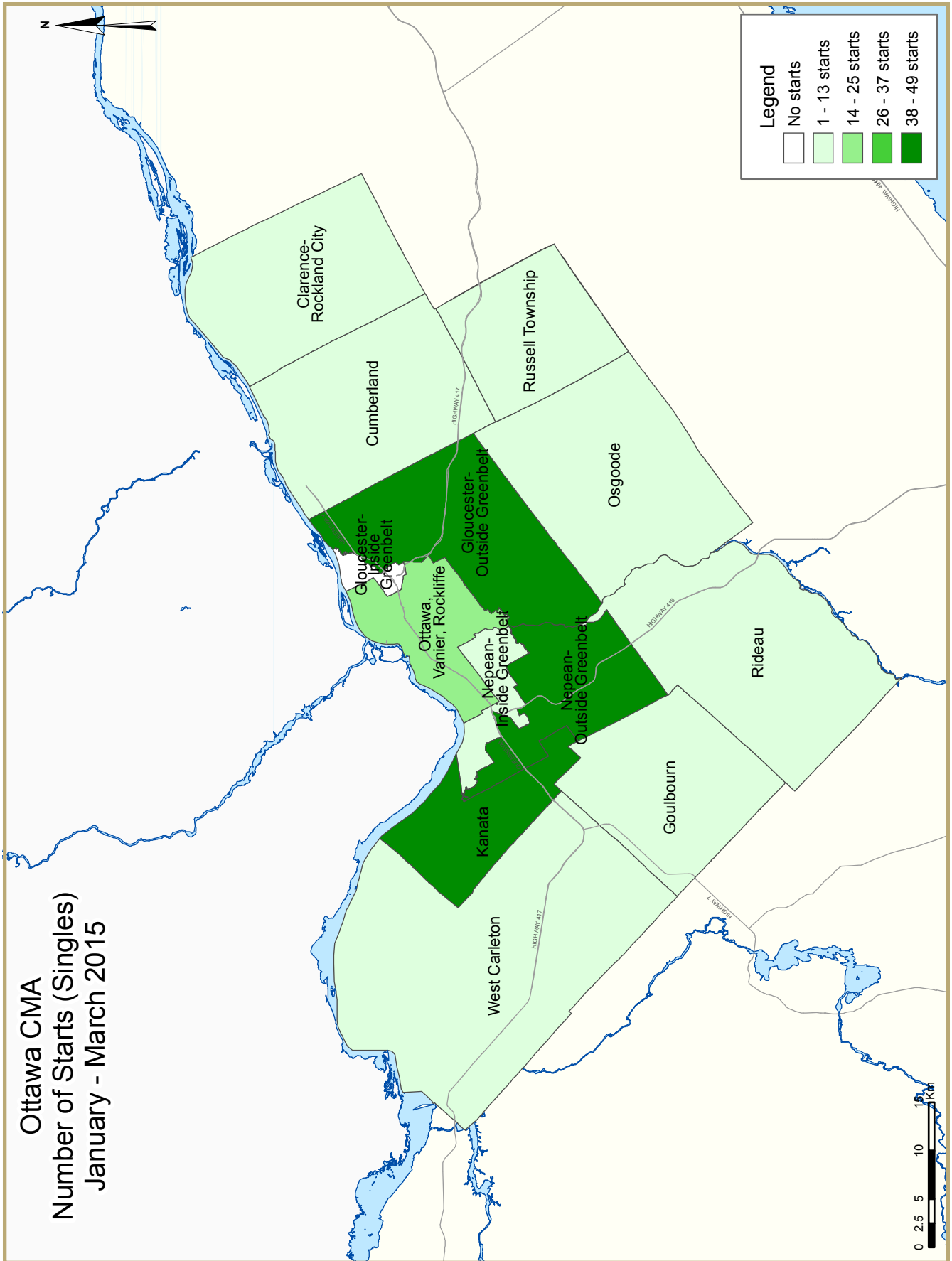


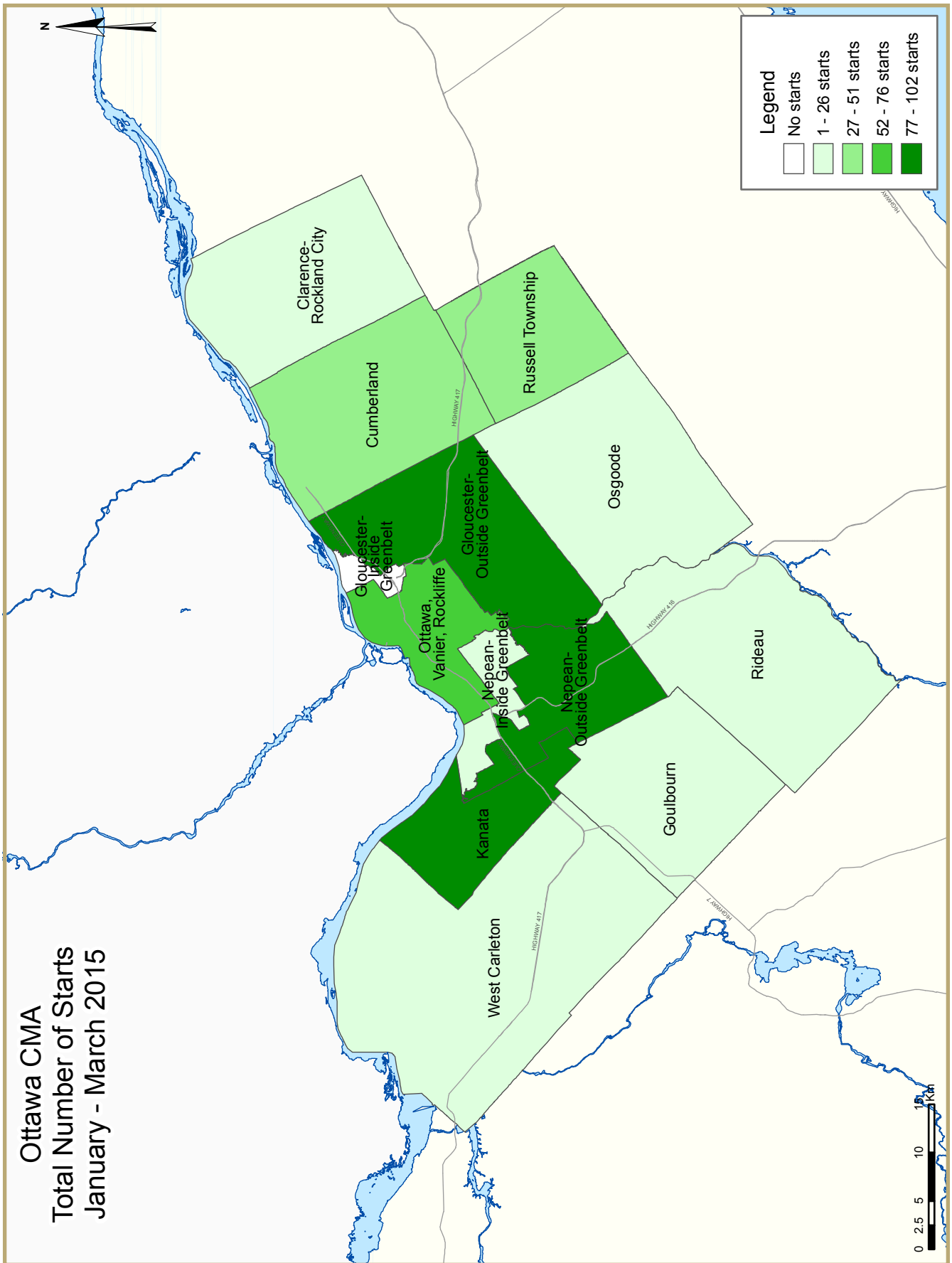












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### SYMBOLS

- 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

<b>Table I: Housing Starts (SAAR and Trend)</b>		
<b>March 2015</b>		
<b>Ottawa CMA<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>February 2015</b>	<b>March 2015</b>
Trend <sup>2</sup>	5,175	4,600
SAAR	2,361	1,512
	<b>March 2014</b>	<b>March 2015</b>
<b>Actual</b>		
March - Single-Detached	54	61
March - Multiples	373	41
March - Total	427	102
January to March - Single-Detached	235	182
January to March - Multiples	539	265
January to March - Total	774	447

Source: CMHC

<sup>1</sup> Census Metropolitan Area

<sup>2</sup> The trend is a six-month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR)

Detailed data available upon request

**Table I.1: Housing Activity Summary of Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)**  
**March 2015**

	Ownership						Rental		Total*
	Freehold			Condominium			Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other			
<b>STARTS</b>									
March 2015	61	2	14	0	0	19	4	2	102
March 2014	54	6	80	0	0	235	0	52	427
% Change	13.0	-66.7	-82.5	n/a	n/a	-91.9	n/a	-96.2	-76.1
Year-to-date 2015	182	14	135	0	0	100	14	2	447
Year-to-date 2014	235	20	205	0	0	243	2	69	774
% Change	-22.6	-30.0	-34.1	n/a	n/a	-58.8	**	-97.1	-42.2
<b>UNDER CONSTRUCTION</b>									
March 2015	819	106	1,230	0	4	2,037	34	688	4,918
March 2014	951	164	1,102	0	5	3,189	2	701	6,114
% Change	-13.9	-35.4	11.6	n/a	-20.0	-36.1	**	-1.9	-19.6
<b>COMPLETIONS</b>									
March 2015	101	18	99	0	0	191	8	3	420
March 2014	103	28	90	0	0	199	0	14	434
% Change	-1.9	-35.7	10.0	n/a	n/a	-4.0	n/a	-78.6	-3.2
Year-to-date 2015	336	34	332	0	0	688	13	14	1,417
Year-to-date 2014	359	78	290	0	0	673	8	174	1,582
% Change	-6.4	-56.4	14.5	n/a	n/a	2.2	62.5	-92.0	-10.4
<b>COMPLETED &amp; NOT ABSORBED</b>									
March 2015	68	27	99	0	3	443	n/a	n/a	640
March 2014	89	59	66	0	0	124	n/a	n/a	338
% Change	-23.6	-54.2	50.0	n/a	n/a	**	n/a	n/a	89.3
<b>ABSORBED</b>									
March 2015	102	14	99	0	0	169	n/a	n/a	384
March 2014	107	38	92	0	0	213	n/a	n/a	450
% Change	-4.7	-63.2	7.6	n/a	n/a	-20.7	n/a	n/a	-14.7
Year-to-date 2015	340	32	309	0	0	624	n/a	n/a	1,305
Year-to-date 2014	357	87	271	0	0	811	n/a	n/a	1,526
% Change	-4.8	-63.2	14.0	n/a	n/a	-23.1	n/a	n/a	-14.5

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

**Table 1.2: Housing Activity Summary by Submarket**  
**March 2015**

	Ownership						Rental		Total*
	Freehold			Condominium			Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other			
<b>STARTS</b>									
<b>Ottawa City</b>									
March 2015	58	2	14	0	0	19	4	2	99
March 2014	53	6	80	0	0	235	0	52	426
<b>Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe</b>									
March 2015	6	0	0	0	0	19	4	2	31
March 2014	2	2	8	0	0	187	0	24	223
<b>Nepean inside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
March 2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Nepean outside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
March 2014	11	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	33
<b>Gloucester inside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March 2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gloucester outside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	17	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	20
March 2014	6	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	20
<b>Kanata</b>									
March 2015	10	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	14
March 2014	24	0	9	0	0	0	0	28	61
<b>Cumberland</b>									
March 2015	8	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	15
March 2014	5	0	29	0	0	48	0	0	82
<b>Goulbourn</b>									
March 2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
March 2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>West Carleton</b>									
March 2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
March 2014	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Rideau</b>									
March 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March 2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Osgoode</b>									
March 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March 2014	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Clarence-Rockland City</b>									
March 2015	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
March 2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Russell Township</b>									
March 2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
March 2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario portion)</b>									
March 2015	61	2	14	0	0	19	4	2	102
March 2014	54	6	80	0	0	235	0	52	427

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<b>UNDER CONSTRUCTION</b>									
<b>Ottawa City</b>									
March 2015	766	102	1,222	0	4	2,000	34	688	4,816
March 2014	891	154	1,082	0	5	3,189	2	701	6,024
<b>Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe</b>									
March 2015	48	46	25	0	4	1,422	26	186	1,757
March 2014	61	76	43	0	5	2,715	2	126	3,028
<b>Nepean inside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	5	0	0	0	0	199	2	0	206
March 2014	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
<b>Nepean outside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	192	20	400	0	0	85	0	25	722
March 2014	304	24	404	0	0	134	0	141	1,007
<b>Gloucester inside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	22
March 2014	6	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	28
<b>Gloucester outside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	109	2	226	0	0	148	4	0	489
March 2014	64	16	207	0	0	84	0	12	383
<b>Kanata</b>									
March 2015	255	8	279	0	0	48	0	469	1,059
March 2014	269	26	261	0	0	36	0	353	945
<b>Cumberland</b>									
March 2015	57	18	177	0	0	76	0	0	328
March 2014	48	2	75	0	0	184	0	41	350
<b>Goulbourn</b>									
March 2015	25	6	4	0	0	0	0	8	43
March 2014	43	0	44	0	0	14	0	28	129
<b>West Carleton</b>									
March 2015	13	2	111	0	0	0	2	0	128
March 2014	31	6	48	0	0	0	0	0	85
<b>Rideau</b>									
March 2015	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
March 2014	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
<b>Osgoode</b>									
March 2015	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
March 2014	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
<b>Clarence-Rockland City</b>									
March 2015	36	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	46
March 2014	40	4	20	0	0	0	0	0	64
<b>Russell Township</b>									
March 2015	17	2	0	0	0	37	0	0	56
March 2014	20	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario portion)</b>									
March 2015	819	106	1,230	0	4	2,037	34	688	4,918
March 2014	951	164	1,102	0	5	3,189	2	701	6,114

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



**Table 1.2: Housing Activity Summary by Submarket**  
**March 2015**

	Ownership						Rental		Total*
	Freehold			Condominium			Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other			
<b>COMPLETIONS</b>									
<b>Ottawa City</b>									
March 2015	97	18	99	0	0	191	8	3	416
March 2014	83	16	82	0	0	199	0	14	394
<b>Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe</b>									
March 2015	7	8	3	0	0	191	8	3	220
March 2014	7	2	0	0	0	119	0	14	142
<b>Nepean inside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
March 2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Nepean outside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	7	6	42	0	0	0	0	0	55
March 2014	19	6	24	0	0	0	0	0	49
<b>Gloucester inside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March 2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gloucester outside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	35	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	55
March 2014	20	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	38
<b>Kanata</b>									
March 2015	22	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	44
March 2014	11	0	26	0	0	24	0	0	61
<b>Cumberland</b>									
March 2015	10	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	14
March 2014	8	6	16	0	0	56	0	0	86
<b>Goulbourn</b>									
March 2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
March 2014	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>West Carleton</b>									
March 2015	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	13
March 2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Rideau</b>									
March 2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
March 2014	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Osgoode</b>									
March 2015	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
March 2014	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Clarence-Rockland City</b>									
March 2015	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
March 2014	9	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	17
<b>Russell Township</b>									
March 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March 2014	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario portion)</b>									
March 2015	101	18	99	0	0	191	8	3	420
March 2014	103	28	90	0	0	199	0	14	434

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

**Table 1.2: Housing Activity Summary by Submarket**  
**March 2015**

	Ownership						Rental		Total*
	Freehold			Condominium			Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other			
<b>COMPLETED &amp; NOT ABSORBED</b>									
<b>Ottawa City</b>									
March 2015	62	26	99	0	3	437	n/a	n/a	627
March 2014	83	59	64	0	0	123	n/a	n/a	329
<b>Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe</b>									
March 2015	4	15	2	0	3	374	n/a	n/a	398
March 2014	17	40	4	0	0	38	n/a	n/a	99
<b>Nepean inside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	2	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	2
March 2014	1	0	2	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	3
<b>Nepean outside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	12	6	37	0	0	20	n/a	n/a	75
March 2014	13	7	20	0	0	22	n/a	n/a	62
<b>Gloucester inside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	0	0	0	0	0	9	n/a	n/a	9
March 2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0
<b>Gloucester outside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	11	1	29	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	43
March 2014	25	2	30	0	0	6	n/a	n/a	63
<b>Kanata</b>									
March 2015	24	1	15	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	40
March 2014	18	8	4	0	0	1	n/a	n/a	31
<b>Cumberland</b>									
March 2015	1	0	8	0	0	29	n/a	n/a	38
March 2014	1	0	4	0	0	54	n/a	n/a	59
<b>Goulbourn</b>									
March 2015	8	0	7	0	0	3	n/a	n/a	18
March 2014	5	1	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	8
<b>West Carleton</b>									
March 2015	0	1	1	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	2
March 2014	1	1	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	2
<b>Rideau</b>									
March 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0
March 2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	1
<b>Osgoode</b>									
March 2015	0	2	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	2
March 2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	1
<b>Clarence-Rockland City</b>									
March 2015	2	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	2
March 2014	3	0	2	0	0	1	n/a	n/a	6
<b>Russell Township</b>									
March 2015	4	1	0	0	0	6	n/a	n/a	11
March 2014	3	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	3
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario portion)</b>									
March 2015	68	27	99	0	3	443	n/a	n/a	640
March 2014	89	59	66	0	0	124	n/a	n/a	338

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

**Table 1.2: Housing Activity Summary by Submarket**  
**March 2015**

	Ownership						Rental		Total*
	Freehold			Condominium			Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other			
<b>ABSORBED</b>									
<b>Ottawa City</b>									
March 2015	96	14	99	0	0	169	n/a	n/a	378
March 2014	88	26	85	0	0	213	n/a	n/a	412
<b>Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe</b>									
March 2015	7	6	4	0	0	141	n/a	n/a	158
March 2014	9	10	2	0	0	138	n/a	n/a	159
<b>Nepean inside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	2	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	2
March 2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	1
<b>Nepean outside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	7	5	41	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	53
March 2014	19	7	21	0	0	7	n/a	n/a	54
<b>Gloucester inside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0
March 2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0
<b>Gloucester outside greenbelt</b>									
March 2015	35	1	18	0	0	16	n/a	n/a	70
March 2014	21	3	12	0	0	14	n/a	n/a	50
<b>Kanata</b>									
March 2015	22	0	25	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	47
March 2014	11	0	27	0	0	25	n/a	n/a	63
<b>Cumberland</b>									
March 2015	10	0	0	0	0	10	n/a	n/a	20
March 2014	9	6	23	0	0	29	n/a	n/a	67
<b>Goulbourn</b>									
March 2015	1	0	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	3
March 2014	2	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	2
<b>West Carleton</b>									
March 2015	3	1	11	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	15
March 2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	1
<b>Rideau</b>									
March 2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	1
March 2014	8	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	8
<b>Osgoode</b>									
March 2015	8	1	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	9
March 2014	7	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	7
<b>Clarence-Rockland City</b>									
March 2015	6	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	6
March 2014	9	0	7	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	16
<b>Russell Township</b>									
March 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0
March 2014	10	12	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	22
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario portion)</b>									
March 2015	102	14	99	0	0	169	n/a	n/a	384
March 2014	107	38	92	0	0	213	n/a	n/a	450

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

**Table 1.3: History of Housing Starts of Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)  
2005 - 2014**

	Ownership						Rental		Total*
	Freehold			Condominium			Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other			
2014	1,775	238	1,709	0	4	1,418	49	569	5,762
% Change	-0.7	-39.6	5.2	n/a	-50.0	-37.5	**	20.0	-12.2
2013	1,787	394	1,625	0	8	2,268	4	474	6,560
% Change	12.2	41.7	17.1	n/a	14.3	-0.4	-87.5	4.9	8.9
2012	1,592	278	1,388	0	7	2,277	32	452	6,026
% Change	-25.4	-22.8	-24.9	n/a	n/a	68.2	**	**	4.0
2011	2,134	360	1,849	0	0	1,354	1	91	5,794
% Change	-7.3	-0.6	-4.0	n/a	-100.0	-10.3	-94.1	-70.0	-10.1
2010	2,302	362	1,926	0	27	1,509	17	303	6,446
% Change	-6.8	23.5	1.6	n/a	125.0	62.8	-43.3	62.9	10.9
2009	2,471	293	1,895	0	12	927	30	186	5,814
% Change	-16.4	38.9	-10.1	n/a	-80.0	-38.2	**	17.0	-16.9
2008	2,956	211	2,109	0	60	1,501	2	159	6,998
% Change	-0.6	-27.7	12.2	n/a	-39.4	42.0	-75.0	-19.7	7.6
2007	2,973	292	1,879	0	99	1,057	8	198	6,506
% Change	19.9	-23.8	22.7	n/a	-47.6	-10.7	-90.5	**	10.7
2006	2,480	383	1,532	0	189	1,183	84	24	5,875
% Change	5.5	29.4	24.7	n/a	-34.8	86.6	104.9	-59.3	17.9
2005	2,350	296	1,229	0	290	634	41	59	4,982

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 2: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type**  
**March 2015**

Submarket	Single		Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total		
	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	% Change
Ottawa City	58	53	6	6	14	80	21	287	99	426	-76.8
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	6	2	4	2	0	8	21	211	31	223	-86.1
Nepean inside greenbelt	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	n/a
Nepean outside greenbelt	14	11	2	2	0	20	0	0	16	33	-51.5
Gloucester inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Gloucester outside greenbelt	17	6	0	0	3	14	0	0	20	20	0.0
Kanata	10	24	0	0	4	9	0	28	14	61	-77.0
Cumberland	8	5	0	0	7	29	0	48	15	82	-81.7
Goulbourn	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0
West Carleton	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	-66.7
Rideau	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100.0
Osgoode	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-100.0
Clarence-Rockland City	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	100.0
Russell Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	n/a
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>-76.1</b>

**Table 2.1: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type**  
**January - March 2015**

Submarket	Single		Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total		
	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% Change
Ottawa City	169	223	26	22	135	205	72	312	402	762	-47.2
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	15	5	18	10	0	8	26	211	59	234	-74.8
Nepean inside greenbelt	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	n/a
Nepean outside greenbelt	49	78	4	2	49	62	0	17	102	159	-35.8
Gloucester inside greenbelt	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100.0
Gloucester outside greenbelt	38	39	4	8	8	72	46	0	96	119	-19.3
Kanata	42	59	0	0	44	23	0	28	86	110	-21.8
Cumberland	11	15	0	0	34	40	0	56	45	111	-59.5
Goulbourn	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	-66.7
West Carleton	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	5	-60.0
Rideau	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	-33.3
Osgoode	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	11	-45.5
Clarence-Rockland City	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	11.1
Russell Township	3	3	2	0	0	0	30	0	35	3	**
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>-42.2</b>

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 2.2: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market**  
**March 2015**

Submarket	Row				Apt. & Other			
	Freehold and Condominium		Rental		Freehold and Condominium		Rental	
	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014
Ottawa City	14	80	0	0	19	235	2	52
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	0	8	0	0	19	187	2	24
Nepean inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nepean outside greenbelt	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester outside greenbelt	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kanata	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	28
Cumberland	7	29	0	0	0	48	0	0
Goulbourn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Carleton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rideau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osgoode	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clarence-Rockland City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russell Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>52</b>

**Table 2.3: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market**  
**January - March 2015**

Submarket	Row				Apt. & Other			
	Freehold and Condominium		Rental		Freehold and Condominium		Rental	
	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Ottawa City	135	205	0	0	70	243	2	69
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	0	8	0	0	24	187	2	24
Nepean inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nepean outside greenbelt	49	62	0	0	0	0	0	17
Gloucester inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester outside greenbelt	8	72	0	0	46	0	0	0
Kanata	44	23	0	0	0	0	0	28
Cumberland	34	40	0	0	0	56	0	0
Goulbourn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Carleton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rideau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osgoode	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clarence-Rockland City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russell Township	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>69</b>

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 2.4: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market  
March 2015**

Submarket	Freehold		Condominium		Rental		Total*	
	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014
Ottawa City	74	139	19	235	6	52	99	426
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	6	12	19	187	6	24	31	223
Nepean inside greenbelt	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nepean outside greenbelt	16	33	0	0	0	0	16	33
Gloucester inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester outside greenbelt	20	20	0	0	0	0	20	20
Kanata	14	33	0	0	0	28	14	61
Cumberland	15	34	0	48	0	0	15	82
Goulbourn	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
West Carleton	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3
Rideau	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Osgoode	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Clarence-Rockland City	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Russell Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>427</b>

**Table 2.5: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market  
January - March 2015**

Submarket	Freehold		Condominium		Rental		Total*	
	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Ottawa City	316	448	70	243	16	71	402	762
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	23	21	24	187	12	26	59	234
Nepean inside greenbelt	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nepean outside greenbelt	102	142	0	0	0	17	102	159
Gloucester inside greenbelt	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gloucester outside greenbelt	46	119	46	0	4	0	96	119
Kanata	86	82	0	0	0	28	86	110
Cumberland	45	55	0	56	0	0	45	111
Goulbourn	3	9	0	0	0	0	3	9
West Carleton	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	5
Rideau	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	3
Osgoode	6	11	0	0	0	0	6	11
Clarence-Rockland City	10	9	0	0	0	0	10	9
Russell Township	5	3	30	0	0	0	35	3
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>774</b>

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 3: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type**  
**March 2015**

Submarket	Single		Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total*		
	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	% Change
Ottawa City	97	83	26	16	99	82	194	213	416	394	5.6
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	7	7	16	2	3	0	194	133	220	142	54.9
Nepean inside greenbelt	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	200.0
Nepean outside greenbelt	7	19	6	6	42	24	0	0	55	49	12.2
Gloucester inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Gloucester outside greenbelt	35	20	2	2	18	16	0	0	55	38	44.7
Kanata	22	11	0	0	22	26	0	24	44	61	-27.9
Cumberland	10	8	0	6	4	16	0	56	14	86	-83.7
Goulbourn	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	-50.0
West Carleton	3	1	0	0	10	0	0	0	13	1	**
Rideau	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	-85.7
Osgoode	8	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	7	42.9
Clarence-Rockland City	4	9	0	0	0	8	0	0	4	17	-76.5
Russell Township	0	11	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	23	-100.0
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>-3.2</b>

**Table 3.1: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type**  
**January - March 2015**

Submarket	Single		Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total*		
	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% Change
Ottawa City	307	334	47	70	332	274	678	847	1,364	1,525	-10.6
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	18	23	26	22	28	3	666	612	738	660	11.8
Nepean inside greenbelt	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4	150.0
Nepean outside greenbelt	53	52	12	24	100	53	0	46	165	175	-5.7
Gloucester inside greenbelt	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	n/a
Gloucester outside greenbelt	57	80	2	12	32	74	12	45	103	211	-51.2
Kanata	98	95	1	6	108	88	0	60	207	249	-16.9
Cumberland	21	18	0	6	4	56	0	84	25	164	-84.8
Goulbourn	3	18	0	0	14	0	0	0	17	18	-5.6
West Carleton	9	9	2	0	46	0	0	0	57	9	**
Rideau	7	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	16	-56.3
Osgoode	29	19	4	0	0	0	0	0	33	19	73.7
Clarence-Rockland City	16	12	0	0	0	16	12	0	28	28	0.0
Russell Township	13	13	0	16	0	0	12	0	25	29	-13.8
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>-10.4</b>

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)



**Table 3.2: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market  
March 2015**

Submarket	Row				Apt. & Other			
	Freehold and Condominium		Rental		Freehold and Condominium		Rental	
	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014
Ottawa City	99	82	0	0	191	199	3	14
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	3	0	0	0	191	119	3	14
Nepean inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nepean outside greenbelt	42	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester outside greenbelt	18	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kanata	22	26	0	0	0	24	0	0
Cumberland	4	16	0	0	0	56	0	0
Goulbourn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Carleton	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rideau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osgoode	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clarence-Rockland City	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russell Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>

**Table 3.3: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market  
January - March 2015**

Submarket	Row				Apt. & Other			
	Freehold and Condominium		Rental		Freehold and Condominium		Rental	
	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Ottawa City	332	274	0	0	664	673	14	174
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	28	3	0	0	652	450	14	162
Nepean inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nepean outside greenbelt	100	53	0	0	0	46	0	0
Gloucester inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester outside greenbelt	32	74	0	0	12	33	0	12
Kanata	108	88	0	0	0	60	0	0
Cumberland	4	56	0	0	0	84	0	0
Goulbourn	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Carleton	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rideau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osgoode	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clarence-Rockland City	0	16	0	0	12	0	0	0
Russell Township	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>174</b>

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 3.4: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market****March 2015**

Submarket	Freehold		Condominium		Rental		Total*	
	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014	March 2015	March 2014
Ottawa City	214	181	191	199	11	14	416	394
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	18	9	191	119	11	14	220	142
Nepean inside greenbelt	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
Nepean outside greenbelt	55	49	0	0	0	0	55	49
Gloucester inside greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester outside greenbelt	55	38	0	0	0	0	55	38
Kanata	44	37	0	24	0	0	44	61
Cumberland	14	30	0	56	0	0	14	86
Goulbourn	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
West Carleton	13	1	0	0	0	0	13	1
Rideau	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	7
Osgoode	10	7	0	0	0	0	10	7
Clarence-Rockland City	4	17	0	0	0	0	4	17
Russell Township	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>434</b>

**Table 3.5: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market****January - March 2015**

Submarket	Freehold		Condominium		Rental		Total*	
	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Ottawa City	673	674	664	673	27	178	1,364	1,525
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	60	44	652	450	26	166	738	660
Nepean inside greenbelt	10	4	0	0	0	0	10	4
Nepean outside greenbelt	165	129	0	46	0	0	165	175
Gloucester inside greenbelt	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Gloucester outside greenbelt	91	166	12	33	0	12	103	211
Kanata	206	189	0	60	1	0	207	249
Cumberland	25	80	0	84	0	0	25	164
Goulbourn	17	18	0	0	0	0	17	18
West Carleton	57	9	0	0	0	0	57	9
Rideau	7	16	0	0	0	0	7	16
Osgoode	33	19	0	0	0	0	33	19
Clarence-Rockland City	16	28	12	0	0	0	28	28
Russell Township	13	25	12	0	0	4	25	29
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>1,582</b>

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range**  
**March 2015**

Submarket	Price Ranges										Total	Median Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
	< \$300,000		\$300,000 - \$374,999		\$375,000 - \$424,999		\$425,000 - \$499,999		\$500,000 +				
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)			
<b>Ottawa City</b>													
March 2015	0	0.0	4	5.8	20	29.0	25	36.2	20	29.0	69	453,900	496,552
March 2014	0	0.0	1	1.5	1	1.5	25	38.5	38	58.5	65	528,500	560,878
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	17	6.9	49	20.0	100	40.8	79	32.2	245	460,900	495,986
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	8	3.0	27	10.2	78	29.3	153	57.5	266	525,700	560,332
<b>Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe</b>													
March 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	100.0	4	--	--
March 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	100.0	3	--	--
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	100.0	10	849,900	860,420
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	100.0	11	899,900	999,127
<b>Nepean inside greenbelt</b>													
March 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	1	--	--
March 2014	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	2	--	--
Year-to-date 2014	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
<b>Nepean outside greenbelt</b>													
March 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	28.6	2	28.6	3	42.9	7	--	--
March 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	38.9	11	61.1	18	545,400	544,572
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	8	14.5	6	10.9	16	29.1	25	45.5	55	466,900	481,338
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	1	2.0	9	18.4	14	28.6	25	51.0	49	507,900	529,484
<b>Gloucester inside greenbelt</b>													
March 2015	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
March 2014	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
Year-to-date 2015	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
Year-to-date 2014	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
<b>Gloucester outside greenbelt</b>													
March 2015	0	0.0	2	8.3	3	12.5	14	58.3	5	20.8	24	453,900	465,133
March 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	63.2	7	36.8	19	483,900	508,379
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	2	4.3	5	10.9	26	56.5	13	28.3	46	482,440	476,952
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	1	1.4	1	1.4	39	53.4	32	43.8	73	495,000	506,026
<b>Kanata</b>													
March 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	47.6	7	33.3	4	19.0	21	426,500	476,779
March 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	10.0	2	20.0	7	70.0	10	537,950	526,097
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	4	4.2	27	28.4	47	49.5	17	17.9	95	442,990	467,229
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	4	4.5	15	16.9	16	18.0	54	60.7	89	545,900	537,597
<b>Cumberland</b>													
March 2015	0	0.0	2	20.0	5	50.0	2	20.0	1	10.0	10	403,400	439,050
March 2014	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	3	42.9	3	42.9	7	--	--
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	2	9.5	11	52.4	5	23.8	3	14.3	21	422,900	444,305
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	2	12.5	0	0.0	7	43.8	7	43.8	16	461,150	493,688
<b>Goulbourn</b>													
March 2015	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
March 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	1	--	--
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	2	--	--
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	20.0	1	10.0	7	70.0	10	647,950	616,439

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

**Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range**  
**March 2015**

Submarket	Price Ranges										Total	Median Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
	< \$300,000		\$300,000 - \$374,999		\$375,000 - \$424,999		\$425,000 - \$499,999		\$500,000 +				
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)			
<b>West Carleton</b>													
March 2015	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
March 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	1	--	--
Year-to-date 2015	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	100.0	4	--	--
<b>Rideau</b>													
March 2015	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
March 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	100.0	4	--	--
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	1	--	--
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	100.0	8	--	--
<b>Osgoode</b>													
March 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	2	--	--
March 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	2	--	--
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	1	7.7	0	0.0	4	30.8	8	61.5	13	562,900	579,869
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	5	83.3	6	--	--
<b>Clarence-Rockland City</b>													
March 2015	0	0.0	3	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	--	--
March 2014	0	0.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	3	--	--
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	10	83.3	1	8.3	1	8.3	0	0.0	12	352,950	350,875
Year-to-date 2014	1	20.0	3	60.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	5	--	--
<b>Russell Township</b>													
March 2015	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	--	--
March 2014	0	0.0	7	70.0	3	30.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	360,950	366,630
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	8	72.7	1	9.1	1	9.1	1	9.1	11	369,000	402,945
Year-to-date 2014	0	0.0	7	63.6	3	27.3	1	9.1	0	0.0	11	361,000	377,109
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario portion)</b>													
March 2015	0	0.0	7	9.7	20	27.8	25	34.7	20	27.8	72	449,900	489,464
March 2014	0	0.0	10	12.8	4	5.1	26	33.3	38	48.7	78	497,495	527,983
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	35	13.1	51	19.0	102	38.1	80	29.9	268	453,900	485,670
Year-to-date 2014	1	0.4	18	6.4	30	10.6	80	28.4	153	54.3	282	517,900	549,141

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

**Table 4.1: Average Price (\$) of Absorbed Single-detached Units  
March 2015**

Submarket	March 2015	March 2014	% Change	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% Change
Ottawa City	496,552	560,878	-11.5	495,986	560,332	-11.5
Ottawa, Vanier, Rockcliffe	--	--	n/a	860,420	999,127	-13.9
Nepean inside greenbelt	--	--	n/a	--	--	n/a
Nepean outside greenbelt	496,951	544,572	-8.7	481,338	529,484	-9.1
Gloucester inside greenbelt	--	--	n/a	--	--	n/a
Gloucester outside greenbelt	465,133	508,379	-8.5	476,952	506,026	-5.7
Kanata	476,779	526,097	-9.4	467,229	537,597	-13.1
Cumberland	439,050	475,486	-7.7	444,305	493,688	-10.0
Goulbourn	--	--	n/a	--	616,439	n/a
West Carleton	--	--	n/a	--	--	n/a
Rideau	--	--	n/a	--	750,650	n/a
Osgoode	--	--	n/a	579,869	736,617	-21.3
Clarence-Rockland City	--	--	n/a	350,875	--	n/a
Russell Township	--	366,630	n/a	402,945	377,109	6.9
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)</b>	<b>489,464</b>	<b>527,983</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>485,670</b>	<b>549,141</b>	<b>-11.6</b>

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

**Table 5: MLS® Residential Activity for Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion)**

**March 2015**

		Number of Sales <sup>1</sup>	Yr/Yr <sup>2</sup> (%)	Sales SA <sup>1</sup>	Number of New Listings <sup>1</sup>	New Listings SA <sup>1</sup>	Sales-to-New Listings SA <sup>2</sup>	Average Price <sup>1</sup> (\$)	Yr/Yr <sup>2</sup> (%)	Average Price <sup>1</sup> (\$) SA
2014	January	596	-2.3	1,112	2,047	2,605	42.7	348,001	1.3	355,541
	February	881	-4.7	1,126	2,273	2,563	43.9	354,619	1.8	357,096
	March	1,197	1.3	1,134	2,942	2,412	47.0	358,966	-0.1	354,984
	April	1,428	-10.0	1,133	3,488	2,617	43.3	374,232	0.5	359,276
	May	1,802	-0.6	1,187	3,987	2,660	44.6	383,168	3.4	368,235
	June	1,678	4.4	1,197	3,177	2,593	46.2	365,366	1.7	360,098
	July	1,462	8.1	1,234	3,078	2,735	45.1	358,600	-1.0	361,236
	August	1,214	-1.0	1,220	2,444	2,613	46.7	361,730	3.7	364,880
	September	1,144	1.4	1,172	2,723	2,492	47.0	357,753	2.6	363,585
	October	1,136	2.9	1,208	2,399	2,565	47.1	357,887	-1.5	360,804
	November	905	0.3	1,203	1,578	2,521	47.7	358,196	-0.2	359,102
	December	651	5.9	1,167	983	2,743	42.5	349,479	2.2	363,162
2015	January	632	6.0	1,208	2,043	2,632	45.9	349,672	0.5	357,892
	February	862	-2.2	1,117	2,396	2,727	41.0	359,759	1.4	361,966
	March	1,225	2.3	1,158	3,441	2,821	41.0	362,918	1.1	359,747
	April									
	May									
	June									
	July									
	August									
	September									
	October									
	November									
	December									
	Q1 2014	2,674	-1.5		7,262			355,090	0.9	
	Q1 2015	2,719	1.7		7,880			358,837	1.1	
	YTD 2014	2,674	-1.5		7,262			355,090	0.9	
	YTD 2015	2,719	1.7		7,880			358,837	1.1	

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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**  
**March 2015**

		Interest Rates			NHPI, Total, Ottawa- Gatineau CMA 2007=100	CPI, 2002 =100 (Ottawa- Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion))	Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario Portion) Labour Market			
		P & I Per \$100,000	Mortgage Rates (%)				Employment SA (,000)	Unemployment Rate (%) SA	Participation Rate (%) SA	Average Weekly Earnings (\$)
			1 Yr. Term	5 Yr. Term						
2014	January	595	3.14	5.24	115.3	123.0	529	6.6	70.0	1,049
	February	595	3.14	5.24	115.4	124.2	527	6.6	69.6	1,047
	March	581	3.14	4.99	115.3	124.7	528	6.7	69.9	1,055
	April	570	3.14	4.79	115.1	125.3	528	7.0	70.0	1,065
	May	570	3.14	4.79	114.9	125.9	533	6.8	70.4	1,069
	June	570	3.14	4.79	114.8	126.3	531	6.9	70.1	1,071
	July	570	3.14	4.79	114.6	125.9	534	6.4	70.1	1,058
	August	570	3.14	4.79	114.7	125.9	533	6.7	70.1	1,051
	September	570	3.14	4.79	114.6	126.1	536	6.7	70.4	1,034
	October	570	3.14	4.79	114.4	126.1	539	6.3	70.4	1,024
	November	570	3.14	4.79	114.3	125.5	540	6.1	70.3	1,018
	December	570	3.14	4.79	114.1	124.7	541	5.9	70.2	1,024
2015	January	570	3.14	4.79	113.8	124.5	534	6.6	69.8	1,038
	February	567	2.89	4.74	113.8	125.4	534	7.0	69.9	1,041
	March	567	2.89	4.74		126.2	533	7.1	69.8	1,043
	April									
	May									
	June									
	July									
	August									
	September									
	October									
	November									
	December									

"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 2011 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 modeled 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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