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Please note that with the October 2018 edition of the *Housing Now*, both monthly and quarterly editions, we will be implementing changes to this publication. First, we will no longer publish starts data spatially using the CMA maps. Second, due to the availability of data at time of publishing, we will be lagging the Consumer Price Index (CPI) by two months within the economic indicators (Table 6). This is similar to the lag with NHPI data within the same table.

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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 I:	Housing	Starts (S	AAR and	Trend)							
Fourth Quarter 2018												
Saguenay CMA ^I	Anr	nual	1	1onthly SAA	R		Trend ²					
	2017	2018	Oct. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2018	Oct. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2018				
Single-Detached	197	192	177	188	168	184	187	175				
Multiples	219	245	456	168	372	302	290	308				
Total	416	437	633	356	540	486	477	483				
	Quarter	ly SAAR		Actual			YTD					
	2018 Q3	2018 Q4	2017 Q4	2018 Q4	% change	2017 Q4	2018 Q4	% change				
Single-Detached	201	163	60	46	-23.3%	197	192	-2.5%				
Multiples	284	332	98	83	-15.3%	219	245	11.9%				
Total	485	495	158	129	-18.4%	416	437	5.0%				

Source: CMHC

¹ Census Metropolitan Area

 $^{^2}$ The trend is a six-month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR) Detailed data available upon request

Та	ble I.I: H	_				ay CMA			
		Fou	ırth Quai	ter 2018					
			Owne	rship			Ren	tal	
		Freehold		C	Condominium		ixen	tai	T 1*
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
STARTS									
Q4 2018	46	30	6	0	0	0	0	47	129
Q4 2017	60	28	8	0	0	8	0	54	158
% Change	-23.3	7.1	-25.0	n/a	n/a	-100.0	n/a	-13.0	-18.4
Year-to-date 2018	192	118	18	0	0	22	4	83	437
Year-to-date 2017	197	70	22	0	0	8	0	119	416
% Change	-2.5	68.6	-18.2	n/a	n/a	175.0	n/a	-30.3	5.0
UNDER CONSTRUCTION									
Q4 2018	75	38	12	0	0	0	0	66	191
Q4 2017	80	36	10	0	0	8	0	60	194
% Change	-6.3	5.6	20.0	n/a	n/a	-100.0	n/a	10.0	-1.5
COMPLETIONS									
Q4 2018	62	28	8	0	0	10	4	12	124
Q4 2017	65	24	4	0	4	4	2	14	117
% Change	-4.6	16.7	100.0	n/a	-100.0	150.0	100.0	-14.3	6.0
Year-to-date 2018	193	112	18	0	0	18	6	92	439
Year-to-date 2017	186	58	14	0	4	12	20	93	411
% Change	3.8	93.1	28.6	n/a	-100.0	50.0	-70.0	-1.1	6.8
COMPLETED & NOT ABSORB	ED								
Q4 2018	3	25	0	0	3	8	n/a	n/a	39
Q4 2017	2	17	0	0	8	7	n/a	n/a	34
% Change	50.0	4 7.1	n/a	n/a	-62.5	14.3	n/a	n/a	14.7
ABSORBED									
Q4 2018	61	22	8	0	4	П	n/a	n/a	106
Q4 2017	65	24	8	0	1	13	n/a	n/a	111
% Change	-6.2	-8.3	0.0	n/a	**	-15.4	n/a	n/a	-4.5
Year-to-date 2018	192	104	18	0	5	17	n/a	n/a	336
Year-to-date 2017	189	83	17	0	2	26	n/a	n/a	317
% Change	1.6	25.3	5.9	n/a	150.0	-34.6	n/a	n/a	6.0

	Table 1.2:	_	Activity urth Qua			narket			
			Owne				_		
		Freehold		C	Condominium		Ren	tal	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
STARTS									
Chicoutimi									
Q4 2018	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	10	19
Q4 2017	4	6	6	0	0	0	0	15	31
Jonquière									
Q4 2018	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	21	37
Q4 2017	4	6	0	0	0	4	0	30	44
La Baie									
Q4 2018	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	13
Q4 2017	16	6	2	0	0	0	0	- 1	25
Remainder of the CMA									
Q4 2018	30	12	6	0	0	0	0	12	60
Q4 2017	36	10	0	0	0	4	0	8	58
Saguenay CMA									
Q4 2018	46	30	6	0	0	0	0	47	129
Q4 2017	60	28	8	0	0	8	0	54	158
UNDER CONSTRUCTION									
Chicoutimi									
Q4 2018	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	10	21
Q4 2017	8	4	8	0	0	0	0	21	41
Jonquière									
Q4 2018	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	28	52
Q4 2017	5	14	0	0	0	4	0	30	53
La Baie									
Q4 2018	8	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	18
Q4 2017	16	6	2	0	0	0	0	- 1	25
Remainder of the CMA									
Q4 2018	52	16	8	0	0	0	0	24	100
Q4 2017	51	12	0	0	0	4	0	8	75
Saguenay CMA									
Q4 2018	75	38	12	0	0	0	0	66	191
Q4 2017	80	36	10	0	0	8	0	60	194

	Fable 1.2:	_	Activity urth Qua			narket			
			Owne				_		
		Freehold			Condominium		Ren	tal	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
COMPLETIONS									
Chicoutimi									
Q4 2018	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
Q4 2017	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	9	23
Jonquière									
Q4 2018	12	14	0	0	0	0	4	12	42
Q4 2017	6	14	0	0	4	0	0	4	28
La Baie									
Q4 2018	9	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	17
Q4 2017	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	- 1	19
Remainder of the CMA									
Q4 2018	38	10	4	0	0	4	0	0	56
Q4 2017	35	2	4	0	0	4	2	0	47
Saguenay CMA									
Q4 2018	62	28	8	0	0	10	4	12	124
Q4 2017	65	24	4	0	4	4	2	14	117
COMPLETED & NOT ABSORB	ED								
Chicoutimi									
Q4 2018	0	6	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	6
Q4 2017	0	4	0	0	4	0	n/a	n/a	8
Jonquière									
Q4 2018	2	10	0	0	3	2	n/a	n/a	17
Q4 2017	- 1	12	0	0	4	3	n/a	n/a	20
La Baie									
Q4 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0
Q4 2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0
Remainder of the CMA									
Q4 2018	1	9	0	0	0	6	n/a	n/a	16
Q4 2017	1	- 1	0	0	0	4	n/a	n/a	6
Saguenay CMA									
Q4 2018	3	25	0	0	3	8	n/a	n/a	39
Q4 2017	2	17	0	0	8	7	n/a	n/a	34

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			Owne	ership			Ren	4-1	
		Freehold		(Condominium	ı	Ken	tai	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Total*	
ABSORBED									
Chicoutimi									
Q4 2018	3	2 7	2	0	4	0	n/a	n/a	П
Q4 2017	8	7	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	15
Jonquière									
Q4 2018	11	13	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	24
Q4 2017	6	12	0	0	1	5	n/a	n/a	24
La Baie									
Q4 2018	9	- 1	2	0	0	6	n/a	n/a	18
Q4 2017	16	2	4	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	22
Remainder of the CMA									
Q4 2018	38	6	4	0	0	5	n/a	n/a	53
Q4 2017	35	3	4	0	0	8	n/a	n/a	50
Saguenay CMA									
Q4 2018	61	22	8	0	4	П	n/a	n/a	106
Q4 2017	65	24	8	0	- 1	13	n/a	n/a	111

Table 1.3: History of Housing Starts of Saguenay CMA 2009 - 2018													
			Owne	ership			D						
		Freehold			Condominium		Ren	tal					
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*				
2018	192	118	18	0	0	22	4	83	437				
% Change	-2.5	68.6	-18.2	n/a	n/a	175.0	n/a	-30.3	5.0				
2017	197	70	22	8	0	119	416						
% Change	3.7	-7.9	83.3	n/a	-100.0	0.8	1.0						
2016	190	76	12	0	0	0	16	118	412				
% Change	-7.3	-26.9	-71.4	n/a	n/a	-100.0	n/a	-18.1	-18.4				
2015	205	104	42	0	0	10	0	144	505				
% Change	-23.5	-17.5	10.5	n/a	n/a	-64.3	n/a	-32.1	-24.9				
2014	268	126	38	0	0	28	0	212	672				
% Change	-20.5	-30.8	-48.6	n/a	n/a	-17.6	n/a	-27.4	-26.9				
2013	337	182	74	0	0	34	0	292	919				
% Change	-15.8	-16.5	32.1	n/a	-100.0	-32.0	n/a	-24.9	-17.7				
2012	400	218	56	0	4	50	0	389	1,117				
% Change	-15.8	172.5	-3.4	n/a	n/a	**	n/a	67.7	30.0				
2011	475	80	58	0	0	14	0	232	859				
% Change	25.0	73.9	52.6	n/a	n/a	-50.0	n/a	-9.7	9.7				
2010	380	46	38	0	0	28	0	257	783				
% Change	12.8	**	-58.7	n/a	n/a	16.7	n/a	116.0	34.1				
2009	337	12	92	0	0	24	0	119	584				

	Table 2: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type Fourth Quarter 2018													
Single Semi Row Apt. & Other Total														
Submarket	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	% Change			
Chicoutimi	3	4	6	6	0	0	10	21	19	31	-38.7			
Jonquière	6	4	10	6	0	0	21	34	37	44	-15.9			
La Baie	7	16	2	6	0	0	4	3	13	25	-48.0			
Remainder of the CMA	emainder of the CMA 30 36 12 10 0 0 18 12 60 58 3.4													
Saguenay CMA	Saguenay CMA 46 60 30 28 0 0 53 70 129 158 -18.4													

1	Table 2.1: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type January - December 2018													
Single Semi Row Apt. & Other Total														
Submarket YTD YTD YTD YTD YTD YTD YTD YTD YTD %														
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	Change			
Chicoutimi	10	28	26	16	0	0	10	44	46	88	-47.7			
Jonquière	35	19	44	26	4	0	55	76	138	121	14.0			
La Baie	30	33	4	6	0	0	16	9	50	48	4.2			
Remainder of the CMA	117	117	44	22	0	0	42	20	203	159	27.7			
Saguenay CMA	192	197	118	70	4	0	123	149	437	416	5.0			

Table 2.2: S	Table 2.2: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market Fourth Quarter 2018													
Row Apt. & Other														
Submarket		Freehold and Rental Freehold and Rental Condominium Rental												
	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017						
Chicoutimi	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	15						
Jonquière	0	0	0	0	0	4	21	30						
La Baie	0 0 0 0 0 2 4 1													
Remainder of the CMA	Remainder of the CMA 0 0 0 6 4 12 8													
Saguenay CMA														

Table 2.3: S	Table 2.3: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market January - December 2018													
Row Apt. & Other														
Submarket		Freehold and Rental Freehold and Rental Condominium Rental												
	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017						
Chicoutimi	0	0	0	0	0	8	10	36						
Jonquière	0	0	4	0	10	12	45	64						
La Baie	0 0 0 0 12 2 4													
Remainder of the CMA	0	0	0	0	18	8	24	12						
Saguenay CMA														

Та	Table 2.4: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market Fourth Quarter 2018												
Freehold Condominium Rental Total*													
Q4 2018 Q4 2017 Q4 2018 Q4 2017 Q4 2018 Q4 2017 Q4 2018 Q4 2017													
Chicoutimi	9	16	0	0	10	15	19	31					
Jonquière	16	10	0	4	21	30	37	44					
La Baie	9	24	0	0	4	- 1	13	25					
temainder of the CMA 48 46 0 4 12 8 60 58													
aguenay CMA 82 96 0 8 47 54 129 158													

Та	Table 2.5: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market January - December 2018												
Freehold Condominium Rental Total*													
Submarket	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017					
Chicoutimi	36	52	0	0	10	36	46	88					
Jonquière	81	53	8	4	49	64	138	121					
La Baie	40	41	6	0	4	7	50	48					
Remainder of the CMA	Remainder of the CMA 171 143 8 4 24 12 203 159												
Saguenay CMA													

Tat	Table 3: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type Fourth Quarter 2018													
Single Semi Row Apt. & Other Total														
Submarket	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	% Change			
Chicoutimi	3	8	4	6	0	0	2	9	9	23	-60.9			
Jonquière	12	6	14	14	4	4	12	4	42	28	50.0			
La Baie	9	16	0	2	0	0	8	- 1	17	19	-10.5			
Remainder of the CMA	Remainder of the CMA 38 3.						8	8	56	47	19.1			
Saguenay CMA	28	26	4	4	30	22	124	117	6.0					

Tabl	Table 3.1: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type January - December 2018													
Single Semi Row Apt. & Other Total														
Submarket	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	%			
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	Change			
Chicoutimi	12	25	24	14	0	0	29	43	65	82	-20.7			
Jonquière	30	21	44	26	4	4	59	56	137	107	28.0			
La Baie	37	8	6	0	16	12	- 11	57	70	-18.6				
Remainder of the CMA	Remainder of the CMA 114 103 38 16 0 0 28 33 180 152 18.													
Saguenay CMA	aguenay CMA 193 186 114 62 4 20 128 143 439 411										6.8			

Table 3.2: Com	Table 3.2: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market Fourth Quarter 2018													
Row Apt. & Other														
Submarket	Freeho Condor		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condor		Rental							
	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2017						
Chicoutimi	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	9						
Jonquière	0	4	4	0	0	0	12	4						
La Baie	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	I						
Remainder of the CMA	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0						
Saguenay CMA	0	4	4	0	18	8	12	14						

Table 3.3: Com	Table 3.3: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market January - December 2018													
Row Apt. & Other														
Submarket	Freeho Condo		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condoi		Rental							
	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017						
Chicoutimi	0	0	0	0	8	0	21	19						
Jonquière	0	4	4	0	4	8	55	48						
La Baie	0	0	0	16	12	4	0	7						
Remainder of the CMA	0	0	0	0	12	14	16	19						
Saguenay CMA	0	4	4	16	36	26	92	93						

Table 3.4: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market Fourth Quarter 2018													
Freehold Condominium Rental Total*													
Submarket	Q4 2018	Q4 2017											
Chicoutimi	9	14	0	0	0	9	9	23					
Jonquière	26	20	0	4	16	4	42	28					
La Baie	11	18	6	0	0	- 1	17	19					
Remainder of the CMA 52 41 4 4 0 2 56 4													
Saguenay CMA 98 93 10 8 16 16 124													

Table	Table 3.5: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market January - December 2018													
Freehold Condominium Rental Total*														
Submarket	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017						
Chicoutimi	44	39	0	0	21	19	65	82						
Jonquière	74	51	4	8	59	48	137	107						
La Baie	51	47	6	0	0	23	57	70						
Remainder of the CMA	154	121	8	8	18	23	180	152						
Saguenay CMA	323	258	18	16	98	113	439	411						

	Tal	ble 4: <i>I</i>	Absort		ngle-D ırth Q			ts by F	Price R	ange			
		Price Ranges											
Submarket	< \$15	0,000	\$150,000 - \$199,999		,	\$200,000 - \$249,999		\$250,000 - \$299,999		\$300,000 +		Median Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)		(Ψ)	111cc (ψ)
Chicoutimi													
Q4 2018	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	-	-
Q4 2017	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	-	-
Year-to-date 2018	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	-	-
Year-to-date 2017	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	-	-
Jonquière													
Q4 2018	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	- 1	-	-
Q4 2017	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	- 1	100.0	0	0.0	- 1	-	-
Year-to-date 2018	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	4	-	-
Year-to-date 2017	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	66.7	- 1	33.3	0	0.0	3	-	-
La Baie													
Q4 2018	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	-	-
Q4 2017	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	-	-
Year-to-date 2018	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	-	-
Year-to-date 2017	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	-	-
Remainder of the CMA													
Q4 2018	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	- 1	100.0	- 1	-	-
Q4 2017	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	-	-
Year-to-date 2018	0	0.0	0	0.0	- 1	33.3	0	0.0	2	66.7	3	-	-
Year-to-date 2017	0	0.0	1	50.0	I	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	-	-
Saguenay CMA													
Q4 2018	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	2	-	-
Q4 2017	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	- 1	-	-
Year-to-date 2018	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	42.9	2	28.6	2	28.6	7	-	-
Year-to-date 2017	0	0.0	- 1	20.0	3	60.0	- 1	20.0	0	0.0	5	-	-

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

Table ·	Table 4.1: Average Price (\$) of Absorbed Single-detached Units Fourth Quarter 2018													
Submarket Q4 2018 Q4 2017 % Change YTD 2018 YTD 2017 % Change														
Chicoutimi	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a								
Jonquière	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a								
La Baie	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a								
Remainder of the CMA	Remainder of the CMA n/a n/a													
Saguenay CMA	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a								

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

	Table 5:	Centris [®] Re	sidential Ac	tivity ^l for Sag	uenay		
						Last Four	Quarters ³
	Number of Sales	Number of New Listings	Number of Active Listings	Average Price (\$)	Active Listings to Sales Ratio ²	Average Price ² (\$)	Active Listings to Sales Ratio ²
SINGLE FAMILY*							
Q4 2018	188	336	1,100	179,528	17.6	186,630	14.3
Q4 2017	147	312	1,096	176,431	22.4	185,137	16.2
% Change	27.9	7.7	0.4	1.8	n/a	0.8	n/a
YTD 2018	983	1,952	1,173	186,610	14.3	n/a	n/a
YTD 2017	872	1,876	1,178	185,140	16.2	n/a	n/a
% Change	12.7	4.1	-0.4	0.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
CONDOMINIUMS*							
Q4 2018	17		170				25.8
Q4 2017	11		148				24.7
% Change	54.5	n/a	14.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD 2018	75		161	169,578	25.8	n/a	n/a
YTD 2017	67		138	167,093	24.7	n/a	n/a
% Change	11.9	n/a	16.6	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
PLEX*							
Q4 2018	22	72	221				25.2
Q4 2017	25	82	198				20.5
% Change	-12.0	-12.2	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD 2018	104	316	218	188,293	25.2	n/a	n/a
YTD 2017	110	316	188	184,561	20.5	n/a	n/a
% Change	-5.5	0.0	15.9	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL							
Q4 2018	227	446	1,494	179,982	19.7	185,879	16.0
Q4 2017	183	446	1,446	173,024	23.7	184,113	17.2
% Change	24.0	0.0	3.3	4.0	n/a	1.0	n/a
YTD 2018	1,164	2,462	1,556	186,343	16.0	n/a	n/a
YTD 2017	1,050	2,414	1,508	184,831	17.2	n/a	n/a
% Change	10.9	2.0	3.1	0.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

 $^{^{\}rm I}$ Source: QFREB by the Centris $^{\rm \circledR}$ system

² Calculations: CMHC.

³ Weighted average for the last four quarters, to reduce strong variations from one quarter to another and give a clearer trend.

⁻⁻ Data not available when there are fewer than 30 sales.

n/a Not applicable.

 $^{{}^{*}}$ Refer to Centris $^{\! ^{^{^{\! @}}}}$ for the definitions.

 $[\]ensuremath{^{**}}$ Observed change greater than 100%.

			T	able 6:	Economi	c Indica	tors								
	Fourth Quarter 2018														
		Inte	rest Rates		NHPI, Total.	CPI	Saguenay Labour Market								
		P & I Per \$100,000	Mortgag (% I Yr. Term		(Quebec) 2016.12 =100	(Quebec) 2002 =100	Employment SA (,000)	Unemployment Rate (%) SA	Participation Rate (%) SA	Average Weekly Earnings (\$)					
2017	January	561	3.14	4.64	100.1	126.2	73.5	7.4	58.9	849					
	February	561	3.14	4.64	100.3	126.6	74.5	6.8	59.3	846					
	March	561	3.14	4.64	100.2	126.7	74.2	6.4	58.8	844					
	April	561	3.14	4.64	100.3	127.0	75. I	6.4	59.6	847					
	May	561	3.14	4.64	100.4	127.1	75.7	6.8	60.2	847					
	June	561	3.14	4.64	100.5	126.7	77.1	6.9	61.4	852					
	July	573	3.14	4.84	100.7	126.7	77.0	6.9	61.4	853					
	August	573	3.14	4.84	100.7	126.7	77.3	6.8	61.5	851					
	September	575	3.09	4.89	100.8	127.1	76.9	6.7	61.1	857					
	October	581	3.24	4.99	101.0	127.2	76.4	6.1	60.4	875					
	November	581	3.24	4.99	101.1	127.7	74.9	6.0	59.1	885					
	December	581	3.24	4.99	101.1	127.5	74. I	6.0	58.5	880					
2018	January	590	3.34	5.14	101.4	127.8	74.5	6.2	58.9	869					
	February	590	3.34	5.14	101.8	128.5	74.9	5.8	59.1	871					
	March	590	3.34	5.14	101.8	128.7	76.0	5.6	59.7	866					
	April	590	3.34	5.14	101.9	129.2	75.3	5.8	59.3	861					
	May	601	3.49	5.34	101.9	129.3	74.9	6.1	59.3	874					
	June	601	3.49	5.34	102.6	129.2	74.1	6.6	59.0	892					
	July	601	3.49	5.34	102.7	129.7	74.3	6.8	59.3	906					
	August	601	3.49	5.34	103.0	129.5	74.2	6.7	59.2	894					
	September	601	3.49	5.34	103.1	129.3	73.2	6.3	58.2	902					
	October	601	3.64	5.34	103.2	129.4	72.7	5.7	57.4	915					
	November	601	3.64	5.34	103.5	128.9	71.7	5.4	56.5	930					
	December	601	3.64	5.34		128.9	72.3	5.1	56.9	929					

[&]quot;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

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

[&]quot;CPI" means Consumer Price Index

[&]quot;SA" means Seasonally Adjusted

METHODOLOGY

Starts & Completions Survey Methodology

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

The Starts and Completions Survey is carried out monthly in urban areas with population in excess of 50,000, as defined by the 2016 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 population centre (known as the core). A CMA must have a total population of at least 100,000 of which 50,000 or more must live in the core based on adjusted data from the previous Census of Population Program. A CA must have a core population of at least 10,000 also based on data from the previous Census of Population Program. To be included in the CMA or CA, other adjacent municipalities must have a high degree of integration with the core, as measured by commuting flows derived from data on place of work from the previous Census Program.

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

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