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### New Construction Highlights

#### Second Quarter Housing Starts Reach Record High

The Kelowna area new home market surged ahead in the second quarter, housing starts reaching the highest quarterly level ever. Skyrocketing condominium starts accounted for all of the increase.

Demand for resort and other types of lifestyle-oriented multifamily housing has exploded during the past two year period. Retirees and move-down buyers also remain key markets. Higher density housing is becoming more widely accepted among first-time buyers. Affordability has been the key driver. More builders are now targeting this

segment of the condo and townhouse markets. Inventories of complete and unoccupied units are low. Pre-sales activity has remained strong despite an increasingly competitive market. Multifamily starts are on track to surpass singles starts in 2005.

Singles starts have dropped back in response to sharply rising new home prices, but remain at a high level. Short-term lot supply constraints in some areas have contributed to the decline. Also, rebuilds of homes destroyed in the Okanagan Mountain Park wildfire boosted singles starts in 2004. Lake Country has seen the strongest growth in singles construction activity this year, the availability of more modestly priced

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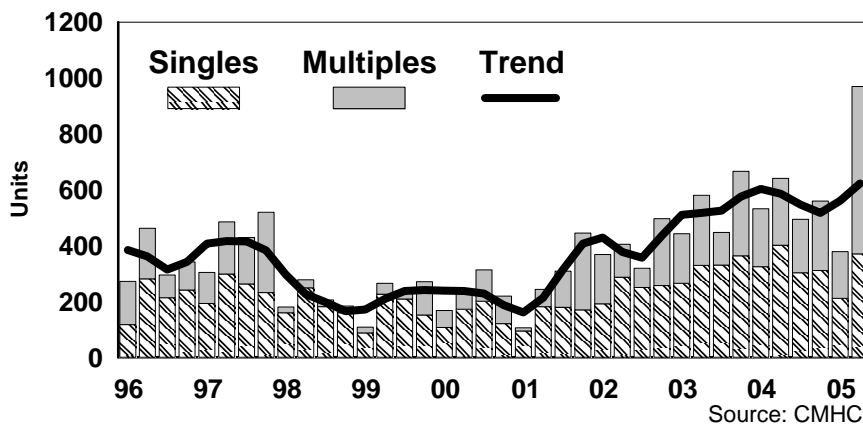
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**HOUSING STARTS - KELOWNA C.A.  
1996 - 2005**



**Condo starts boost second quarter construction activity.**

## New Homes con't.

lots fueling the increase. Absorption remains strong. The inventory of complete and unoccupied detached units has edged up, stabilizing at slightly higher levels than a year ago.

Kelowna's economy continues to churn out jobs. Strong employment growth has, in turn, spurred in-migration. The search for lifestyle also remains a big draw, boosting population growth and demand for housing. Low interest rates remains a key driver.

The Kamloops, Vernon, Salmon Arm and Penticton new home markets also recorded a strong second quarter performance. Penticton area multi-family starts have increased sharply this year, due in part to a growing shortage of building lots. Singles remain the focus of construction activity in Kamloops, Vernon and Salmon Arm. Year-to-date, starts in all four centres have seen big gains over last year.

## Resale Market Highlights

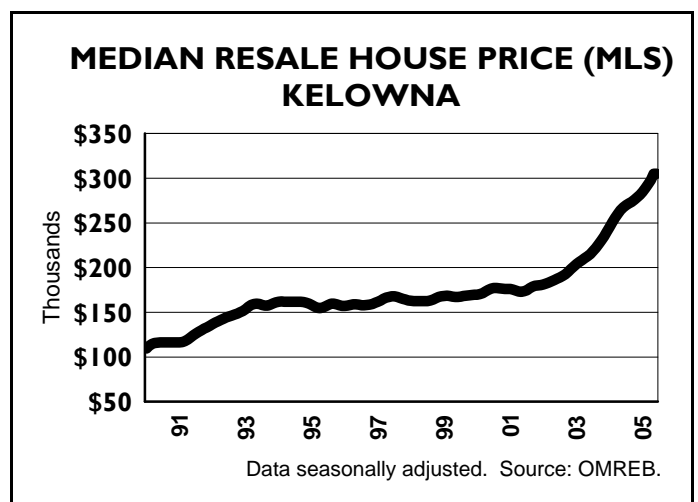
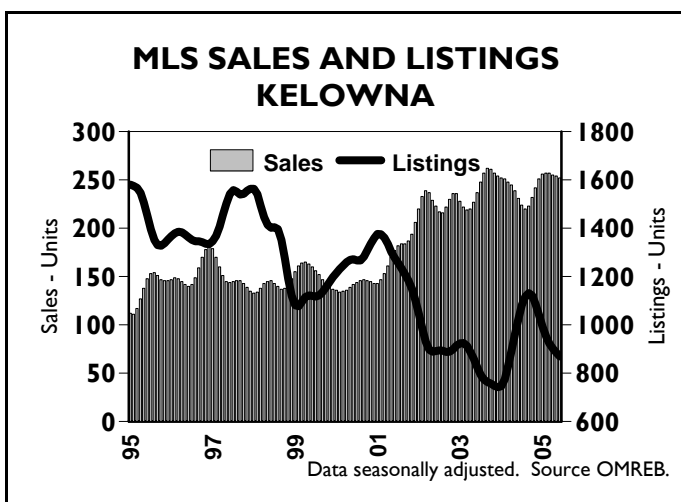
### Resale Markets Strong

Kelowna area resale markets, led by the condominium sector, maintained a blistering pace in the second quarter. Apartment and townhouse condo sales were up 23% and 49%, respectively, over the same three month period last year. With the price of detached units continuing to trend up sharply, more buyers are turning to higher density housing. Like the new home market, retirees, move-down buyers and lifestylers remain big sources of demand. Both sectors are well supplied with listings, high levels of condo and townhouse completions boosting supply. Rising demand has meant stronger upward pressure on price levels.

Singles sales, though remaining at record levels, have flattened out. Soaring resale singles prices have triggered stronger competition from the new singles and new and resale multifamily sectors. More builders are focusing on the production of moderately priced single detached

and multifamily homes this year. The supply of singles listings has trended down since last fall. Overall, supply remains tight. Strong demand in combination with tight supply continues to drive up prices. The year-to-date median resale singles price has jumped 15% to \$298,000 from \$259,000 in 2004. For now, the Kelowna area resale market remains firmly in sellers' market territory.

The Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Penticton and Cranbrook resale markets also remained strong performers through the second quarter. Year-to-date, sales are up in all centres except the Vernon area. Salmon Arm and Cranbrook saw the biggest gains. Vernon area sales remained at a high level despite the decline. The supply of listings remains near historical second quarter lows in most centres. Prices continue to trend up sharply in response to strong demand and reduced supply. Kamloops, Salmon Arm and both Okanagan centres remain sellers' markets.



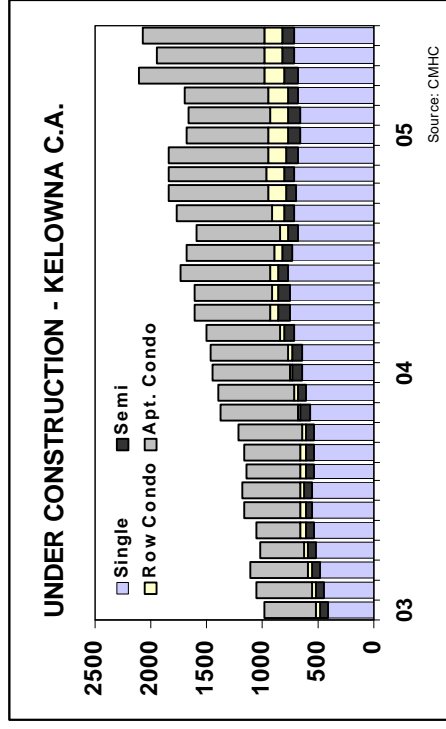
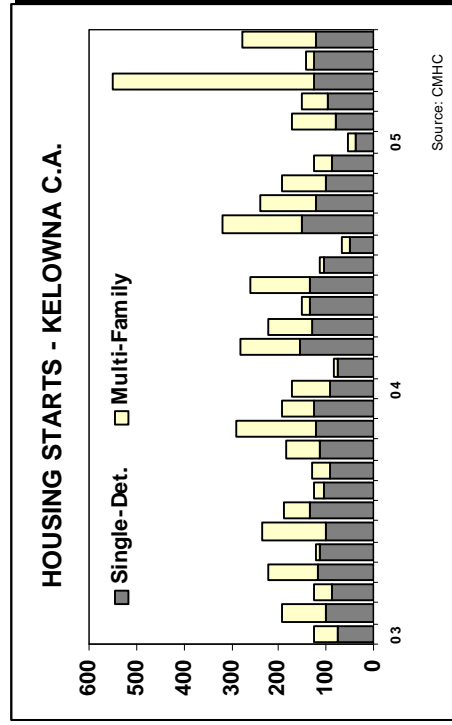
# KELOWNA C.A.

## STARTS/COMPLETIONS/UNDER CONSTRUCTION

### JUNE 2005 & YEAR-TO-DATE 2005

	STARTS					COMPLETIONS					UNDER CONSTRUCTION							
	Single	Semi	Row Condo	Apt Condo	Total	Single	Semi	Row Condo	Apt Condo	Total	Single	Semi	Row Condo	Apt Condo	Total			
Kelowna City	71	12	17	0	125	0	0	0	0	0	103	68	143	1	964	109	1,737	
Sub. J*	23	0	0	0	23	22	2	3	0	0	27	150	18	11	42	40	261	
Sub. I*	6	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	16	4	0	0	0	20	
Lake Country	17	0	3	0	20	10	0	6	0	0	16	68	2	9	0	0	79	
Peachland	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	16	12	3	0	82	113	
Indian Res.	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	14	0	0	0	0	14	
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>2,224</b>
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>969</b>							

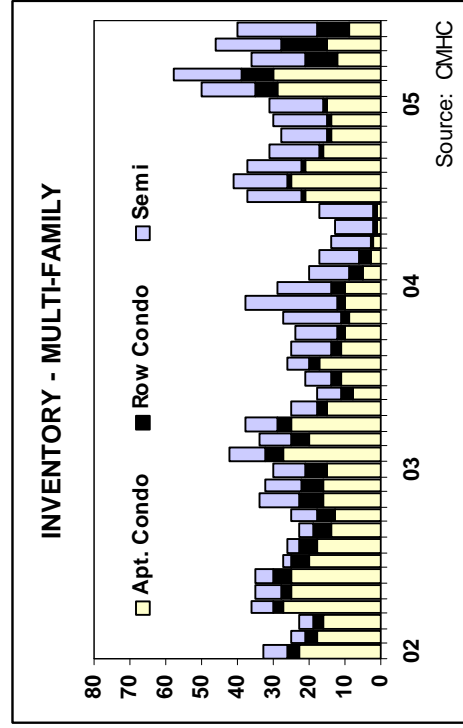
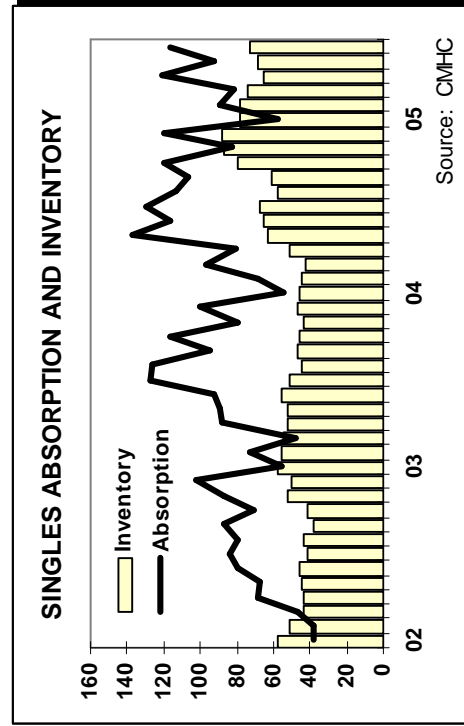
\* Sub. J - Westside (former Sub. G and H) - Glenrosa, Westbank, Smith Creek, Shannon Heights, West Kelowna, Lakeview Heights, Westside/Fintry. Sub. I - Joe Rich, Ellision.



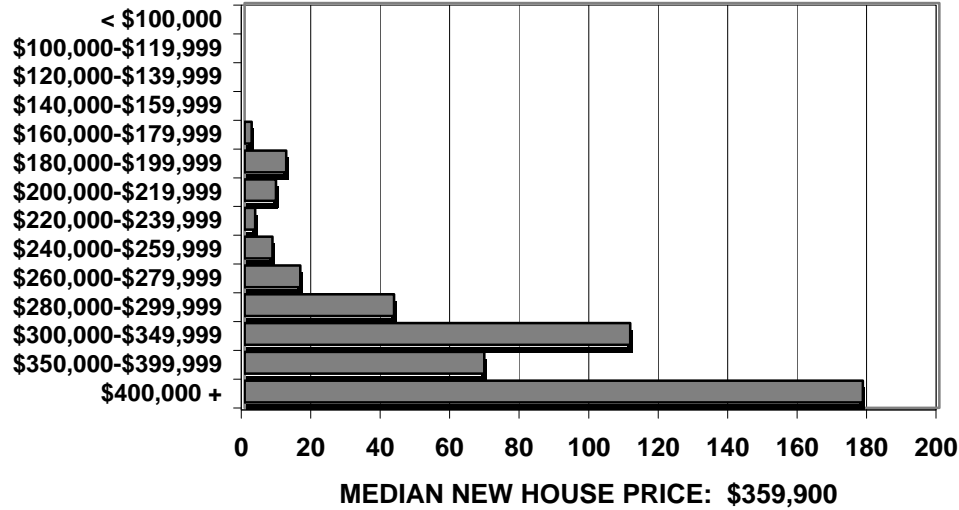
# KELOWNA C.A. INVENTORY AND ABSORPTION JUNE 2005 & YEAR-TO-DATE 2004 & 2005

INVENTORY OF NEW HOMES										ABSORPTION OF NEW HOMES										
	Apt		Row		Semi		Single		Total		Apt Condo	Apt		Row		Semi		Single		Grand Total
	Condo	Rental	Condo	Rental	Condo	Rental	Condo	Rental	Condo	Rental		Condo	Rental	Condo	Rental	Condo	Rental	Condo	Rental	
Kelowna City	9	0	9	0	15	0	57	0	90	73	0	21	0	8	0	80	0	182		
Sub. J	0	0	0	0	3	0	8	0	11	3	0	3	0	2	0	22	0	30		
Sub. I	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2		
Lake Country	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	0	9		
Peachland	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6		
Indian Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3		
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>232</b>			
<b>Y.T.D. Average 2005*</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,229</b>			
<b>Y.T.D. Average 2004*</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>908</b>			

Absorption does not include assisted rental units. \* Rounded.



**PRICES OF SINGLES ABSORBED AT COMPLETION**  
**Kelowna C.A. January - June 2005**



Sub Area	Singles Starts By Sub Area		Singles Absorption By Sub Area	
	Y.T.D. 2005	Y.T.D. 2004	Y.T.D. 2005	Y.T.D. 2004
Black Mountain	40	32	43	20
Dilworth Mountain	19	25	24	6
Ellison	13	43	37	24
Glenrosa	0	6	3	13
Glenmore	11	10	6	15
I.R.	5	21	20	10
Core Area*	60	108	59	87
Lakeview Heights	33	43	32	46
Lower Mission	25	27	32	22
North Glenmore	41	33	37	10
Peachland	13	4	10	8
Rutland North	25	22	11	29
Rutland South	0	1	0	1
S. E. Kelowna	20	25	22	28
Shannon Lake	38	16	19	18
Upper Mission	121	203	124	128
Westbank	4	8	12	9
Winfield	61	20	18	18
West Kelowna	25	44	26	40
Other**	29	36	25	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>554</b>

\* Kelowna North/South/Springfield-Spall \*\* Fintry/Joe Rich/Oyama/Other

## HOUSING ACTIVITY SUMMARY - KELOWNA CA JUNE 2005

	OWNERSHIP				RENTAL				TOTAL
	FREEHOLD		CONDOMINIUM		PRIVATE		ASSISTED		
	Single	Semi	Row	Apt.	Row	Apt.	Row	Apt.	
<b>Starts</b>									
June 2005	122	12	20	125	0	0	0	0	279
YTD 2005	583	56	81	573	1	15	0	40	1,349
YTD 2004	727	66	47	239	5	89	0	0	1,173
<b>Under Construction</b>									
June 2005	716	104	166	1,088	1	109	0	40	2,224
June 2004	759	96	69	815	5	89	0	0	1,833
<b>Completions</b>									
June 2005	121	14	19	0	0	0	0	0	154
YTD 2005	545	54	87	273	2	8	0	0	969
YTD 2004	572	44	8	94	0	113	0	0	831
<b>Inventory</b>									
June 2005	73	22	9	9	0	0			113
June 2004	65	15	1	1	0	30			112
<b>Total Supply</b>									
June 2005	789	126	175	1,097	1	109	0	40	2,337
June 2004	824	111	70	816	5	119	0	0	1,945
<b>Absorption</b>									
June 2005	117	10	26	79	0	0			232
3 Mo. Ave.	99	10	15	113	1	18			256
12 Mo. Ave.	103	11	14	49	1	7			185

Absorption does not include assisted rentals.

RECORD OF STARTS - KELOWNA C.A.					
YEAR	SINGLE	SEMI	ROW	APT	TOTAL
1992	1484	80	292	763	2619
1993	1149	44	194	584	1971
1994	918	152	169	255	1494
1995	776	92	170	167	1205
1996	859	131	85	307	1382
1997	987	192	131	428	1738
1998	751	88	9	0	848
1999	675	46	62	96	879
2000	603	77	94	154	928
2001	625	66	115	305	1111
2002	987	100	73	430	1590
2003	1290	100	30	718	2138
2004	1341	148	176	563	2228

**OTHER CENTRES**  
**Starts/Completions/Under Construction**  
**JUNE 2005 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2005**

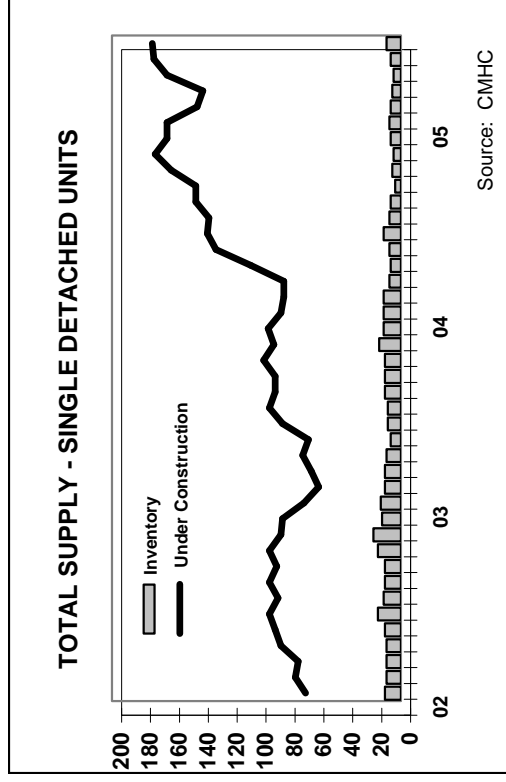
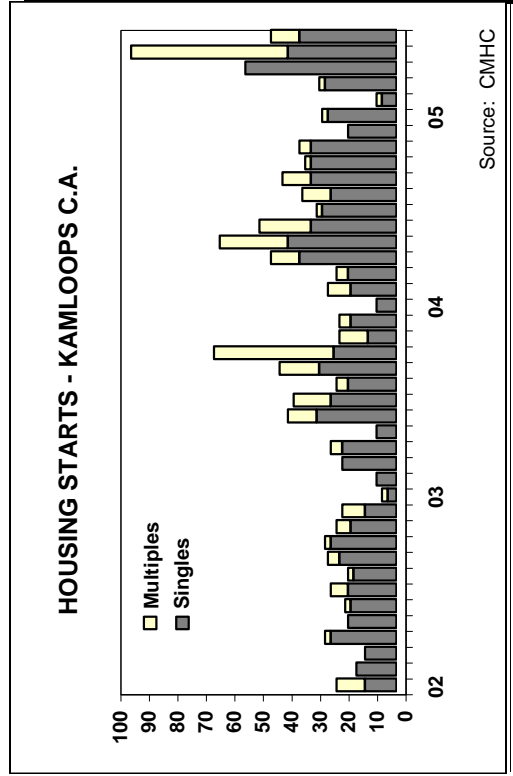
	STARTS												COMPLETIONS												UNDER CONSTRUCTION												
	Single			Semi			Condo			Apt.			Row Rental			Total			Single			Semi			Condo			Apt.			Row Rental			Total			
Cranbrook City	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
E. Kootenay C	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Cranbrook CA	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
<b>Y.T.D. 2005</b>	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	32	4	43	0	0	0	0	0	231
Kamloops C.	29	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Kamloops IR	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	32	4	43	0	0	0	0	0	251
Kamloops CA	34	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	32	4	43	0	0	0	0	0	251
<b>Y.T.D. 2005</b>	179	28	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	169	34	16	0	6	0	250	4	16	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	38	8	55	296	0	0	0	0	0	397
Penticton City	9	0	8	24	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Sub. D	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Sub. E	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub. F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penticton IR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Penticton CA	17	0	8	24	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	8	55	296	0	0	0	0	0	436
<b>Y.T.D. 2005</b>	54	2	32	194	0	0	0	0	0	50	4	16	0	0	0	282	4	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	16	3	16	0	0	0	0	0	76
Salmon Arm	14	2	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	18	4	3	6	0	0	32	4	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
<b>Y.T.D. 2005</b>	47	8	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	47	6	9	12	0	0	71	6	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	147	20	66	0	3	0	0	0	0	236
Summerland	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
<b>Y.T.D. 2005</b>	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	6	0	0	0	10	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	147	20	66	0	3	0	0	0	0	236
Vernon City	18	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	4	0	0	0	0	21	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Coldstream	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Sub. C	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Sub. B	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I. R.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vernon CA	28	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	4	0	0	0	0	31	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	196	20	66	0	3	0	0	0	0	285
<b>Y.T.D. 2005</b>	167	18	25	0	0	0	3	0	0	158	16	11	0	4	0	213	16	11	0	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	158	16	11	0	4	0	0	0	0	189

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## Inventory and Absorption by Municipality JUNE 2005 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2004 & 2005

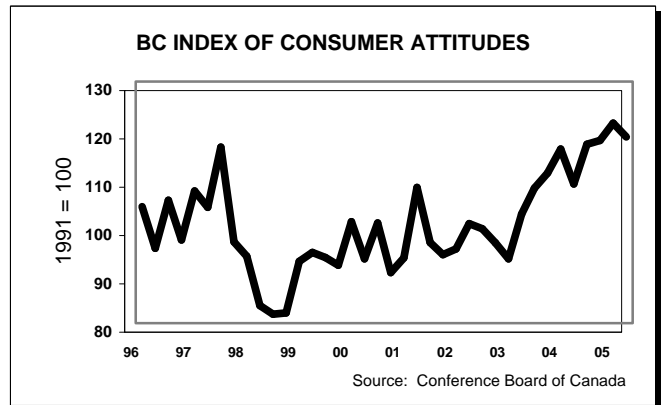
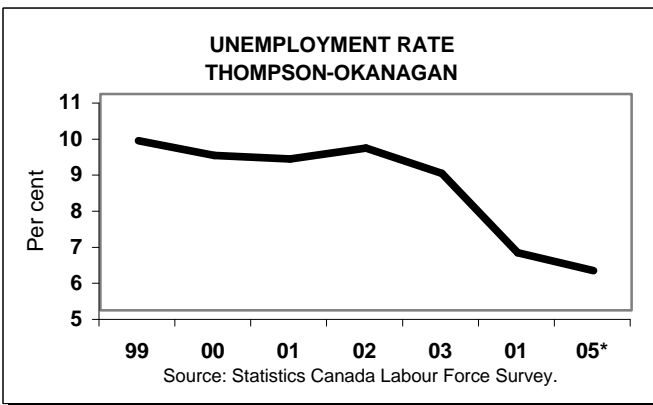
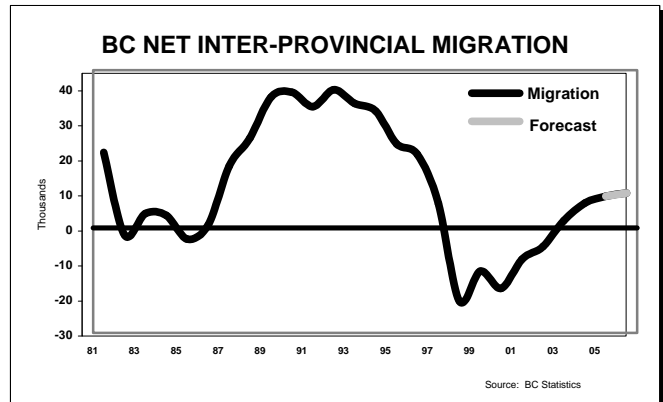
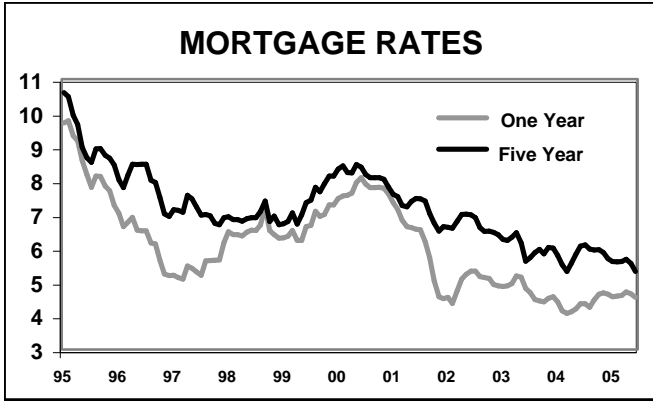
	INVENTORY OF NEW HOMES						ABSORPTION OF NEW HOMES					
	Apt Condo	Apt Rental	Row Condo	Semi Rental	Single Total	Total	Apt Condo	Apt Rental	Row Condo	Semi Rental	Single Total	Grand Total
Kamloops City	8	0	1	0	11	9	20	0	2	0	3	52
Kamloops IR	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Y.T.D. Average 2005*</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Y.T.D. Average 2004*</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>171</b>

Absorption does not include assisted rental units. \* Rounded.





## KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS



## SOUTHERN INTERIOR RESALE MARKETS

MLS SALES	JUNE				YEAR-TO-DATE			
	Sales June 2005	Percent Change June 04	Median Price June 05	Percent Change June 04	Sales YTD 2005	Percent Change YTD 04	Median Price YTD 2005	Percent Change YTD 04
Single Detached								
Kelowna	308	7%	\$314,000	17%	1,627	3%	\$298,000	15%
Kamloops	120	-8%	\$213,000	15%	716	2%	\$194,000	11%
Vernon Area	170	6%	\$235,000	20%	840	-5%	\$229,000	23%
Penticton	42	11%	\$259,000	21%	221	2%	\$255,000	31%
Salmon Arm	29	-12%	\$225,000	38%	164	18%	\$215,000	30%
Cranbrook	28	22%	\$146,000	-3%	187	15%	\$145,000	n/a

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