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### Housing starts on strong pace

SECOND QUARTER 2003

#### New Home Construction: Construction levels still high

Second quarter housing starts in Ontario eased from their heated pace set in the first three months of this year. The seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) came in at a still high 79,900 starts, albeit down from the 89,600 starts seen in the first quarter. While first quarter activity was buoyed by a surge in Toronto condominium apartment construction, second quarter activity recorded strong growth in single detached housing starts.

Declining mortgage rates in the second quarter of this year decreased carrying costs, adding fuel to the more expensive singles segment. Second quarter single detached housing starts in Ontario's urban centres climbed 12.5 per cent ahead of the first quarter's performance while multiples fell 29.1 per cent. As prices and mortgage rates rise into 2004, single detached housing starts are expected to pull back.

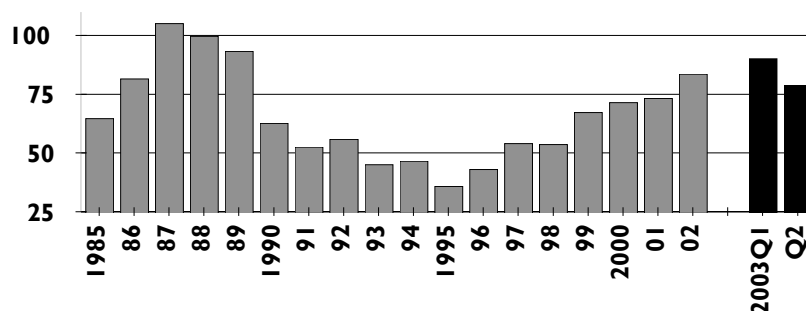
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### Ontario home starts strength

Thousands, annual & SAAR



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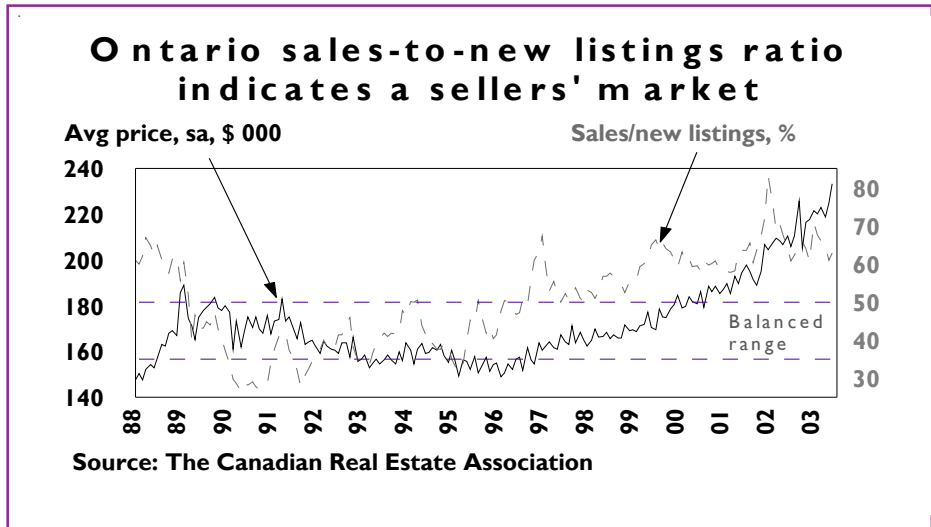
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Raw urban housing starts for the first six months of 2003 were two per cent behind the pace set in the first half of last year. Single detached starts were off 10 per cent at 19,380 units while multiple starts were up 8 per cent at 17,045 units.

Taking a look at construction activity across Ontario's eleven census metropolitan areas (CMAs), year to date starts are up in six CMAs and down in five. The largest per cent increases were in St. Catharines (14%) and Sudbury (9%), while the biggest declines occurred in Ottawa (-25%) and Kitchener (-15%). Accounting for more than half of urban Ontario's housing starts, Toronto housing starts advanced by two per cent in the first half of 2003.

With new home construction remaining strong and inventories low, new home prices are on the rise. In most centres, land, labour and material costs are driving up the real prices of new homes. Ontario's new house price index (NHPI) increased 4.1 per cent in May versus the same month last year. The NHPI increase out-paced Ontario's 2.7% inflation



rate (May) as measured by the consumer price index (CPI).

### Resale Home Markets: Sellers' market continues

Resale markets continue to respond favourably to near historic low mortgage rates. Most resale markets across Ontario are tight and prices are rising. Hamilton remains one of the hottest metropolitan resale markets in the province with a June sales to new listings ratio at 82 per cent.

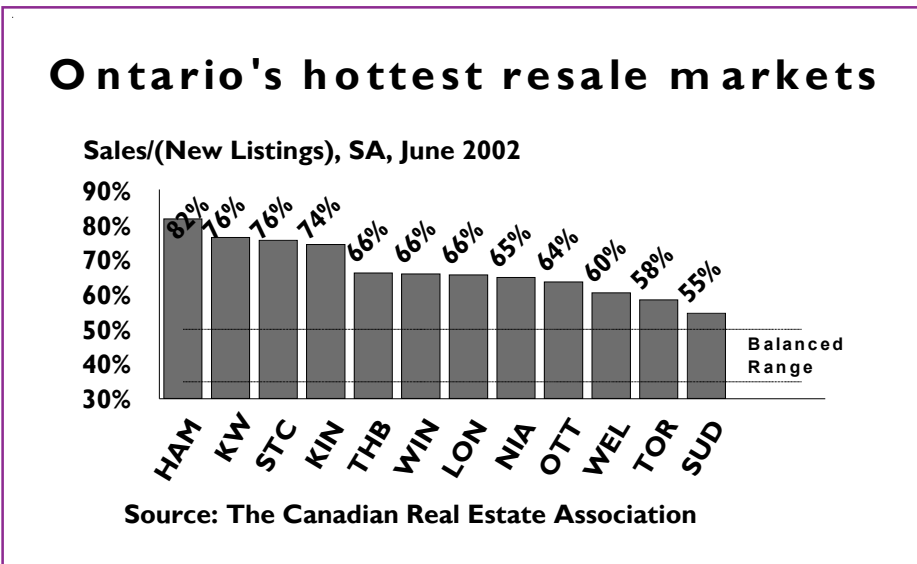
Ontario home sales through the Multiple Listings Services (MLS®) for the second quarter of this

year were marginally ahead of last year's heated pace. Although the number of new listings were up by 10 per cent, the Ontario resale market is still firmly entrenched in sellers' territory. At over \$226,000, the second quarter average price is up 7 per cent over the same quarter last year, and well ahead of the general rate of inflation.

Strong sales were constrained by the limited number of new listings flowing onto the market. Many frustrated potential resale buyers turned to the new home market to meet their housing needs. New listings are pushing higher this year thereby increasing the selection for resale home buyers. Resales will remain brisk this year and into 2004. For the first half of this year, resales were down 4 per cent while new listing were up 4 percent.

### Economy: Employment wanes in second quarter

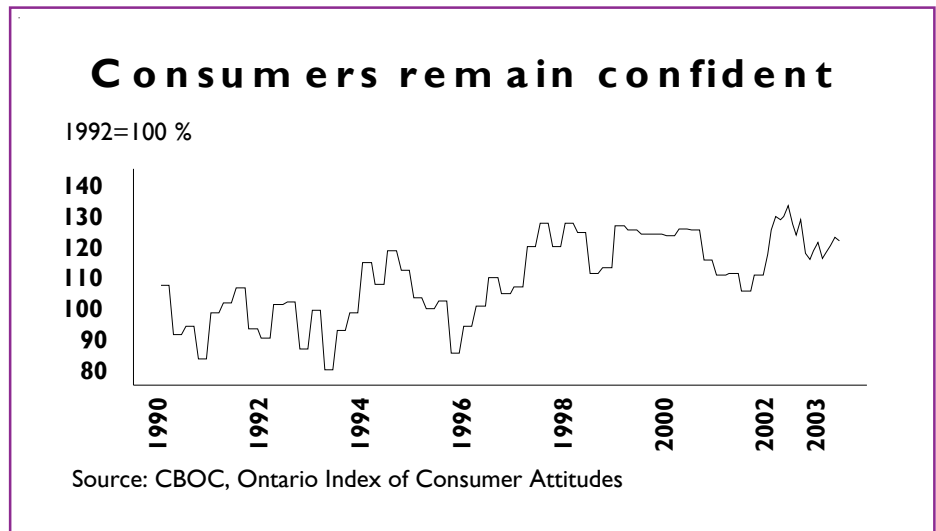
Jobs are key to strong housing markets. Much of this year's employment growth occurred in the first three months of the year as employment edged lower in the second quarter. Employ-



ment in Ontario is up by over 60,000 jobs in the first six months of the year, despite the lacklustre performance in the second quarter. While job growth has been strong, less than one-third of the increase was in full time employment.

Low interest rates and job growth continues to encourage consumer spending. Although consumer confidence is off last June's 14 year high, nearly 60 per cent of Ontario consumers believe that it is currently a good time to make a major purchase.

Significant mortgage rate stimulus with rates near historic lows will keep housing demand strong in the near future. Other eco-



nomics indicators are mixed. High inventories and stagnant new order levels are keeping manufacturing industries pessimistic. The recent rise in the Canadian dollar will also continue to act as

a drag on exports. However, domestic demand remains strong despite geopolitical uncertainties and SARS concerns.

**TABLE I: ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Date	Ontario emp. (000)	Ontario CPI inflation	\$ U.S. Spot	Bank rate	One yr. mtg.	Three yr. mtg.	Five yr. mtg.	Monthly P. & I. per \$1,000 @ 5 yr. rate*
1990	5,192	4.8	1.17	13.06	13.40	13.38	13.35	11.28
1991	5,016	4.7	1.15	8.98	10.08	10.90	11.13	9.72
1992	4,949	1.0	1.21	6.84	7.87	8.95	9.51	8.62
1993	4,974	1.8	1.29	5.09	6.91	8.10	8.78	8.13
1994	5,037	0.0	1.37	5.79	7.83	8.99	9.53	8.64
1995	5,131	2.5	1.37	7.14	8.38	8.82	9.16	8.39
1996	5,181	1.5	1.36	4.53	6.19	7.33	7.93	7.59
1997	5,313	1.9	1.38	3.52	5.54	6.56	7.07	7.05
1998	5,490	0.9	1.48	5.10	6.50	6.77	6.93	6.96
1999	5,688	1.9	1.49	4.94	6.80	7.37	7.56	7.36
2000	5,872	2.9	1.49	5.77	7.85	8.17	8.35	7.86
2001	5,962	3.1	1.55	4.31	6.14	6.88	7.40	7.26
2002	6,067	2.0	1.57	2.71	5.17	6.28	7.02	7.02
2003:01	6,192	4.3	1.52	3.00	4.90	6.00	6.45	6.55
2003:02	6,220	4.4	1.48	3.00	4.90	6.00	6.60	6.57
2003:03	6,237	3.3	1.47	3.25	5.35	6.25	6.80	6.60
2003:04	6,211	2.3	1.43	3.50	5.35	6.25	6.80	6.66
2003:05	6,210	2.7	1.37	3.50	5.20	5.70	6.75	6.46
2003:06	6,229	2.5	1.35	3.50	4.85	4.85	5.80	6.17

Sources: Statistics Canada and Bank of Canada.

\* Monthly P. & I. per \$1,000 of mortgage, amortized over 25 years at the 5 year rate.

**TABLE 2: COMPARISON OF JANUARY-JUNE 2002 AND 2003 URBAN STARTS**

JANUARY-JUNE	SINGLE DETACHED			ALL OTHER TYPES			TOTAL		
	2002	2003	%	2002	2003	%	2002	2003	%
<b>CENSUS MET. AREAS</b>									
HAMILTON	979	787	-20%	572	665	16%	1,551	1,452	-6%
KINGSTON	333	323	-3%	19	43	126%	352	366	4%
KITCHENER	1,521	1,310	-14%	476	386	-19%	1,997	1,696	-15%
LONDON	987	849	-14%	370	564	52%	1,357	1,413	4%
OSHAWA	1,463	1,458	-0%	339	347	2%	1,802	1,805	0%
OTTAWA (ONT)	1,627	1,336	-18%	2,279	1,582	-31%	3,906	2,918	-25%
ST.CATHARINES	473	521	10%	108	141	31%	581	662	14%
SUDBURY	107	115	7%	2	4	100%	109	119	9%
THUNDER BAY	63	58	-8%	2	4	100%	65	62	-5%
TORONTO	10,090	8,951	-11%	10,521	12,092	15%	20,611	21,043	2%
WINDSOR	792	757	-4%	216	210	-3%	1,008	967	-4%
<b>CMA TOTAL</b>	<b>18,435</b>	<b>16,465</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>14,904</b>	<b>16,038</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>33,339</b>	<b>32,503</b>	<b>-3%</b>
OTHER URBAN	3,031	2,915	-4%	936	1,007	8%	3,967	3,922	-1%
<b>URBAN ONTARIO *</b>	<b>21,466</b>	<b>19,380</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>15,840</b>	<b>17,045</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>37,306</b>	<b>36,425</b>	<b>-2%</b>
URBAN CANADA *	48,750	46,497	-5%	35,235	39,707	13%	83,985	86,204	3%

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**TABLE 3: ONTARIO HOUSING STARTS BY TENURE BY YEAR**

Year	Multiple housing starts							All Area Multiples	All Area Singles	All Area Total
	Centers 10,000 population and over						Other Areas			
	Rental/Coop		Total Rental	Condo	Other Freehold*	Total 10,000+				
	Private	Assisted								
1992	2,273	15,667	17,940	2,772	5,410	26,122	1,782	27,904	27,868	55,772
1993	2,023	7,195	9,218	3,268	5,240	17,726	1,174	18,900	26,240	45,140
1994	1,368	3,805	5,173	3,809	7,156	16,138	471	16,609	30,036	46,645
1995	550	2,945	3,495	5,713	6,147	15,355	339	15,694	20,124	35,818
1996	931	794	1,725	6,034	8,101	15,860	183	16,043	27,019	43,062
1997	773	0	773	8,138	9,512	18,423	248	18,671	35,401	54,072
1998	1,174	0	1,174	9,080	10,740	20,994	99	21,093	32,737	53,830
1999	1,313	0	1,313	13,184	13,190	27,687	127	27,814	39,421	67,235
2000	2,147	0	2,147	13,176	15,055	30,378	56	30,434	41,087	71,521
2001	2,627	89	2,716	16,653	14,157	33,526	124	33,650	39,632	73,282
2002	3,883	0	3,883	13,070	15,435	32,388	95	32,483	51,114	83,597
2002YTD	2,139	0	2,139	6,236	7,465	15,840	26	15,866	23,057	38,923
2003YTD	2,093	49	2,142	8,260	6,643	17,045	175	17,220	21,049	38,269

**TABLE 4: ONTARIO HOUSING STARTS, COMPLETIONS & UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY TYPE & TENURE**

STARTS	2002					2003					PER CENT CHANGE				
	SINGLE	SEMI	ROW	APT	TOTAL	SINGLE	SEMI	ROW	APT	TOTAL	SINGLE	SEMI	ROW	APT	TOTAL
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>															
HOMEOWNER	13,959	1,826	2,502	14	18,301	12,975	1,741	2,168	4	16,888	-7%	-5%	-13%	-71%	-8%
RENTAL	3	22	125	920	1,070	0	0	97	838	935	-100%	-100%	-22%	-9%	-13%
CONDOMINIUM	57	2	856	1,619	2,534	31	2	632	2,579	3,244	-46%	0%	-26%	59%	28%
COOPERATIVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
UNKNOWN	3	0	14	4	21	0	0	0	3	3	-100%	NA	-100%	-25%	-86%
TOTAL URBAN ONT	14,022	1,850	3,497	2,557	21,926	13,006	1,743	2,897	3,424	21,070	-7%	-6%	-17%	34%	-4%
<b>YTD JUNE</b>															
HOMEOWNER	21,373	3,540	3,881	26	28,820	19,318	2,847	3,726	8	25,899	-10%	-20%	-4%	-69%	-10%
RENTAL	3	22	283	1,834	2,142	0	0	106	2,036	2,142	-100%	-100%	-63%	11%	0%
CONDOMINIUM	83	2	1,309	4,925	6,319	57	8	1,070	7,182	8,317	-31%	300%	-18%	46%	32%
COOPERATIVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
UNKNOWN	7	0	14	4	25	5	0	55	7	67	-29%	NA	293%	75%	168%
TOTAL URBAN ONT	21,466	3,564	5,487	6,789	37,306	19,380	2,855	4,957	9,233	36,425	-10%	-20%	-10%	36%	-2%
<b>COMPLETIONS</b>															
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>															
HOMEOWNER	9,179	1,814	1,706	13	12,712	9,474	1,162	1,636	2	12,274	3%	-36%	-4%	-85%	-3%
RENTAL	1	8	140	265	414	0	0	104	466	570	-100%	-100%	-26%	76%	38%
CONDOMINIUM	48	38	873	2,405	3,364	61	14	477	3,815	4,367	27%	-63%	-45%	59%	30%
COOPERATIVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL URBAN ONT	9,228	1,860	2,719	2,683	16,490	9,535	1,176	2,217	4,283	17,211	3%	-37%	-18%	60%	4%
<b>YTD JUNE</b>															
HOMEOWNER	18,006	3,321	3,100	13	24,440	18,651	2,390	3,357	2	24,400	4%	-28%	8%	-85%	-0%
RENTAL	1	10	329	592	932	0	2	238	765	1,005	-100%	-80%	-28%	29%	8%
CONDOMINIUM	69	66	1,487	6,387	8,009	98	18	1,043	6,316	7,475	42%	-73%	-30%	-1%	-7%
COOPERATIVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL URBAN ONT	18,076	3,397	4,916	6,992	33,381	18,749	2,410	4,638	7,083	32,880	4%	-29%	-6%	1%	-2%
<b>UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF JUNE</b>															
HOMEOWNER	19,372	3,146	4,473	56	27,047	20,119	3,178	5,003	8	28,308	4%	1%	12%	-86%	5%
RENTAL	4	24	324	3,900	4,252	0	2	197	5,105	5,304	-100%	-92%	-39%	31%	25%
CONDOMINIUM	103	22	1,608	19,647	21,380	148	2	1,593	18,777	20,520	44%	-91%	-1%	-4%	-4%
COOPERATIVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
UNKNOWN	3	0	15	4	22	1	0	87	6	94	-67%	NA	480%	50%	327%
TOTAL URBAN ONT	19,482	3,192	6,420	23,607	52,701	20,268	3,182	6,880	23,896	54,226	4%	-0%	7%	1%	3%

Note: Rental includes private rental assisted rental and registered condominiums marketed to investors and offered as rental units

**TABLE 5: CURRENT QUARTER'S STARTS, COMPLETIONS AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY TYPE FOR ONTARIO'S CENSUS METROPOLITAN AREAS**

STARTS	2ND QUARTER 2002					2ND QUARTER 2003					PER CENT CHANGE				
	SINGLE	SEMI	ROW	APT	TOTAL	SINGLE	SEMI	ROW	APT	TOTAL	SINGLE	SEMI	ROW	APT	TOTAL
HAMILTON CMA	582	8	324	90	1,004	464	36	261	63	824	-20	350	-19	-30	-18
KINGSTON CMA	254	14	0	0	268	264	34	3	0	301	4	143	NA	NA	12
KITCHENER CMA	968	70	144	120	1,302	791	36	189	52	1,068	-18	-49	31	-57	-18
LONDON CMA	652	8	97	236	993	534	2	67	156	759	-18	-75	-31	-34	-24
OSHAWA CMA	922	10	77	90	1,099	992	88	135	0	1,215	8	780	75	-100	11
OTTAWA CMA	1,074	114	562	628	2,378	956	96	586	235	1,873	-11	-16	4	-63	-21
ST. CATHARINES CMA	315	22	45	0	382	316	20	68	13	417	0	-9	51	NA	9
SUDBURY CMA	99	2	0	0	101	111	4	0	0	115	12	100	NA	NA	14
THUNDER BAY CMA	54	2	0	0	56	51	2	0	0	53	-6	0	NA	NA	-5
<b>TORONTO CMA TOTAL</b>	<b>6,474</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>10,939</b>	<b>5,992</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>3</b>
METRO TORONTO	402	122	325	772	1,621	526	128	285	1,643	2,582	31	5	-12	113	59
YORK REGION	2,143	296	581	275	3,295	1,898	166	331	126	2,521	-11	-44	-43	-54	-23
PEEL REGION	2,608	730	551	0	3,889	2,290	816	335	745	4,186	-12	12	-39	NA	8
OTHER AREAS	1,321	204	497	112	2,134	1,278	187	445	101	2,011	-3	-8	-10	-10	-6
WINDSOR CMA	524	82	38	0	644	437	50	57	0	544	-17	-39	50	NA	-16
<b>COMPLETIONS</b>															
HAMILTON CMA	457	28	323	61	869	435	24	244	20	723	-5	-14	-24	-67	-17
KINGSTON CMA	96	2	0	3	101	157	10	0	0	167	64	400	NA	-100	65
KITCHENER CMA	648	42	172	115	977	702	14	97	73	886	8	-67	-44	-37	-9
LONDON CMA	403	6	30	48	487	405	2	58	22	487	0	-67	93	-54	0
OSHAWA CMA	579	60	109	2	750	585	18	49	0	652	1	-70	-55	-100	-13
OTTAWA CMA	661	60	509	89	1,319	755	78	392	85	1,310	14	30	-23	-4	-1
ST. CATHARINES CMA	196	24	45	0	265	266	16	26	0	308	36	-33	-42	NA	16
SUDBURY CMA	31	0	0	0	31	37	0	0	0	37	19	NA	NA	NA	19
THUNDER BAY CMA	30	2	0	0	32	35	4	0	0	39	17	100	NA	NA	22
<b>TORONTO CMA TOTAL</b>	<b>4,303</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>9,289</b>	<b>4,240</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>3,929</b>	<b>10,178</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>10</b>
METRO TORONTO	279	100	321	1,829	2,529	624	188	194	3,446	4,452	124	88	-40	88	76
YORK REGION	1,820	370	409	120	2,719	1,669	244	463	408	2,784	-8	-34	13	240	2
PEEL REGION	1,348	848	327	344	2,867	906	338	241	75	1,560	-33	-60	-26	-78	-46
OTHER AREAS	856	158	160	0	1,174	1,041	112	229	0	1,382	22	-29	43	NA	18
WINDSOR CMA	331	48	44	26	449	376	60	31	0	467	14	25	-30	-100	4
<b>UNDER CONSTRUCTION</b>															
	<b>AT END OF JUNE 2002</b>					<b>AT END OF JUNE 2003</b>									
HAMILTON CMA	790	56	389	369	1,604	885	49	680	180	1,794	12	-13	75	-51	12
KINGSTON CMA	275	14	3	125	417	299	36	3	0	338	9	157	0	-100	-19
KITCHENER CMA	1,039	78	328	1,096	2,541	940	62	407	1,370	2,779	-10	-21	24	25	9
LONDON CMA	698	10	160	236	1,104	618	8	206	733	1,565	-11	-20	29	211	42
OSHAWA CMA	1,533	30	236	216	2,015	1,716	104	285	0	2,105	12	247	21	-100	4
OTTAWA CMA	1,485	156	823	1,402	3,866	1,477	188	1,116	1,741	4,522	-1	21	36	24	17
ST. CATHARINES CMA	414	40	178	4	636	456	42	255	2	755	10	5	43	-50	19
SUDBURY CMA	99	2	0	0	101	116	4	0	0	120	17	100	NA	NA	19
THUNDER BAY CMA	74	2	0	42	118	93	2	0	38	133	26	0	NA	-10	13
<b>TORONTO CMA TOTAL</b>	<b>9,683</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>19,681</b>	<b>35,546</b>	<b>10,486</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>18,944</b>	<b>35,292</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-1</b>
METRO TORONTO	722	262	669	18,478	20,131	1,147	340	839	16,326	18,652	59	30	25	-12	-7
YORK REGION	4,353	724	1,356	730	7,163	4,046	458	1,024	627	6,155	-7	-37	-24	-14	-14
PEEL REGION	2,715	1,220	886	361	5,182	3,084	1,456	734	1,578	6,852	14	19	-17	337	32
OTHER AREAS	1,893	276	789	112	3,070	2,209	277	734	413	3,633	17	0	-7	269	18
WINDSOR CMA	530	86	75	150	841	450	50	115	136	751	-15	-42	53	-9	-11



**TABLE 6: YEAR-TO-DATE STARTS, COMPLETIONS AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY TYPE**

STARTS	YTD JUNE 2002					YTD JUNE 2003					PER CENT CHANGE				
	SINGLE	SEMI	ROW	APT	TOTAL	SINGLE	SEMI	ROW	APT	TOTAL	SING	SEMI	ROW	APT	TOTAL
HAMILTON CMA	979	46	436	90	1,551	787	48	554	63	1,452	-20	4	27	-30	-6
KINGSTON CMA	333	16	3	0	352	323	40	3	0	366	-3	150	0	NA	4
KITCHENER CMA	1,521	94	195	187	1,997	1,310	64	250	72	1,696	-14	-32	28	-61	-15
LONDON CMA	987	8	126	236	1,357	849	4	103	457	1,413	-14	-50	-18	94	4
OSHAWA CMA	1,463	70	179	90	1,802	1,458	100	247	0	1,805	-0	43	38	-100	0
OTTAWA CMA	1,627	158	960	1,161	3,906	1,336	176	1,009	397	2,918	-18	11	5	-66	-25
ST.CATHARINES CMA	473	38	66	4	581	521	20	108	13	662	10	-47	64	225	14
SUDBURY CMA	107	2	0	0	109	115	4	0	0	119	7	100	NA	NA	9
THUNDER BAY CMA	63	2	0	0	65	58	4	0	0	62	-8	100	NA	NA	-5
TORONTO CMA	10,090	2,758	3,040	4,723	20,611	8,951	2,173	2,263	7,656	21,043	-11	-21	-26	62	2
WINDSOR CMA	792	110	54	52	1,008	757	88	122	0	967	-4	-20	126	-100	-4
BARRIE CA	954	52	145	0	1,151	769	14	63	304	1,150	-19	-73	-57	NA	-0
BELLEVILLE CA	150	6	12	0	168	136	4	21	0	161	-9	-33	75	NA	-4
BRANTFORD CA	217	24	22	0	263	124	2	16	0	142	-43	-92	-27	NA	-46
CORNWALL CA	73	12	0	0	85	63	6	0	0	69	-14	-50	NA	NA	-19
GUELPH CA	375	108	91	0	574	309	26	84	52	471	-18	-76	-8	NA	-18
NORTH BAY CA	37	0	0	0	37	39	2	0	0	41	5	NA	NA	NA	11
PETERBOROUGH CA	143	0	20	14	177	179	0	20	3	202	25	NA	0	-79	14
SARNIA CA	88	0	3	164	255	87	2	0	0	89	-1	NA	-100	-100	-65
SAULT STE. MARIE CA	25	4	3	0	32	36	0	0	0	36	44	-100	-100	NA	13
OTHER ONT AREAS*	969	56	132	68	1,225	1,173	78	94	216	1,561	21	39	-29	218	27
<b>URBAN ONTARIO*</b>	<b>21,466</b>	<b>3,564</b>	<b>5,487</b>	<b>6,789</b>	<b>37,306</b>	<b>19,380</b>	<b>2,855</b>	<b>4,957</b>	<b>9,233</b>	<b>36,425</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>URBAN CANADA*</b>	<b>48,750</b>	<b>6,119</b>	<b>8,102</b>	<b>21,014</b>	<b>83,985</b>	<b>46,497</b>	<b>5,908</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>25,264</b>	<b>86,204</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>
COMPLETIONS	YTD JUNE 2002					YTD JUNE 2003					PER CENT CHANGE				
HAMILTON CMA	859	76	493	149	1,577	889	44	495	32	1,460	3	-42	0	-79	-7
KINGSTON CMA	247	6	0	3	256	300	12	0	0	312	21	100	NA	-100	22
KITCHENER CMA	1,077	64	217	117	1,475	1,238	40	227	81	1,586	15	-38	5	-31	8
LONDON CMA	713	8	76	50	847	749	10	133	22	914	5	25	75	-56	8
OSHAWA CMA	995	86	184	4	1,269	1,118	22	125	90	1,355	12	-74	-32	2,150	7
OTTAWA CMA	1,382	134	956	161	2,633	1,457	118	819	106	2,500	5	-12	-14	-34	-5
ST.CATHARINES CMA	402	40	60	22	524	479	22	41	0	542	19	-45	-32	-100	3
SUDBURY CMA	66	0	0	0	66	91	0	0	0	91	38	NA	NA	NA	38
THUNDER BAY CMA	65	2	0	0	67	77	4	0	6	87	18	100	NA	NA	30
TORONTO CMA	8,265	2,686	2,463	6,008	19,422	8,209	1,776	2,334	6,489	18,808	-1	-34	-5	8	-3
WINDSOR CMA	744	96	58	109	1,007	774	194	95	39	1,102	4	102	64	-64	9
BARRIE CA	730	48	93	146	1,017	855	28	107	78	1,068	17	-42	15	-47	5
BELLEVILLE CA	124	2	7	0	133	130	2	7	0	139	5	0	0	NA	5
BRANTFORD CA	204	16	64	0	284	201	4	24	40	269	-1	-75	-63	NA	-5
CORNWALL CA	49	6	0	16	71	70	8	0	0	78	43	33	NA	-100	10
GUELPH CA	281	58	116	118	573	275	30	127	0	432	-2	-48	9	-100	-25
NORTH BAY CA	33	0	0	0	33	33	2	0	0	35	0	NA	NA	NA	6
PETERBOROUGH CA	139	6	26	0	171	147	0	24	14	185	6	-100	-8	NA	8
SARNIA CA	84	0	0	0	84	87	2	7	0	96	4	NA	NA	NA	14
SAULT STE. MARIE CA	34	0	0	0	34	31	0	7	0	38	-9	NA	NA	NA	12
OTHER ONT AREAS*	1,583	63	103	89	1,838	1,539	92	66	86	1,783	-3	46	-36	-3	-3
<b>URBAN ONTARIO*</b>	<b>18,076</b>	<b>3,397</b>	<b>4,916</b>	<b>6,992</b>	<b>33,381</b>	<b>18,749</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>4,638</b>	<b>7,083</b>	<b>32,880</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>URBAN CANADA*</b>	<b>38,132</b>	<b>5,433</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>17,632</b>	<b>68,063</b>	<b>43,929</b>	<b>5,113</b>	<b>7,372</b>	<b>21,853</b>	<b>78,267</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>
UNDER CONSTRUCTION	AT END OF JUNE 2002					AT END OF JUNE 2003					PER CENT CHANGE				
HAMILTON CMA	790	56	389	369	1,604	885	49	680	180	1,794	12	-13	75	-51	12
KINGSTON CMA	275	14	3	125	417	299	36	3	0	338	9	157	0	-100	-19
KITCHENER CMA	1,039	78	328	1,096	2,541	940	62	407	1,370	2,779	-10	-21	24	25	9
LONDON CMA	698	10	160	236	1,104	618	8	206	733	1,565	-11	-20	29	211	42
OSHAWA CMA	1,533	30	236	216	2,015	1,716	104	285	0	2,105	12	247	21	-100	4
OTTAWA CMA	1,485	156	823	1,402	3,866	1,477	188	1,116	1,741	4,522	-1	21	36	24	17
ST.CATHARINES CMA	414	40	178	4	636	456	42	255	2	755	10	5	43	-50	19
SUDBURY CMA	99	2	0	0	101	116	4	0	0	120	17	100	NA	NA	19
THUNDER BAY CMA	74	2	0	42	118	93	2	0	38	133	26	0	NA	-10	13
TORONTO CMA	9,683	2,482	3,700	19,681	35,546	10,486	2,531	3,331	18,944	35,292	8	2	-10	-4	-1
WINDSOR CMA	530	86	75	150	841	450	50	115	136	751	-15	-42	53	-9	-11
BARRIE CA	761	46	104	0	911	676	22	29	285	1,012	-11	-52	-72	NA	11
BELLEVILLE CA	125	6	53	0	184	112	4	72	30	218	-10	-33	36	NA	18
BRANTFORD CA	173	24	22	12	231	108	0	14	0	122	-38	-100	-36	-100	-47
CORNWALL CA	73	8	0	0	81	64	6	0	0	70	-12	-25	NA	NA	-14
GUELPH CA	229	78	179	0	486	234	18	165	52	469	2	-77	-8	NA	-3
NORTH BAY CA	38	0	0	0	38	43	2	15	0	60	13	NA	NA	NA	58
PETERBOROUGH CA	118	0	20	14	152	185	0	20	3	208	57	NA	0	-79	37
SARNIA CA	67	0	3	164	234	68	2	0	164	234	1	NA	-100	0	0
SAULT STE. MARIE CA	26	4	3	0	33	45	2	0	0	47	73	-50	-100	NA	42
OTHER ONT AREAS*	1,252	70	144	96	1,562	1,197	50	167	218	1,632	-4	-29	16	127	4
<b>URBAN ONTARIO*</b>	<b>19,482</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>23,607</b>	<b>52,701</b>	<b>20,268</b>	<b>3,182</b>	<b>6,880</b>	<b>23,896</b>	<b>54,226</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>URBAN CANADA*</b>	<b>41,736</b>	<b>5,780</b>	<b>9,899</b>	<b>48,185</b>	<b>105,600</b>	<b>44,133</b>	<b>6,498</b>	<b>11,736</b>	<b>53,902</b>	<b>116,269</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>

**TABLE 7: ONTARIO HOUSING STARTS FROM 1986 TO 2002 AND 2003 SAARs**

Year	Urban centres 10,000 plus			All areas		
	Singles	Multiples	Total	Singles	Multiples	Total
1986	48,147	23,766	71,913	56,448	25,022	81,470
1987	55,022	38,878	93,900	64,929	40,284	105,213
1988	46,843	40,101	86,944	57,099	42,825	99,924
1989	43,841	37,185	81,026	53,511	39,826	93,337
1990	24,076	29,265	53,341	32,425	30,224	62,649
1991	21,224	24,899	46,123	26,290	26,504	52,794
1992	22,571	24,122	46,693	27,868	27,904	55,772
1993	21,121	17,726	38,847	26,240	18,900	45,140
1994	25,422	16,138	41,560	30,036	16,609	46,645
1995	16,593	15,300	31,893	20,124	15,694	35,818
1996	23,652	15,860	39,512	27,019	16,043	43,062
1997	31,549	18,423	49,972	35,401	18,671	54,072
1998	29,094	20,994	50,088	32,737	21,093	53,830
1999	35,238	27,687	62,925	39,421	27,814	67,235
2000	37,045	30,378	67,423	41,087	30,434	71,521
2001	36,736	33,526	70,262	39,632	33,650	73,282
2002	47,227	32,388	79,615	51,114	32,483	83,597
<b>2003</b>	<b>Seasonally Adjusted Annualized Rates</b>					
03 Q1	39,300	44,600	83,900	NA	NA	90,200
03 Q2	44,200	31,600	75,800	NA	NA	79,000
03 Jan	38,400	26,100	64,500	NA	NA	NA
Feb	41,900	72,800	114,700	NA	NA	NA
Mar	37,800	34,800	72,600	NA	NA	NA
Apr	43,800	29,300	73,100	NA	NA	NA
May	44,000	28,900	72,900	NA	NA	NA
Jun	45,000	36,500	81,500	NA	NA	NA

**TABLE 8: AVERAGE AND MEDIAN PRICE OF ABSORBED SINGLES BY CMA**

CENSUS METROPOLITAN AREA	2ND QUARTER 2002			2ND QUARTER 2003			% CHANGE AVG PRICE	% CHANGE MED PRICE
	# OF UNITS	AVG PRICE (\$000's)	MED PRICE (\$000's)	# OF UNITS	AVG PRICE (\$000's)	MED PRICE (\$000's)		
HAMILTON	531	263	250	448	297	282	13%	13%
KINGSTON	92	185	NA	159	201	NA	9%	NA
KITCHENER	579	218	200	655	231	206	6%	3%
LONDON	415	205	195	401	227	205	11%	5%
OSHAWA	584	233	229	588	231	224	-1%	-2%
OTTAWA	640	283	269	755	307	290	8%	8%
ST. CATHARINES	219	225	192	273	246	220	9%	15%
SUDBURY	40	189	163	36	222	180	17%	10%
THUNDER BAY	27	178	185	37	219	210	23%	14%
TORONTO	4,284	316	288	4,235	340	302	8%	5%
WINDSOR	354	192	166	378	206	173	7%	4%

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