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Ontario Home Starts Jump

The province's all area Seasonally Adjusted Annualized Rate (SAAR) of home starts jumped to 83,500 units in the first quarter, from 74,700 units in the fourth quarter. First quarter Ontario raw home starts were up 10 per cent from the same period one year ago. With the mildest winter on record, more projects broke ground earlier this year. Despite the economic challenges faced by the region, new home demand remained healthy thanks to low interest rates and strong consumer confidence.

Townhomes and condominiums are capturing an increasing share of total

home starts. More high-rise sites available for development combined with more competition in the multiple family home market are keeping home prices in check. While less expensive multiple family home types have been the story thus far, more expensive detached homes registered increases in starts early this year as well. This suggests that despite rising home carrying costs, some underlying strength is still present in Ontario housing markets.

Windsor, Thunder Bay and St. Catharines-Niagara were among a few centres registering declining

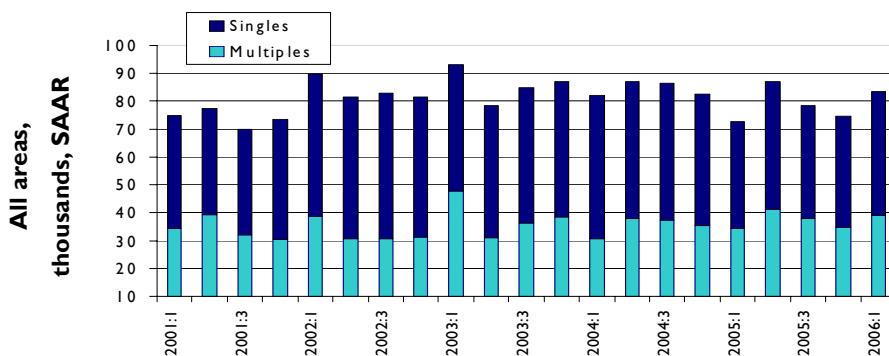
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home starts in the first quarter. Local economies in these urban centres have a heavy concentration in auto, forestry and tourism sectors, and are challenged by high energy prices and a high dollar. Resale markets in these selected urban centres are experiencing rising home listings.

This helps satisfy consumer demand and helps slow any spillover demand into the new home market.

Over three quarters of Ontario's major urban centres experienced double digit price gains for single detached homes during the first quarter. Tight resale markets have helped fuel prices in recent years. More recently however, increasing costs for some building materials and land have also contributed to new home market price pressures.

Record Resale Volumes In Q1

Ontario resale markets registered another stellar performance in the first quarter of this year. Mild weather, favorable mortgage carrying costs, ample product choice and positive consumer sentiment kept home sales on a record pace. Modest price increases for resale homes combined with an upward trend in home listings helped the existing home market improve its performance vis-a-vis the new home market.

Rising Ontario home prices are adding to homeowner equity. This combined with more buyers in repeat buying ages (45-64) is helping

sustain the upward trend in home listings. Growth in Ontario listings have outpaced growth in home sales in the first quarter. Ontario's sales to new listings ratio, a leading indicator of future price growth, continues to trend lower. Yet most major Ontario resale markets are tight and still in seller's territory with prices growing in excess of the general rate of inflation.

Ontario Goods Sectors Still Sluggish

Optimism among Ontario manufacturers was restrained in the first quarter. Manufacturing activity, as measured by shipments, drifted lower. A first quarter business conditions survey on manufacturing activity suggests fewer manufacturers expect a pick-up in new orders and production. In response to high energy prices and a high dollar, manufacturers are cutting labour & material costs, outsourcing work and/or investing in machinery and equipment. The good news is that slower job growth in goods producing sectors is being offset by continued hiring in service sectors.



More positive news came on the consumption side. High energy prices failed to faze consumer confidence across the province. Consumer expenditures on general merchandise remained healthy through most of the first quarter. Strength in Ontario weekly earnings supported consumer spending. Big ticket purchases however continue to slow, evident in slowing new motor vehicle sales across the province.

Mortgage and labour market conditions are two important ingredients feeding into housing demand. Strong Canadian economic growth, record low unemployment rates and high energy prices triggered increases in interest and mortgage rates early this year. Yet stable core rates of inflation helped keep the magnitude of rate hikes modest in the first quarter.

High energy prices and a high Canadian dollar will translate into stronger job conditions in western Canada relative to central Canada. This suggests Ontario will continue losing migrants to the west. However, a rebound in immigrants landing in Ontario through 2005 will help sustain housing demand this year.

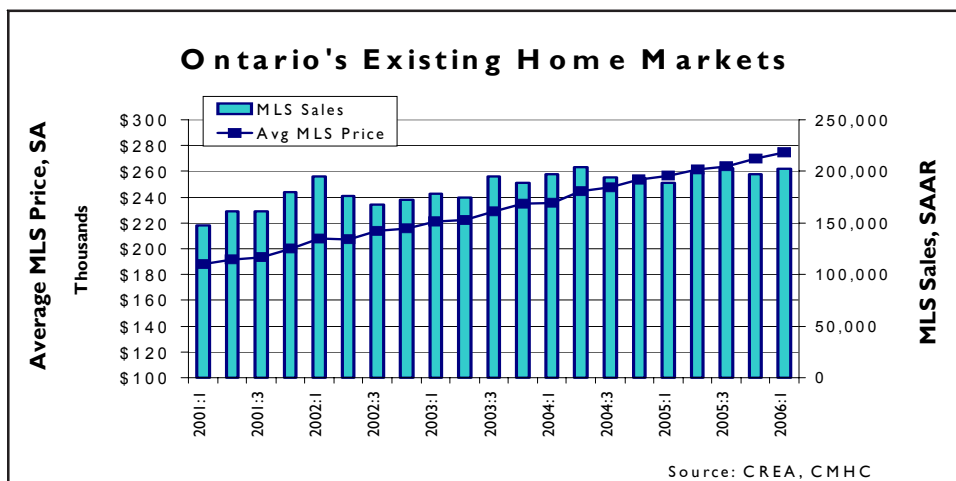


Table I: Ontario Housing Starts 1995-2004 and 2005 SAARs

| Year | Urban Centers 10,000+ | | | All areas | | | MLS* | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Singles | Multiples | Total | Singles | Multiples | Total | Sales | Price |
| 1996 | 23,652 | 15,860 | 39,512 | 27,019 | 16,043 | 43,062 | 140,425 | 155,725 |
| 1997 | 31,549 | 18,423 | 49,972 | 35,401 | 18,671 | 54,072 | 141,435 | 164,301 |
| 1998 | 29,094 | 20,994 | 50,088 | 32,737 | 21,093 | 53,830 | 138,479 | 167,112 |
| 1999 | 35,238 | 27,687 | 62,925 | 39,421 | 27,814 | 67,235 | 148,659 | 174,049 |
| 2000 | 37,045 | 30,378 | 67,423 | 41,087 | 30,434 | 71,521 | 147,158 | 183,841 |
| 2001 | 36,736 | 33,526 | 70,262 | 39,632 | 33,650 | 73,282 | 162,318 | 193,357 |
| 2002 | 47,227 | 32,388 | 79,615 | 51,114 | 32,483 | 83,597 | 178,058 | 210,901 |
| 2003 | 43,630 | 37,303 | 80,933 | 47,610 | 37,570 | 85,180 | 184,457 | 226,824 |
| 2004 | 44,061 | 35,833 | 79,894 | 48,929 | 36,185 | 85,114 | 197,353 | 245,230 |
| 2005 | 36,708 | 36,469 | 73,177 | 41,682 | 37,113 | 78,795 | 197,007 | 263,042 |
| Seasonally Adjusted Annualized Rates | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 Q1 | 38,900 | 38,200 | 77,100 | 44,500 | 39,000 | 83,500 | 202,680 | 274,935 |
| 2006 Q2 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 Q3 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 Q4 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 :01 | 43,200 | 44,600 | 87,800 | NA | NA | 94,200 | 202,116 | 275,426 |
| 2006 :02 | 39,500 | 34,100 | 73,600 | NA | NA | 80,000 | 204,168 | 274,492 |
| 2006 :03 | 34,100 | 35,800 | 69,900 | NA | NA | 76,300 | 201,756 | 274,891 |
| 2006 :04 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 :05 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 :06 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 :07 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 :08 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 :09 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 :10 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 :11 | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 :12 | | | | | | | | |

Sources : CMHC, Canadian Real Estate Association

*MLS is a registered certification mark of the Canadian Real Estate Association

Definitions

1. Starts: refers to units where construction has advanced to a stage where full (100%) footings are in place. For multiple dwellings (semi-detached, row housing and apartments) the definition of a start applies to the structure or block of row units rather than to the project as a whole.

2. Under Construction: those units which have been started but which are not complete.

3. Completions - Single-detached/semi-detached units: this generally is the stage at which all proposed construction work is complete. A unit may be completed at the 90% stage where the remaining work is largely cosmetic. **Row housing/ Apartment:** completions means that 90% or more of the dwelling units within a block of row units or an apartment structure are completed and ready for occupancy

4. Completed and Not Absorbed: all completed units of new construction (excluding model homes not available for sale) which have never been sold or leased.

5. Absorptions: the number of completed units (excluding model homes) that have been sold or leased.

6. Seasonally Adjusted (SA): Actual monthly (or quarterly) figures adjusted to remove normal seasonal variation.

7. Seasonally Adjust Annual Rates (SAAR): Seasonally adjusted monthly figures multiplied by 12 (or quarterly figures multiplied by 4) to reflect annualized levels of activity.

8. Definitions for CMA, NHPI, CPI, and Inflation Rate can be found in the Statistics Canada website - <http://www.statscan.ca>

Table 2: Quarterly Starts, Completions and Under Construction by Type

| | SINGLE | | | SEMI | | | ROW | | | APT | | | TOTAL | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Q1 2005 | Q1 2006 | % | Q1 2005 | Q1 2006 | % | Q1 2005 | Q1 2006 | % | Q1 2005 | Q1 2006 | % | Q1 2005 | Q1 2006 | % |
| STARTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamilton | 314 | 287 | -8.6 | 12 | 42 | ** | 127 | 192 | 51.2 | 0 | 24 | NA | 453 | 545 | 20.3 |
| Kingston | 60 | 61 | 1.7 | 4 | 4 | 0.0 | 6 | 10 | 66.7 | 0 | 133 | NA | 70 | 208 | 197.1 |
| Kitchener | 329 | 359 | 9.1 | 10 | 34 | ** | 168 | 131 | -22.0 | 175 | 12 | -93.1 | 682 | 536 | -21.4 |
| London | 332 | 383 | 15.4 | 4 | 18 | ** | 44 | 97 | 120.5 | 249 | 379 | 52.2 | 629 | 877 | 39.4 |
| Oshawa | 192 | 474 | 146.9 | 0 | 4 | NA | 50 | 24 | -52.0 | 0 | 216 | NA | 242 | 718 | 196.7 |
| Ottawa | 266 | 304 | 14.3 | 38 | 78 | 105.3 | 306 | 470 | 53.6 | 211 | 136 | -35.5 | 821 | 988 | 20.3 |
| St. Catharines | 180 | 161 | -10.6 | 16 | 8 | -50.0 | 64 | 44 | -31.3 | 0 | 3 | NA | 260 | 216 | -16.9 |
| Sudbury | 18 | 21 | 16.7 | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 18 | 21 | 16.7 |
| Thunder Bay | 1 | 12 | ** | 0 | 2 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 14 | 0 | -100.0 | 15 | 14 | -6.7 |
| Toronto | 2,553 | 2,625 | 2.8 | 570 | 566 | -0.7 | 1,338 | 1,352 | 1.0 | 2,457 | 2,747 | 11.8 | 6,918 | 7,290 | 5.4 |
| Windsor | 187 | 175 | -6.4 | 6 | 10 | 66.7 | 45 | 4 | -91.1 | 74 | 121 | 63.5 | 312 | 310 | -0.6 |
| Ontario All Areas | 5,811 | 6,749 | 16.1 | 738 | 872 | 18.2 | 2,480 | 2,577 | 3.9 | 3,317 | 3,891 | 17.3 | 12,346 | 14,089 | 14.1 |
| COMPLETIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamilton | 321 | 332 | 3.4 | 26 | 72 | 176.9 | 178 | 204 | 14.6 | 63 | 118 | 87.3 | 588 | 726 | 23.5 |
| Kingston | 130 | 128 | -1.5 | 8 | 6 | -25.0 | 25 | 3 | -88.0 | 268 | 6 | -97.8 | 431 | 143 | -66.8 |
| Kitchener | 401 | 377 | -6.0 | 6 | 46 | ** | 74 | 156 | 110.8 | 226 | 215 | -4.9 | 707 | 794 | 12.3 |
| London | 430 | 451 | 4.9 | 2 | 26 | ** | 53 | 80 | 50.9 | 229 | 92 | -59.8 | 714 | 649 | -9.1 |
| Oshawa | 486 | 377 | -22.4 | 4 | 6 | 50.0 | 50 | 96 | 92.0 | 72 | 48 | -33.3 | 612 | 527 | -13.9 |
| Ottawa | 648 | 511 | -21.1 | 58 | 50 | -13.8 | 376 | 286 | -23.9 | 299 | 41 | -86.3 | 1,381 | 888 | -35.7 |
| St. Catharines | 283 | 202 | -28.6 | 20 | 14 | -30.0 | 75 | 77 | 2.7 | 5 | 0 | -100.0 | 383 | 293 | -23.5 |
| Sudbury | 69 | 77 | 11.6 | 2 | 8 | ** | 0 | 4 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 71 | 89 | 25.4 |
| Thunder Bay | 54 | 47 | -13.0 | 2 | 0 | -100.0 | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 14 | NA | 56 | 61 | 8.9 |
| Toronto | 4,595 | 3,433 | -25.3 | 816 | 686 | -15.9 | 1,360 | 1,325 | -2.6 | 4,606 | 5,044 | 9.5 | 11,377 | 10,488 | -7.8 |
| Windsor | 319 | 233 | -27.0 | 40 | 14 | -65.0 | 152 | 38 | -75.0 | 177 | 0 | -100.0 | 688 | 285 | -58.6 |
| Ontario All Areas | 10,577 | 9,341 | -11.7 | 1,166 | 1,045 | -10.4 | 2,614 | 2,745 | 5.0 | 6,095 | 6,054 | -0.7 | 20,452 | 19,185 | -6.2 |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamilton | 918 | 737 | -19.7 | 30 | 128 | ** | 701 | 988 | 40.9 | 820 | 874 | 6.6 | 2,469 | 2,727 | 10.4 |
| Kingston | 174 | 148 | -14.9 | 10 | 6 | -40.0 | 6 | 24 | ** | 117 | 147 | 25.6 | 307 | 325 | 5.9 |
| Kitchener | 639 | 583 | -8.8 | 68 | 54 | -20.6 | 493 | 489 | -0.8 | 668 | 604 | -9.6 | 1,868 | 1,730 | -7.4 |
| London | 591 | 574 | -2.9 | 22 | 22 | 0.0 | 209 | 191 | -8.6 | 658 | 1,013 | 54.0 | 1,480 | 1,800 | 21.6 |
| Oshawa | 848 | 1,366 | 61.1 | 46 | 12 | -73.9 | 133 | 128 | -3.8 | 90 | 484 | ** | 1,117 | 1,990 | 78.2 |
| Ottawa | 1,131 | 1,012 | -10.5 | 160 | 222 | 38.8 | 1,333 | 1,214 | -8.9 | 1,521 | 1,268 | -16.6 | 4,145 | 3,716 | -10.3 |
| St. Catharines | 458 | 431 | -5.9 | 42 | 30 | -28.6 | 281 | 262 | -6.8 | 106 | 5 | -95.3 | 887 | 728 | -17.9 |
| Sudbury | 78 | 78 | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 | 4 | 0 | -100.0 | 0 | 0 | NA | 84 | 80 | -4.8 |
| Thunder Bay | 68 | 54 | -20.6 | 4 | 6 | 50.0 | 5 | 5 | 0.0 | 45 | 30 | -33.3 | 122 | 95 | -22.1 |
| Toronto | 8,986 | 9,076 | 1.0 | 1,744 | 1,765 | 1.2 | 3,909 | 4,626 | 18.3 | 22,886 | 25,115 | 9.7 | 37,525 | 40,582 | 8.1 |
| Windsor | 219 | 223 | 1.8 | 24 | 12 | -50.0 | 60 | 38 | -36.7 | 82 | 130 | 58.5 | 385 | 403 | 4.7 |
| Ontario All Areas | 18,819 | 19,143 | 1.7 | 2,355 | 2,429 | 3.1 | 7,934 | 8,736 | 10.1 | 27,876 | 30,775 | 10.4 | 56,984 | 61,083 | 7.2 |

Source: CMHC

** Year-over-year change greater than 200 per cent.

Table 3: Year-To-Date Starts, Completions and Under Construction by Type

| STARTS | SINGLE | | | SEMI | | | ROW | | | APT | | | TOTAL | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | YTD 2005 | YTD 2006 | % | YTD 2005 | YTD 2006 | % | YTD 2005 | YTD 2006 | % | YTD 2005 | YTD 2006 | % | YTD 2005 | YTD 2006 | % |
| Hamilton | 314 | 287 | -8.6 | 12 | 42 | ** | 127 | 192 | 51.2 | 0 | 24 | NA | 453 | 545 | 20.3 |
| Kingston | 60 | 61 | 1.7 | 4 | 4 | 0.0 | 6 | 10 | 66.7 | 0 | 133 | NA | 70 | 208 | 197.1 |
| Kitchener | 329 | 359 | 9.1 | 10 | 34 | ** | 168 | 131 | -22.0 | 175 | 12 | -93.1 | 682 | 536 | -21.4 |
| London | 332 | 383 | 15.4 | 4 | 18 | ** | 44 | 97 | 120.5 | 249 | 379 | 52.2 | 629 | 877 | 39.4 |
| Oshawa | 192 | 474 | 146.9 | 0 | 4 | NA | 50 | 24 | -52.0 | 0 | 216 | NA | 242 | 718 | 196.7 |
| Ottawa | 266 | 304 | 14.3 | 38 | 78 | 105.3 | 306 | 470 | 53.6 | 211 | 136 | -35.5 | 821 | 988 | 20.3 |
| St. Catharines | 180 | 161 | -10.6 | 16 | 8 | -50.0 | 64 | 44 | -31.3 | 0 | 3 | NA | 260 | 216 | -16.9 |
| Sudbury | 18 | 21 | 16.7 | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 18 | 21 | 16.7 |
| Thunder Bay | 1 | 12 | ** | 0 | 2 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 14 | 0 | -100.0 | 15 | 14 | -6.7 |
| Toronto | 2,553 | 2,625 | 2.8 | 570 | 566 | -0.7 | 1,338 | 1,352 | 1.0 | 2,457 | 2,747 | 11.8 | 6,918 | 7,290 | 5.4 |
| Windsor | 187 | 175 | -6.4 | 6 | 10 | 66.7 | 45 | 4 | -91.1 | 74 | 121 | 63.5 | 312 | 310 | -0.6 |
| Ontario All Areas | 5,811 | 6,749 | 16.1 | 738 | 872 | 18.2 | 2,480 | 2,577 | 3.9 | 3,317 | 3,891 | 17.3 | 12,346 | 14,089 | 14.1 |
| COMPLETIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamilton | 321 | 332 | 3.4 | 26 | 72 | 176.9 | 178 | 204 | 14.6 | 63 | 118 | 87.3 | 588 | 726 | 23.5 |
| Kingston | 130 | 128 | -1.5 | 8 | 6 | -25.0 | 25 | 3 | -88.0 | 268 | 6 | -97.8 | 431 | 143 | -66.8 |
| Kitchener | 401 | 377 | -6.0 | 6 | 46 | ** | 74 | 156 | 110.8 | 226 | 215 | -4.9 | 707 | 794 | 12.3 |
| London | 430 | 451 | 4.9 | 2 | 26 | ** | 53 | 80 | 50.9 | 229 | 92 | -59.8 | 714 | 649 | -9.1 |
| Oshawa | 486 | 377 | -22.4 | 4 | 6 | 50.0 | 50 | 96 | 92.0 | 72 | 48 | -33.3 | 612 | 527 | -13.9 |
| Ottawa | 648 | 511 | -21.1 | 58 | 50 | -13.8 | 376 | 286 | -23.9 | 299 | 41 | -86.3 | 1,381 | 888 | -35.7 |
| St. Catharines | 283 | 202 | -28.6 | 20 | 14 | -30.0 | 75 | 77 | 2.7 | 5 | 0 | -100.0 | 383 | 293 | -23.5 |
| Sudbury | 69 | 77 | 11.6 | 2 | 8 | ** | 0 | 4 | NA | 0 | 0 | NA | 71 | 89 | 25.4 |
| Thunder Bay | 54 | 47 | -13.0 | 2 | 0 | -100.0 | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 14 | NA | 56 | 61 | 8.9 |
| Toronto | 4,595 | 3,433 | -25.3 | 816 | 686 | -15.9 | 1,360 | 1,325 | -2.6 | 4,606 | 5,044 | 9.5 | 11,377 | 10,488 | -7.8 |
| Windsor | 319 | 233 | -27.0 | 40 | 14 | -65.0 | 152 | 38 | -75.0 | 177 | 0 | -100.0 | 688 | 285 | -58.6 |
| Ontario All Areas | 10,577 | 9,341 | -11.7 | 1,166 | 1,045 | -10.4 | 2,614 | 2,745 | 5.0 | 6,095 | 6,054 | -0.7 | 20,452 | 19,185 | -6.2 |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamilton | 918 | 737 | -19.7 | 30 | 128 | ** | 701 | 988 | 40.9 | 820 | 874 | 6.6 | 2,469 | 2,727 | 10.4 |
| Kingston | 174 | 148 | -14.9 | 10 | 6 | -40.0 | 6 | 24 | ** | 117 | 147 | 25.6 | 307 | 325 | 5.9 |
| Kitchener | 639 | 583 | -8.8 | 68 | 54 | -20.6 | 493 | 489 | -0.8 | 668 | 604 | -9.6 | 1,868 | 1,730 | -7.4 |
| London | 591 | 574 | -2.9 | 22 | 22 | 0.0 | 209 | 191 | -8.6 | 658 | 1,013 | 54.0 | 1,480 | 1,800 | 21.6 |
| Oshawa | 848 | 1,366 | 61.1 | 46 | 12 | -73.9 | 133 | 128 | -3.8 | 90 | 484 | ** | 1,117 | 1,990 | 78.2 |
| Ottawa | 1,131 | 1,012 | -10.5 | 160 | 222 | 38.8 | 1,333 | 1,214 | -8.9 | 1,521 | 1,268 | -16.6 | 4,145 | 3,716 | -10.3 |
| St. Catharines | 458 | 431 | -5.9 | 42 | 30 | -28.6 | 281 | 262 | -6.8 | 106 | 5 | -95.3 | 887 | 728 | -17.9 |
| Sudbury | 78 | 78 | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 | 4 | 0 | -100.0 | 0 | 0 | NA | 84 | 80 | -4.8 |
| Thunder Bay | 68 | 54 | -20.6 | 4 | 6 | 50.0 | 5 | 5 | 0.0 | 45 | 30 | -33.3 | 122 | 95 | -22.1 |
| Toronto | 8,986 | 9,076 | 1.0 | 1,744 | 1,765 | 1.2 | 3,909 | 4,626 | 18.3 | 22,886 | 25,115 | 9.7 | 37,525 | 40,582 | 8.1 |
| Windsor | 219 | 223 | 1.8 | 24 | 12 | -50.0 | 60 | 38 | -36.7 | 82 | 130 | 58.5 | 385 | 403 | 4.7 |
| Ontario All Areas | 18,819 | 19,143 | 1.7 | 2,355 | 2,429 | 3.1 | 7,934 | 8,736 | 10.1 | 27,876 | 30,775 | 10.4 | 56,984 | 61,083 | 7.2 |

Source: CMHC

** Year-over-year change greater than 200 per cent.

Table 4: Ontario Housing Starts, Completions and Under Construction by Type & Tenure

| STARTS | 2005 | | | | | 2006 | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | SINGLE | SEMI | ROW | APT | TOTAL | SINGLE | SEMI | ROW | APT | TOTAL |
| Q1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homeowner | 5,404 | 682 | 1,547 | 26 | 7,659 | 5,836 | 800 | 1,542 | 3 | 8,181 |
| Rental | 0 | 2 | 118 | 883 | 1,003 | 1 | 2 | 26 | 905 | 934 |
| Condominium | 48 | 34 | 791 | 2,352 | 3,225 | 30 | 6 | 960 | 2,961 | 3,957 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ontario, pop10,000+ | 5,452 | 718 | 2,456 | 3,261 | 11,887 | 5,867 | 808 | 2,528 | 3,869 | 13,072 |
| YTD | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homeowner | 5,404 | 682 | 1,547 | 26 | 7,659 | 5,836 | 800 | 1,542 | 3 | 8,181 |
| Rental | 0 | 2 | 118 | 883 | 1,003 | 1 | 2 | 26 | 905 | 934 |
| Condominium | 48 | 34 | 791 | 2,352 | 3,225 | 30 | 6 | 960 | 2,961 | 3,957 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ontario, pop10,000+ | 5,452 | 718 | 2,456 | 3,261 | 11,887 | 5,867 | 808 | 2,528 | 3,869 | 13,072 |
| COMPLETIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homeowner | 9,505 | 1,094 | 1,913 | 28 | 12,540 | 7,675 | 959 | 1,686 | 2 | 10,322 |
| Rental | 4 | 8 | 71 | 1,253 | 1,336 | 1 | 4 | 136 | 1,383 | 1,524 |
| Condominium | 45 | 2 | 567 | 4,814 | 5,428 | 51 | 40 | 852 | 4,498 | 5,441 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ontario, pop10,000+ | 9,554 | 1,104 | 2,551 | 6,095 | 19,304 | 7,727 | 1,003 | 2,674 | 5,883 | 17,287 |
| YTD | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homeowner | 9,505 | 1,094 | 1,913 | 28 | 12,540 | 7,675 | 959 | 1,686 | 2 | 10,322 |
| Rental | 4 | 8 | 71 | 1,253 | 1,336 | 1 | 4 | 136 | 1,383 | 1,524 |
| Condominium | 45 | 2 | 567 | 4,814 | 5,428 | 51 | 40 | 852 | 4,498 | 5,441 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ontario, pop10,000+ | 9,554 | 1,104 | 2,551 | 6,095 | 19,304 | 7,727 | 1,003 | 2,674 | 5,883 | 17,287 |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homeowner | 16,348 | 2,226 | 4,971 | 13 | 23,558 | 16,282 | 2,326 | 5,316 | 3 | 23,927 |
| Rental | 5 | 30 | 294 | 3,644 | 3,973 | 0 | 8 | 344 | 3,775 | 4,127 |
| Condominium | 135 | 54 | 2,609 | 24,092 | 26,890 | 77 | 12 | 2,952 | 26,655 | 29,696 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Ontario, pop10,000+ | 16,488 | 2,310 | 7,884 | 27,749 | 54,431 | 16,359 | 2,346 | 8,615 | 30,433 | 57,753 |

Table 5: Starts in Ontario's Large CAs

| | TOTAL | | | SINGLES | | | TOTAL | | | SINGLES | | |
|------------------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|-------|
| | Q1 2005 | Q1 2006 | % | Q1 2005 | Q1 2006 | % | YTD 2005 | YTD 2006 | % | YTD 2005 | YTD 2006 | % |
| Barrie | 241 | 161 | -33.2 | 194 | 133 | -31.4 | 241 | 161 | -33.2 | 194 | 133 | -31.4 |
| Belleville | 32 | 56 | 75.0 | 30 | 50 | 66.7 | 32 | 56 | 75.0 | 30 | 50 | 66.7 |
| Brantford | 56 | 26 | -53.6 | 25 | 18 | -28.0 | 56 | 26 | -53.6 | 25 | 18 | -28.0 |
| Cornwall | 15 | 17 | 13.3 | 9 | 13 | 44.4 | 15 | 17 | 13.3 | 9 | 13 | 44.4 |
| Guelph | 276 | 179 | -35.1 | 91 | 106 | 16.5 | 276 | 179 | -35.1 | 91 | 106 | 16.5 |
| North Bay | 8 | 10 | 25.0 | 8 | 10 | 25.0 | 8 | 10 | 25.0 | 8 | 10 | 25.0 |
| Peterborough | 34 | 54 | 58.8 | 25 | 34 | 36.0 | 34 | 54 | 58.8 | 25 | 34 | 36.0 |
| Sarnia | 25 | 25 | 0.0 | 25 | 25 | 0.0 | 25 | 25 | 0.0 | 25 | 25 | 0.0 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 9 | 4 | -55.6 | 9 | 4 | -55.6 | 9 | 4 | -55.6 | 9 | 4 | -55.6 |

Table 6: Completed and Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range

| AREA | PRICE RANGES | | | | | | | | | | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------|
| | <\$150,000 | | \$150-\$174,999 | | \$175-\$249,999 | | \$250-\$299,999 | | \$300,000+ | | |
| | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | Units | Share (%) | |
| Hamilton | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 32 | 9.7 | 93 | 28.2 | 205 | 62.1 | 330 |
| Q1 2005 | 2 | 0.6 | 1 | 0.3 | 68 | 20.4 | 92 | 27.5 | 171 | 51.2 | 334 |
| YTD 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 32 | 9.7 | 93 | 28.2 | 205 | 62.1 | 330 |
| YTD 2005 | 2 | 0.6 | 1 | 0.3 | 68 | 20.4 | 92 | 27.5 | 171 | 51.2 | 334 |
| Kingston | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 5.6 | 46 | 37.1 | 46 | 37.1 | 25 | 20.2 | 124 |
| Q1 2005 | 8 | 6.5 | 10 | 8.1 | 57 | 46.3 | 33 | 26.8 | 15 | 12.2 | 123 |
| YTD 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 5.6 | 46 | 37.1 | 46 | 37.1 | 25 | 20.2 | 124 |
| YTD 2005 | 8 | 6.5 | 10 | 8.1 | 57 | 46.3 | 33 | 26.8 | 15 | 12.2 | 123 |
| Kitchener | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 1 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.3 | 108 | 31.8 | 112 | 32.9 | 118 | 34.7 | 340 |
| Q1 2005 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 1.4 | 165 | 45.3 | 88 | 24.2 | 106 | 29.1 | 364 |
| YTD 2006 | 1 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.3 | 108 | 31.8 | 112 | 32.9 | 118 | 34.7 | 340 |
| YTD 2005 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 1.4 | 165 | 45.3 | 88 | 24.2 | 106 | 29.1 | 364 |
| London | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 2 | 0.5 | 22 | 5.1 | 185 | 43.0 | 125 | 29.1 | 96 | 22.3 | 430 |
| Q1 2005 | 5 | 1.2 | 42 | 9.9 | 223 | 52.5 | 68 | 16.0 | 87 | 20.5 | 425 |
| YTD 2006 | 2 | 0.5 | 22 | 5.1 | 185 | 43.0 | 125 | 29.1 | 96 | 22.3 | 430 |
| YTD 2005 | 5 | 1.2 | 42 | 9.9 | 223 | 52.5 | 68 | 16.0 | 87 | 20.5 | 425 |
| Oshawa | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 63 | 17.0 | 109 | 29.4 | 199 | 53.6 | 371 |
| Q1 2005 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.2 | 226 | 48.8 | 111 | 24.0 | 125 | 27.0 | 463 |
| YTD 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 63 | 17.0 | 109 | 29.4 | 199 | 53.6 | 371 |
| YTD 2005 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.2 | 226 | 48.8 | 111 | 24.0 | 125 | 27.0 | 463 |
| Ottawa | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 29 | 5.6 | 125 | 24.0 | 366 | 70.4 | 520 |
| Q1 2005 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.8 | 31 | 4.7 | 149 | 22.7 | 472 | 71.8 | 657 |
| YTD 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 29 | 5.6 | 125 | 24.0 | 366 | 70.4 | 520 |
| YTD 2005 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.8 | 31 | 4.7 | 149 | 22.7 | 472 | 71.8 | 657 |
| St. Catharines | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 1 | 0.5 | 7 | 3.4 | 56 | 27.2 | 60 | 29.1 | 82 | 39.8 | 206 |
| Q1 2005 | 9 | 3.3 | 20 | 7.2 | 109 | 39.5 | 53 | 19.2 | 85 | 30.8 | 276 |
| YTD 2006 | 1 | 0.5 | 7 | 3.4 | 56 | 27.2 | 60 | 29.1 | 82 | 39.8 | 206 |
| YTD 2005 | 9 | 3.3 | 20 | 7.2 | 109 | 39.5 | 53 | 19.2 | 85 | 30.8 | 276 |
| Sudbury | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 1 | 1.3 | 8 | 10.5 | 22 | 28.9 | 27 | 35.5 | 18 | 23.7 | 76 |
| Q1 2005 | 6 | 9.5 | 12 | 19.0 | 23 | 36.5 | 17 | 27.0 | 5 | 7.9 | 63 |
| YTD 2006 | 1 | 1.3 | 8 | 10.5 | 22 | 28.9 | 27 | 35.5 | 18 | 23.7 | 76 |
| YTD 2005 | 6 | 9.5 | 12 | 19.0 | 23 | 36.5 | 17 | 27.0 | 5 | 7.9 | 63 |
| Thunder Bay | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 4 | 8.3 | 9 | 18.8 | 16 | 33.3 | 11 | 22.9 | 8 | 16.7 | 48 |
| Q1 2005 | 6 | 11.5 | 5 | 9.6 | 24 | 46.2 | 15 | 28.8 | 2 | 3.8 | 52 |
| YTD 2006 | 4 | 8.3 | 9 | 18.8 | 16 | 33.3 | 11 | 22.9 | 8 | 16.7 | 48 |
| YTD 2005 | 6 | 11.5 | 5 | 9.6 | 24 | 46.2 | 15 | 28.8 | 2 | 3.8 | 52 |
| Toronto | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 155 | 4.3 | 266 | 7.5 | 3,147 | 88.2 | 3,569 |
| Q1 2005 | 1 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.1 | 221 | 4.8 | 607 | 13.1 | 3,808 | 82.0 | 4,642 |
| YTD 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 155 | 4.3 | 266 | 7.5 | 3,147 | 88.2 | 3,569 |
| YTD 2005 | 1 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.1 | 221 | 4.8 | 607 | 13.1 | 3,808 | 82.0 | 4,642 |
| Windsor | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q1 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 23 | 9.7 | 136 | 57.1 | 29 | 12.2 | 50 | 21.0 | 238 |
| Q1 2005 | 7 | 2.2 | 142 | 44.2 | 113 | 35.2 | 22 | 6.9 | 37 | 11.5 | 321 |
| YTD 2006 | 0 | 0.0 | 23 | 9.7 | 136 | 57.1 | 29 | 12.2 | 50 | 21.0 | 238 |
| YTD 2005 | 7 | 2.2 | 142 | 44.2 | 113 | 35.2 | 22 | 6.9 | 37 | 11.5 | 321 |

Table 7: Average Price of Completed and Absorbed Single Dwellings by CMA

| CMA | Q1 2005 | Q1 2006 | % Change | YTD 2005 | YTD 2006 | % Change |
|----------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Hamilton | 386,928 | 426,028 | 10.1 | 386,928 | 426,028 | 10.1 |
| Kingston | 240,629 | 260,106 | 8.1 | 240,629 | 260,106 | 8.1 |
| Kitchener | 273,614 | 304,326 | 11.2 | 273,614 | 304,326 | 11.2 |
| London | 260,521 | 268,106 | 2.9 | 260,521 | 268,106 | 2.9 |
| Oshawa | 277,670 | 321,608 | 15.8 | 277,670 | 321,608 | 15.8 |
| Ottawa | 344,994 | 385,937 | 11.9 | 344,994 | 385,937 | 11.9 |
| St. Catharines | 265,221 | 317,839 | 19.8 | 265,221 | 317,839 | 19.8 |
| Sudbury | 221,862 | 261,211 | 17.7 | 221,862 | 261,211 | 17.7 |
| Thunder Bay | 217,327 | 223,021 | 2.6 | 217,327 | 223,021 | 2.6 |
| Toronto | 407,984 | 451,288 | 10.6 | 407,984 | 451,288 | 10.6 |
| Windsor | 209,144 | 255,456 | 22.1 | 209,144 | 255,456 | 22.1 |

Table 8: Economic Indicators

| Date | Employment, SA (000) | Ontario CPI Inflation | Exch. Rate (%) (\$Cdn/\$US) | Mortgage Rate (%) | | | P & I* Per \$100,000 |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | 1 Yr. Term | 3Yr. Term | 5 Yr. Term | |
| 1996 | 5,167 | 1.5 | 1.36 | 6.19 | 7.33 | 7.93 | 758.78 |
| 1997 | 5,292 | 1.9 | 1.39 | 5.54 | 6.56 | 7.07 | 704.87 |
| 1998 | 5,454 | 0.9 | 1.49 | 6.50 | 6.77 | 6.93 | 696.08 |
| 1999 | 5,637 | 1.9 | 1.48 | 6.80 | 7.37 | 7.56 | 735.50 |
| 2000 | 5,817 | 2.9 | 1.49 | 7.85 | 8.17 | 8.35 | 785.70 |
| 2001 | 5,926 | 3.1 | 1.55 | 6.14 | 6.88 | 7.40 | 725.69 |
| 2002 | 6,031 | 2.0 | 1.57 | 5.17 | 6.28 | 7.02 | 701.52 |
| 2003 | 6,213 | 2.7 | 1.39 | 4.84 | 5.82 | 6.39 | 663.35 |
| 2004 | 6,317 | 1.9 | 1.30 | 4.59 | 5.65 | 6.23 | 653.84 |
| 2005 | 6,397 | 2.2 | 1.21 | 5.06 | 5.59 | 5.99 | 639.35 |
| 2006 : 01 | 6,449 | 3.0 | 1.14 | 5.80 | 6.00 | 6.30 | 657.75 |
| 2006 : 02 | 6,432 | 2.0 | 1.14 | 5.85 | 6.10 | 6.45 | 666.80 |
| 2006 : 03 | 6,463 | 2.3 | 1.17 | 6.05 | 6.20 | 6.45 | 666.80 |
| 2006 : 04 | | | | 6.25 | 6.45 | 6.75 | 685.05 |
| 2006 : 05 | | | | | | | |
| 2006 : 06 | | | | | | | |
| 2006 : 07 | | | | | | | |
| 2006 : 08 | | | | | | | |
| 2006 : 09 | | | | | | | |
| 2006 : 10 | | | | | | | |
| 2006 : 11 | | | | | | | |
| 2006 : 12 | | | | | | | |

* Principal and Interest Payment assumes a five year mortgage rate and 25 year amortization period.

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