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### **New Home Market**

### Housing Starts Remain Brisk in September

Despite a moderate slowdown in multiple units, total housing starts in Edmonton easily outpaced last year's performance during the month of September. Total housing starts within the Edmonton Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) rose by nearly 14 per cent from September 2005 to 1,410 units. For the year-to-date, new home construction remained 15 per cent ahead of total housing starts tallied in the first nine months of 2005.

September's performance was buttressed by another record-setting month by the region's single-detached home builders. A total of 888 new single-detached homes began construction, representing a 40 per cent increase over the same month last year and the highest monthly tally ever recorded for a single month. Among Canada's metropolitan areas, the Edmonton region's output was second only to

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Toronto, outpacing single-detached builders in the more populous Montreal, Vancouver and Calgary CMAs.

Most of the areas within the Edmonton region reported substantial gains in new single-detached construction when compared with September 2005. The city of St. Albert was one of the few exceptions, posting a 26 per cent year-over-year decline in single starts. On a year-to-date basis, new singles across Metro are 26 per cent ahead of last year's record-setting production to the end of the third guarter. Should this pace be continued during the final quarter, the region's single-detached builders will easily breech the 9,000 unit mark for the first time.

Single-detached absorptions in September rose by 18 per cent from the same month last year. Meanwhile, the absorbed average price set a new benchmark of \$325,401, representing an increase of 17 per cent year-over-year. With absorptions outpacing completions by a wide margin, the inventory of completed and unoccupied units fell from the previous month. At 457 units, including

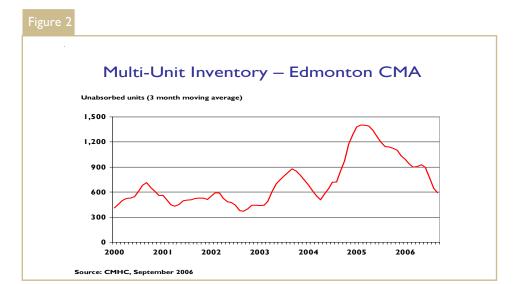
show homes, unsold inventories were 20 per cent below September 2005. With a record-high 5,601 units under construction in September, we expect completions to ramp-up in the fourth quarter and this should permit some inventory replenishment over the winter months. This said, supplies in the existing (resale) market remain relatively tight, and this will sustain demand for new units going forward. As such, prospective buyers hoping to see a better inventory of new homes next spring may find the selection on hand has not improved much from this fall.

For the second consecutive month, multiple unit starts across the region pulled back from a strong performance reported in the same month last year. Semi-detached, row and apartment starts combined fell by 14 per cent from September 2005 to 522 units. Stronger semi-detached and row unit starts were countered by a 43 per cent year-over-year decline in new apartment construction. Semi-detached starts increased from 60 units last September to 146 units this year. After nine months of production,

semi-detached starts are 48 per ahead of the same time last year. For many entry-level buyers, semis offer an attractive option since they sell on average for around three-quarters of the price of a typical new single-detached unit.

Despite the slowdown in September, multiple dwelling starts remain two per cent ahead of production levels reported across the region during January to September of last year. While condominium construction has exceeded activity reported in the first nine months of 2005, rental row and apartment starts have fallen substantially from the volumes we counted during January to September of last year.

Multiple dwelling completions soared by 88 per cent year-over-year in September to 769 units, with condo apartments accounting for much of last month's gains. Despite the large number οf units finishing construction, overall inventories of completed and unoccupied units declined from the previous month of August. Absorptions outpaced completions by a wide margin in September and, as a result, inventory levels stood 50 per cent below this time last year. Inventories in most categories were down substantially from September 2005, although the stock of unsold semi-detached units was higher.



# Resale Market Sellers Maintain Upper Hand in Resale Market

Continued strong demand combined with a reduced supply of listings have driven existing home prices to dizzying heights across Greater

Edmonton during the first three quarters of 2006. Strong income growth, robust job creation and high levels of in-migration have combined to lift many resale market indicators into uncharted territory this summer, and there are few indications that a notable slowdown is imminent in the months ahead. The average listing period on the Edmonton Real Estate Board's (EREB) MLS® was 20 days during the third quarter, down 47 per cent from the average 38 days it took a home to sell during July through September 2005. Supply levels, relative to demand, remained very low during the summer months and price gains have reflected the advantage held by the vendors. During the month of September, for example, the average residential resale price shot up by 46 per cent year-over-year to a record \$278,732.

Single-detached sales have remained very strong so far this year despite a seven per cent year-to-date decline in the number of new listings entering the market. During the first nine months of 2006, sales rose by 9.3 per cent to just under 11,000 units. With months of supply averaging less than 1.5 during the third quarter, prices have jumped

substantially. In September, a typical single-family home sold for \$322,077, representing an increase of 49 per cent over the \$216,490 average sale price recorded on the MLS® in September 2005. Single-detached resale inventories priced under \$150,000 have largely dried up, with the market now dominated by homes selling for over \$250,000. Supply levels should improve as new home completions pick up in the fall and increasing numbers of trade-up buyers put their existing units on the market. The improved supply of listings should help put the brakes on price gains in the new year as vendors experience longer listing periods and fewer prospects are willing to make offers at or above list price.

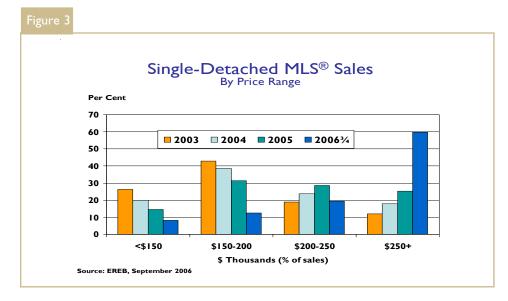
Demand for resale condominiums has soared in Edmonton this year, as entry-level buyers scramble to find attractive accommodations priced under \$200,000. Condo sales were up by 30 per cent after three quarters this year even with a four per cent drop in new listings during the same time frame. Upward price pressure has been inevitable with the sales-to-active listings ratio averaging above 100 per cent since May. For the

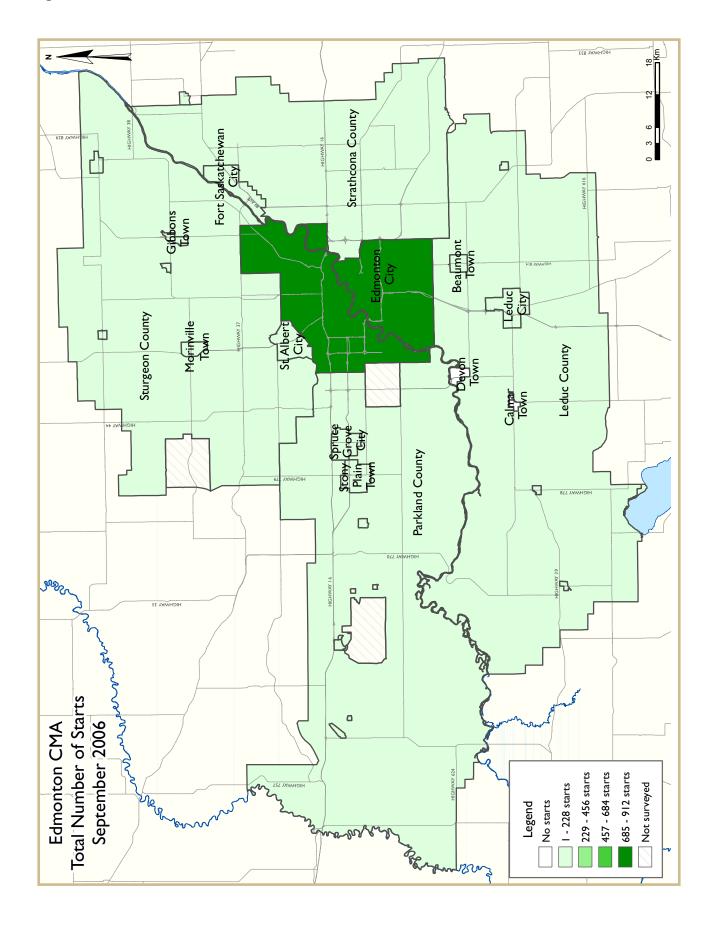
year-to-date, the average price of a typical resale condo has risen by 26 per cent from the levels recorded in the first nine months of 2005 to \$176,263. Sales priced over \$200,000 have increased to 29 per cent of the market so far this year compared with only 10.5 per cent during all of 2005.

### **Economy**

# Tight Labour Market Draws Newcomers

Edmonton's labour market remains among the tightest in the country as indicated by the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate averaging 4.1 per cent during the third quarter. With many employers having difficulty filling positions, wage rates are rising rapidly and this, in turn, has helped fuel demand for both new and existing homes. The second quarter interprovincial migration numbers released by Statistics Canada in late September show a continuation of the upturn that began last year. Alberta's population growth continues to be the highest among all provinces and the Capital Region is sharing in this influx of new residents. Despite the tight labour market conditions, job creation has strengthened in 2006 and this too speaks well for housing demand going forward.





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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 or zero
- -- Amount too small to be expressed
- SA Monthly figures are adjusted to remove normal seasonal variation

Table I: Housing Activity Summary of Edmonton CMA September 2006										
			Owne	rship						
		Freehold		C	ondominium	ı	Ren	ital		
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*	
STARTS										
September 2006	888	128	0	0	117	253	0	24	1,410	
September 2005	631	42	0	2	79	487	0	0	1,241	
% Change	40.7	**	n/a	-100.0	48.1	-48.0	n/a	n/a	13.6	
Year-to-date 2006	7,054	922	43	23	866	2,342	12	127	11,389	
Year-to-date 2005	5,606	522	0	34	799	2,245	72	591	9,869	
% Change	25.8	76.6	n/a	-32.4	8.4	4.3	-83.3	-78.5	15.4	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION										
September 2006	5,574	740	42	23	1,040	4,531	66	557	12,573	
September 2005	3,693	406	8	35	868	3,929	77	806	9,822	
% Change	50.9	82.3	**	-34.3	19.8	15.3	-14.3	-30.9	28.0	
COMPLETIONS										
September 2006	693	104	0	1	60	605	0	0	1,463	
September 2005	620	40	0	П	136	131	0	103	1,041	
% Change	11.8	160.0	n/a	-90.9	-55.9	**	n/a	-100.0	40.5	
Year-to-date 2006	5,285	600	12	28	763	2,216	23	398	9,325	
Year-to-date 2005	4,937	422	4	36	643	1,771	111	541	8,465	
% Change	7.0	42.2	200.0	-22.2	18.7	25.1	-79.3	-26.4	10.2	
COMPLETED & NOT ABSOR	BED									
September 2006	456	101	4	0	54	227	3	175	1,020	
September 2005	563	56	0	5	98	498	0	472	1,692	
% Change	-19.0	80.4	n/a	-100.0	-44.9	-54.4	n/a	-62.9	-39.7	
ABSORBED										
September 2006	744	88	0	2	68	625	0	44	1,571	
September 2005	620	39	0	7	144	214	0	29	1,053	
% Change	20.0	125.6	n/a	-71.4	-52.8	192.1	n/a	51.7	49.2	
Year-to-date 2006	5,400	555	3	29	791	2,425	6	639	9,848	
Year-to-date 2005	5,016	453	7	38	658	1,952	111	372	8,607	
% Change	7.7	22.5	-57.1	-23.7	20.2	24.2	-94.6	71.8	14.4	

 $Source: CM\,HC\ (Starts\ and\ Co\ mpletions\ Survey, M\ arket\ Absorption\ Survey)$ 

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STARTS							Row		
Edmonton City									
September 2006	519	72	0	0	68	253	0	0	912
September 2005	411	38	0	0	33	487	0	0	969
Beaumont Town		30	J	•	33	107	V		,0,
September 2006	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
September 2005	14	0		0	0	0	0	0	14
Devon Town	17	J	U	U	U	J	U	J	17
September 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 2005	2	0		0	0	0	0	0	2
Fort Saskatchewan City		J	U	U	U	J	U	J	
September 2006	19	6	0	0	27	0	0	0	52
September 2005	12	0		2	24	0	0	0	38
Leduc City	12	U	U		27	U	U	U	30
September 2006	36	0	0	0	16	0	0	24	76
September 2005	16	0		0	14	0	0	0	30
Leduc County	10	U	U	U	17	U	U	U	30
September 2006	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
September 2005	8	0		0	0	0	0	0	8
Morinville Town	0	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	0
September 2006	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	ı
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Parkland County	22	0	0	0	0	^	0	0	22
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Spruce Grove City	F0	22	0	0	0	^	0	_	0.1
September 2006	59 29	22		0	0	0	0	0	81
September 2005	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
St. Albert City	24	10	0	0		^	0	0	42
September 2006	26 35	10		0	6	0		0	42 43
September 2005	35	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	43
Stony Plain Town	20		0	•	•	•	0	•	24
September 2006	20	6		0	0	0		0	26
September 2005	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Strathcona County	0.1			•	•		•		0.4
September 2006	86	8		0	0	0		0	94
September 2005	53	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Sturgeon County						_			
September 2006	28	0		0	0	0		0	28
September 2005	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Remainder of the CMA		_				_			
September 2006	10	0		0	0	0		0	10
September 2005	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Edmonton CMA									
September 2006	888	128		0	117	253	0	24	1,410
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UNDER CONSTRUCTION							NOW.		
Edmonton City									
September 2006	3,194	410	42	22	824	3,657	62	441	8,652
September 2005	2,348	318	8	20	666	3,484	77	607	7,528
Beaumont Town				*	,	,			,
September 2006	201	36	0	0	20	0	0	41	298
September 2005	148	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	189
Devon Town		-			-	-			
September 2006	15	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	21
September 2005	23	2	0	ı	4	0	0	0	30
Fort Saskatchewan City	23		J	•	,	J		Ü	30
September 2006	161	54	0	0	51	117	0	0	383
September 2005	80	2	0	3	34	103	0	0	222
Leduc City	00		U	J	J1	103	U	J	LLL
September 2006	207	44	0	0	16	0	0	24	291
September 2005	76	0	0	0	23	0	0	34	133
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Leduc County	77			0	0		0	_	7.
September 2006	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
September 2005	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Morinville Town		10	0	•		100	0	•	217
September 2006	66	12	0	0	11	128	0	0	217
September 2005	43	0	0	0	23	18	0	0	84
Parkland County		_	_	_	_	_	-		
September 2006	168	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	176
September 2005	72	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
Spruce Grove City									
September 2006	341	62	0	0	9	52	0	0	464
September 2005	141	26	0	0	12	52	0	94	325
St. Albert City									
September 2006	257	42	0	0	42	139	0	51	531
September 2005	209	2	0	0	36	40	0	30	317
Stony Plain Town									
September 2006	130	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	168
September 2005	71	16	0	0	4	74	0	0	165
Strathcona County									
September 2006	561	30	0	I	61	438	0	0	1,091
September 2005	332	32		- 11	66	158		0	599
Sturgeon County				·	·				
September 2006	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102
September 2005	65	0		0	0	0		0	65
Remainder of the CMA		-			-	-			
September 2006	95	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	103
September 2005	34	6		0	0	0		0	40
Edmonton CMA	31		U	U	U		U		10
September 2006	5,574	740	42	23	1,040	4,531	66	557	12,573
September 2005	3,693	406		35	868	3,929		806	9,822
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Edmonton City									
September 2006	471	80	0	I	24	515	0	0	1,091
September 2005	429	34	0	9	108	131	0	103	814
Beaumont Town									
September 2006	30	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	46
September 2005	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Devon Town									
September 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 2005	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Fort Saskatchewan City				,	,				
September 2006	8	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	80
September 2005	7	0	0	ı	2	0	0	0	10
Leduc City				,	,				
September 2006	29	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
September 2005	10	0	0	0	0	0		0	10
Leduc County		-		-	-			-	
September 2006	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
September 2005	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Morinville Town						,	J		
September 2006	4	0	0	0	4	18	0	0	26
September 2005	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	7
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September 2006	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
September 2005	6	0	0	0	0	0		0	6
Spruce Grove City	J	J		J	J	J	J	J	
September 2006	16	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	20
September 2005	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
St. Albert City	13	J		U	J	J	J	J	13
September 2006	32	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	38
September 2005	33	0	0	0	6	0		0	39
Stony Plain Town	33	U	·	U	U	U	J	J	37
September 2006	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
September 2005	10	0	0	0	2	0		0	12
Strathcona County	10	U	U	U	2	U	U	U	12
September 2006	55	6	0	0	16	0	0	0	77
September 2005	72	4	0	ı	14	0		0	91
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Sturgeon County	14	0	_	0	0	0	0	_	1.4
September 2006	14	0	0	0	0	0		0	14
September 2005	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
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September 2006	3	0	0	0	0	0		0	3
September 2005	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
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<b>COMPLETED &amp; NOT ABSOR</b>	BED								
Edmonton City									
September 2006	301	68	4	0	34	92	3	165	667
September 2005	406	38	0	5	75	419	0	470	1,413
Beaumont Town									
September 2006	15	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	21
September 2005	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Devon Town									
September 2006	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
September 2005	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Fort Saskatchewan City									
September 2006	- 11	2	0	0	3	53	0	0	69
September 2005	9	3	0	0	3	21	0	2	38
Leduc City			-	-	-			_	
September 2006	19	5	0	0	0	3	0	10	37
September 2005	9	ı	0	0	4	24	0	0	38
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September 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morinville Town	U		U	U	U	J	U	J	J
September 2006	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
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Parkland County	10	U	U	U	I	U	U	U	1.1
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September 2005	3	U	U	U	I	U	U	U	4
Spruce Grove City	1.7	4		•	•	. 7	0	•	20
September 2006	17	4	0	0	0	17	0	0	38
September 2005	14	5	0	0	2	24	0	0	45
St. Albert City		_				_			
September 2006	24	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	32
September 2005	34	0	0	0	4	I	0	0	39
Stony Plain Town									
September 2006	10	7		0	0	62	0	0	79
September 2005	12	0	0	0	2	9	0	0	23
Strathcona County									
September 2006	52	8		0	5	0	-	0	65
September 2005	47	9	0	0	6	0	0	0	62
Sturgeon County									
September 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Remainder of the CMA									
September 2006	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I
September 2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edmonton CMA									
September 2006	456	101	4	0	54	227	3	175	1,020
September 2005	563	56	0	5	98	498	0	472	1,692

Table 2: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type												
September 2006												
	Sing	gle	Semi		Ro	w	Apt. & Other		Total			
Submarket	Sept 2006	Sept 2005	% Change									
Edmonton City	519	411	84	42	56	29	253	487	912	969	-5.9	
Beaumont Town	24	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	28	14	100.0	
Calmar Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	
Devon Town	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-100.0	
Fort Saskatchewan City	19	14	6	6	27	18	0	0	52	38	36.8	
Gibbons Town	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	-66.7	
Leduc City	36	16	0	0	16	14	24	0	76	30	153.3	
Leduc County	28	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	8	**	
Morinville Town	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	-88.9	
Parkland County	32	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	6	**	
Spruce Grove City	59	29	22	0	0	0	0	0	81	29	179.3	
St. Albert City	26	35	16	8	0	0	0	0	42	43	-2.3	
Stony Plain Town	20	14	6	2	0	0	0	0	26	16	62.5	
Strathcona County	86	53	8	2	0	0	0	0	94	55	70.9	
Sturgeon County	28	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	13	115.4	
Remainder of the CMA	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	6	50.0	
Edmonton CMA	888	633	146	60	99	61	277	487	1,410	1,241	13.6	

Table 2.1: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type  January - September 2006												
	Sing		Ser		Ro		Apt. &	Other	Total			
Submarket	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	%	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	Change	
Edmonton City	4,273	3,727	868	598	389	472	2,021	2,352	7,551	7,149	5.6	
Beaumont Town	293	195	56	0	20	0	0	41	369	236	56.4	
Calmar Town	6	6	2	2	4	0	0	0	12	8	50.0	
Devon Town	22	43	2	6	0	0	0	0	24	49	-51.0	
Fort Saskatchewan City	175	101	56	20	43	18	117	47	391	186	110.2	
Gibbons Town	24	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	13	84.6	
Leduc City	270	109	56	2	16	21	24	0	366	132	177.3	
Leduc County	91	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	67	35.8	
Morinville Town	80	50	12	0	0	0	85	0	177	50	**	
Parkland County	189	94	6	4	0	0	0	0	195	98	99.0	
Spruce Grove City	366	204	68	40	0	0	0	94	434	338	28.4	
St. Albert City	274	272	90	40	0	0	0	70	364	382	-4.7	
Stony Plain Town	140	104	34	22	0	0	0	74	174	200	-13.0	
Strathcona County	676	536	52	148	63	0	226	158	1,017	842	20.8	
Sturgeon County	131	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	96	36.5	
Remainder of the CMA	69	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	23	200.0	
Edmonton CMA	7,079	5,640	1,302	882	535	511	2,473	2,836	11,389	9,869	15.4	

Source: CM HC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Table 2.2: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market September 2006												
		Ro	w			Apt. &	Other					
Submarket	Freeho Condor		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condor		Rental					
	Sept 2006	Sept 2005	Sept 2006	Sept 2005	Sept 2006	Sept 2005	Sept 2006	Sept 2005				
Edmonton City	56	29	0	0	253	487	0	0				
Beaumont Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Calmar Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Devon Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Fort Saskatchewan City	27	18	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Gibbons Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Leduc City	16	14	0	0	0	0	24	0				
Leduc County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Morinville Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Parkland County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Spruce Grove City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
St. Albert City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Stony Plain Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Strathcona County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Sturgeon County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Remainder of the CMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Edmonton CMA	99	61	0	0	253	487	24	0				

Table 2.3: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market  January - September 2006												
		Ro	w		Apt. & Other							
Submarket	Freeho Condor		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condor		Rental					
	YTD 2006	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	YTD 2005				
Edmonton City	389	412	0	60	1,918	1,926	103	426				
Beaumont Town	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	41				
Calmar Town	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0				
Devon Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Fort Saskatchewan City	43	43 18		0	117	47	0	0				
Gibbons Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Leduc City	16	19	0	2	0	0	24	0				
Leduc County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Morinville Town	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0				
Parkland County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Spruce Grove City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94				
St. Albert City	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	30				
Stony Plain Town	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	0				
Strathcona County	63	0	0	0	226	158	0	0				
Sturgeon County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Remainder of the CMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Edmonton CMA	531	449	4	62	2,346	2,245	127	591				

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Table 2.4: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market September 2006											
	Free		Condo		Rer	ntal	Total*				
Submarket	Sept 2006	Sept 2005									
Edmonton City	591	449	321	520	0	0	912	969			
Beaumont Town	28	14	0	0	0	0	28	14			
Calmar Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Devon Town	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2			
Fort Saskatchewan City	25	12	27	26	0	0	52	38			
Gibbons Town	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3			
Leduc City	36	16	16	14	24	0	76	30			
Leduc County	28	8	0	0	0	0	28	8			
Morinville Town	1	9	0	0	0	0	1	9			
Parkland County	32	6	0	0	0	0	32	6			
Spruce Grove City	81	29	0	0	0	0	81	29			
St. Albert City	36	35	6	8	0	0	42	43			
Stony Plain Town	26	16	0	0	0	0	26	16			
Strathcona County	94	55	0	0	0	0	94	55			
Sturgeon County	28	13	0	0	0	0	28	13			
Remainder of the CMA	9	6	0	0	0	0	9	6			
Edmonton CMA	1,016	673	370	568	24	0	1,410	1,241			

Table 2.5: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market												
January - September 2006												
	Free	hold	Condo	minium	Rer	ntal	Total*					
Submarket	YTD 2006	YTD 2005										
Edmonton City	4,844	4,126	2,596	2,527	111	496	7,551	7,149				
Beaumont Town	343	195	26	0	0	41	369	236				
Calmar Town	8	8	0	0	4	0	12	8				
Devon Town	22	46	2	3	0	0	24	49				
Fort Saskatchewan City	229	102	162	84	0	0	391	186				
Gibbons Town	24	13	0	0	0	0	24	13				
Leduc City	326	109	16	21	24	2	366	132				
Leduc County	91	67	0	0	0	0	91	67				
Morinville Town	92	50	85	0	0	0	177	50				
Parkland County	195	96	0	2	0	0	195	98				
Spruce Grove City	428	234	6	10	0	94	434	338				
St. Albert City	316	274	48	78	0	30	364	382				
Stony Plain Town	174	122	0	78	0	0	174	200				
Strathcona County	727	567	290	275	0	0	1,017	842				
Sturgeon County	131	96	0	0	0	0	131	96				
Remainder of the CMA	69	23	0	0	0	0	69	23				
Edmonton CMA	8,019	6,128	3,231	3,078	139	663	11,389	9,869				

Source: CM HC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Table 3: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type													
	September 2006												
	Sing	gle	Sei	ni	Ro	w	Apt. & Other		Total				
Submarket	Sept	Sept	Sept	Sept	Sept	Sept	Sept	Sept	Sept	Sept	%		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	Change		
Edmonton City	472	438	104	88	0	54	515	234	1,091	814	34.0		
Beaumont Town	30	6	16	0	0	0	0	0	46	6	**		
Calmar Town	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	-100.0		
Devon Town	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	-100.0		
Fort Saskatchewan City	8	8	0	2	0	0	72	0	80	10	**		
Gibbons Town	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.0		
Leduc City	29	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	33	10	**		
Leduc County	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	-33.3		
Morinville Town	4	3	4	4	0	0	18	0	26	7	**		
Parkland County	13	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	6	116.7		
Spruce Grove City	16	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	20	15	33.3		
St. Albert City	32	33	6	6	0	0	0	0	38	39	-2.6		
Stony Plain Town	14	10	4	2	0	0	0	0	18	12	50.0		
Strathcona County	55	73	8	18	14	0	0	0	77	91	-15.4		
Sturgeon County	14	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	8	75.0		
Remainder of the CMA	I	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	- 1	2	-50.0		
Edmonton CMA	694	631	150	122	14	54	605	234	1,463	1,041	40.5		

Table 3.1: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type											
January - September 2006											
	Sing	Single		Semi		Row		Other			
Submarket	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	%
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	Change
Edmonton City	3,499	3,194	650	556	392	319	2,279	1,973	6,820	6,042	12.9
Beaumont Town	206	137	24	0	0	0	0	0	230	137	67.9
Calmar Town	4	14	2	0	3	0	0	0	9	14	-35.7
Devon Town	26	61	0	10	0	0	0	0	26	71	-63.4
Fort Saskatchewan City	111	64	8	12	18	6	72	105	209	187	11.8
Gibbons Town	14	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	18	6	200.0
Leduc City	150	88	30	2	19	41	35	110	234	241	-2.9
Leduc County	56	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	53	5.7
Morinville Town	53	29	8	8	0	0	18	0	79	37	113.5
Parkland County	96	136	8	4	0	0	0	0	104	140	-25.7
Spruce Grove City	203	163	38	40	0	0	98	0	339	203	67.0
St. Albert City	224	245	58	32	0	0	30	124	312	401	-22.2
Stony Plain Town	76	91	30	12	0	0	74	0	180	103	74.8
Strathcona County	455	560	92	132	14	6	0	0	561	698	-19.6
Sturgeon County	102	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	106	-3.8
Remainder of the CMA	40	26	2	0	0	0	4	0	46	26	76.9
Edmonton CMA	5,315	4,973	950	808	446	372	2,614	2,312	9,325	8,465	10.2

Source: CM HC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Table 3.2: Com	pletions by		et, by Dw tember 2		pe and by	Intende	d Market		
		Ro	w		Apt. & Other				
Submarket	Freeho Condo		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condoi		Rental		
	Sept 2006	Sept 2005	Sept 2006 Sept 2005		Sept 2006 Sept 2005		Sept 2006	Sept 2005	
Edmonton City	0	54	0	0	515	131	0	103	
Beaumont Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Calmar Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Devon Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fort Saskatchewan City	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	
Gibbons Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Leduc City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Leduc County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Morinville Town	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	
Parkland County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Spruce Grove City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
St. Albert City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Stony Plain Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Strathcona County	14	14 0		0	0	0	0	0	
Sturgeon County	0	0 0		0	0	0	0	0	
Remainder of the CMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Edmonton CMA	14	54	0	0	605	131	0	103	

Table 3.3: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market  January - September 2006											
		Ro	w		Apt. & Other						
Submarket	Freeho Condo		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condoi		Rental				
	YTD 2006	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	YTD 2005	YTD 2006	YTD 2005			
Edmonton City	373	249	19	70	2,044	1,542	235	431			
Beaumont Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Calmar Town	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Devon Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Fort Saskatchewan City	18	6	0	0	72	105	0	0			
Gibbons Town	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0			
Leduc City	19	0	0	41	0	0	35	110			
Leduc County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Morinville Town	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0			
Parkland County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Spruce Grove City	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	0			
St. Albert City	0	0	0	0	0	124	30	0			
Stony Plain Town	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	0			
Strathcona County	14 6		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Sturgeon County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Remainder of the CMA	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0			
Edmonton CMA	427	261	19	111	2,216	1,771	398	541			

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Table 3.4: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market											
September 2006											
	Free	hold	Condo	minium	Rer	ntal	Total*				
Submarket	Sept 2006	Sept 2005									
Edmonton City	551	463	540	248	0	103	1,091	814			
Beaumont Town	38	6	8	0	0	0	46	6			
Calmar Town	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3			
Devon Town	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10			
Fort Saskatchewan City	8	7	72	3	0	0	80	10			
Gibbons Town	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2			
Leduc City	33	10	0	0	0	0	33	10			
Leduc County	4	6	0	0	0	0	4	6			
Morinville Town	4	3	22	4	0	0	26	7			
Parkland County	13	6	0	0	0	0	13	6			
Spruce Grove City	18	15	2	0	0	0	20	15			
St. Albert City	32	33	6	6	0	0	38	39			
Stony Plain Town	18	10	0	2	0	0	18	12			
Strathcona County	61	76	16	15	0	0	77	91			
Sturgeon County	14	8	0	0	0	0	14	8			
Remainder of the CMA	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2			
Edmonton CMA	797	660	666	278	0	103	1,463	1,041			

Table 3.5: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market											
January - September 2006											
	Freel	hold	Condo	minium	Rer	ital	Total*				
Submarket	YTD 2006	YTD 2005									
Edmonton City	3,929	3,504	2,633	2,037	258	501	6,820	6,042			
Beaumont Town	220	137	10	0	0	0	230	137			
Calmar Town	9	14	0	0	0	0	9	14			
Devon Town	26	71	0	0	0	0	26	71			
Fort Saskatchewan City	108	67	101	120	0	0	209	187			
Gibbons Town	14	6	4	0	0	0	18	6			
Leduc City	178	88	21	2	35	151	234	241			
Leduc County	56	53	0	0	0	0	56	53			
Morinville Town	53	29	26	8	0	0	79	37			
Parkland County	104	136	0	4	0	0	104	140			
Spruce Grove City	227	193	14	10	98	0	339	203			
St. Albert City	226	267	56	134	30	0	312	401			
Stony Plain Town	102	93	78	10	0	0	180	103			
Strathcona County	501	573	60	125	0	0	561	698			
Sturgeon County	102	106	0	0	0	0	102	106			
Remainder of the CMA	42	26	4	0	0	0	46	26			
Edmonton CMA	5,897	5,363	3,007	2,450	421	652	9,325	8,465			

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range													
				Se	ptem	ber 20	006						
					Price F								
Submarket	< \$20	0,000	\$200,		\$250,	,000 -	\$300,		\$350,0	000 +	Total	Median	Average
Submarket			\$249		\$299	9,999	\$349	9,999	, ,		lotai	Price (\$)	Price (\$)
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)			
Edmonton City													
September 2006	3	0.6	115	22.9	164	32.7	115	22.9	105	20.9	502	291,100	312,764
September 2005	67	15.7	104	24.4	143	33.6	55	12.9	57	13.4	426	262,900	280,900
Year-to-date 2006	152	4.2	1,062	29.5	1,226	34.1	612	17.0	543	15.1	3,595	273,300	294,598
Year-to-date 2005	472	14.8	1,171	36.6	915	28.6	324	10.1	316	9.9	3,198	248,950	265,426
Beaumont Town													
September 2006	2	5.1	6	15.4	16	41.0	12	30.8	3	7.7	39	284,900	290,356
September 2005	I	20.0	3	60.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	I	20.0	5		
Year-to-date 2006	4	1.8	48	22.1	103	47.5	44	20.3	18	8.3	217	275,000	284,123
Year-to-date 2005	16	12.0	81	60.9	23	17.3	7	5.3	6	4.5	133	237,500	245,124
Calmar Town													
September 2006	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0		
September 2005	l i	33.3	2	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3		
Year-to-date 2006	2	50.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4		
Year-to-date 2005	3	21.4	10	71.4	I	7.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	217,500	217,143
Devon Town								0.0	_			211,000	2,
September 2006	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0		
September 2005	I	12.5	7	87.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8		
Year-to-date 2006	4	14.3	23	82.1	I	3.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	28	232,400	226,721
Year-to-date 2005	33	47.8	34	49.3	2	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	69	204,900	205,777
Fort Saskatchewan City	33	٦7.0	34	77.5	L	2.7	U	0.0	U	0.0	07	204,700	203,777
September 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	28.6	ı	14.3	4	57. I	7		
September 2005	2	16.7	3	25.0	2	16.7	3	25.0	2	16.7	12	285,700	277,342
Year-to-date 2006	3	2.8	29	26.6	43	39.4	16	14.7	18	16.5	109	284,900	299,994
Year-to-date 2005	15	20.8	33	45.8	12	16.7	7	9.7	5	6.9	72	229,350	244,637
Gibbons Town	13	20.8	33	43.0	12	16.7	,	7.7	3	0.7	12	227,330	244,037
	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2		
September 2006	2 I	100.0 50.0	_	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2 2		
September 2005 Year-to-date 2006	7	50.0	1 5	35.7	2	0.0 14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0 0.0	14		202.707
							-		-			202,500	203,786
Year-to-date 2005	5	83.3	I	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6		
Leduc City		0.0	10	245	7	24.1	0	27.4	4	12.0	20	247.500	200 ((0
September 2006	0	0.0	10	34.5	7	24.1	8	27.6	4	13.8		267,500	288,669
September 2005	0	0.0	9	69.2	4	30.8	0	0.0	0	0.0		240,000	246,877
Year-to-date 2006	3	2.1	64	45.4	45	31.9	18	12.8	11	7.8	141	251,900	269,937
Year-to-date 2005	18	18.6	49	50.5	22	22.7	7	7.2	1	1.0	97	237,500	240,769
Leduc County									-				
September 2006	- 1	25.0	0	0.0	0		I	25.0	2	50.0			
September 2005	1	14.3	1	14.3	1	14.3	4	57.1	0	0.0			
Year-to-date 2006	7	12.5	9	16.1	15	26.8	16	28.6	9	16.1	56	287,500	285,536
Year-to-date 2005	10	18.9	11	20.8	12	22.6	16	30.2	4	7.5	53	260,000	252,526
Morinville Town													
September 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	3	60.0	0	0.0	5		
September 2005	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a			
Year-to-date 2006	2	3.4	27	45.8	22	37.3	8	13.6	0	0.0	59	251,900	255,454
Year-to-date 2005	15	55.6	- 11	40.7	I	3.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	27	199,900	206,800

Source: CM HC (Market Absorption Survey)

Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range													
				Se	eptem	ber 20	006						
					Price F	Ranges							
	1.000	0.000	\$200,	000 -		,000 -	\$300,	.000 -	\$350,000 +			Median	Average
Submarket	< \$20	0,000	\$249	,999		9,999	\$349	9,999	\$350,0	J00 +	Total	Price (\$)	Price (\$)
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)		11100 (Ψ)	πιες (ψ)
Parkland County													
September 2006	2	15.4	1	7.7	5	38.5	3	23.1	2	15.4	13	274,408	267,153
September 2005	0	0.0	2	33.3	2	33.3	I	16.7	1	16.7	6		
Year-to-date 2006	19	19.6	8	8.2	18	18.6	24	24.7	28	28.9	97	308,061	299,884
Year-to-date 2005	39	27.5	29	20.4	31	21.8	15	10.6	28	19.7	142	253,698	270,137
Spruce Grove City													
September 2006	- 1	5.3	8	42. I	8	42.1	2	10.5	0	0.0	19	252,041	250,678
September 2005	5	26.3	8	<b>42</b> . I	4	21.1	- 1	5.3	1	5.3	19	212,620	235,001
Year-to-date 2006	54	25.8	85	40.7	52	24.9	13	6.2	5	2.4	209	224,600	234,420
Year-to-date 2005	63	36.0	74	42.3	32	18.3	3	1.7	3	1.7	175	212,620	218,082
St. Albert City													
September 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	18.8	26	81.3	32	440,950	485,853
September 2005	0	0.0	10	33.3	5	16.7	7	23.3	8	26.7	30	298,850	321,303
Year-to-date 2006	0	0.0	21	9.0	50	21.4	37	15.8	126	53.8	234	360,000	386,249
Year-to-date 2005	4	1.5	73	28.1	60	23.1	47	18.1	76	29.2	260	295,500	320,627
Stony Plain Town													
September 2006	- 1	6.3	4	25.0	8	50.0	2	12.5	1	6.3	16	259,541	265,969
September 2005	2	16.7	6	50.0	0	0.0	2	16.7	2	16.7	12	224,085	259,173
Year-to-date 2006	21	24.4	23	26.7	21	24.4	10	11.6	11	12.8	86	244,740	258,521
Year-to-date 2005	58	49.6	40	34.2	7	6.0	9	7.7	3	2.6	117	200,000	209,818
Strathcona County													
September 2006	0	0.0	6	9.5	9	14.3	14	22.2	34	54.0	63	366,000	433,438
September 2005	3	4.1	27	37.0	18	24.7	- 11	15.1	14	19.2	73	262,000	289,354
Year-to-date 2006	10	2.3	76	17.3	119	27.1	98	22.3	136	31.0	439	306,000	350,908
Year-to-date 2005	63	11.3	193	34.5	122	21.8	57	10.2	124	22.2	559	257,000	301,746
Sturgeon County													
September 2006	- 1	7.1	3	21.4	4	28.6	2	14.3	4	28.6	14	275,000	350,357
September 2005	3	33.3	3	33.3	0	0.0	2	22.2	1	11.1	9		
Year-to-date 2006	33	32.4	14	13.7	22	21.6	10	9.8	23	22.5	102	250,000	303,578
Year-to-date 2005	42	39.6	28	26.4	18	17.0	7	6.6	- 11	10.4	106	220,000	235,142
Remainder of the CMA													
September 2006	- 1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	- 1		
September 2005	- 1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	- 1	50.0	0	0.0	2		
Year-to-date 2006	14	35.9	21	53.8	2	5.1	2	5.1	0	0.0	39	210,000	206,382
Year-to-date 2005	20	76.9	2	7.7	2	7.7	2	7.7	0	0.0	26	162,500	184,848
Edmonton CMA													
September 2006	14	1.9	153	20.5	225	30.2	169	22.7	185	24.8	746	296,100	325,401
September 2005	88	14.0	186	29.7	179	28.5	87	13.9	87	13.9	627	259,900	278,610
Year-to-date 2006	335	6.2	1,517	27.9	1,741	32.1	908	16.7	928	17.1	5,429	274,500	297,702
Year-to-date 2005	876	17.3	1,840	36.4	1,260	24.9	501	9.9	577	11.4	5,054	245,300	265,621

Source: CM HC (Market Absorption Survey)

Table 4.1: Average Price (\$) of Absorbed Single-detached Units													
	September 2006												
Submarket	Sept 2006	Sept 2005	% Change	YTD 2006	YTD 2005	% Change							
Edmonton City	312,764	280,900	11.3	294,598	265,426	11.0							
Beaumont Town	290,356		n/a	284,123	245,124	15.9							
Calmar Town			n/a		217,143	n/a							
Devon Town			n/a	226,721	205,777	10.2							
Fort Saskatchewan City		277,342	n/a	299,994	244,637	22.6							
Gibbons Town			n/a	203,786		n/a							
Leduc City	288,669	246,877	16.9	269,937	240,769	12.1							
Leduc County			n/a	285,536	252,526	13.1							
Morinville Town			n/a	255,454	206,800	23.5							
Parkland County	267,153		n/a	299,884	270,137	11.0							
Spruce Grove City	250,678	235,001	6.7	234,420	218,082	7.5							
St. Albert City	485,853	321,303	51.2	386,249	320,627	20.5							
Stony Plain Town	265,969	259,173	2.6	258,521	209,818	23.2							
Strathcona County	433,438	289,354	49.8	350,908	301,746	16.3							
Sturgeon County	350,357		n/a	303,578	235,142	29.1							
Remainder of the CMA			n/a	206,382	184,848	11.6							
Edmonton CMA	325,401	278,610	16.8	297,702	265,621	12.1							

Source: CM HC (Market Absorption Survey)

	Table 5: MLS® Residential Activity for Edmonton September 2006												
		Number of Sales	Yr/Yr %	Sales SA	Number of New Listings	New Listings SA	Sales-to- New Listings SA	Average Price (\$)	Yr/Yr %	Average Price (\$) SA			
2005	January	886	6.9	1,425	1,865	2,195	64.9	180,819	3.2	183,936			
	February	1,257	5.2	1,507	1,981	2,197	68.6	183,189	7.2	187,108			
	March	1,680	-7.0	1,452	2,613	2,196	66.1	189,556	6.8	191,500			
	April	1,802	-0.2	1,544	2,795	2,318	66.6	191,996	7.4	189,257			
	May	2,098	7.0	1,583	2,789	2,233	70.9	197,615	8.4	192,429			
	June	2,134	8.1	1,604	2,519	2,032	78.9	199,409	9.3	193,786			
	July	1,610	-5.7	1,490	2,181	2,039	73.1	195,765	8.1	193,288			
	August	1,934	26.1	1,672	2,332	2,131	78.5	195,995	7.4	195,578			
	September	1,547	7.6	1,593	2,243	2,152	74.0	190,564	5.4	192,846			
	October	1,333	5.5	1,543	1,848	1,993	77.4	197,683	10.1	200,557			
	November	1,445	19.0	1,715	1,653	2,202	77.9	198,267	9.2	200,256			
	December	908	-1.9	1,506	1,001	2,132	70.6	197,884	11.7	205,085			
2006	January	1,175	32.6	1,814	1,615	1,825	99.4	199,148	10.1	208,263			
	February	1,605	27.7	1,876	1,835	2,000	93.8	211,531	15.5	215,967			
	March	2,016	20.0	1,805	2,202	1,859	97.1	220,124	16.1	217,774			
	April	2,026	12.4	1,774	2,171	1,848	96.0	226,846	18.2	223,579			
	May	2,565	22.3	1,794	2,416	1,862	96.3	242,936	22.9	232,836			
	June	2,183	2.3	1,718	2,440	1,977	86.9	254,240	27.5	244,112			
	July	1,953	21.3	1,784	2,230	2,048	87.1	256,489	31.0	252,366			
	August	2,079	7.5	1,825	2,657	2,326	78.5	270,746	38.1	266,857			
	September	1,844	19.2	1,935	2,604	2,530	76.5	278,732	46.3	275,898			
	October												
	November												
	December												
	Q3 2005	5,091	8.8		6,756			194,272	7.1				
	Q3 2006	5,876	15.4		7,491			268,514	38.2				
	YTD 2005	14,948	4.9		21,318			192,941	7.4				
	YTD 2006	17,446	16.7		20,170			242,622	25.7				

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Source: CREA (MLS®)

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		Inter	est Rates		NHPI Total % chg		Edm	Average		
		P&I Per \$100,000	_	CMA   Prince   CMA		CPI	Employment SA (,000)	Unemployment Rate (%) SA	Participation Rate (%) SA	Weekly Earnings (\$)
2005	January	643	4.8	6. l	1.3	1.3	557	5.0	72.8	710
	February	643	4.8	6. l	1.3	1.3	552	4.7	71.9	709
	March	655	5.1	6.3	1.3	1.3	548	4.4	71.1	712
	April	643	4.9	6. l	1.3	1.3	544	4.5	70.5	719
	May	637	4.9	6.0	1.3	1.3	544	4.3	70.3	725
	June	622	4.8	5.7	1.4	1.3	544	4.5	70.4	732
	July	628	4.9	5.8	1.4	1.3	546	4.5	70.5	730
	August	628	5.0	5.8	1.4	1.3	546	4.7	70.5	730
	September	628	5.0	5.8	1.4	1.3	548	4.6	70.5	725
	October	640	5.3	6.0	1.4	1.3	548	4.5	70.3	729
	November	649	5.6	6.2	1.4	1.3	547	4.4	69.9	733
	December	658	5.8	6.3	1.4	1.3	543	4.4	69.3	743
2006	January	658	5.8	6.3	1.5	1.3	541	4.3	68.8	751
	February	667	5.9	6.5	1.5	1.3	544	4.0	68.7	757
	March	667	6.1	6.5	1.5	1.3	547	3.7	68.8	762
	April	685	6.3	6.8	1.6	1.4	548	3.8	68.8	764
	May	685	6.3	6.8	1.7	1.4	553	3.6	69.1	770
	June	697	6.6	7.0	1.8	1.4	558	3.7	69.5	773
	July	697	6.6	7.0	1.8	1.4	563	3.8	70.0	774
	August	691	6.4	6.9	1.9	1.4	563	4.3	70.2	779
	September	682	6.4	6.7		1.4	563	4.3	70.0	785
	October	688	6.4	6.8						
	November									
	December									

<sup>&</sup>quot;P & I" means Principal and Interest (assumes \$ 100,000 mortgage amortized over 25 years using current 5 year interest rate)

 $Source: CM\,HC, adapted from\,Statistics\,\,Canada\,(CANSIM\,), CREA\,\,(M\,LS^{\otimes}), Statistics\,\,Canada\,\,(CANSIM\,)$ 

<sup>&</sup>quot;NHPI" means New Housing Price Index

<sup>&</sup>quot;CPI" means Consumer Price Index

<sup>&</sup>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 2001 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 modelled 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 sale prices.

### **DWELLING TYPES:**

A "Single-Detached" dwelling (also referred to as "Single") is a building containing only one dwelling unit, which is completely separated on all sides from any other dwelling or structure. Includes link homes, where two units may share a common basement wall but are separated above grade. Also includes cluster-single developments.

A "Semi-Detached (Double)" dwelling (also referred to as "Semi") is one of two dwellings located side-by-side in a building, adjoining no other structure and separated by a common or party wall extending from ground to roof.

A "Row (Townhouse)" dwelling is a one family dwelling unit in a row of three or more attached dwellings separated by a common or party wall extending from ground to roof.

The term "**Apartment and other**" includes all dwellings other than those described above, including structures commonly known as stacked townhouses, duplexes, triplexes, double duplexes and row duplexes.

### **INTENDED MARKET:**

The "intended market" is the tenure in which the unit is being marketed. This includes the following categories:

Freehold: A residence where the owner owns the dwelling and lot outright.

**Condominium (including Strata-Titled):** An individual dwelling which is privately owned, but where the building and/or the land are collectively owned by all dwelling unit owners. A condominium is a form of ownership rather than a type of house.

Rental: Dwelling constructed for rental purposes regardless of who finances the structure.

### **GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS:**

A census metropolitan area (CMA) or a census agglomeration (CA) is formed by one or more adjacent municipalities centred on a large urban area (known as the urban core). The census population count of the urban core is at least 10,000 to form a census agglomeration and at least 100,000 to form a census metropolitan area. To be included in the CMA or CA, other adjacent municipalities must have a high degree on integration with the central urban area, as measured by commuting flows derived from census place of work data. CMAs and CAs contain whole municipalities or Census Subdivisions.

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All data presented in this publication is based on Statistics Canada's 2001 Census area definitions.

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