Housing Starts in Canada - All Areas

Thousands







Preliminary Housing Start Data December 2015		
	November 2015	December 2015
Trend ¹ , all areas	208,204	203,502
SAAR, all areas	212,028	172,965
SAAR, rural areas ²	15,583	13,958
SAAR, urban centres ³		
Single-detached	57,780	57,743
Multiples	138,665	101,264
Total	196,445	159,007
Atlantic, urban centres	6,005	3,894
Quebec, urban centres	28,385	37,432
Ontario, urban centres	85,748	52,285
Prairies, urban centres	49,890	32,050
British Columbia, urban centres	26,417	33,346
Canada	December 2014	December 2015
Actual, all areas	14,781	14,506
Actual, rural areas	1,517	1,226
Actual, urban centres		
December - Single-detached	4,677	4,520
December - Multiples	8,587	8,760
December - Total	13,264	13,280
January to December - Single- detached	62,384	57,741
January to December - Multiples	109,459	123,857
January to December - Total	171,843	181,598
Actual, all areas January to December - Total	189,329	195,536

Source: CMHC

¹The trend is a six-month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR). By removing seasonal ups and downs, seasonal adjustment allows for a comparison from one season to the next and from one month to the next. Reporting monthly figures at annual rates indicates the annual level of starts that would be obtained if the monthly pace was maintained for 12 months. This facilitates comparison of the current pace of activity to annual forecasts as well as to historical annual levels.

Detailed data available upon request





²CMHC estimates the level of starts in centres with a population of less than 10,000 for each of the three months of the quarter, at the beginning of each quarter. During the last month of the quarter, CMHC conducts the survey in these centres and revises the estimate.

³Urban centres with a population of 10,000 and over.