

British Columbia Urban Housing Starts

*SAAR: Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate



Preliminary Housing Start Data August 2016						
British Columbia	July 2016	August 2016				
Trend ¹ , urban centres ²	42,553	39,744				
SAAR, urban centres ²	37,554	33,483				
	August 2015	August 2016				
Actual, urban centres ²						
August - Single-detached	853	901				
August - Multiples	1,398	1,984				
August - Total	2,251	2,885				
January to August - Single-detached	5,844	6,763				
January to August - Multiples	13,784	19,700				
January to August - Total	19,628	26,463				

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 comparison of adjacent months and quarters. The monthly and quarterly SAAR and trend figures indicate the annual level of starts that would be obtained if the same pace of monthly or quarterly construction activity was maintained for 12 months. This facilitates comparison of the current pace of activity to annual forecasts as well as to historical annual levels.

² Urban centres with a population of 10,000 and over.

Detailed data available upon request



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British Columbia Preliminary Actual Housing Starts Data August / 2015 – 2016									
Urban Centres		Singles		Multiples		Total			
		2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016		
Urban Centres									
100,000+	Abbotsford-Mission CMA	47	34	38	23	85	57		
	Kelowna CMA	56	91	38	127	94	218		
	Vancouver CMA	441	439	1,021	1,614	1,462	2,053		
	Victoria CMA	87	68	173	82	260	150		
Urban Centres									
50,000-99,999	Chilliwack CA	43	31	10	6	53	37		
	Courtenay CA	20	31	15	I	35	32		
	Kamloops CA	33	30	3	47	36	77		
	Nanaimo CA	27	44	21	16	48	60		
	Prince George CA	11	19	I	2	12	21		
	Vernon CA	8	9	6	10	14	19		
Urban Centres									
10,000+	Total Urban Starts	853	901	1,398	I,984	2,251	2,885		

British Columbia Preliminary Actual Housing Starts Data Year-to-Date / 2015 – 2016									
Urban Centres		Singles		Multiples		Total			
		2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016		
Urban Centres 100,000+	Abbotsford-Mission CMA	215	347	209	461	424	808		
	Kelowna CMA	382	446	442	960	824	1,406		
	Vancouver CMA	3,126	3,579	10,591	15,427	13,717	19,006		
	Victoria CMA	447	608	983	1,434	I,430	2,042		
Urban Centres 50,000-99,999	Chilliwack CA	219	262	234	224	453	486		
	Courtenay CA	110	155	185	36	295	191		
	Kamloops CA	186	158	89	289	275	447		
	Nanaimo CA	263	285	328	214	591	499		
	Prince George CA	106	113	71	118	177	231		
	Vernon CA	132	102	48	140	180	242		
Urban Centres 10,000+	Total Urban Starts	5,844	6,763	I 3,784	19,700	19,628	26,463		

Urban starts include an estimate for the areas 10,000-49,999 for the first two months of the quarter and are subject to revision(s) after quarterly enumeration in the third and final month of the quarter.

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