Housing Starts in Canada - All Areas



Preliminary Housing Start Data September 2016			
	August 2016	September 2016	
Trend ¹ , all areas	196,465	199,503	
SAAR, all areas	184,201	220,617	
SAAR, rural areas ²	15,594	18,769	
SAAR, urban centres ³			
Single-detached	55,955	64,045	





Multiples	112,652	137,803
Total	168,607	201,848
Atlantic, urban centres ³	5,238	9,806
Quebec, urban centres ³	30,917	41,198
Ontario, urban centres ³	70,261	67,426
Prairies, urban centres ³	27,980	35,858
British Columbia, urban centres ³	34,211	47,560
Canada	September 2015	September 2016
Actual, all areas	20,814	20,164
Actual, rural areas ²	1,651	1,633
Actual, urban centres ³		
September - Single-detached	5,353	5,971
September - Multiples	13,810	12,560
September - Total	19,163	18,531
January to September - Single-detached	42,355	43,793
January to September - Multiples	92,395	90,594
January to September - Total	134,750	134,387

Source: CMHC

The 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.

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.

³ Urban centres with a population of 10,000 and