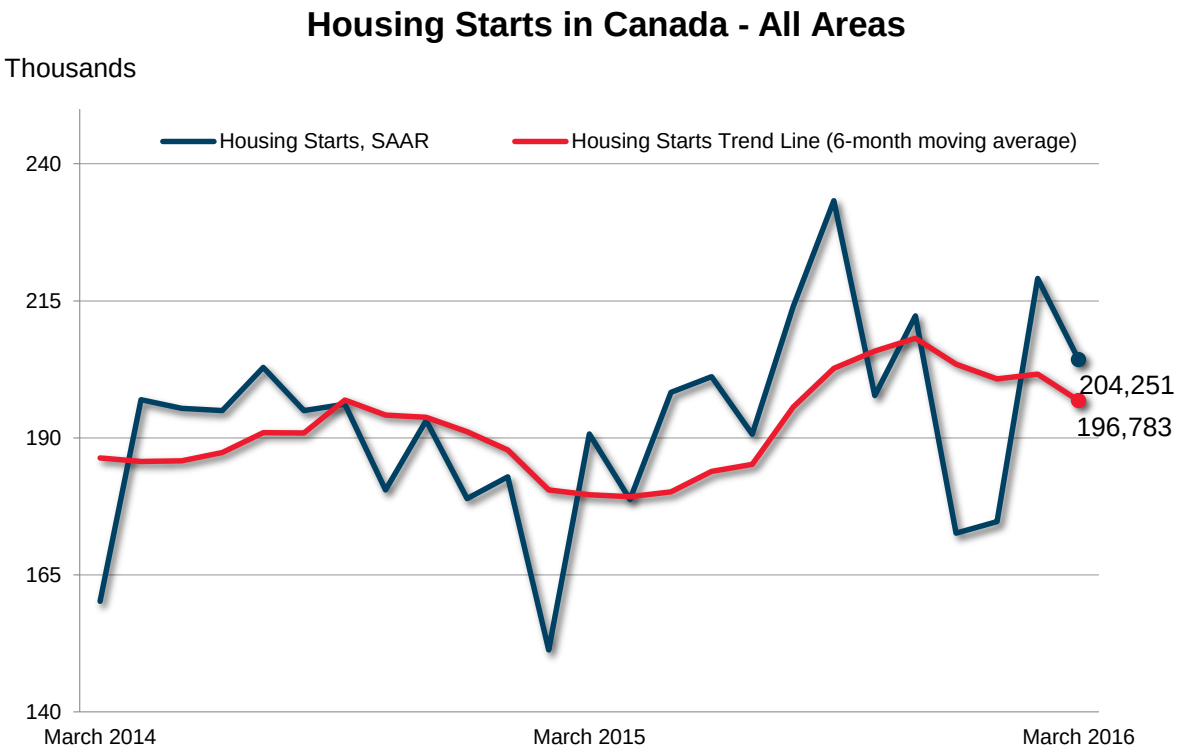

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	February 2016	**March 2016**
Trend[1], all areas	201,618	196,783
SAAR, all areas	219,077	204,251
SAAR, rural areas[2]	20,072	19,229
SAAR, urban centres[3]		
Single-detached	62,491	61,815
Multiples	136,514	123,207
Total	199,005	185,022
Atlantic, urban centres	5,726	2,613
Quebec, urban centres	37,575	30,142
Ontario, urban centres	77,047	86,712
Prairies, urban centres	28,590	25,717
British Columbia, urban centres	50,067	39,838
Canada	**March 2015**	**March 2016**
Actual, all areas	13,765	13,458
Actual, rural areas	722	571
Actual, urban centres		
March - Single-detached	3,089	3,379
March - Multiples	9,954	9,508
March - Total	13,043	12,887
January to March - Single-detached	9,161	9,884
January to March - Multiples	24,438	25,718
January to March - Total	33,599	35,602

Source CMHC:

[1]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 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.

[2] CMHC 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 over.

Detailed data available upon request

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