

Housing Starts in Canada - All Areas

Preliminary Housing Start Data November 2016			
	October 2016	November 2016	
Trend ¹ , all areas	199,641	199,135	
SAAR, all areas	192,297	183,989	
SAAR, rural areas ²	16,699	17,161	
SAAR, urban centres ³			
Single-detached	60,837	60,913	
Multiples	114,761	105,915	



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Total	175,598	166,828
Atlantic, urban centres ³	6,454	5,803
Quebec, urban centres ³	30,414	29,131
Ontario, urban centres ³	81,119	55,232
Prairies, urban centres ³	32,122	32,643
British Columbia, urban centres ³	25,489	44,019
Canada	November 2015	November 2016
Actual, all areas	19,050	16,470
Actual, rural areas ²	1,498	1,535
Actual, urban centres ³		
November - Single-detached	5,346	5,630
November - Multiples	12,206	9,305
November - Total	17,552	14,935
January to November - Single-detached	53,222	55,127
January to November - Multiples	115,094	109,578
January to November - Total	168,316	164,705

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.

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 over.

Detailed data available upon request



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