

THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS

the engine that drives Ontario's economy



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2007 Data

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68,123 Housing Starts

Housing starts in Ontario are down from the cyclical peak in 2003 and 2004. However, housing starts remain above the 10 year average. Each new home built in Ontario is not only a roof over the head of a family, but it provides thousands of jobs and generates significant dollars in taxes, fees and levies for all 3 levels of government.



325,000 Jobs

The new housing and renovation sector is the largest industry in Ontario. Tens of thousands of high paying direct and indirect jobs are provided every year by the residential construction industry.



\$36.2 billion

In 2007 the value of new housing, residential renovations and impacts of other expenditures related to residential construction in Ontario totalled \$36.2 billion. Residential construction alone accounts for approximately 6% of the provincial GDP.



\$15.5 billion in Wages

The average weekly wage in Ontario's construction sector is \$931.05. This compares to a \$902.84 average in all industries. The average construction wage is 3% higher than the overall industry wage for full-time employment in Ontario.



\$2.95 billion

Total income taxes for the federal and provincial governments generated from Ontario housing starts, renovations and other related expenditures.



\$1.94 billion

Total GST revenue generated from Ontario housing starts, renovations and other related expenditures.



\$1.29 billion

Total CPP Premiums generated from Ontario housing starts, renovations and other related expenditures.

\$1.27 billion

Total PST revenue generated from Ontario housing starts, renovations and other related expenditures.

\$548 million

Total EI Premiums generated from Ontario housing starts, renovations and other related expenditures.

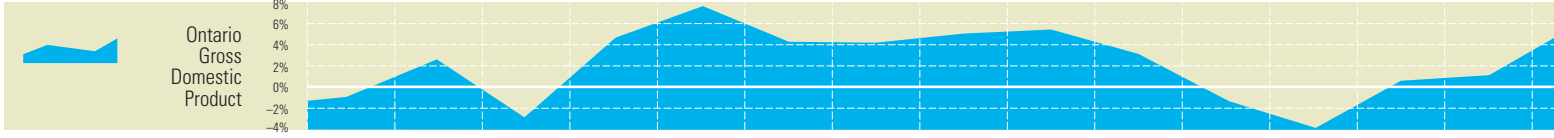
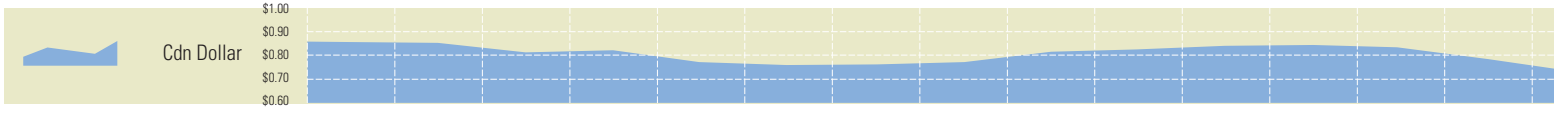
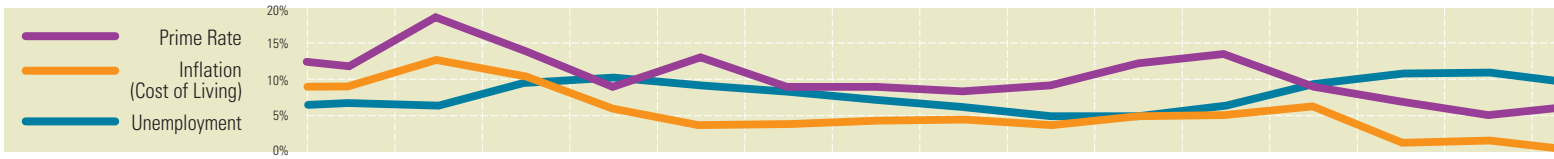
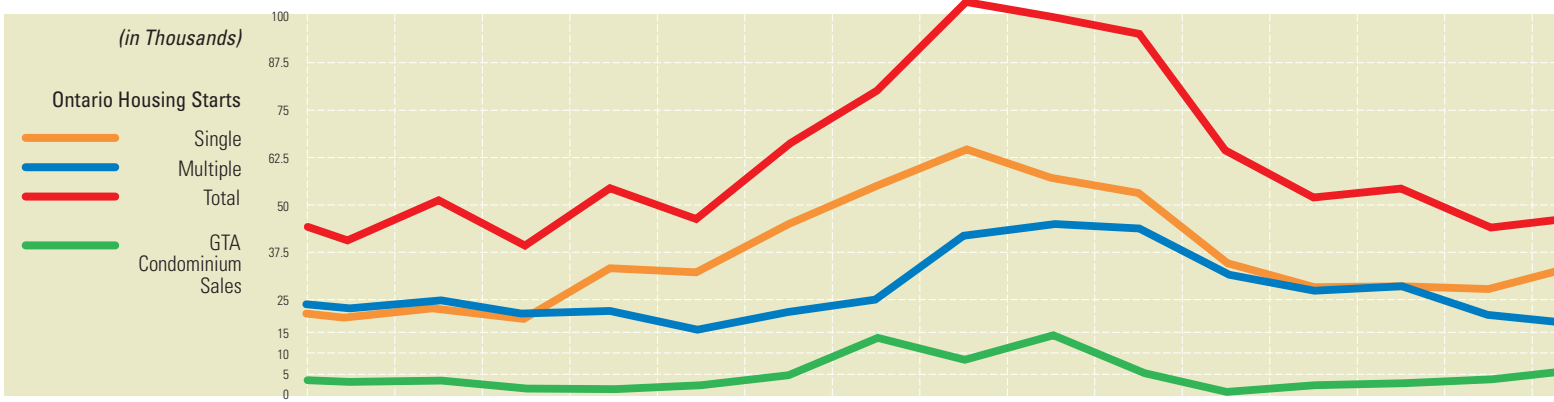
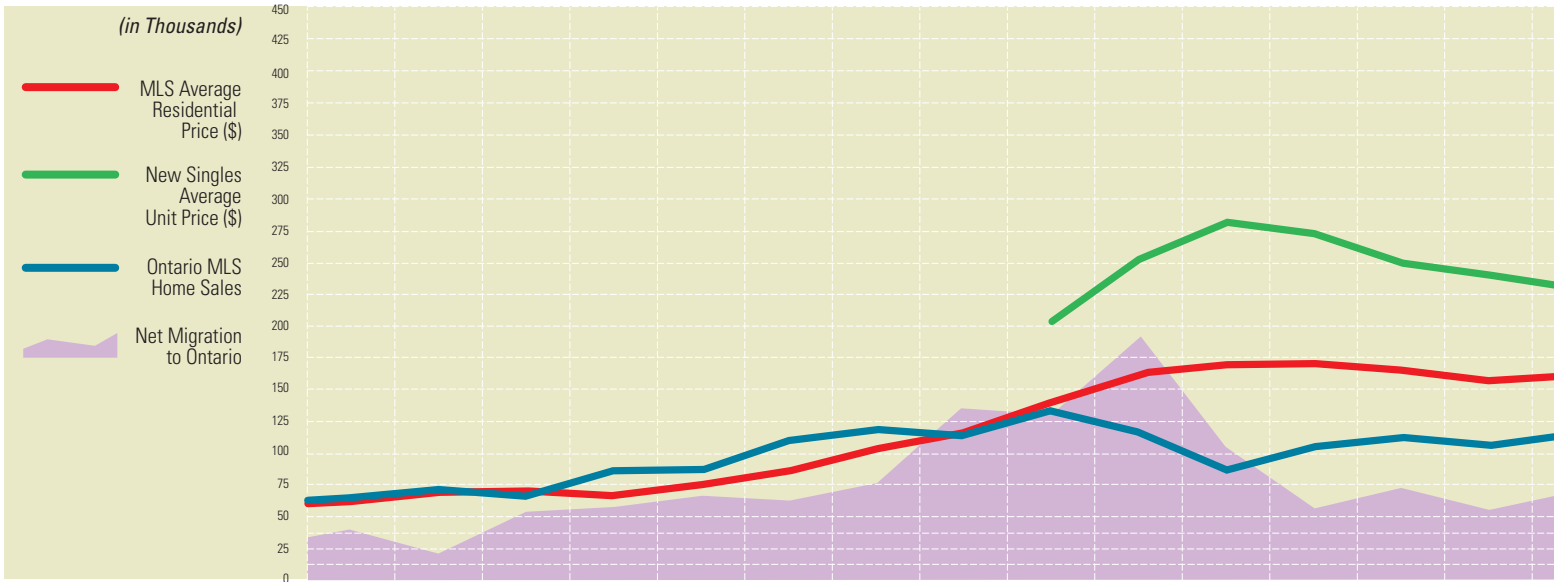
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Estimated total WSIB premiums billed to the Home Builder rate group in Ontario.

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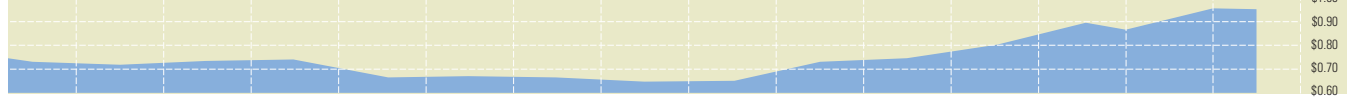
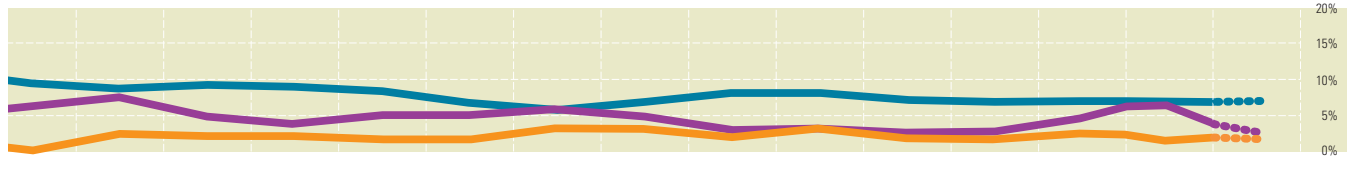
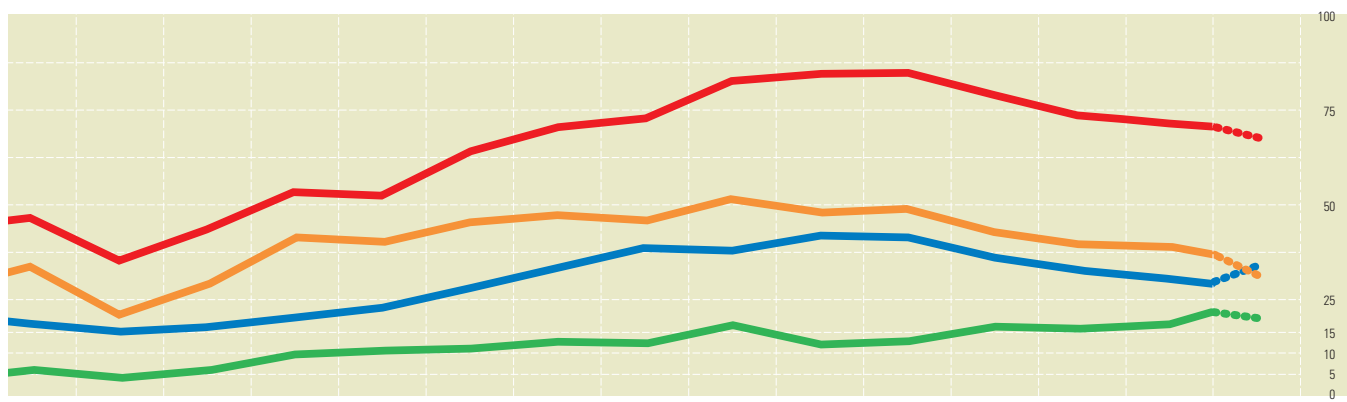
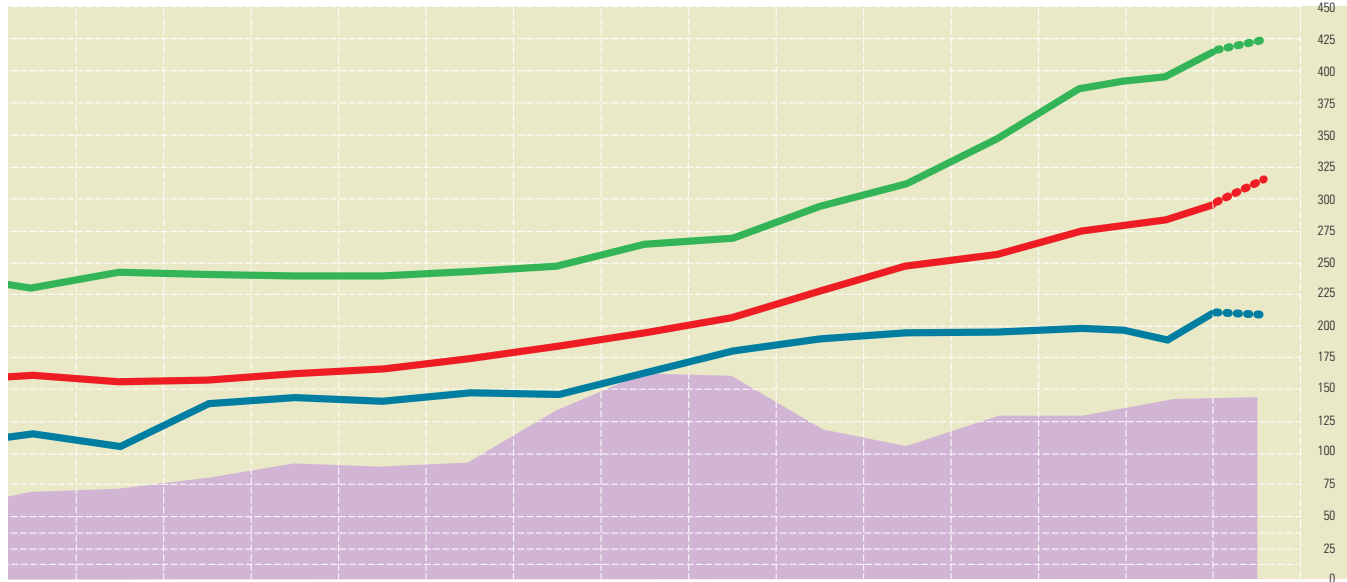
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Economic Indicators



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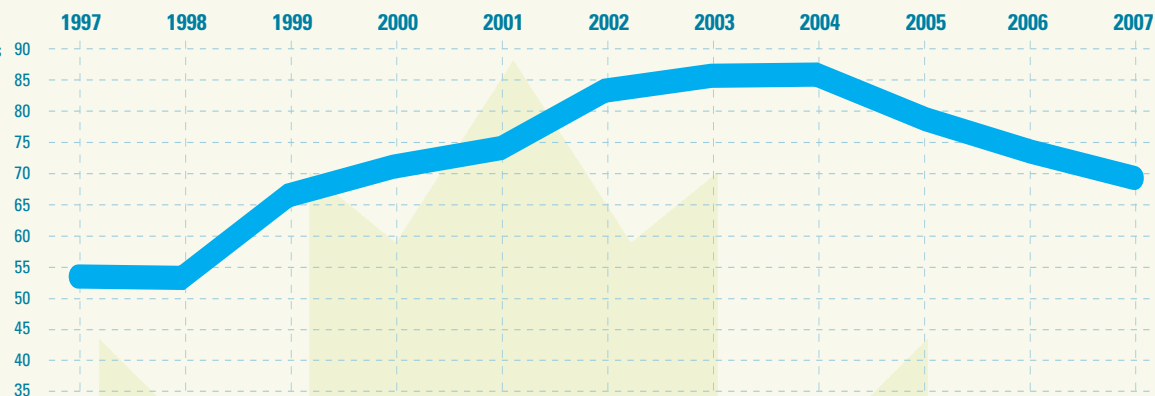
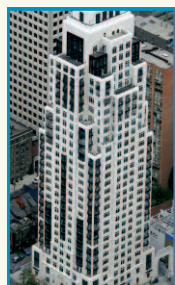
Source: Statistics Canada, CREA, CMHC, RealNet Canada, Bank of Canada, Ministry of Finance, RBC Royal Bank, Urbanation

Total Housing Starts Ontario 1997-2007



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All Ontario
in thousands



Census Metropolitan Areas	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barrie	1,857	1,930	2,722	2,043	2,445	2,739	2,368	2,435	1,484	1,169	980
Brantford	296	357	377	485	475	700	458	482	534	409	589
Guelph	988	968	1,003	1,297	993	1,138	994	1,420	951	864	941
Hamilton	3,698	3,627	3,923	3,108	3,365	3,803	3,260	4,093	3,145	3,043	3,004
Kingston	559	508	656	659	707	810	1,131	872	683	968	880
Kitchener	2,171	2,544	2,821	3,509	3,537	4,130	3,995	3,912	3,763	2,599	2,740
London	1,807	2,025	1,773	1,713	1,607	2,604	3,027	3,078	3,067	3,674	3,141
Oshawa	2,064	1,759	2,463	2,874	2,561	3,490	3,907	3,153	2,934	2,995	2,389
Ottawa	3,485	3,615	4,447	5,786	6,251	7,796	6,381	7,243	4,982	5,875	6,506
Peterborough	378	307	383	292	294	423	547	514	619	437	540
St. Catharines	1,462	1,319	1,485	1,230	1,134	1,317	1,444	1,781	1,412	1,294	1,149
Sudbury	281	165	199	173	191	298	306	388	400	477	587
Thunder Bay	2266	224	232	154	211	197	211	287	227	165	249
Toronto	25,574	25,910	34,904	38,982	41,017	43,805	45,475	42,115	41,596	37,080	33,293
Windsor	2,102	1,938	2,387	2,382	2,157	2,490	2,237	2,287	1,496	1,045	614
Larger Census Agglomerations											
Belleville	274	289	305	273	284	393	387	507	367	313	368
Chatham-Kent	149*	206	119	136	96	90	150	143	197	217	177
Cornwall	57	76	144	122	148	198	231	217	159	132	135
Kawartha Lakes**	111	159	118	165	290	321	359	367	322	334	349
North Bay	89	89	147	90	89	123	125	151	226	185	112
Sarnia	166	166	218	177	155	374	203	194	243	191	258
Sault Ste Marie	195	162	90	90	74	86	99	119	128	105	117
Urban areas (Population 50,000+)	49,972	50,077	62,928	67,423	70,262	79,615	80,933	79,894	69,365	63,928	59,460
All Ontario	54,072	53,830	67,235	71,521	73,282	83,597	85,180	85,114	78,795	73,417	68,123

* Data does not include Kent

** Prior to 2002, Kawartha Lakes data includes Lindsay Town, Ops Township, Fenelon Township, Laxton Township, Mariposa Township and Sturgeon Point Village

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