

National Economic and Housing Market Outlook

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Presentation Outline

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House Prices

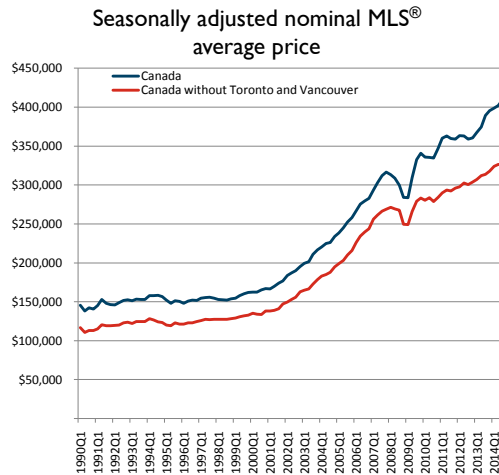
- Compositional effects
- Supply and demand drivers of prices

Household Debt

Outlook and Risks

- Risks to the forecast
- Economic assumptions
- Potential Housing Demand
- Housing market outlook

Canada average price is pulled up by Toronto and Vancouver



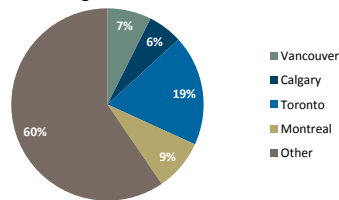
Last data point 2014Q3

Source: CREA

Nominal year-to-date (January to September) price change 2014 over 2013

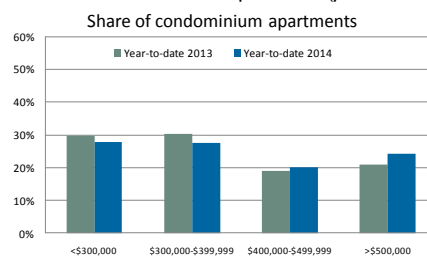
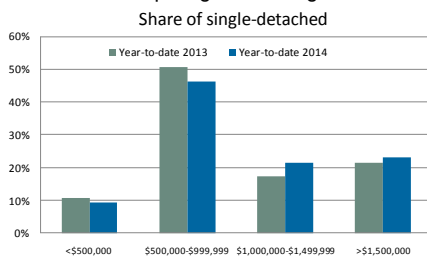
Canada	6.9%
Vancouver	6.3%
Calgary	5.5%
Toronto	8.1%
Montreal	1.9%

Average share of MLS® Sales

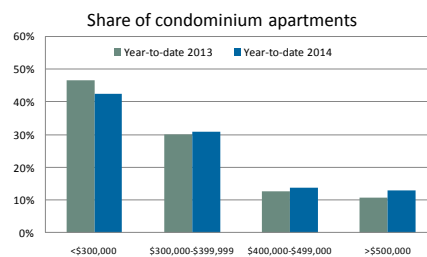
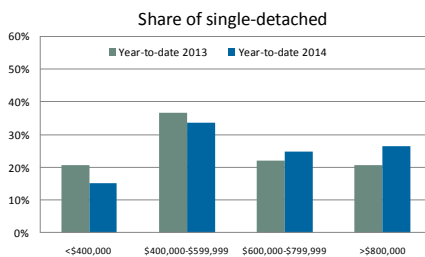


Share of MLS® sales in higher price ranges increasing in Vancouver and Toronto

In Vancouver, the price growth of single-detached is 7.6%, and 4.6% for condominium apartments (year-to-date)

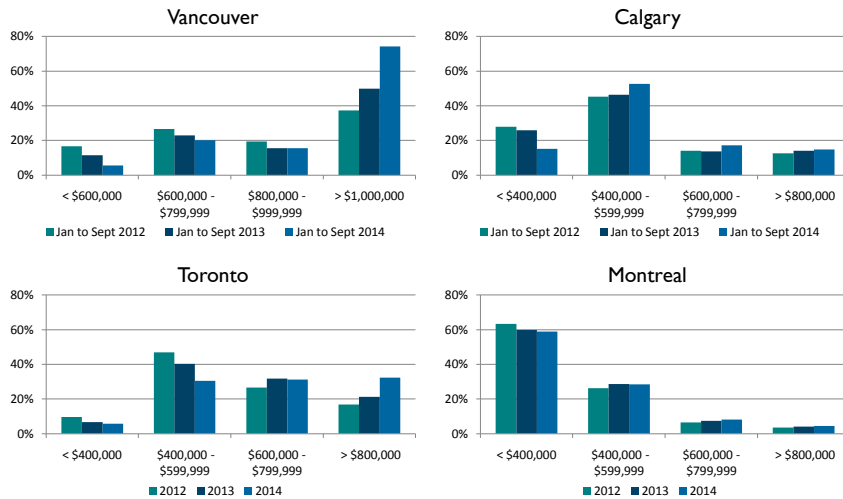


In Toronto, the price growth of single-detached is 9.2%, and 5.5% for condominium apartments (year-to-date)



Source: CREA

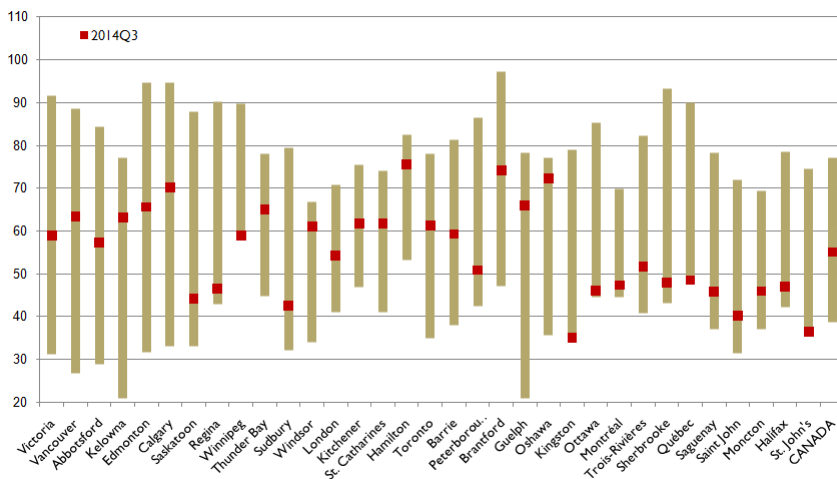
In some centres, there has been a notable shift towards more expensive new single homes



Source: CMHC

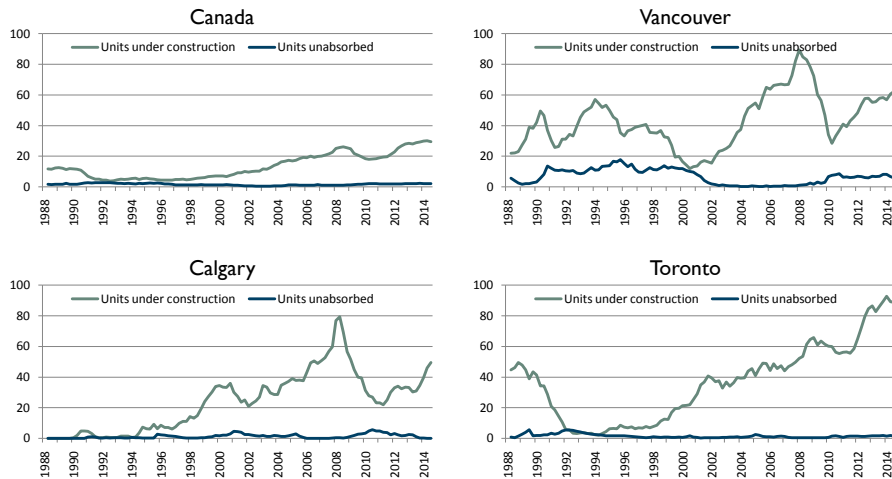
Market conditions are tighter in Western Canada

MLS Sales to New Listings Ratio (%)



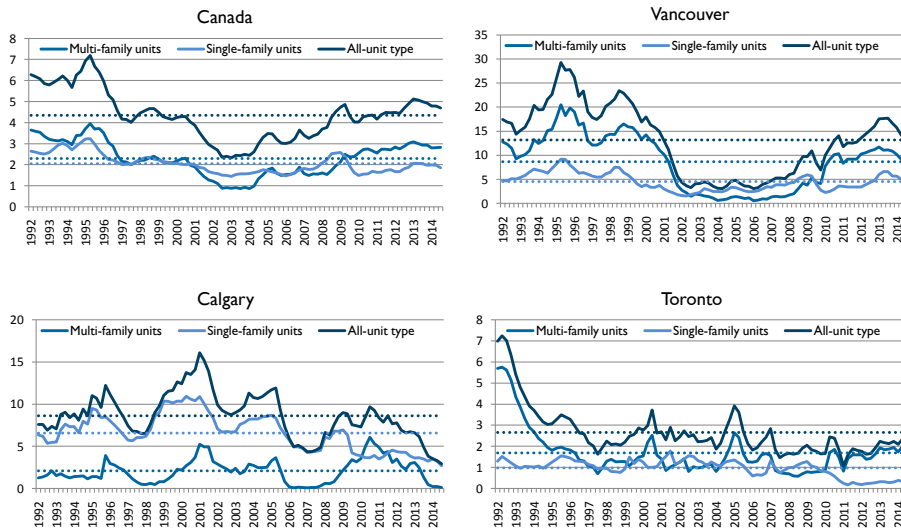
Source: Canadian Real Estate Association, QFREB by the Centris® system, 2014Q3

Units under construction are increasing but inventories of completed and unabsorbed units are relatively low



Source: CMHC

Completed and unabsorbed units are near or below historical averages



Source: CMHC

Key Messages on House Prices

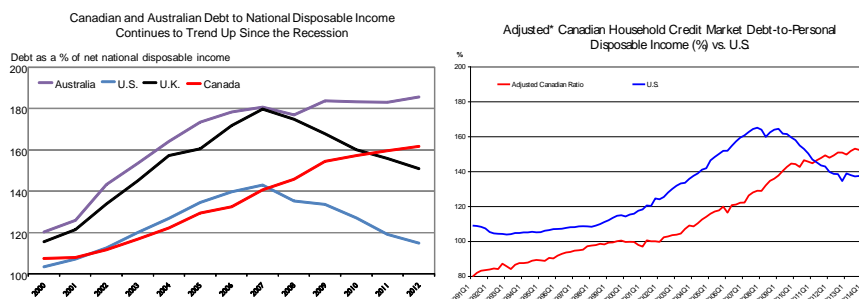
Growth in National Average MLS® price is driven by Toronto and Vancouver.

- Share of MLS® sales in higher price ranges is increasing in Toronto and Vancouver.
- Price growth of single-detached is stronger than the price growth for apartments. Single-detached price growth is driving average MLS® price growth in Vancouver and Toronto.

In general, balanced market conditions and low inventories of completed and unabsorbed units are supportive of housing market activity and prices.

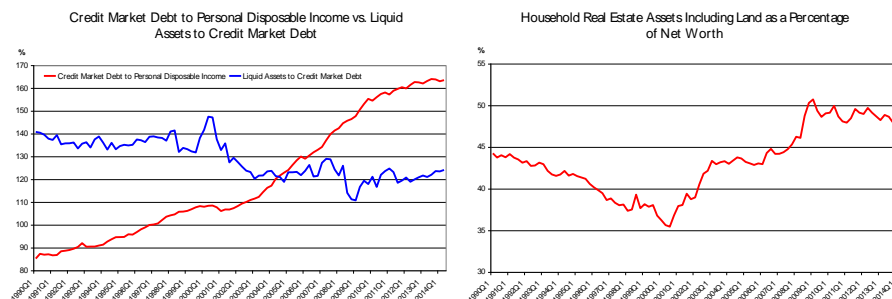
- In some centres, the number of units under construction relative to the population is high. Demand should channelled toward these units under construction otherwise there is a risk that inventories of completed unabsorbed units could trend higher.

The use of various sources and methodologies confirms rising a debt-to-income trend for Canada



- OECD debt-to-income ratio for Canada for 2012 is 161.7, up from 159.1 in 2011.
- The adjusted debt-to-income ratio for Canada is 152.2 for 2014Q2, up from 151.4 in 2014Q1.

Relatively low household liquidity and concentration of net worth in residential real estate is a vulnerability that can exacerbate an economic shock



Source: Statistics Canada, CMHC calculations

Overall for Canada, growth in the last year in household credit at chartered banks has moderated with the exception of personal loans

- The largest increase since 2000 has been from Personal Lines of Credit (PLC), which includes Home Equity Lines of Credit (HELOC), at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 16.4%.
- Despite a series of parameter changes under the Government Guarantee Framework, the largest increase over the past five years has been in residential mortgages, at 13.9% (CAGR).
- Over the last full year (2013), the largest increases have been in personal loans.

	Since 2000	10-Year	5-Year	3-Year	1-Year	% of 2013 Total
PLC Incl. HELOC	16.4%	14.8%	9.7%	5.0%	1.9%	19.6%
Credit Cards	11.7%	8.9%	7.9%	8.9%	-4.5%	5.5%
Res. Mortgages	9.8%	10.5%	13.9%	22.9%	5.8%	67.1%
Personal Loans	6.0%	8.5%	13.2%	14.0%	19.9%	6.5%
Other	-2.8%	-0.4%	-3.8%	-6.2%	-8.8%	1.3%

Note: Percent changes are compound annual growth rates, except for the final column which is a per cent of the total for 2013.

Source: Bank of Canada, CMHC calculations



Key Messages on Household Debt

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While the outlook for the Canadian housing sector is one of relative stability, there are still risks

Given that Canada is an open economy, there are a number of global market risks to consider:

- Slowdown in China
- Potential for deflation in the Euro area
- Renewed geo-political tensions in the Middle East
- Weaker than forecast U.S. economic growth
- Higher interest and mortgage rates due to continued sustained growth in Canadian consumer prices

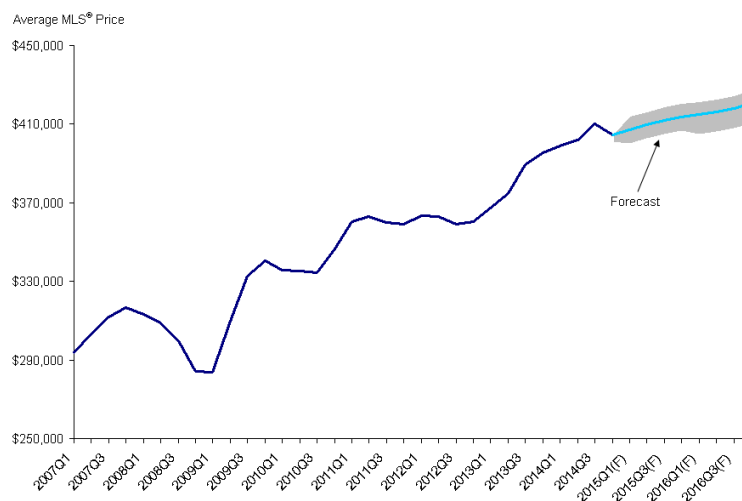
The impact in Canada of an external shock could be amplified by vulnerabilities related to high levels of household debt.

Economic Assumptions

- We do not expect interest rate increases before the latter part of 2015 for both Canada and the United States. Inflation remains under control in both countries.
- Income is expected to increase modestly as economic conditions in Canada improve. Income growth will remain supportive of housing demand over the forecast horizon.
- Canada's economy is expected to continue to attract a high level of immigrants. The level of net migration will remain above its historical average and help support Canada's housing sector.
- There is a lot of uncertainty. Therefore, we consider a range of outcomes for the economic outlook.

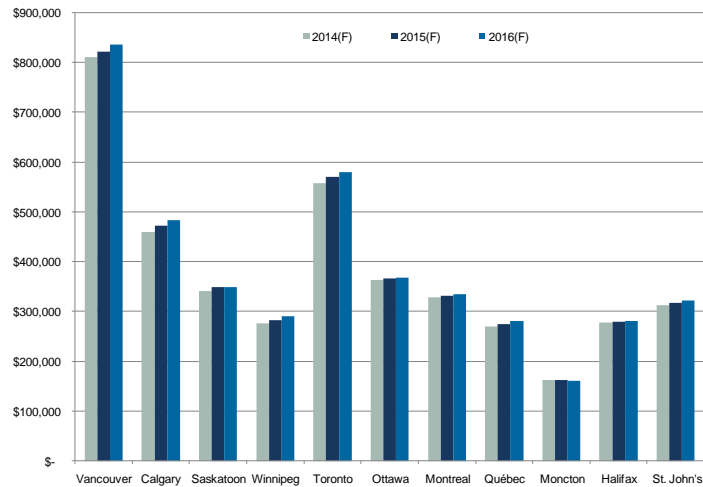
	2014	2015	2016
GDP (growth, %)	2.1 – 2.5	2.2 - 2.9	1.8 - 2.9
Unemployment rate (%)	6.7 - 7.2	6.4 - 7.3	5.7 - 6.9
Employment (growth, %)	0.6 – 1.1	1.3 – 2.2	1.2 – 2.5

Average MLS® price expected to grow at moderate pace moving forward



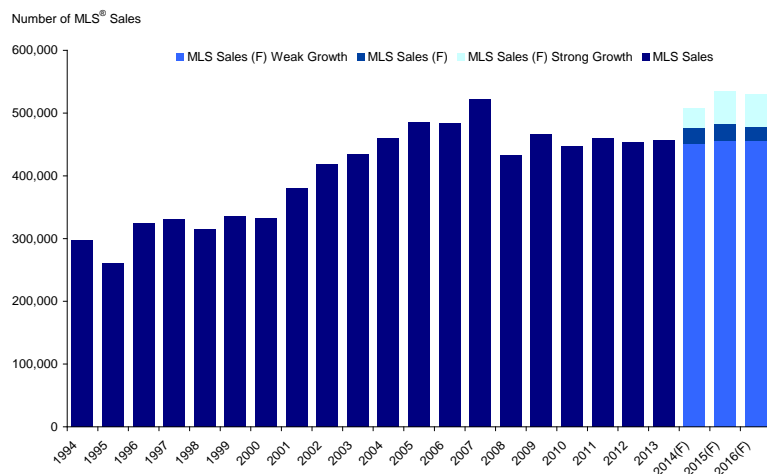
Source: Canadian Real Estate Association, CMHC (forecasts)

Growth of MLS® price expected to moderate



Source: CMHC (forecasts)

Resale Market: Recovery in 2014 and 2015 Total MLS® Sales* - Canada



*Seasonally adjusted rates

Source: CMHC (forecasts), Canadian Real Estate Association

Estimates of Household Formation coincide with Housing Starts over the 2011 to 2016 period

Housing starts	
2011	193,950
2012	214,827
2013	187,923
2014 (F) & range	189,000 (186,300-191,700)
2015 (F) & range	189,500 (172,800-204,000)
2016 (F) & range	187,000 (168,000-205,800)
2011-2016 Average	193,700
Household formation	
2011-2016 Average	Previous estimate (CMHC published December 2013)
	186,000
	(Range: 143,000 - 238,000)
	Current estimate
	193,000
	(Range: TBD)

Estimate of household formation

- Using 2011 Census demographic data, the PHD model estimates the average annual pace of household formation at 193,000.
- This coincides with the 2011 to 2016 forecast pace of housing starts.
- The pace of new home construction is in line with demographics drivers.

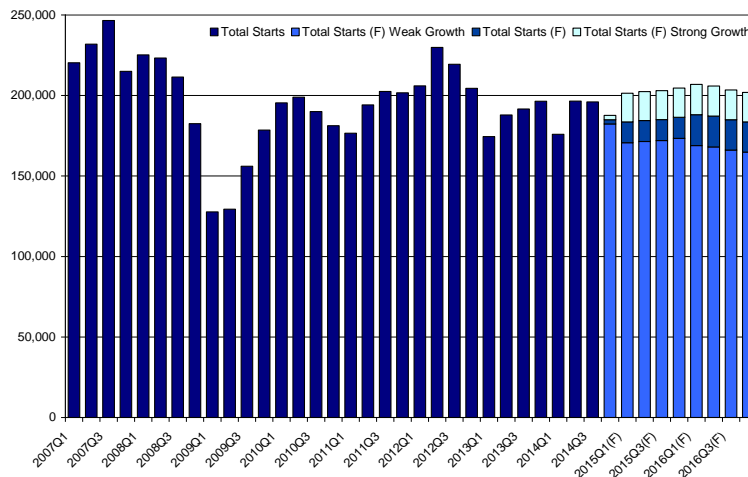
Headship rate - the rate at which people in a given age group form households. Historical headship rates are calculated as the number of primary household maintainers in a given age bracket divided by the total number of people in the same age bracket.

Fertility rate - the total fertility rate refers to the number of children that a female would have over the course of her reproductive life. It is calculated as the sum of all the age-specific fertility rates. Typically, age-specific fertility rates are calculated for women aged 15 to 49, as only a very small proportion of births occur to women outside that age range.

Source: CMHC, based on Statistics Canada definitions

Modest growth price expected in short-term for housing sector, and moderation expected over medium term

Number of Housing Starts



Source: CMHC

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