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### Housing Starts Up in April

**OTTAWA, Ontario, May 8, 2001** — The seasonally adjusted annual rate\* of housing starts in Canada rose 3.1 per cent in April to 162,300 units compared with 157,400 units in March, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

April's urban multiple starts were up 15.2 per cent to an annual rate of 65,800 units compared with 57,100 in March, due to more starts in the Atlantic, Prairies, and British Columbia. Urban single starts fell 5.8 per cent to an annual rate of 74,300 from 78,900 units the previous month. Housing starts in rural areas were estimated at an annual rate of 22,200 units.

"Overall home-building remains strong, with gains in apartment starts offsetting drops in single detached starts", said John-John D'Argensio, an economist at CMHC's Market Analysis Centre. "Most market indicators point to sustained residential construction activity over the next few months".

\* All starts figures in this release are seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR), that is, raw monthly figures adjusted to remove normal seasonal variation and multiplied by 12 to reflect an annual pace. Other CMHC local and provincial releases may present analysis using raw figures.

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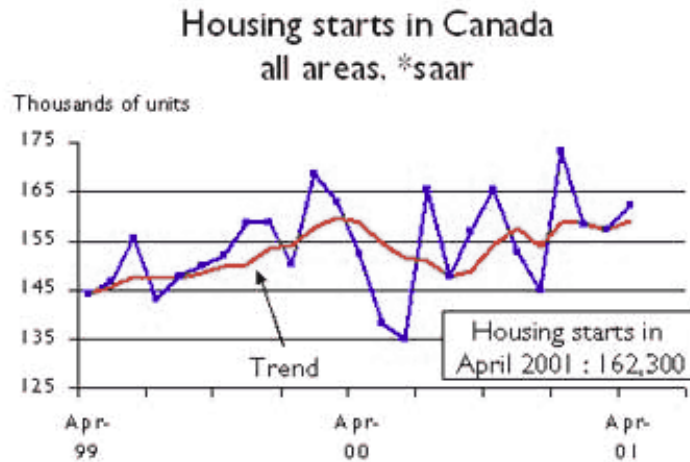
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### HOUSING STARTS ACTUAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL DATA

PROVINCE	MARCH 2001 FINAL		APRIL 2001 PRELIMINARY		
	ACTUAL	SAAR	ACTUAL	SAAR	
NEWFOUNDLAND		17	400	58	800
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND		11	400	22	300
NOVA SCOTIA		59	1,200	243	3,500
NEW BRUNSWICK		39	1,800	91	1,500
QUEBEC		1,495	21,800	2,735	21,900

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ONTARIO	4,655	74,100	6,473	68,600
MANITOBA	92	1,600	177	2,200
SASKATCHEWAN	98	1,600	140	1,500
ALBERTA	1,318	20,700	2,104	24,800
BRITISH COLUMBIA	806	12,400	1,368	15,000
TOTAL (+10,000 pop.)	8,590	136,000	13,411	140,100
OTHER AREA ESTIMATES (Less than 10,000 pop.)	875	21,400	2,121	22,200
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>9,465</b>	<b>157,400</b>	<b>15,532</b>	<b>162,300</b>



Source: CMHC Housing facts  
\*Seasonally adjusted annual rate