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### Apartment and Detached Home Starts Higher in October

**LONDON, November 9, 2009** –New home starts were up in the London Census Metropolitan Area<sup>1</sup> (CMA) in October according to preliminary figures released today by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Total starts increased by 167 per cent thanks to increases in both single-detached and apartment starts. Detached-home starts were up by 31 per cent compared to the same month in 2008, while construction of an apartment building contributed 124 units to total starts. Year-to-date total starts were still down about 18 per cent.

“Detached home construction continues to increase” said David Lan, CMHC’s London Market Analyst. “Rental apartment starts were strong as well, and are an important factor supporting new housing construction in London.”

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Rest of CMA: Central Elgin, Thames Centre, and the Townships of Middlesex Centre, Southwold, Strathroy-Caradoc and Adelaide-Metcalf

<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada defines a census metropolitan area (CMA) as one or more adjacent municipalities integrated with an urban core. A CMA must have a total population of at least 100,000 of which 50,000 or more must live in the urban core.

## October Housing Starts

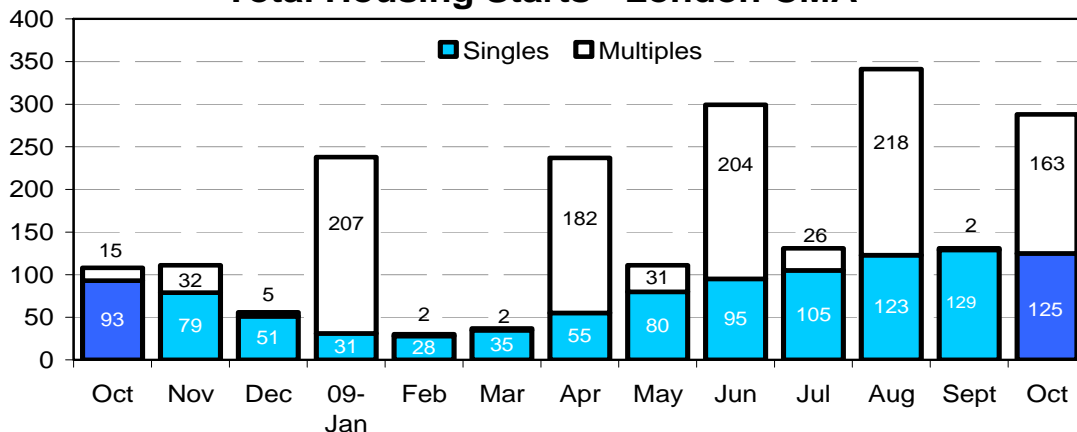
	Single	Semi	Row	Row	Apt	Apt	Total	% Change	
	Detached		Owner	Rental	Rental	Condo		Singles	Total
London City									
Oct-09	88	0	0	0	140	0	228	31%	185%
Oct-08	67	0	13	0	0	0	80		
St. Thomas City									
Oct-09	10	0	0	0	6	0	16	43%	78%
Oct-08	7	2	0	0	0	0	9		
Rest of CMA									
Oct-09	27	0	0	0	0	0	27	42%	42%
Oct-08	19	0	0	0	0	0	19		
London CMA									
Oct-09	125	0	17	0	146	0	288	34%	167%
Oct-08	93	2	13	0	0	0	108		

## January - October Housing Starts

	Single	Semi	Row	Row	Apt	Apt	Total	% Change	
	Detached		Owner	Rental	Rental	Condo		Singles	Total
London City									
Jan-Oct 09	575	2	36	23	707	182	1,525	-35%	-15%
Jan-Oct 08	880	0	157	19	706	31	1,793		
St. Thomas City									
Jan-Oct 09	75	8	0	0	6	6	95	-48%	-44%
Jan-Oct 08	143	24	0	0	0	2	169		
Rest of CMA									
Jan-Oct 09	156	2	41	7	0	0	206	-28%	-20%
Jan-Oct 08	216	0	20	0	20	0	256		
London CMA									
Jan-Oct 09	806	12	77	30	713	188	1,826	-35%	-18%
Jan-Oct 08	1,239	24	177	19	726	33	2,218		

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### Total Housing Starts - London CMA



Source: CMHC Market Analysis