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## Winnipeg housing starts moderate in July

**Winnipeg, August 9, 2012** – According to preliminary data released today by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), home builders in the Winnipeg Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) began construction on 311 units in July, down from 419 in July 2011. Higher single-detached production was offset by a decrease in the multi-family sector. After seven months, total housing starts for 2012 numbered 2,233 units.

“Despite the moderation in July, new home construction remains ahead of last year’s pace thanks to a strong start earlier in the year. Housing demand in Winnipeg remains strong due to positive immigration and employment gains,” said Dianne Himbeault, CMHC’s Senior Market Analyst based in Winnipeg.

Single-detached builders began construction on 234 units last month, 19 per cent more than the 196 initiated in July 2011. After seven months of construction, single-detached starts totalled 1,179 units, nine per cent more than were started during the same period last year.

The multi-family sector, which includes semi-detached units, rows, and apartments, saw 77 units break ground in July, approximately one third of the 223 units started one year earlier. Despite the moderation, multi-family construction remains strong in the Winnipeg CMA as population growth is feeding demand for condominium and rental units. Of the 1,054 multi-family units started year-to-date, 872 units were apartments, 106 were rows, and 76 were semi-detached units.

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**Table 1 - Tableau 1**  
**Preliminary Housing Starts in Manitoba / Mises en chantier préliminaires en Manitoba**  
**July / juillet 2011-2012**

	Single-Detached <i>Maisons individuelles</i>			All Others <i>Autres</i>			Total		
	2011	2012	%	2011	2012	%	2011	2012	%
Winnipeg CMA	196	234	19	223	77	-65	419	311	-26
Winnipeg City	155	186	20	223	61	-73	378	247	-35
Brandon	20	15	-25	25	16	-36	45	31	-31
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>-63</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>-26</b>

**Table 2 - Tableau 2**  
**Preliminary Housing Starts in Manitoba / Mises en chantier préliminaires en Manitoba**  
**January-July / janvier-juillet 2011-2012**

	Single-Detached <i>Maisons individuelles</i>			All Others <i>Autres</i>			Total		
	2011	2012	%	2011	2012	%	2011	2012	%
Winnipeg CMA	1,080	1,179	9	714	1,054	48	1,794	2,233	24
Winnipeg City	909	956	5	661	984	49	1,570	1,940	24
Brandon	56	61	9	100	122	22	156	183	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>24</b>

Source: Market Analysis Centre, C.M.H.C.

-- % change equals or exceeds +/- 100%

Source: Centre d'analyse de marché, S.C.H.L.

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