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Canada's Housing Market

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Housing Looms Large ...

Canada (percent)



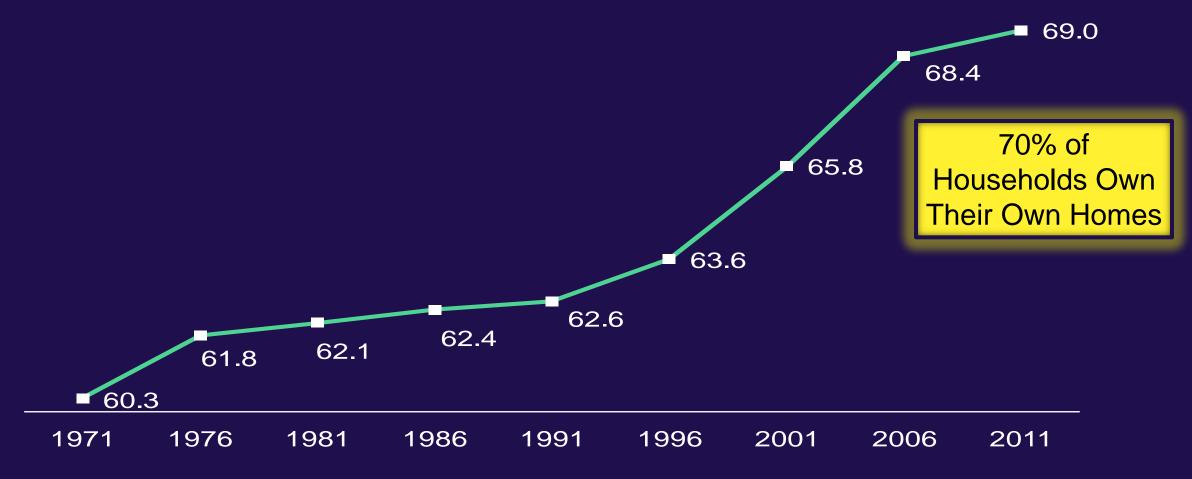
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Canadian Homeownership At A Record High

Homeowners as a % of all Canadian Households (percent)



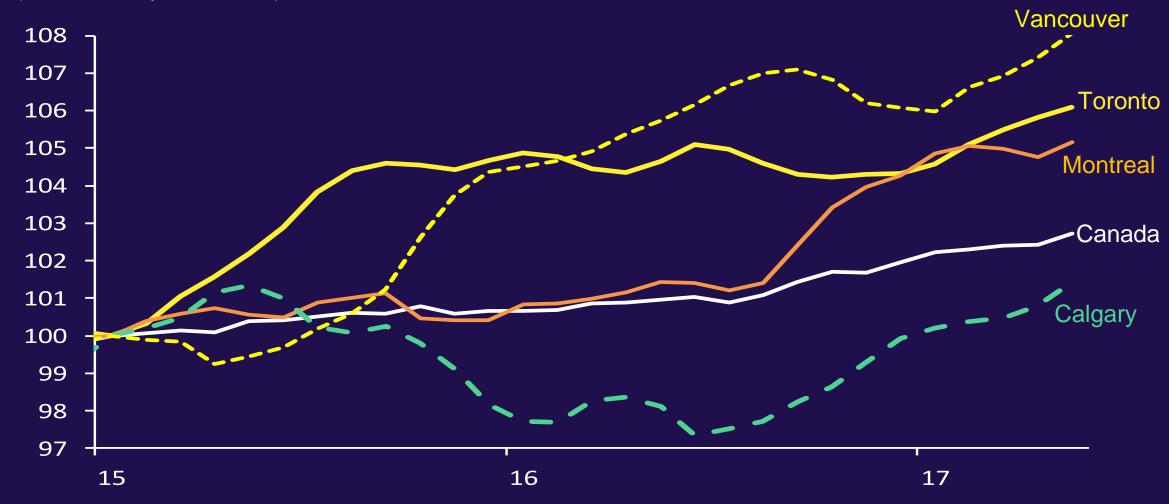
Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses of Population, 1971 to 2006 and National Household Survey, 2011



Job Creation Strongest in Vancouver and Toronto

Employment Level

(index: January 2015 = 100)



Source: Haver Analytics, Statistics Canada



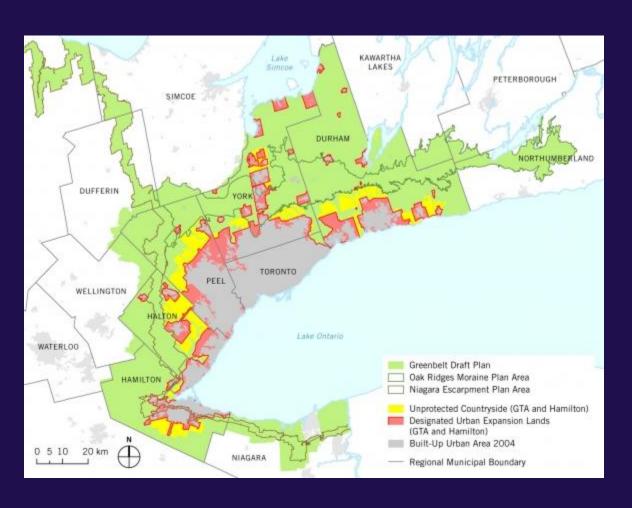
People Left Oil-Torn Provinces For Ontario and B.C.

Interprovincial Migrants (level, 4-quarter moving average)



Source: Haver Analytics, Statistics Canada

Greenbelt and Intensification Plan

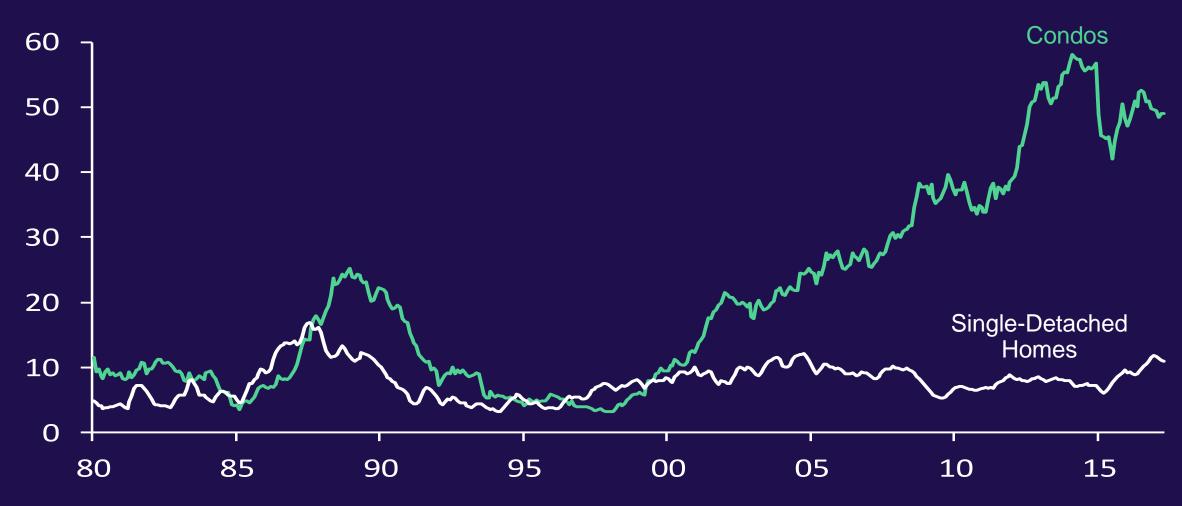






Housing Supply Make-Up In Toronto Changing Dramatically

Toronto (000s units)



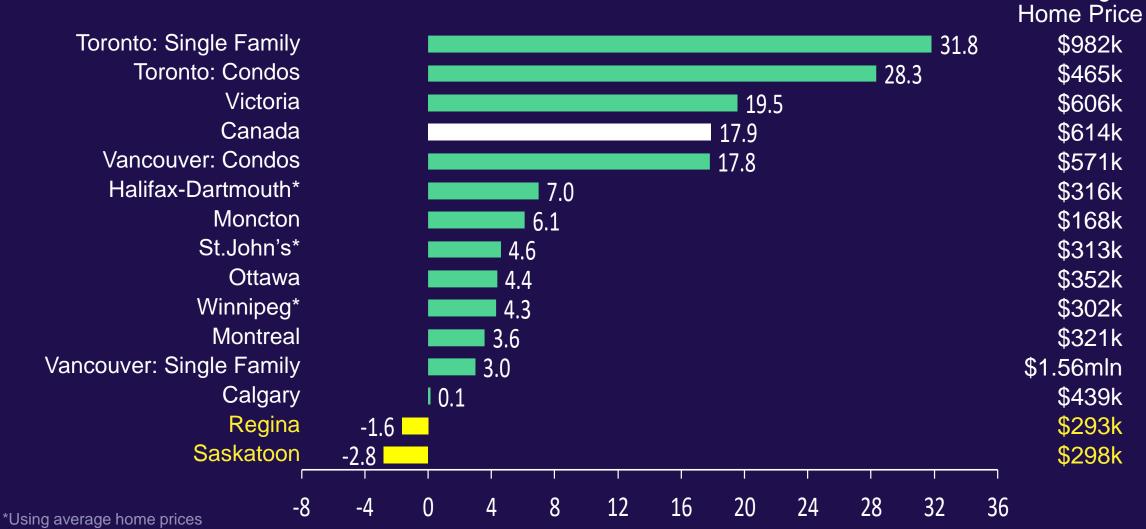
Source: CMHC, Haver Analytics

Prices Surge In Toronto



Average

MLS® Home Price Index (HPI) (year/year % change: as of May 2017)

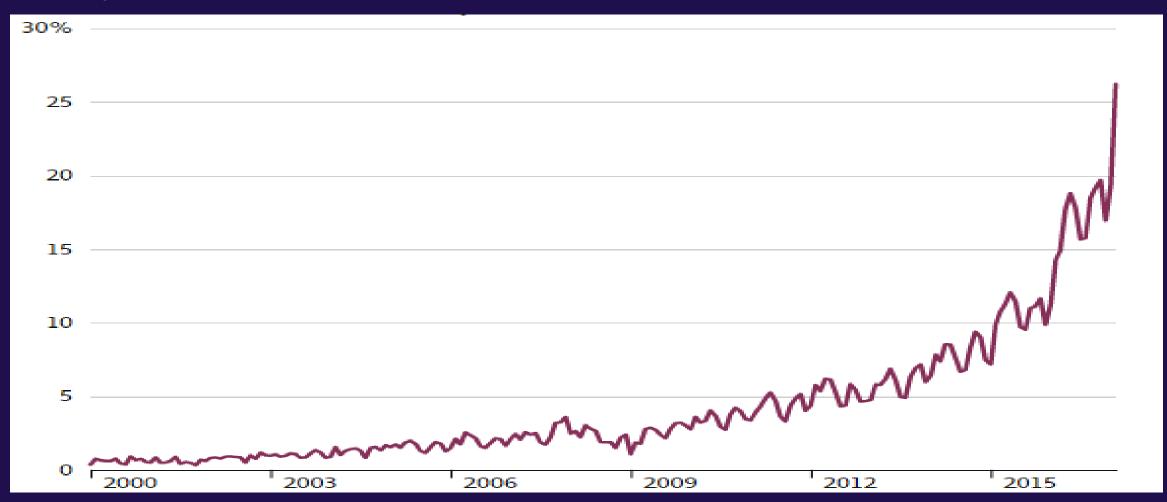


Source: Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA)

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More Than 25% Of GTA Sales Above \$1 Million

Share of GTA Home Sales Above \$1 Million (percentage)

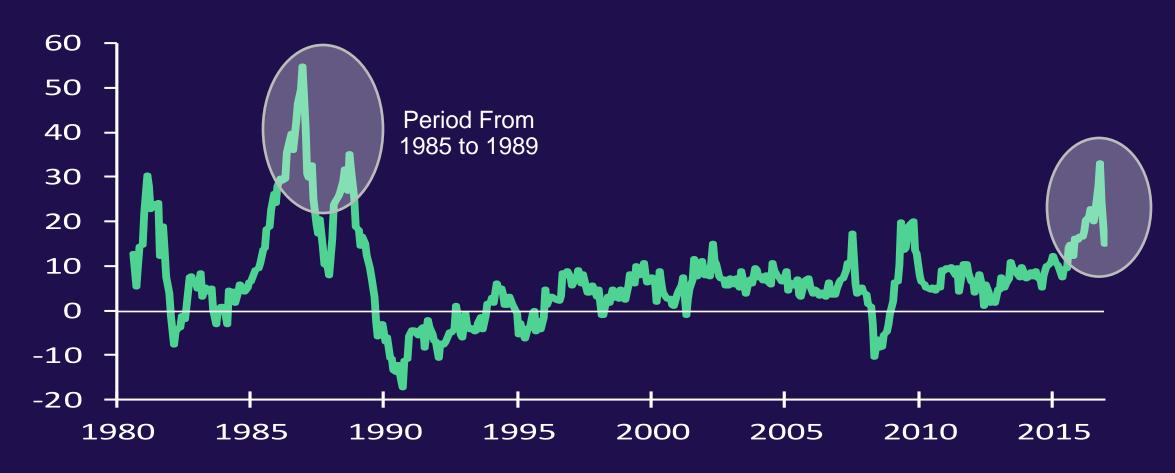


Source: Realosophy



GTA Average Home Price Growth Still Below Late '80s

Greater Toronto Area Average Home Price (year/year % change, as of May 2017)

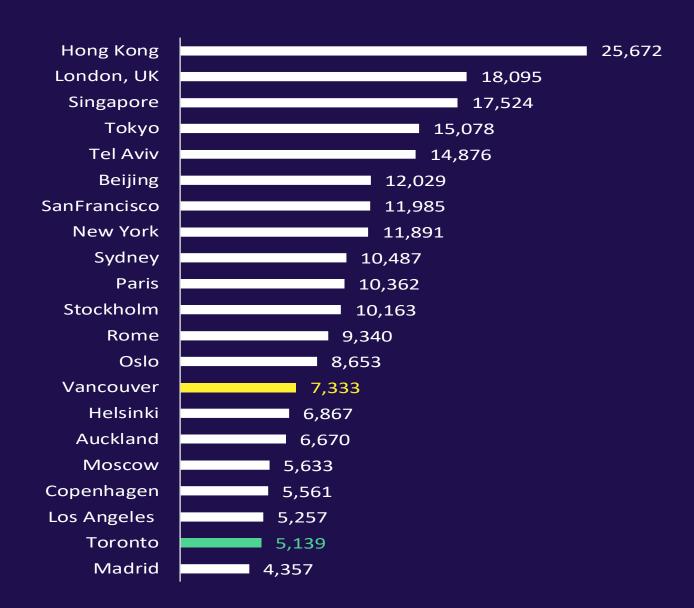


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Toronto and Vancouver Prices Lag Global Cities



Buyer price per square meter, Apartment (US\$/square meter)



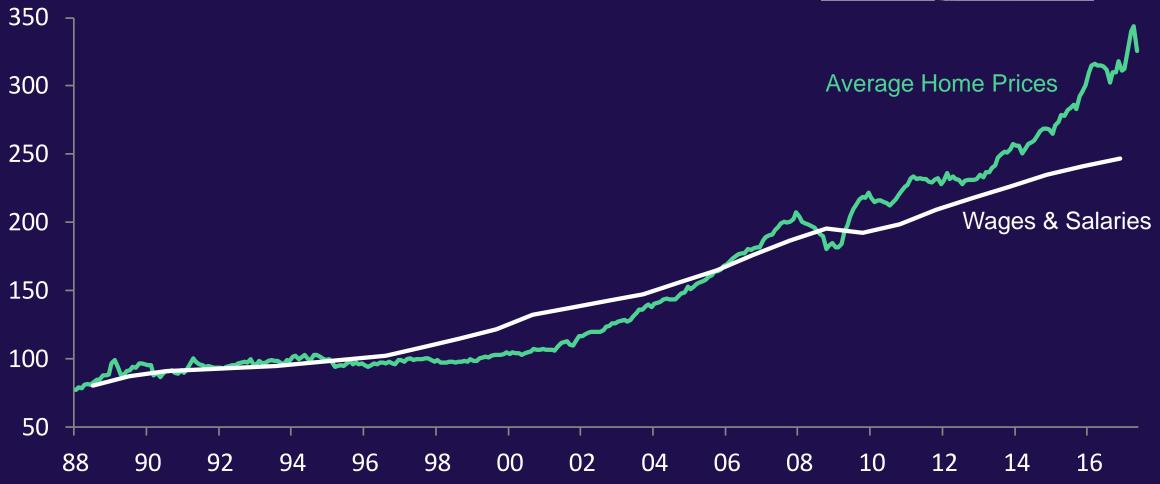
Source: www.numbeo.com, Sherry Cooper Assoc.

Canadian Housing-to-Income Disconnect

(seasonally adjusted: January 1995 = 100)



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Source: Haver Analytics, CREA, Statistics Canada



Rising Risks: Record High Debt-to-GDP

Household Debt as a Percentage of GDP (March 2005 = 100)

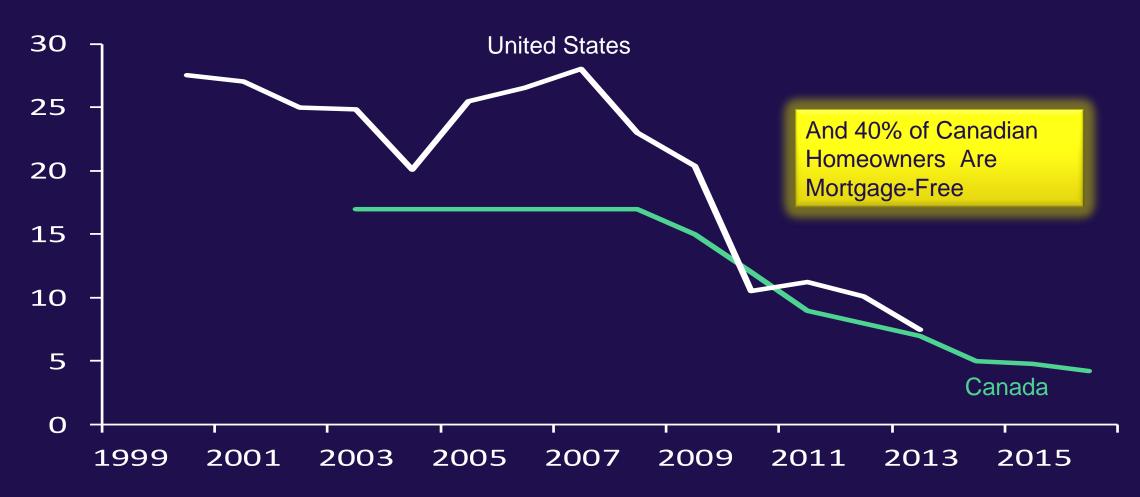


Source: Bloomberg, International Monetary Fund (IMF)



Share of First-Time Home Buyers With Low Credit Scores

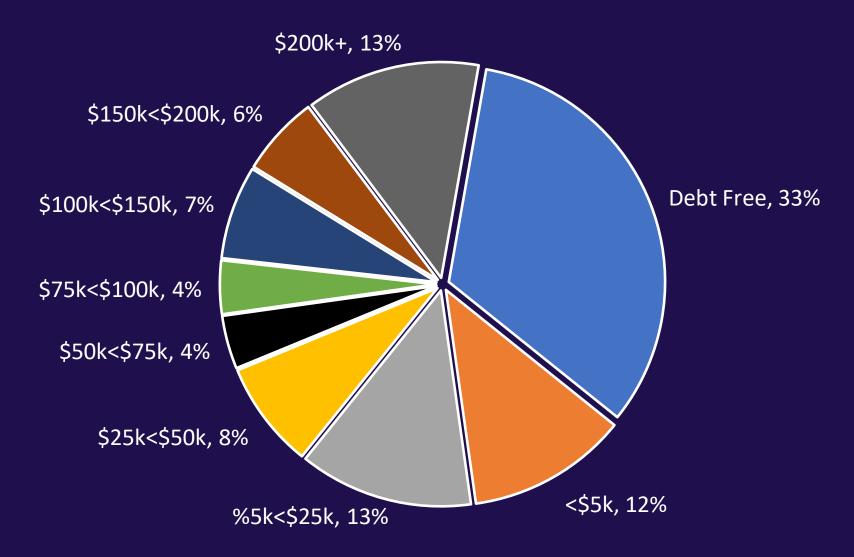
FICO <620 and Beacon <660 (percent)



Source: Globe and Mail ("Housing Bubble, Mortgage Trouble: Chill, Canada Isn't 2006 America" by Michael Babad, May 30, 2017)

Last Year, One Third of Households In Canada Were Debt-Free

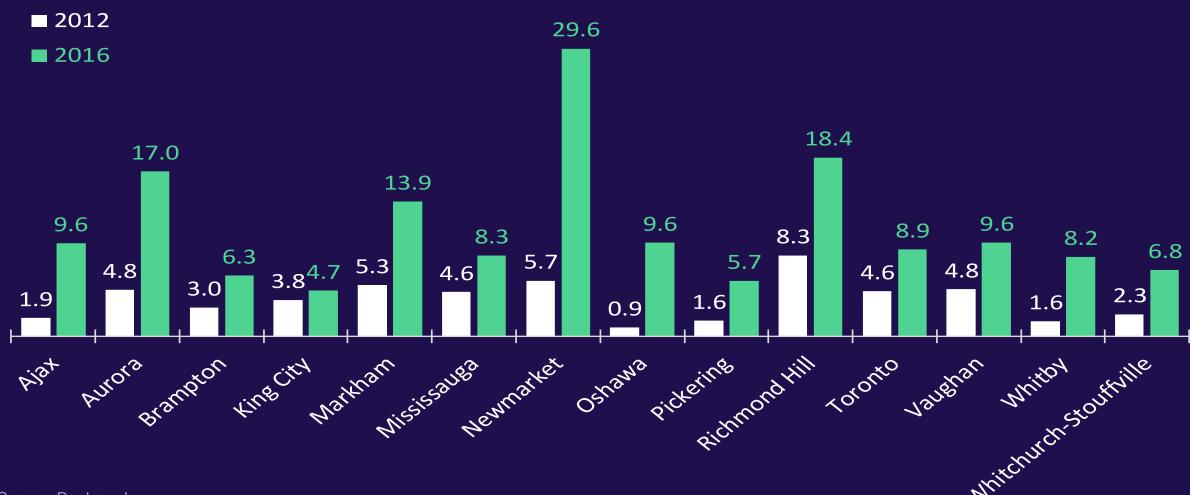






Investors or Speculators Buying In GTA Surges

Percentage of GTA Home Purchased by Investors (percent)



Source: Realosophy

Greater Than Normal Uncertainty in Housing

(June 14, 2017: C\$)





Ontario Budget Actions

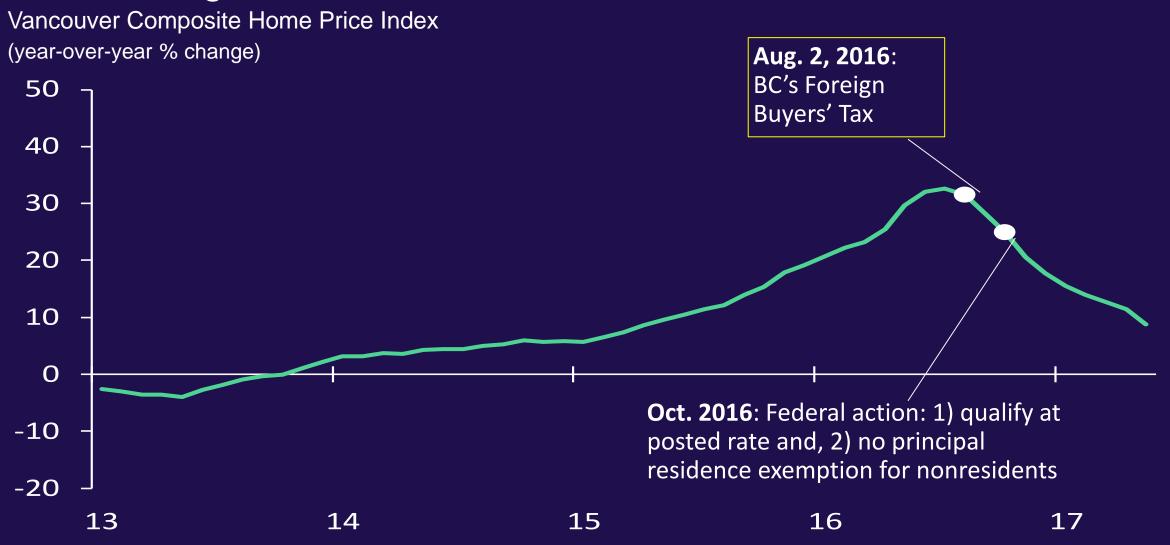
- Foreign Buyer's Tax
- Expanded Rent Controls
 Coming To GTA?
- Vacant Property Tax
- Flipping Tax
 Home Capital Meltdown
 Banks Downgraded

Unintended Consequences Impact Psychology

Source: Google Finance



The Cooling Vancouver Price Gains



Vancouver Sales Plummet After Foreign Tax

Existing Home Sales (% change from a year ago, YTD May 2017)







Source: Canadian Real Estate Association, Haver Analytics



Value of Existing Home Transactions

Existing Home Sales



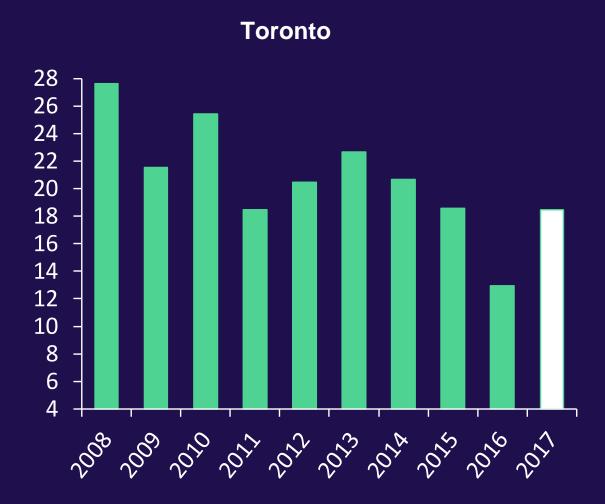
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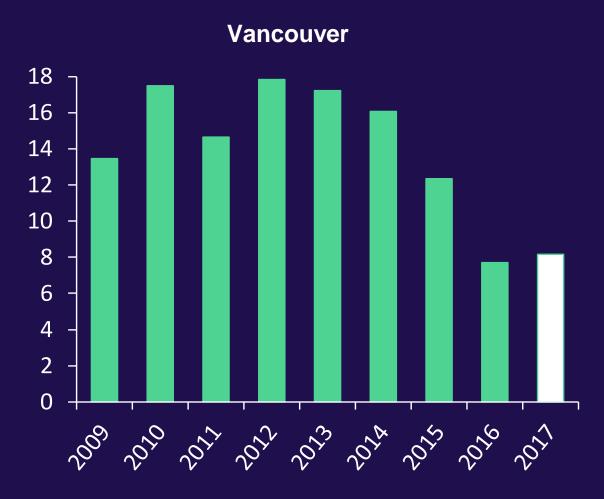
Listings Surge 43% in GTA in May

Number of Active Listings (000s units, May)



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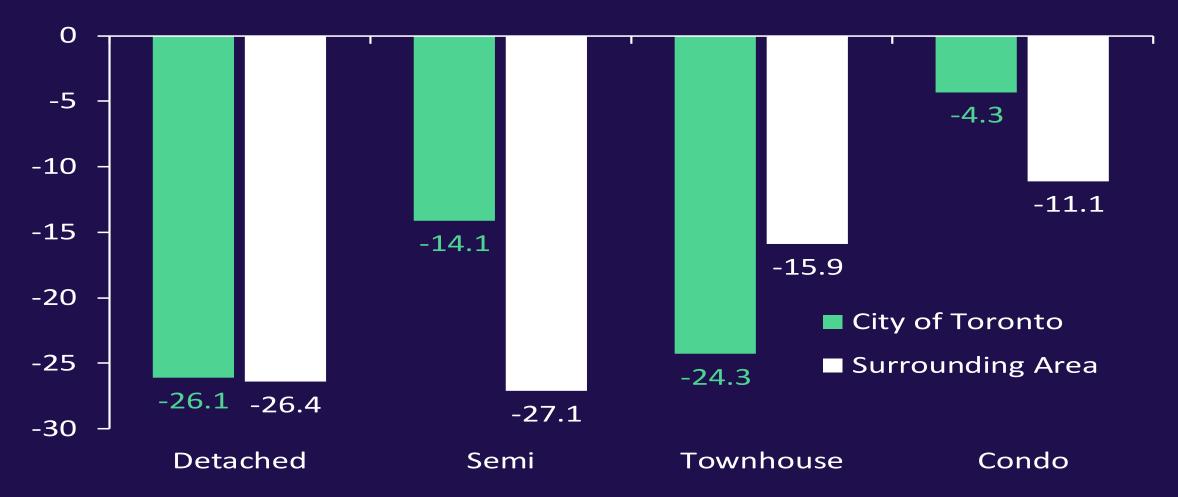
GTA Sales Decline

Residential Sales: May 2017

(year/year % percent)



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Source: Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB)

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A Cooling Housing Market in Toronto

Sales-to-New Listings – GTA (ratio)

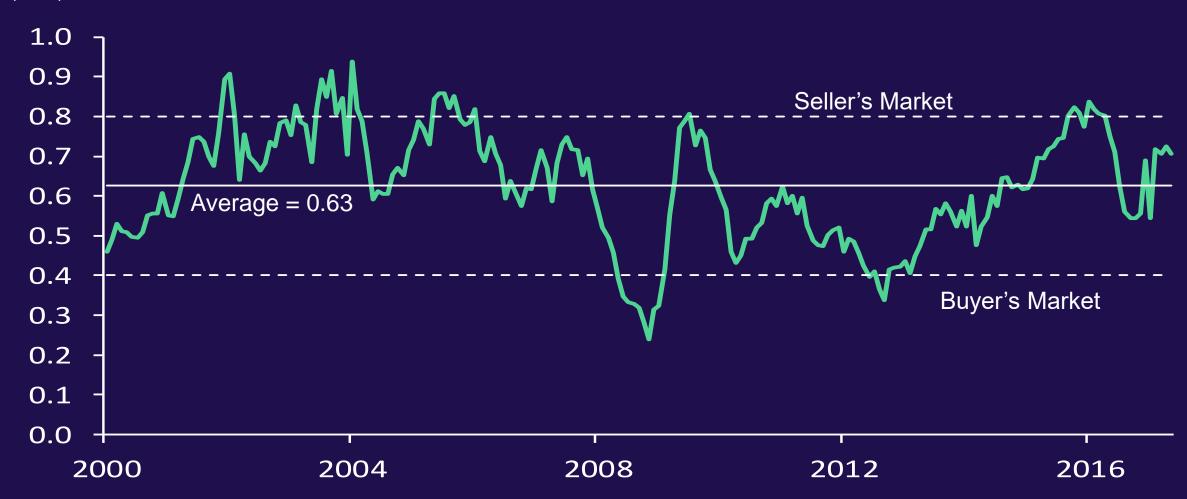


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Still A Seller's Market In Vancouver

Sales-to-New Listings – Greater Vancouver (ratio)

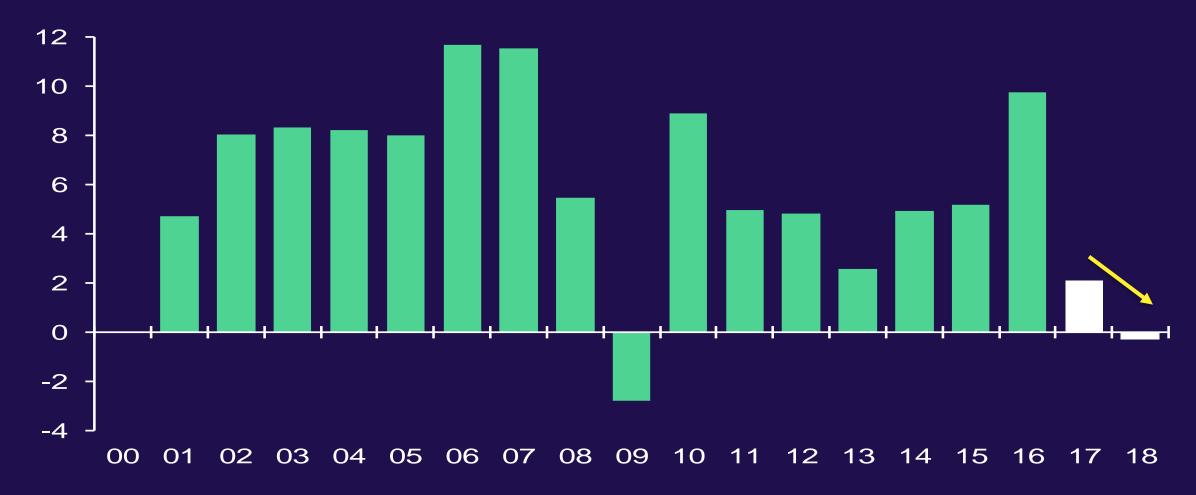


Source: CREA, Haver Analytics

Canadian Home Price Inflation Needs To Slow

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House Price Index: Composite 11 (year/year % change)



White bars indicate forecasts. Forecast provided by Royal LePage and RBC Research Source: Teranet/National Bank, Haver Analytics

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