



# Engine That Drives Ontario's Economy

2016 Data

## 29 LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

BILD  
Bluewater  
Brantford  
Chatham-Kent  
Cornwall  
Greater Dufferin  
Durham Region  
Grey-Bruce  
Guelph & District  
Haldimand-Norfolk  
Haliburton County  
Hamilton-Halton  
Kingston-Frontenac  
Lanark-Leeds  
London  
Niagara  
North Bay & District  
Greater Ottawa  
Oxford County  
Peterborough &  
the Kawarthas  
Quinte  
Sarnia-Lambton  
Simcoe County  
St. Thomas-Elgin  
Stratford & Area  
Sudbury & District  
Thunder Bay  
Waterloo Region  
Windsor-Essex

Each new home built in Ontario is not only a roof over a family but also supports job creation and economic development.

## **74,952 Housing Starts**

Ontario housing starts in 2016 increased by 6.8 per cent over 2015. Starts are expected to slightly increase in 2017 and ease to below 70,000 in 2018.

## **336, 907 Jobs**

Residential construction is one of the largest industry employers in the province, employing skilled workers in fields such as the trades, planning, engineering, architecture, law, and economics.

## **\$56.2 Billion Value**

Over the past ten years since 2007, the value of new home construction, residential renovations and related impacts of construction increased by 55 per cent, representing growth of \$20 billion.

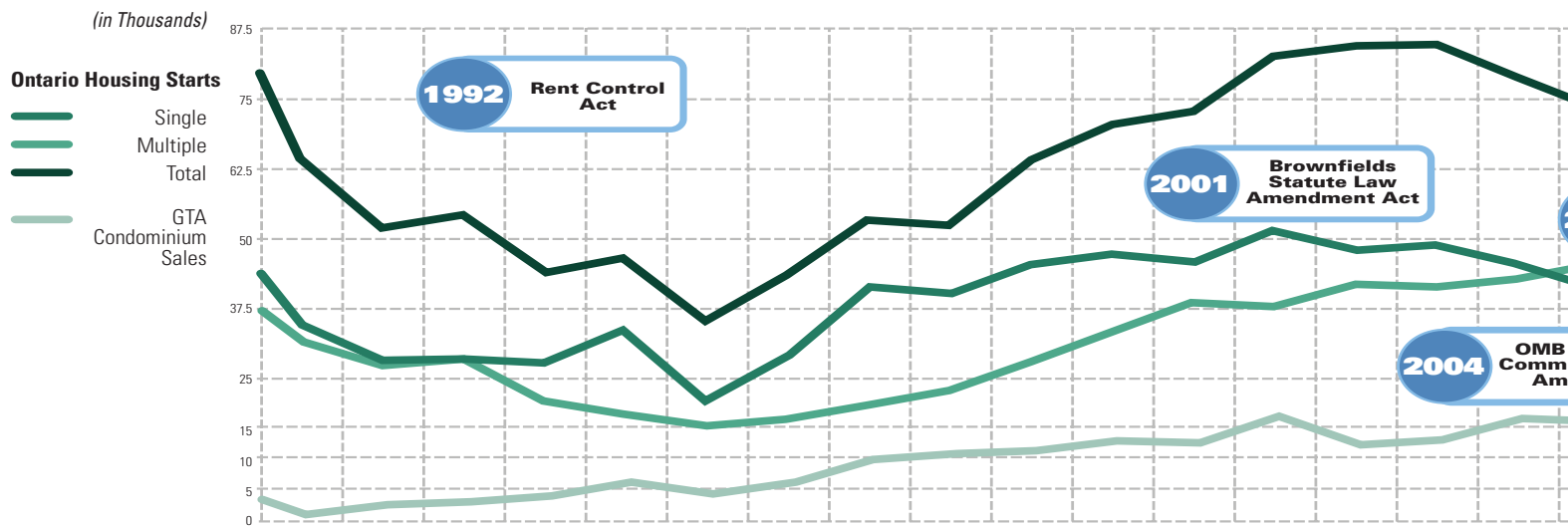
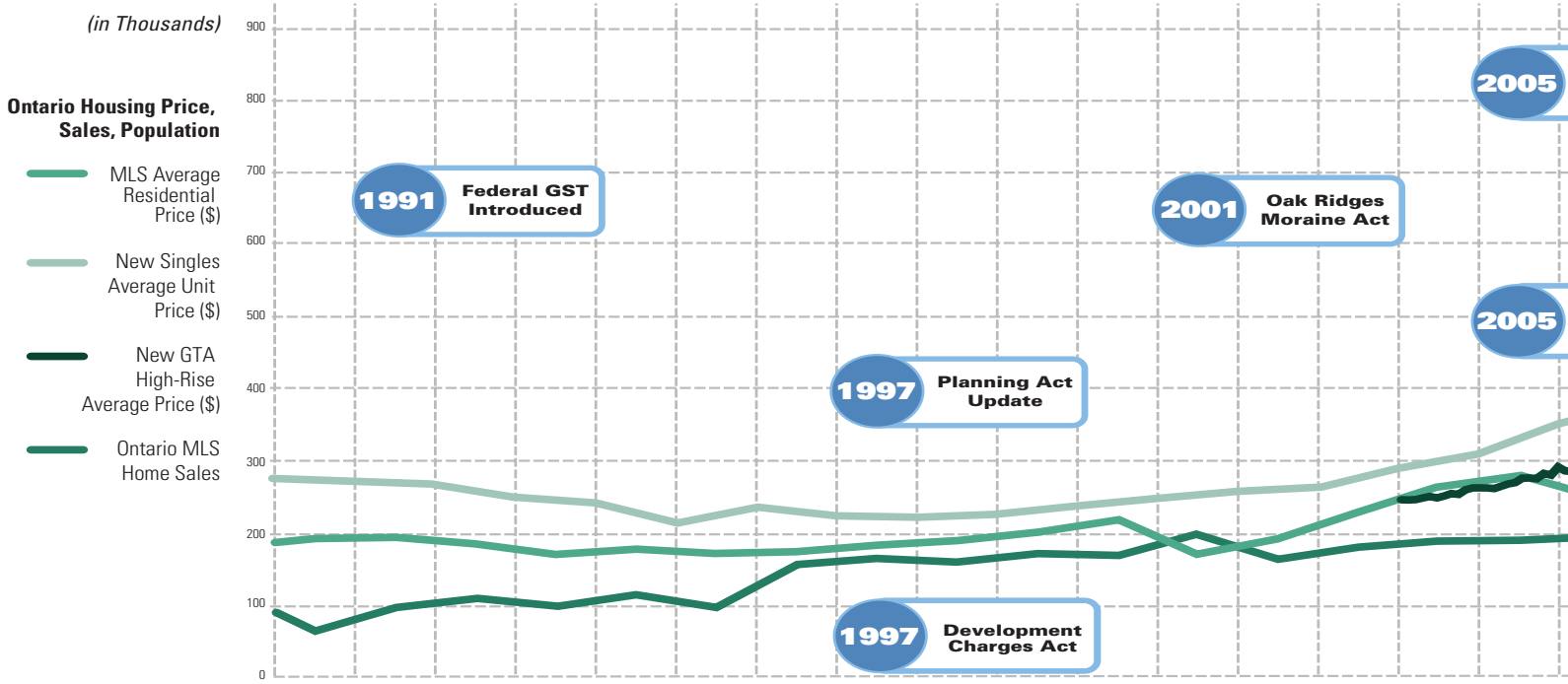
## **\$19.8 Billion In Wages**

Home purchases are reinvested back into the provincial economy, supporting tens of thousands of individuals and families in communities across Ontario. Over the past ten years, wages have grown 28%, representing growth of approximately \$4 billion.

1990-2018

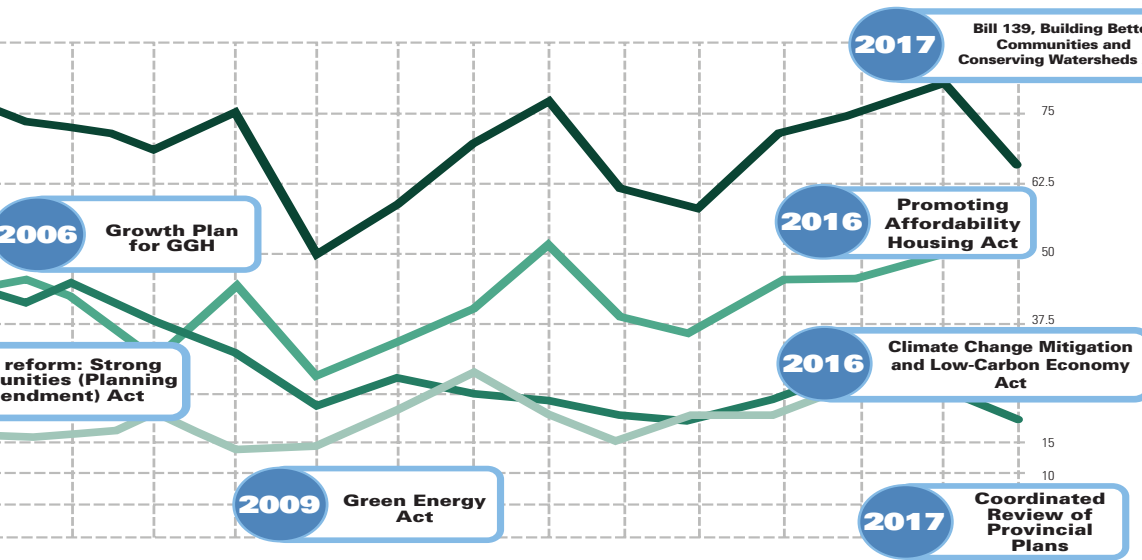
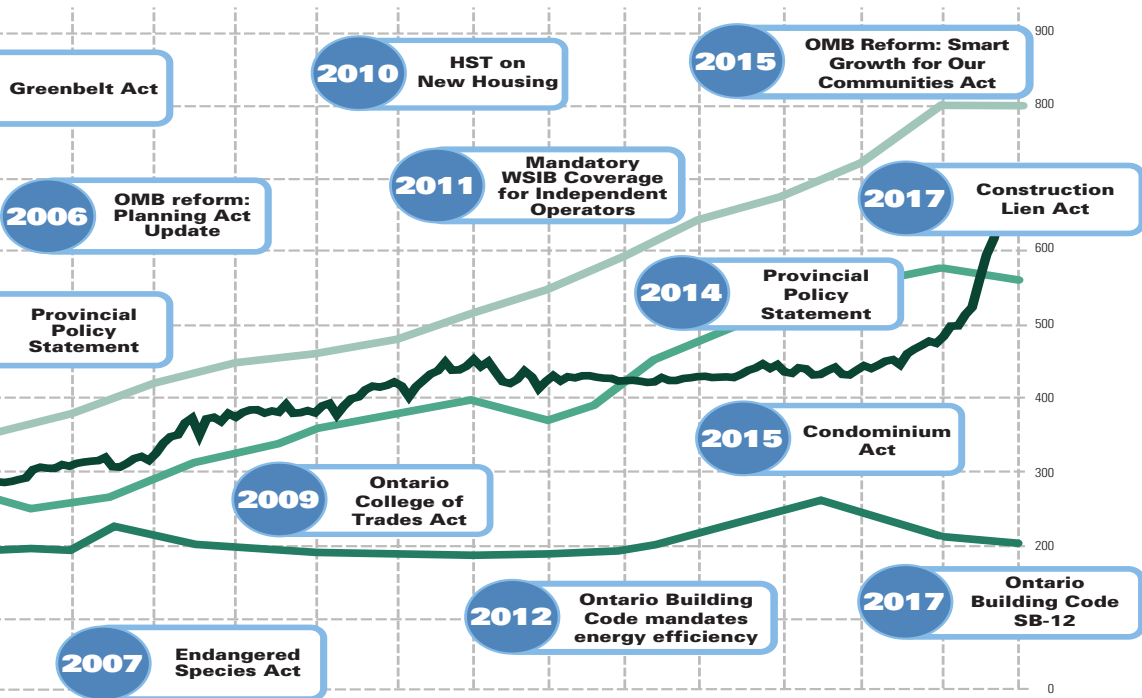
# Ontario Housing & Econ

Prime Ministers	MULRONEY	CAMPBELL	CHRETIEN	MARTIN
Ontario Premiers	PETERSON	RAE	HARRIS	EVES



1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005

# Economic Indicators



- 2004**  
**OMB Reform: Strong Communities (Planning Amendment) Act**  
Planning timeline update and OMB reform
- 2005**  
**Greenbelt Act**  
Land protected by 1.8m ha by Greenbelt
- Provincial Policy Statement**  
Major updates and new requirements for planning new communities
- 2006**  
**OMB Reform: Planning Act Update**  
Planning timeline update and OMB reform
- Growth Plan for GGH**  
Density and intensification targets introduced
- 2007**  
**Endangered Species Act**  
Protection for species at risk
- 2009**  
**Ontario College of Trades Act**  
OCOT created
- Green Energy Act**  
New subsidies for renewables
- 2010**  
**HST on New Housing**  
Tax increases on new housing
- 2011**  
**Mandatory WSIB coverage**  
WSIB coverage required from independent operators
- 2012**  
**Ontario Building Code mandates energy efficiency**  
New energy efficiency requirement in OBC
- 2014**  
**Provincial Policy Statement**  
Additional major updates and requirements for planning new communities
- 2015**  
**OMB Reform: Smart Growth for Our Communities Act**  
New planning requirements and development charges increase
- Condominium Act**  
New requirements for condo ownership
- 2016**  
**Promoting Affordable Housing Act**  
Inclusionary zoning requirement introduced
- 2017**  
**Construction Lien Act**  
Prompt payment requirement and change to construction contract obligations
- Ontario Building Code SB-12**  
Additional energy efficiency requirements in OBC
- Bill 139, Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act**  
OMB replaced by Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and updates to Conservation Authority framework
- Coordinated Review of Provincial Plans**  
Updates to growth plan and greenbelt including new density targets

# Ontario's Renovation Industry

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

**175,400 JOBS CREATED**  
in home renovation and repair

**\$28.5 BILLION INVESTMENT VALUE**  
which is the largest single wealth-builder for many families

**\$10.3 BILLION IN WAGES**  
for professional renovators

### Combating the Underground Economy

Illegal renovation presents a myriad of problems when the contractor does not follow professional industry standards. Did you know that the underground economy affects more than one third of the total output of contractor renovations in Ontario?

#### WHAT'S AT RISK?

- Health and safety to construction workers
- Liability risks to consumers
- Undermining the integrity of the tax system
- Creating barriers for the industry's future development

There is also revenue loss to all levels of government (HST, income tax revenue, CPP contributions, WSIB and EI premiums, municipal permits). The Altus Group estimates that the provincial and federal governments lost \$16 billion in potential tax revenues from 2010-2016 due to the activity of illegal renovation contractors.

OHBA urges the province to address both climate change and the underground economy through an energy efficient home renovation tax credit targeting specific renovations and requiring the submission of receipts to the Canada Revenue Agency.

### Looking for Professional Renovators? Look for RenoMark






OHBA is the home of professional renovators in Ontario. Certified through RenoMark, professional contractors abide by a renovation-specific Code of Conduct, and the Canadian Home Builders' Association Code of Ethics, so that homeowners can renovate with confidence.



### Climate Change Leaders

Did you know that Ontario's renovation industry plays a critical role, partnering with the government to mitigate against climate change? These initiatives, which improve the energy performance of Ontario's 4.8 million existing homes, can significantly reduce Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions.



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