



Engine That Drives Ontario's Economy

2017/18 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.

79,123 Housing Starts

Ontario housing starts in 2017 increased from 74,952 in 2016. Starts are expected to ease to below 70,000 through 2018.

513,000 Jobs

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

\$62.3 Billion Value

Since 2018, the value of new home construction, residential renovations and related impacts of construction increased across Ontario by nearly \$25 billion.

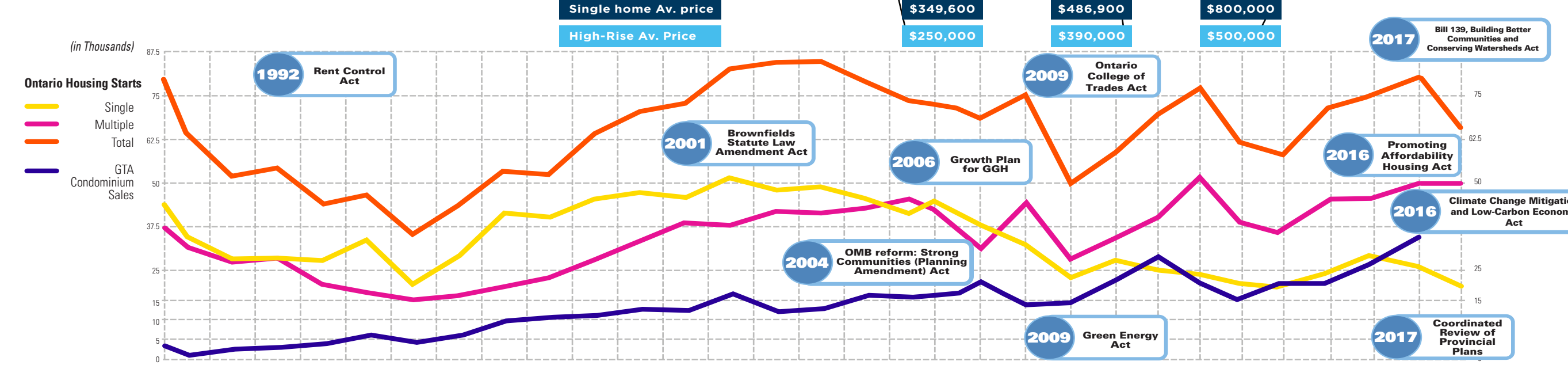
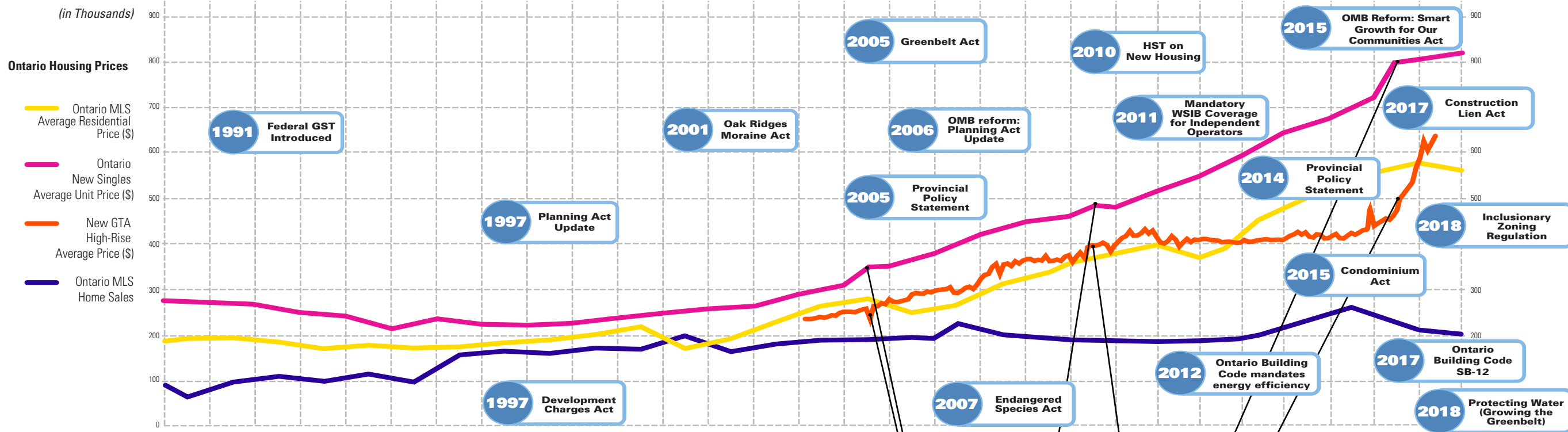
\$30.5 Billion In Wages

Home purchases are reinvested back into the provincial economy, supporting tens of thousands of individuals and families in communities across Ontario. The residential construction industry supports high-paying jobs in a variety of disciplines from the skilled trades to finance to urban planning and architecture.

1990-2018

Ontario Housing & Economic Indicators

Prime Ministers	MULRONEY	CAMPBELL	CHRETIEN	MARTIN	HARPER	TRUDEAU	
Ontario Premiers	PETERSON	RAE	HARRIS	EVES	McGUINTY	WYNNE	FORD



1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018

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

2005
Provincial Policy Statement
 Major updates and new requirements for planning new communities

2006
OMB Reform: Planning Act Update
 Planning timeline update and OMB reform

2006
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

2009
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

2015
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

2017
Ontario Building Code SB-12
 Additional energy efficiency requirements in OBC

2016
Climate Change Mitigation and Low-Carbon Economy 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

2018
Protecting Water (Growing the Greenbelt)
 Consultation on seven study areas in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe for potential Greenbelt expansion to protect water resources

Inclusionary Zoning Regulation
 Municipalities required to include affordable housing units in new residential projects

Ontario's Renovation Industry

ECONOMIC IMPACT

298,000 JOBS CREATED

in home renovation and repair, a major source of employment

\$31.9 BILLION INVESTMENT VALUE

the largest single wealth-builder for many families

\$17.8 BILLION IN WAGES

for professional renovators and skilled trades

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.



Environmental 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 and reduce homeowners' electricity bills through conservation.



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