

#### Press release

Centris Residential Sales Statistics – June 2021

# Montreal Real Estate Market: Soaring Prices Weaken Sales in the Suburbs

**L'Île-des-Sœurs**, **July 6**, **2021** – The Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers (QPAREB) has just released its residential real estate market statistics for the **Montreal Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)** for the month of June, based on the real estate brokers' Centris provincial database.

"Residential sales in the Montreal area fell significantly in June, mainly due to a historic shortage of single-family homes available for sale and a sharp increase in prices that also extended to the condominium segment. You may remember that in June 2020, it was primarily single-family homes on the periphery of the Island of Montreal that benefited from the strong rebound in sales following the confinement measures triggered by the first wave of the pandemic," said Charles Brant, director of the QPAREB's Market Analysis Department. "We must also take into account the potential impact on sales caused by the easing of some of the effects of the health crisis and the introduction of a new federal measure aimed at calming the real estate market by limiting buyers' borrowing capacity somewhat. This measure came into effect on June 1," he added.

## June highlights

- The situation of real estate market overheating<sup>1</sup> is still significant, and more than half of all sales transactions in the Montreal CMA were concluded at a price that was above the asking price. The median price of single-family homes stood at \$508,000 (+29 per cent), while that of condominiums reached \$365,000 (+20 per cent) and that of plexes \$703,000 (+16 per cent).
- In total, there were 4,619 residential sales transactions registered on the real estate brokers' Centris system in June in the Montreal CMA, a 7 per cent decrease compared to June of last year. This confirms a downward trend in sales that has been evident since early spring.
- Sales on the Island of Montreal jumped by 11 per cent compared to June of last year. This strong
  increase is primarily attributable to condominiums, which have continued an upward trend since
  the start of 2021.
- Sales decreased in all of the peripheral areas, mainly due to a drop in single-family home transactions: Vaudreuil-Soulanges (- 28 per cent), Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (-25 per cent), the North Shore (-20 per cent), the South Shore (-11 per cent) and Laval (-8 per cent).

Overheating occurs when, over a given period and in a given market, the ratio of the number of properties sold to the number of new properties put on the market is greater than 70%, meaning, when there are more than 7 properties sold for every 10 new listings.

- By property category, sales of single-family homes across the Montreal CMA fell by 18 per cent (2,300 transactions) compared to June of last year. In contrast, a new sales record was set for condominiums, with 1,764 transactions, a 3 per cent increase year-over-year, which is consistent with the trend at the start of the year. The same was true for small income properties (plexes) as sales jumped by 28 per cent with a record-setting 552 sales.
- The increase in the supply of plexes on the market (+29 per cent) is in contrast to the decrease in supply that was seen for single-family homes (-37 per cent) and condominiums (-4 per cent).

# **Montreal Area Real Estate Market**

June 2021

Sales
- 7%
Variation in total residential sales compared to June 2020

Listings
-16%
Variation in active
listings compared to
June 2020

Price
+29%
Variation in the median price of single-family homes compared to June 2020

#### Residential: Summary of Centris Activity

	June				Year-to-date			
	2021	2020	Va	riation	2021	2020	٧a	riation
Total sales	4,619	4,950		-7%	31,426	24,633	+	28%
Active listings	11,183	13,321	+	-16%	11,302	14,022	+	-19%
New listings	5,444	6,286		-13%	38,088	30,677		24%
Sales volume	\$2,553,130,645	\$2,196,179,705		16%	\$16,402,337,246	\$10,237,914,530	+	60%

#### **Detailed Statistics by Property Category**

	June				Year-to-date				
Single-family home	2021	2020	Variation		2021	2020		Variation	
Sales	2,300	2,812		-18%	15,456	13,795		12%	
Active listings	3,984	6,341		-37%	4,129	7,502		-45%	
Median price	\$508,000	\$395,000	*	29%	\$480,000	\$369,900	*	30%	
Average selling time (days)	25	63		-38	32	61	+	-29	
Condominium	2021	2020	Variation		2021	2020	Variation		
Sales	1,764	1,705	*	3%	12,604	8,768		44%	
Active listings	5,143	5,374	4	-4%	5,330	4,879		9%	
Median price	\$365,000	\$305,000	*	20%	\$350,000	\$285,000		23%	
Average selling time (days)	35	49		-14	43	58	+	-15	
Plex (2-5 units)	2021	2020	Variation		2021	2020		Variation	
Sales	552	431		28%	3,337	2,048		63%	
Active listings	2,015	1,559		29%	1,809	1,595	*	13%	
Median price	\$703,000	\$604,500		16%	\$676,000	\$597,000		13%	
Average selling time (days)	37	67		-30	47	64		-17	



<sup>\*\*</sup> Number of transactions too low to produce reliable statistics.

Variations are calculated in relation to the same period of the previous year.

Source: QPAREB by the Centris System

#### Additional information:

### Detailed and cumulative statistics for the province and regions

If you would like additional information from the Market Analysis Department, such as specific data or regional details on the real estate market, please write to us.

#### About the Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers

The Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers (QPAREB) is a non-profit association that brings together more than 13,000 real estate brokers and agencies. It is responsible for promoting and defending their interests while taking into account the issues facing the profession and the various professional and regional realities of its members. The QPAREB is also an important player in many real estate dossiers, including the implementation of measures that promote homeownership. The Association reports on Quebec's residential real estate market statistics, provides training, tools and services relating to real estate, and facilitates the collection, dissemination and exchange of information. The QPAREB is headquartered in Quebec City and has its administrative offices in Montreal. It has two subsidiaries: Centris Inc. and the Collège de l'immobilier du Québec. Follow its activities at apareb.ca or via its social media pages: Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram.

#### **About Centris**

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