

Press Release
Centris Residential Sales Statistics – 1st Quarter 2026

Sales Decline in Gatineau as Housing Market Continues to Rebalance

Gatineau, April 15, 2026 – The Chambre immobilière de l'Outaouais (CIO) and the Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers (QPAREB) released today the real estate statistics for the first quarter of 2026 for the [Gatineau Census Metropolitan Area](#) (CMA), based on the Centris database of real estate brokers.

Continuing the trend from the end of 2025, Gatineau's residential real estate market begins 2026 amid a gradual rebalancing. Although transaction activity is down, market conditions remain strong, driven by favourable demographic and economic factors.

A total of 936 residential sales were recorded, representing a 10 per cent year-over-year decrease. This decline is consistent with the slowdown observed at the end of 2025, reflecting a normalization following several years of particularly strong activity.

Property listings continued to rise for a third consecutive quarter. The 1,394 properties listed in the Centris system represent a marked 18 per cent increase compared to the number of listings recorded at the same time in 2025. This increase in inventory allows buyers to benefit from a wider selection, without upsetting the market balance. In fact, although the number of months of inventory has increased for both single-family homes and condominiums, the market remains a seller's market.

The median price of single-family homes stood at \$489,950, down slightly by 1 per cent year-over-year. It remained stable for plexes. Condominiums, meanwhile, saw their median value rise by 1 per cent. This price stability reflects a market that is gradually adjusting rather than experiencing a sharp decline.

Despite the more relaxed conditions, single-family homes and plexes sold more quickly this winter, with an average of 38 days (-7 days) for single-family homes and 34 days for plexes (-37 days). Condominiums, however, remained on the market slightly longer, averaging 54 days (+6 days).

According to the CIO, these results reflect a market in transition. "The start of 2026 confirms that the Gatineau market has entered a phase of realignment. The increase in supply is helping to rebalance market conditions. Latent demand remains present, supported by a resilient job market, though offset by the departure of many non-permanent residents," says Roch St-Jacques, President of the CIO's Board of Directors.

"The proximity of the Ontario market continues to play a defining role. Price differentials with Ottawa and the region's relative appeal in terms of home affordability maintain an active pool of buyers, which helps support prices despite a more challenging environment," he adds.

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For more detailed information about the Gatineau CMA real estate market, consult the [First Quarter Residential Barometers](#).

About the Chambre immobilière de l'Outaouais

The Chambre immobilière de l'Outaouais (CIO) is a regional, non-profit professional organization founded in 1964. It brings together all member real estate brokers in the region, regardless of their banner or agency affiliation, and acts as a strategic partner in supporting their professional development and compliance with the regulatory framework governing real estate brokerage.

The CIO stands out for its in-depth understanding of regional issues, covering a territory that extends from the Vallée-de-la-Gatineau RCM to the Pontiac RCM, including the City of Gatineau and the Papineau RCM. It offers tailored training, state-of-the-art technological tools to support brokers in their day-to-day activities, and close, hands-on guidance rooted in current market needs. Through these actions, the CIO helps enhance real estate practice in the Outaouais, defends brokers' interests before local and provincial authorities, and strengthens public confidence in the profession.

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 15,000 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 a major 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 has its head office in Quebec City, administrative offices in Montreal and regional office in Saguenay. It has two subsidiaries: Société Centris inc. and the Collège de l'immobilier du Québec. Follow its activities at qpareb.ca or via its social media pages: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

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