## Housing Trends & Affordability

Housing affordability divided in Q2/16, fuelled by Canada's hottest markets.



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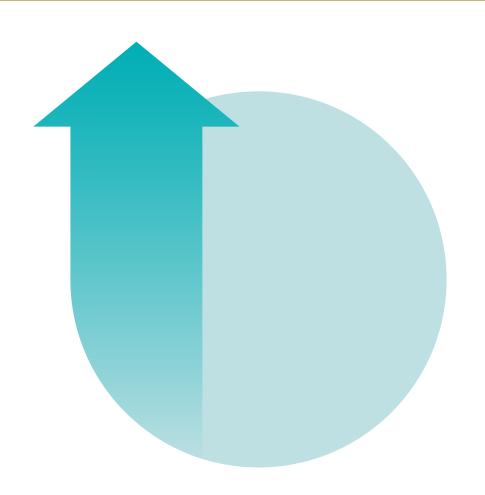
Housing affordability is the cost of owning a home at market price as a share of household income, so a higher number means housing is less affordable.

## Nationwide affordability weakens



In Q2, RBC's housing affordability measure increased for the fifth consecutive quarter to 42.8%

## Canadian hot spots continue rising rapidly



Vancouver area Q2 affordability soared 6.1% to a new record high of 90.3%

## Modest changes in most other local markets



Calgary, Saint Johns and St. John's improved affordability measures in Q2.



Housing prices increased in part due to low interest rates and job growth in key markets.



Toronto area market affordability jumped by 2.1 percentage points to 60.2% in Q2, the highest since 1990.



Affordability improved vs. 2015 in Halifax, Saint John, St. John's, Regina and Winnipeg.

