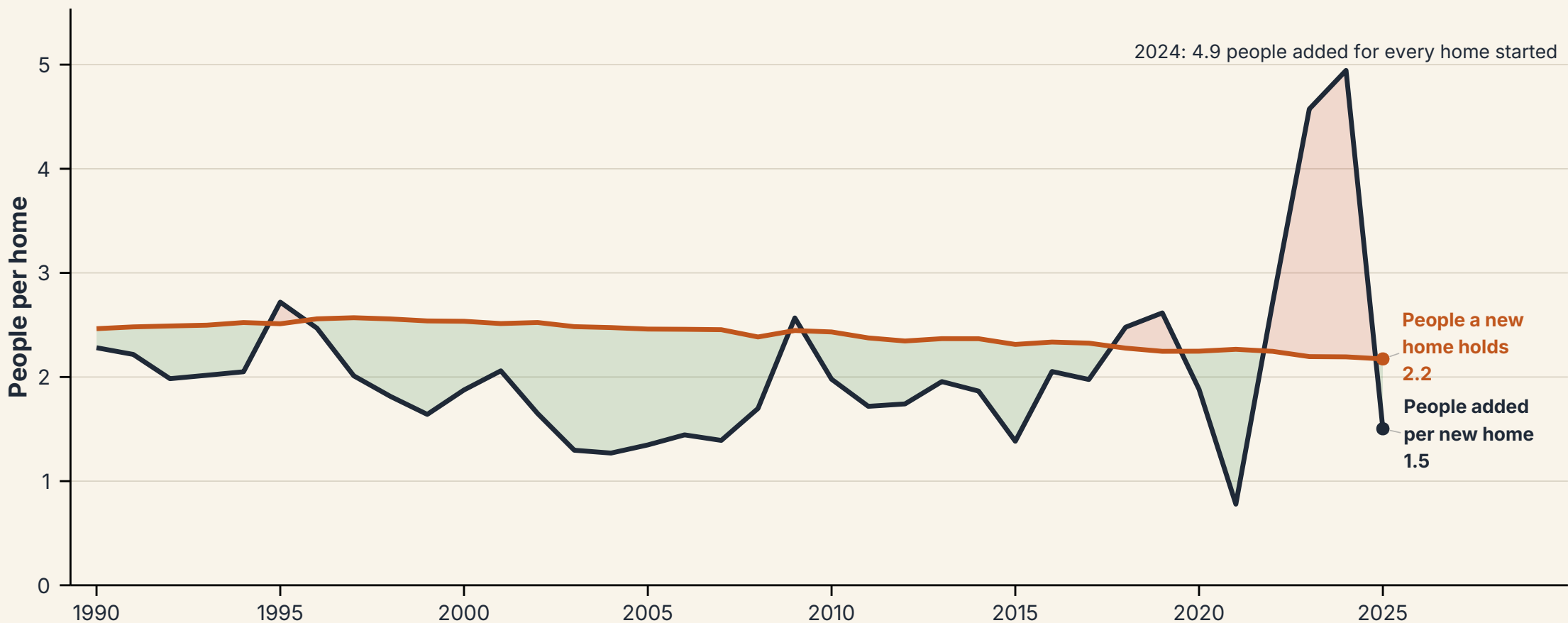


How Many People Canada Adds For Every Home It Starts

Canada, 1990–2025 · 2025: 1.5 people added per home started, and a new home holds 2.2



Notes: The dark line is the year's population growth divided by the homes started that year. The terracotta line is what those homes hold, valuing each by the people living in that kind of home in the 2021 census (2.7 detached, 1.9 apartment) — held fixed, so it moves only with what gets built, and its fall is the shift toward apartments. Where the dark line is higher, the year's construction could not house the year's growth. Homes are counted in the year construction started, not the year they were finished.

Source: Statistics Canada, Tables 34-10-0135 (housing starts by type, unadjusted) and 17-10-0009 (population, 1 July); occupancy from the 2021 Census, Table 98-10-0040. Retrieved 20 Aug 2026.

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