



MARKET STATISTICS MAY 2022

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ANNUAL HPI REVIEW IMPLEMENTED IN JUNE 2022 PLUS METHODOLOGY CHANGE

An annual review by the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) and Groupe Altus, the company that developed the MLS® Home Price Index (HPI), was implemented on June 1, 2022. This year's review also included a methodology update. (Click here for a video explanation by CREA covering the methodology changes.)

For example, HPI coverage may now extend to areas within markets where sales volumes were previously too low but have picked up enough to support benchmark price tracking. On the other hand, HPI coverage may have been discontinued for areas where sales have become too sparse to support benchmark price calculations.

To ensure HPI coverage is consistent and comparable, historical aggregate and composite data may have been recalculated based on revised and uniform coverage. As a result, historical benchmark prices reported in this statistics package may differ from those distributed previously.

Adjustments

- The addition of some new benchmark homes where sales meet the HPI model's threshold and the retirement of others where sales have fallen below the threshold.
- The adjustment of the attributes of some existing benchmark homes to correspond with changing trends in what is "typical" for that benchmark home in its area.

Methodology Update

Combined with this year's review are changes in the methodology used to calculate benchmark attributes and prices.

- Instead of using 2005 as the base comparison value, the new model only uses
 housing attributes from the last five years (to be advanced by one year with each
 annual review).
- To ensure accurate historical comparisons, when a particular benchmark home's attributes are adjusted, the model will recalculate all its previously published benchmark prices based on the new set of attributes.

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MARKET SHIFTING AMIDST LIGHTER DEMAND AND MORE INVENTORY

NANAIMO, BC - The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) housing market appears to be shifting amidst lighter demand and increased inventory.

Last month, active listings of single-family homes (not acreage or waterfront) climbed by 64 percent from May 2021 and 34 percent from April of this year. VIREB's inventory of condo apartments in May was 28 per cent higher than one year ago and increased by 32 per cent from April. Row/townhouse inventory rose by 49 per cent year over year and 12 per cent from April.

The increased inventory is good news for buyers, giving them more options to choose from and easing the pressure to move too quickly when making an offer. However, the market still favours sellers, and balanced conditions seem to be some distance away. According to the British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA), it will take a substantial decline in demand to return active listings on Vancouver Island to a healthy state.

By category, 455 single-family homes were reported sold on the MLS® System in May, a 14 per cent decrease from one year ago and down by 10 per cent from April. There were 92 condo apartment sales last month, a decline of 38 per cent year over year and down by 19 per cent from April. In the row/townhouse category, 103 units changed hands in May, up 10 per cent from one year ago and seven per cent from April 2022.

As for prices, they continue to rise throughout the VIREB area. The board-wide benchmark price of a single-family home reached \$867,000 in May, up 30 per cent year over year. In the apartment category, the benchmark price hit \$451,900 last month, a 36 per cent increase from May 2021. The benchmark price of a townhouse increased by 30 per cent, climbing to \$618,900 in May. (Please note that the MLS® HPI methodology was updated this month; a complete explanation is provided on page 2).

In Campbell River, the benchmark price of a single-family home hit \$776,200 in May, up by 29 per cent from the previous year. In the Comox Valley, the year-over-year benchmark price rose by 25 per cent to \$910,900. The Cowichan Valley reported a benchmark price of \$886,300, an increase of 35 per cent from May 2021. Nanaimo's benchmark price rose by 29 per cent, reaching \$901,400, while the Parksville-Qualicum area saw its benchmark price increase by 30 per cent to \$1,002,700. The cost of a benchmark single-family home in Port Alberni reached \$617,400, a 43 per cent year-over-year increase. For the North Island, the benchmark price of a single-family home rose by 36 per cent to \$456,200.

Looking to the future, VIREB cautiously aligns with the BC Financial Services Authority (BCFSA) regarding its recently released report recommending a package of measures intended to enhance consumer protections in British Columbia's real estate sector.

"Consumer protection is of utmost importance to REALTORS®, and the proposed five-day pre-offer period is one of the suggested measures introduced in BCREA's white paper, *A Better Way Home*," says Erica Kavanaugh, 2022 VIREB President. "However, the success of the proposed measures hinges on the next steps taken by BCFSA and the provincial government."

Kavanaugh adds that more time, research, and consultation with all parties involved in the real estate transaction process – including REALTORS® – are needed to ensure the nuances of such substantial changes are carefully considered, and unintended consequences on consumers are avoided.

Please note: The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) transitioned to a new MLS' System in July 2020 and now uses a significantly different data model, which has affected our categories and terminology. For the board-supplied graphs, single-family is now referred to as single-family detached, apartment as condo apartment, and townhouse as row/townhouse, which now includes patio homes. However, when reporting HPI numbers, VIREB still refers to single-family, apartment, and townhouse in the media release.

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HPI Note: Areas with insufficient data do not generate statistics and are not included in the HPI graphs.

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HOME PRICE INDEX - BACKGROUNDER

ABOUT THE MLS® HOME PRICE INDEX

On November 1, 2012, VIREB adopted the MLS® Home Price Index (MLS® HPI) as a new method of reporting market price trends. The MLS® HPI determines the value for a typical "benchmark" home, which is a notional dwelling that shares a specific set of qualitative and quantitative attributes. Benchmark prices tend to be slightly lower than corresponding medians and averages

The MLS® HPI, based on the information entered into the MLS® System at the time of sale, is the best and purest way of determining price trends in the housing market. It was pioneered by six founding partners: the real estate boards of Calgary, Fraser Valley, Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver, and the Canadian Real Estate Association. In 2009, the partners contracted with Altus Group to develop the MLS® HPI, which subsequently launched in January 2012.

WHY AN MLS® HOME PRICE INDEX?

The MLS® HPI captures and analyzes Canadian home prices based on both quantitative and qualitative housing features.

Quantitative features captured by the index are, for example, number of rooms and bathrooms, living area above ground, and the age of the home. Qualitative features include finished basement, if the home is new or resale, and the home's proximity to shopping, schools, transportation, hospitals, and so on.

The MLS® HPI gauges Vancouver Island tracks price trends for the following benchmark housing types.

- · Single-family homes
- One-storey
- Two-storey
- Condominium apartments
- Townhouses

The complete methodology is available at http://homepriceindex.ca/hpi_resources_en.html.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Average and median home prices are often misinterpreted, are affected by change in the mix of homes sold, and can swing dramatically from month to month (based on the types and prices of properties that sold in a given month). The MLS® HPI overcomes these shortcomings.

Compared to all other Canadian home price measures, the MLS® HPI identifies turning points sooner, is the most current, and is the most detailed and accurate gauge for Canadian home prices.

HOW TO READ THE TABLES

Benchmark Price: Estimated sale price of a benchmark property. Benchmarks represent a typical property in each market.

Price Index: Index numbers estimate the percentage change in price on typical and constant quality properties over time. All figures are based on past sales.

Month/Year Change Percentage: Percentage change of index over a period of (x) month(s) year.

SINGLE-FAMILY BENCHMARK PRICE AND HPI

MLS® Home Price Index

HPI or Benchmark Price HPI

Benchmark Price

Value or percent change Value
 Percent change

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1. Area Group Vancouver Island (+ areas)

2. Property Type
- Single Family

3. Area/Property Type Selection

Multiple values

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	May 2022	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	6 Months Ago	12 Months Ago	3 Years Ago	5 Years Ago
√ancouver Island – Single Family	\$867,000	\$853,400	\$793,300	\$739,200	\$665,100	\$507,600	\$424,800
Zone 1- Campbell River – Single Family	\$776,200	\$761,400	\$696,100	\$670,500	\$601,200	\$442,500	\$353,600
Zone 2- Comox Valley – Single Family	\$910,900	\$889,400	\$816,700	\$784,400	\$726,300	\$537,500	\$439,900
Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Single Family	\$886,300	\$865,700	\$793,200	\$752,900	\$655,300	\$520,400	\$417,500
Zone 4- Nanaimo – Single Family	\$901,400	\$895,600	\$840,900	\$755,900	\$699,700	\$538,500	\$471,200
Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Single Family	\$1,002,700	\$989,800	\$925,100	\$869,900	\$772,200	\$590,600	\$495,000
Zone 6- Port Alberni – Single Family	\$617,400	\$611,600	\$585,300	\$504,800	\$433,200	\$312,300	\$220,600
Zone 7- North Island – Single Family	\$456,200	\$441,100	\$425,100	\$401,500	\$334,400	\$263,600	\$186,400

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1. Area Group Vancouver Island (+ areas) 2. Property Type - Single Family

3. Area/Property Type Selection Multiple values

% Difference from 1 Month Ago (April 2022 to May 2022) 1 Month Ago Select Timeframe: 3.4% 2.4% 2.4% 1.9% 1.6% 1.3% 1.0% 0.6% Zone 1- Campbell River – Single Family Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Single Family Vancouver Island – Single Family Zone 6- Port Alberni - Single Family Zone 7- North Island – Single Fa..

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3. Area/Property Type Selection

HPI by Timeframe and Property Type											
	May 2022	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	6 Months Ago	12 Months Ago	3 Years Ago	5 Years Ago				
Vancouver Island – Single Family	408.8	402.4	374.0	348.5	313.6	239.3	200.3				
Zone 1- Campbell River – Single Family	435.6	427.3	390.6	376.3	337.4	248.3	198.4				
Zone 10- Islands – Single Family	335.1	325.0	311.1	295.9	257.0	180.8	156.0				
Zone 2- Comox Valley – Single Family	435.8	425.6	390.8	375.3	347.5	257.2	210.5				
Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Single Family	376.2	367.4	336.7	319.6	278.1	220.9	177.2				
Zone 4- Nanaimo – Single Family	408.8	406.2	381.4	342.8	317.3	244.2	213.7				
Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Single Family	396.2	391.1	365.5	343.7	305.1	233.3	195.6				
Zone 6- Port Alberni – Single Family	530.0	525.0	502.4	433.3	371.8	268.1	189.4				

APARTMENT BENCHMARK PRICE AND HPI

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HPI or Benchmark Price
HPI
Benchmark Price

Value
 Percent change

Value or percent change

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1. Area Group Vancouver Island (+ areas) 2. Property Type

- Apartment

3. Area/Property Type Selection

All

	May 2022	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	6 Months Ago	12 Months Ago	3 Years Ago	5 Years Ago
Vancouver Island – Apartment	\$451,900	\$453,600	\$403,000	\$378,000	\$331,600	\$269,300	\$213,600
Zone 1- Campbell River – Apartment	\$380,000	\$379,600	\$316,200	\$325,800	\$284,200	\$228,900	\$162,800
Zone 2- Comox Valley – Apartment	\$455,800	\$452,200	\$381,800	\$388,200	\$342,200	\$277,500	\$209,600
Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Apartment	\$373,000	\$347,700	\$333,400	\$316,100	\$268,100	\$218,100	\$168,500
Zone 4- Nanaimo – Apartment	\$473,600	\$476,800	\$430,500	\$387,000	\$344,100	\$277,200	\$227,400
Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Apartment	\$498,800	\$524,200	\$481,900	\$421,400	\$370,800	\$319,300	\$265,500
Zone 6- Port Alberni – Apartment	\$470,900	\$481,500	\$405,500	\$412,700	\$364,200	\$293,800	\$218,600

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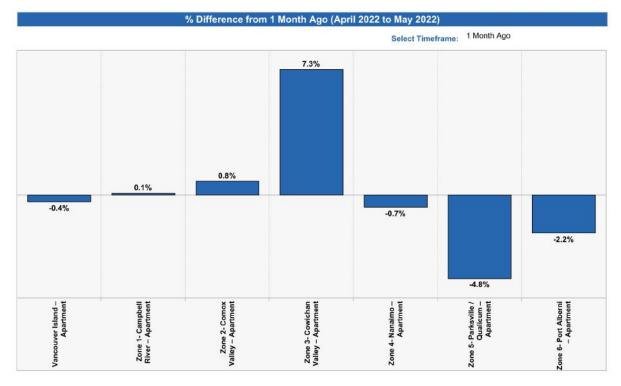
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– Apartment

3. Area/Property Type Selection

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– Apartment

3. Area/Property Type Selection

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HPI or Benchmark Price

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1. Area Group Vancouver Island (+ areas) 2. Property Type

- Apartment

3. Area/Property Type Selection

HPI by Timeframe and Property Type											
	May 2022	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	6 Months Ago	12 Months Ago	3 Years Ago	5 Years Ago				
Vancouver Island – Apartment	475.7	477.5	424.2	397.9	349.1	283.5	224.8				
Zone 1- Campbell River – Apartment	450.8	450.3	375.1	386.5	337.1	271.5	193.1				
Zone 2- Comox Valley – Apartment	493.3	489.4	413.2	420.1	370.3	300.3	226.8				
Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Apartment	508.2	473.7	454.2	430.7	365.3	297.1	229.6				
Zone 4- Nanaimo – Apartment	480.3	483.6	436.6	392.5	349.0	281.1	230.6				
Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Apartment	376.5	395.6	363.7	318.0	279.8	241.0	200.4				
Zone 6- Port Alberni – Apartment	350.6	358.5	301.9	307.3	271.2	218.8	162.8				

TOWNHOUSE BENCHMARK PRICE AND HPI

MLS® Home Price Index

HPI or Benchmark Price HPI
Benchmark Price

Value
 Percent change

Click here to learn more

1. Area Group Vancouver Island (+ areas) 2. Property Type - Townhouse

3. Area/Property Type Selection

Value or percent change

	May 2022	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	6 Months Ago	12 Months Ago	3 Years Ago	5 Years Ago
Vancouver Island – Townhouse	\$618,900	\$603,100	\$572,100	\$534,800	\$476,400	\$364,900	\$298,800
Zone 1- Campbell River – Townhouse	\$578,300	\$553,600	\$541,600	\$507,600	\$464,000	\$350,900	\$267,200
Zone 2- Comox Valley – Townhouse	\$617,200	\$591,900	\$575,600	\$545,100	\$491,200	\$371,400	\$296,200
Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Townhouse	\$580,000	\$555,900	\$539,700	\$502,800	\$435,200	\$319,800	\$275,600
Zone 4- Nanaimo – Townhouse	\$646,700	\$633,900	\$554,800	\$522,200	\$455,700	\$385,400	\$314,100
Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Townhouse	\$712,200	\$716,700	\$718,000	\$659,100	\$605,000	\$433,800	\$341,800
Zone 6- Port Alberni – Townhouse	\$400,400	\$397,900	\$401,500	\$364,000	\$339,400	\$235,000	\$198,800
Zone 7- North Island – Townhouse	\$325,300	\$320,700	\$321,000	\$294,200	\$268,700	\$185,400	\$147,400

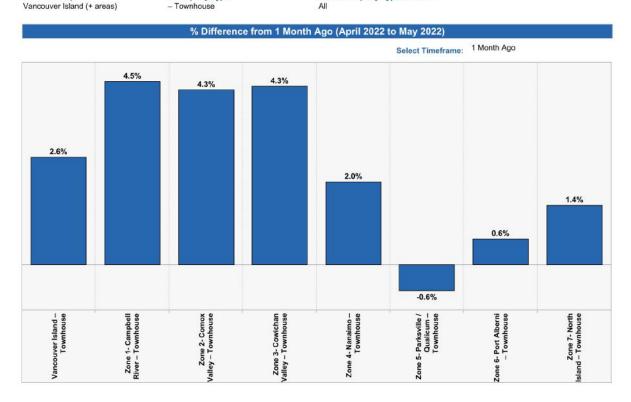
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3. Area/Property Type Selection



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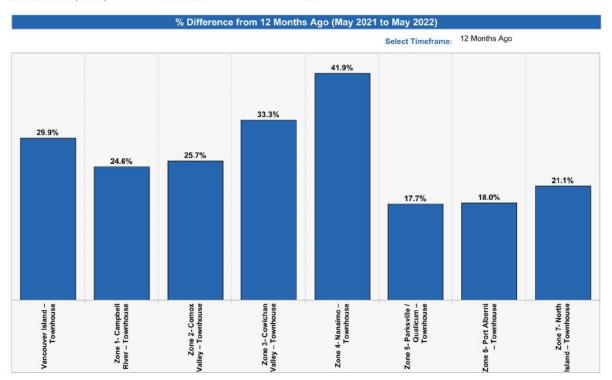
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1. Area Group Vancouver Island (+ areas) 2. Property Type

- Townhouse

3. Area/Property Type Selection

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Value
Percent change

1. Area Group Vancouver Island (+ areas) 2. Property TypeTownhouse

3. Area/Property Type Selection

	HPI by Timeframe and Property Type											
	May 2022	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	6 Months Ago	12 Months Ago	3 Years Ago	5 Years Ago					
Vancouver Island – Townhouse	419.6	408.9	387.9	362.6	323.0	247.4	202.6					
Zone 1- Campbell River – Townhouse	492.6	471.6	461.3	432.4	395.2	298.9	227.6					
Zone 2- Comox Valley – Townhouse	433.4	415.7	404.2	382.8	344.9	260.8	208.0					
Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Townhouse	391.9	375.6	364.7	339.7	294.1	216.1	186.2					
Zone 4- Nanaimo – Townhouse	446.3	437.5	382.9	360.4	314.5	266.0	216.8					
Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Townhouse	395.2	397.7	398.4	365.8	335.7	240.7	189.7					
Zone 6- Port Alberni – Townhouse	452.4	449.6	453.7	411.3	383.5	265.5	224.6					
Zone 7- North Island – Townhouse	421.4	415.4	415.8	381.1	348.1	240.2	190.9					

MLS® SALES SUMMARY - MAY 2022

Presented in chart form below are the single-family residential unit sales, average sale prices, and median price information for all zones within the board area.

	Unit Sales								
Zone	May 2022	Apr 2022	May 2021	% Change	May 2022	Apr 2022	May 2021	% Change	Median
Zone 1 - Campbell River	41	45	54	-24.07%	\$799,617	\$785,633	\$692,351	15.49%	\$765,000
Zone 2 - Comox Valley	80	89	81	-1.23%	\$980,289	\$910,178	\$764,550	28.22%	\$930,000
Zone 3 - Cowichan Valley	90	90	81	11.11%	\$911,291	\$906,138	\$687,136	32.62%	\$869,500
Zone 4 - Nanaimo	137	148	187	-26.74%	\$895,765	\$933,278	\$752,421	19.05%	\$849,000
Zone 5 - Parksville/Qualicum	57	59	60	-5.00%	\$1,050,681	\$1,057,664	\$843,524	24.56%	\$951,000
Zone 6 - Port Alberni/West Coast	38	51	43	-11.63%	\$579,983	\$663,119	\$535,980	8.21%	\$555,000
Board Totals	455	503	527	-13.66%	\$889,544	\$884,393	\$717,566	23.97%	\$850,000

Source: Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®) sales data from the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB). Please note that single-family detached figures in this report exclude acreage and waterfront properties. The board totals include Zone 7 - North Island, Zone 9 - Out-of-Board Properties, and Zone 10 - Islands figures, which are not listed separately in this table.

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AVERAGE, MEDIAN, AND BENCHMARK PRICE (HPI) COMPARISONS







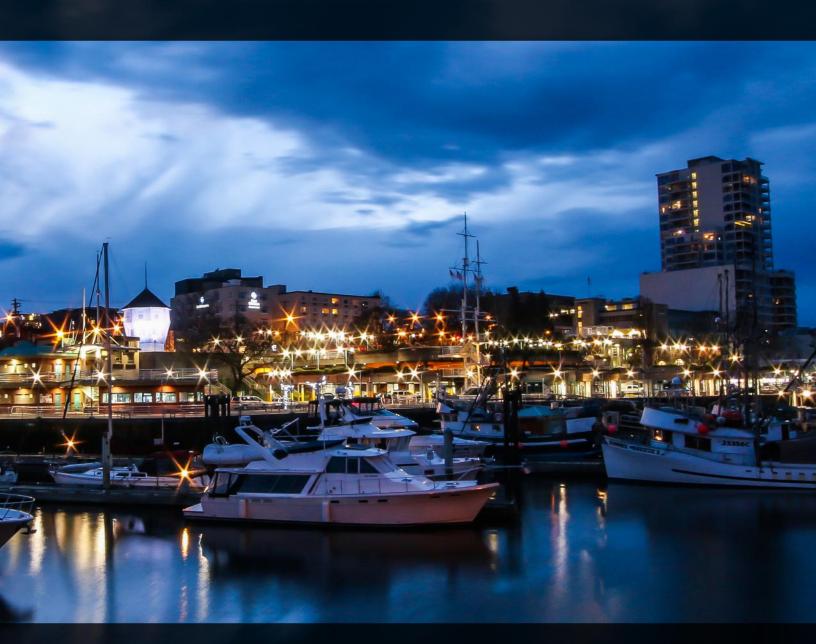
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