

News Release



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New listings outpace sales to start the spring cycle

VANCOUVER, B.C. – May 2, 2008 – An influx of new listings entered the Greater Vancouver housing market in April 2008, while residential sales reduced slightly compared to the same period a year ago.

The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver (REBGV) reports that residential property sales in Greater Vancouver totalled 3,218 in April 2008, a decline of five per cent from the 3,387 sales recorded in April 2007, and a 3.8 per cent drop from the 3,345 sales in April 2006.

New listings for detached, attached and apartment properties increased 25.6 per cent to 7,010 in April 2008 compared to April 2007, when 5,580 new units were listed.

“Residential sales continue to be strong, but there is a lot more choice on the market today. This is good news for a market that has been defined by record-breaking activity for most of this decade,” said REBGV president, Dave Watt.

“Despite this seeming re-balance between sales and listings, it took, on average, six fewer days to sell a home in Greater Vancouver compared to the previous year, with a days on market average of 33 in April this year,” said Watt.

Sales of detached properties declined 7.8 per cent to 1,293 from the 1,403 detached sales recorded during the same period in 2007. The benchmark price, as calculated by the MLSLink Housing Price Index®, for detached properties rose 11 per cent from April 2007 to \$771,321.

Sales of apartment properties in April 2008 declined 2.4 per cent to 1,317, compared to 1,350 sales in April 2007. The benchmark price of an apartment property increased 9.6 per cent from April 2007 to \$389,070.

Attached property sales in April 2008 are down 4.1 per cent to 608, compared with the 634 sales in April 2007. The benchmark price of an attached unit increased 10.5 per cent between April 2007 and 2008 to \$477,900.

Bright spots in Greater Vancouver in April 2008 compared to April 2007:

Attached:

Squamish up 84.6 per cent (24 units sold from 13)

Vancouver East up 50 per cent (51 units sold from 34)

Sunshine Coast up 157.1 per cent (18 units sold from 7)

Apartments:

Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows up 32.3 per cent (41 units sold from 31)

New Westminster up 33.8 per cent (95 units sold up from 71)

Port Moody/Belcarra up 23.7 per cent (47 units sold up from 38)

Richmond up 7.8 per cent (179 units sold from 166)

The Real Estate industry is a key economic driver in British Columbia. In 2007, 38,050 homes changed hands in the Board's area generating \$1.065 billion in spin-offs. Total dollar volume of residential sales set a new record at \$22.25 billion and total dollar volume of all sales set a record at \$22.77 billion. The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver is an association representing more than 9,500 REALTORS®. The Real Estate Board provides a variety of membership services, including the Multiple Listing Service®. For more information on real estate, statistics, and buying or selling a home, contact a local REALTOR® or visit www.realtylink.org.

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PROPERTY TYPE	AREA	BENCHMARK PRICE	PRICE RANGE (+/-)	3 MONTH AVG BENCHMARK PRICE	PRICE INDEX	1 YEAR CHANGE %	3 YEAR CHANGE %	5 YEAR CHANGE %
Residential	Greater Vancouver	\$568,127	0.5%	\$565,061	239.96	10.4	50.0	101.9
Detached	Greater Vancouver	\$771,321	0.9%	\$765,760	227.8	11.0	48.7	94.5
	Burnaby	\$770,188	2.0%	\$765,028	226.7	11.3	50.9	92.7
	Coquitlam	\$665,125	4.1%	\$660,800	234.0	8.8	48.0	90.5
	South Delta	\$684,140	2.6%	\$671,451	223.5	13.2	45.7	87.2
	Maple Ridge	\$462,276	1.9%	\$459,764	210.9	7.9	37.3	76.1
	New Westminister	\$589,014	4.1%	\$600,740	242.8	11.7	43.1	109.0
	North Vancouver	\$913,457	2.2%	\$907,953	228.2	11.7	45.1	86.9
	Pitt Meadows	\$480,838	7.6%	\$494,466	197.4	4.0	30.2	61.8
	Port Coquitlam	\$549,753	3.8%	\$545,036	232.4	13.8	43.4	84.9
	Port Moody	\$813,877	7.0%	\$751,984	244.6	10.4	51.2	108.8
	Richmond	\$769,867	1.6%	\$767,638	227.3	11.4	54.4	93.2
	Squamish	\$591,919	8.0%	\$584,514	224.8	25.6	44.2	80.7
	Sunshine Coast	\$428,710	4.2%	\$430,815	243.9	5.9	34.9	111.9
	Vancouver East	\$691,988	1.6%	\$688,940	234.4	10.2	51.8	99.8
	Vancouver West	\$1,446,724	2.5%	\$1,449,410	240.1	13.0	61.7	108.8
	West Vancouver	\$1,591,055	4.5%	\$1,517,511	234.4	12.2	43.7	112.9
Attached	Greater Vancouver	\$477,900	0.7%	\$474,530	231.8	10.5	46.7	96.6
	Burnaby	\$460,487	1.2%	\$460,851	230.7	10.1	45.8	98.8
	Coquitlam	\$427,412	2.2%	\$430,699	230.6	9.2	41.8	88.6
	South Delta	\$467,973	6.2%	\$454,192	250.6	19.6	50.0	107.5
	Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows	\$320,420	1.7%	\$315,837	222.3	7.7	41.2	90.8
	North Vancouver	\$602,957	2.6%	\$615,007	236.0	7.8	44.8	96.9
	Port Coquitlam	\$404,316	2.6%	\$393,343	222.3	9.7	44.4	87.3
	Port Moody	\$415,389	2.5%	\$412,094	247.9	11.7	49.9	104.5
	Richmond	\$467,423	1.3%	\$463,350	225.4	11.4	49.2	85.0
	Vancouver East	\$530,952	2.4%	\$519,924	248.3	14.5	54.7	125.1
	Vancouver West	\$729,962	2.7%	\$722,049	260.5	10.7	47.8	110.1
Apartment	Greater Vancouver	\$389,070	0.5%	\$388,570	253.1	9.6	53.1	111.2
	Burnaby	\$348,523	1.2%	\$345,035	260.5	10.9	53.1	114.7
	Coquitlam	\$300,286	1.9%	\$301,795	256.1	8.9	55.3	105.8
	South Delta	\$364,169	4.8%	\$355,323	237.2	16.3	55.6	104.7
	Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows	\$264,596	2.8%	\$261,759	281.0	5.9	63.3	120.0
	New Westminister	\$300,358	1.9%	\$301,139	244.0	6.9	54.0	117.1
	North Vancouver	\$391,673	2.4%	\$395,799	249.2	5.8	47.8	117.2
	Port Coquitlam	\$260,563	1.8%	\$259,628	305.2	8.9	60.1	139.1
	Port Moody	\$312,294	2.4%	\$307,218	266.5	6.0	55.6	104.8
	Richmond	\$322,710	1.2%	\$319,552	262.3	10.9	56.2	120.3
	Vancouver East	\$331,630	1.7%	\$332,052	271.5	12.6	65.4	135.7
	Vancouver West	\$494,011	1.0%	\$496,206	251.3	9.8	49.5	102.1
	West Vancouver	\$673,399	8.8%	\$635,060	241.6	2.4	37.5	123.4

HOW TO READ THE TABLE:

BENCHMARK PRICE: Estimated sale price of a benchmark property. Benchmarks represent a typical property within each market.

PRICE RANGE: Expressed as a + or - percentage of the benchmark price, there is a 90% probability the sale price of a benchmark house is within the interval.

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.

In Year 2001, the indexes are averaged to 100

Key: * = Sales sample too small; Price information not reported.

MLS® SALES Facts



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	Burnaby	Coquitlam	Delta - South	Islands - Gulf	Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows	New Westminster	North Vancouver	Port Coquitlam	Port Moody/Belcarra	Richmond	Squamish	Sunshine Coast	Vancouver East	Vancouver West	West Vancouver/Howe Sound	Whistler/Pemberton	TOTALS
April 2008	Number of Sales	123	62	4	122	30	113	56	33	173	22	74	185	121	65	12	1,293
	Median Selling Price	\$740,000	\$636,250	n/a	\$483,700	\$543,900	\$909,000	\$519,500	\$768,000	\$705,500	\$528,750	\$410,000	\$700,500	\$1,501,000	\$1,700,000	n/a	n/a
	Number of Sales	100	7	0	57	n/a	13	41	23	25	112	24	51	67	8	15	608
March 2008	Median Selling Price	\$415,800	n/a	n/a	\$323,500	n/a	\$586,900	\$382,350	\$441,000	\$470,000	\$449,900	n/a	\$534,900	\$748,000	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Number of Sales	157	16	0	41	\$288,400	\$353,000	\$250,000	\$341,000	\$320,000	n/a	n/a	\$316,000	\$444,500	n/a	n/a	1,317
	Number of Sales	97	60	3	113	\$222,000	\$288,400	\$353,000	\$341,000	\$320,000	n/a	n/a	\$316,000	\$444,500	n/a	n/a	n/a
April 2007	Median Selling Price	\$736,500	\$615,500	n/a	\$497,450	\$588,700	\$912,000	\$530,000	n/a	\$711,000	n/a	\$370,000	\$683,500	\$1,474,000	\$1,620,000	n/a	n/a
	Number of Sales	131	60	8	148	\$303,000	\$379,900	\$248,000	\$321,500	\$332,500	n/a	n/a	\$323,000	\$453,000	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Number of Sales	110	11	0	64	\$244,000	\$303,000	\$379,900	\$321,500	\$332,500	n/a	n/a	\$323,000	\$453,000	n/a	n/a	1,403
Jan. - Apr. 2008	Median Selling Price	\$665,900	\$576,000	n/a	\$464,950	\$562,000	\$762,500	\$483,000	\$814,000	\$631,500	\$438,000	\$375,500	\$620,000	\$1,270,000	\$1,440,000	n/a	n/a
	Number of Sales	331	196	13	409	\$258,125	\$320,500	\$220,500	\$326,900	\$279,500	n/a	n/a	\$275,500	\$410,900	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Number of Sales	281	35	0	184	\$312,500	\$554,000	n/a	\$434,000	\$416,000	n/a	n/a	\$498,500	\$653,000	n/a	n/a	n/a
Year-to-date	Median Selling Price	\$735,000	\$630,000	n/a	\$490,000	\$563,000	\$910,000	\$528,000	\$670,000	\$705,500	\$485,000	\$389,500	\$675,000	\$1,502,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,010,000	n/a
	Number of Sales	575	61	0	149	\$295,000	\$370,000	\$246,500	\$330,000	\$325,000	\$277,650	n/a	\$317,000	\$445,000	\$735,000	\$285,000	n/a
	Number of Sales	408	202	23	503	\$258,500	\$295,000	\$370,000	\$330,000	\$325,000	\$277,650	n/a	\$317,000	\$445,000	\$735,000	\$285,000	n/a
Jan. - Apr. 2007	Median Selling Price	\$655,000	\$570,600	\$378,500	\$456,600	\$521,000	\$762,750	\$472,000	\$730,000	\$635,500	\$445,500	\$370,000	\$615,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,295,000	\$1,187,500	n/a
	Number of Sales	335	48	0	218	\$373,250	\$549,000	\$346,000	\$418,000	\$409,000	\$363,500	\$256,000	\$467,900	\$655,500	\$831,500	\$687,500	n/a
	Number of Sales	578	68	0	116	\$217,000	\$326,500	\$219,000	\$305,000	\$272,000	\$269,900	n/a	\$274,000	\$397,250	\$654,600	\$331,500	n/a

Note: Median Selling Prices are not reported for areas with less than 20 sales or for the Gulf Islands

MLS® LISTINGS Facts



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April 2008	236	294	113	16	265	63	219	102	65	342	49	120	410	372	193	31	2,890
	Detached	Attached	Attached	0	89	31	54	84	57	203	32	12	76	190	18	40	1,146
	Apartment	Apartment	0	67	222	217	217	83	83	383	22	4	243	997	38	35	2,974
	42%	42%	55%	25%	46%	48%	52%	55%	51%	51%	45%	62%	45%	33%	34%	39%	n/a
	58%	68%	37%	n/a	64%	42%	76%	27%	44%	55%	75%	150%	67%	35%	44%	38%	n/a
	45%	33%	62%	n/a	61%	43%	30%	43%	57%	47%	27%	50%	58%	44%	42%	28%	n/a
March 2008	218	241	105	16	246	41	163	86	48	278	48	116	332	288	116	22	2,344
	Detached	Attached	Attached	0	75	16	71	46	46	170	40	7	81	133	4	33	940
	Apartment	Apartment	0	68	167	128	128	70	104	323	9	3	241	811	21	28	2,390
	44%	39%	57%	19%	46%	49%	66%	56%	23%	58%	29%	37%	42%	51%	53%	23%	n/a
	50%	33%	144%	n/a	73%	108%	41%	67%	52%	64%	40%	57%	48%	41%	200%	58%	n/a
	62%	54%	106%	n/a	72%	54%	80%	70%	48%	49%	211%	133%	68%	50%	81%	29%	n/a
	237	197	99	21	217	64	189	90	44	277	29	141	357	307	145	25	2,439
	Detached	Attached	Attached	1	66	22	52	47	40	214	11	6	68	119	13	23	882
	Apartment	Apartment	0	76	125	131	131	63	60	329	17	7	227	700	48	26	2,259
	55%	59%	61%	38%	68%	45%	64%	59%	59%	60%	76%	47%	62%	53%	43%	48%	n/a
	83%	96%	58%	0%	97%	59%	67%	36%	78%	74%	118%	117%	50%	62%	54%	61%	n/a
	52%	56%	78%	n/a	41%	57%	69%	60%	63%	50%	82%	29%	65%	68%	29%	54%	n/a
April 2007	781	862	379	42	916	184	668	347	203	1,107	169	448	1,262	1,117	592	107	9,184
	Detached	Attached	Attached	1	270	113	227	231	179	637	101	55	249	531	54	133	3,647
	Apartment	Apartment	0	295	658	637	637	283	334	1,275	64	31	862	3,239	126	139	9,788
	42%	41%	52%	31%	45%	44%	52%	47%	43%	49%	39%	42%	43%	42%	38%	31%	n/a
	51%	48%	59%	0%	68%	54%	53%	46%	53%	62%	58%	60%	55%	38%	43%	51%	n/a
	51%	41%	64%	n/a	51%	46%	51%	52%	46%	47%	72%	26%	59%	47%	46%	25%	n/a
Jan. - Apr. 2008	772	700	313	62	781	173	585	293	151	982	105	447	1,177	893	413	77	7,924
	Detached	Attached	Attached	1	304	58	183	145	140	708	54	27	232	420	47	93	3,157
	Apartment	Apartment	0	199	463	516	516	232	279	1,048	85	23	854	2,702	135	113	8,189
	53%	58%	65%	37%	64%	54%	66%	61%	52%	58%	77%	45%	58%	62%	54%	55%	n/a
	67%	73%	73%	0%	72%	52%	75%	57%	66%	67%	94%	93%	66%	58%	43%	62%	n/a
	55%	63%	65%	n/a	58%	60%	68%	62%	43%	55%	69%	43%	61%	65%	41%	37%	n/a

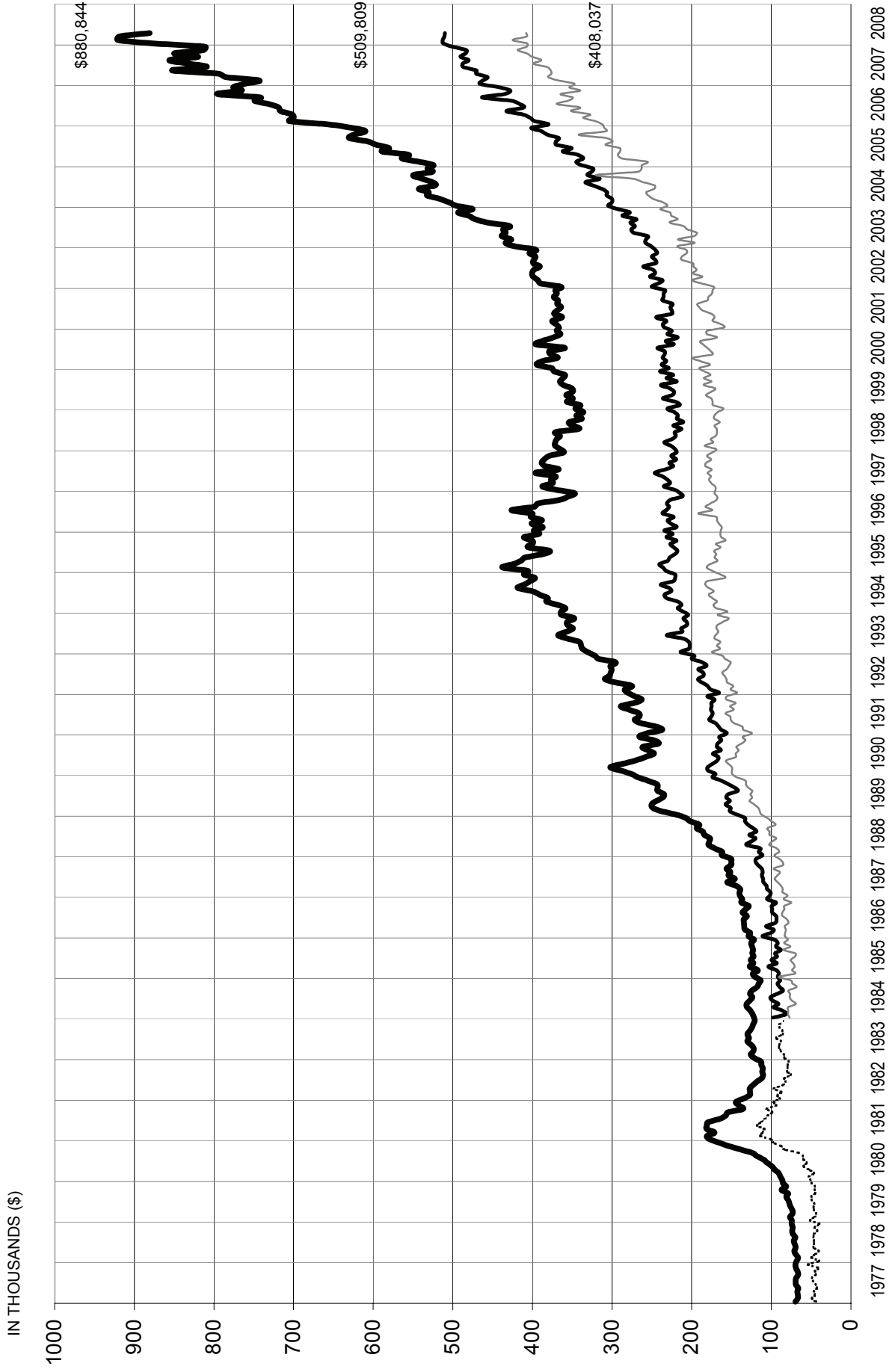
* Year-to-date listings represent a cumulative total of listings rather than total active listings.

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Listing & Sales Activity Summary

	<u>Listings</u>				<u>Sales</u>						
	1 Apr 2007	2 Mar 2008	3 Apr 2008	Col. 2 & 3 Percentage Variance	5 Apr 2007	6 Mar 2008	7 Apr 2008	Col. 6 & 7 Percentage Variance	9 Feb 2007 - Apr 2007	10 Feb 2008 - Apr 2008	Col. 9 & 10 Percentage Variance
BURNABY				%				%			%
DETACHED	237	218	236	8.3	131	97	98	1.0	341	272	-20.2
ATTACHED	133	139	172	23.7	110	69	100	44.9	284	229	-19.4
APARTMENTS	310	274	347	26.6	161	170	157	-7.6	492	477	-3.0
COQUITLAM											
DETACHED	197	241	294	22.0	116	95	123	29.5	339	299	-11.8
ATTACHED	48	70	69	-1.4	46	23	47	104.3	108	100	-7.4
APARTMENTS	113	126	207	64.3	63	68	69	1.5	206	192	-6.8
DELTA											
DETACHED	99	105	113	7.6	60	60	62	3.3	183	166	-9.3
ATTACHED	19	9	19	111.1	11	13	7	-46.2	40	27	-32.5
APARTMENTS	27	17	26	52.9	21	18	16	-11.1	58	50	-13.8
MAPLE RIDGE/PITT MEADOWS											
DETACHED	217	246	265	7.7	148	113	122	8.0	428	342	-20.1
ATTACHED	66	75	89	18.7	64	55	57	3.6	190	158	-16.8
APARTMENTS	76	68	67	-1.5	31	49	41	-16.3	97	125	28.9
NORTH VANCOUVER											
DETACHED	189	163	219	34.4	121	108	113	4.6	338	302	-10.7
ATTACHED	52	71	54	-23.9	35	29	41	41.4	112	105	-6.3
APARTMENTS	131	128	217	69.5	90	102	65	-36.3	298	260	-12.8
NEW WESTMINSTER											
DETACHED	64	41	63	53.7	29	20	30	50.0	79	67	-15.2
ATTACHED	22	16	31	93.8	13	17	13	-23.5	26	49	88.5
APARTMENTS	125	167	222	32.9	71	91	95	4.4	230	249	8.3
PORT MOODY/BELCARRA											
DETACHED	44	48	65	35.4	26	11	33	200.0	69	71	2.9
ATTACHED	40	46	57	23.9	31	24	25	4.2	76	79	3.9
APARTMENTS	60	104	83	-20.2	38	50	47	-6.0	105	134	27.6
PORT COQUITLAM											
DETACHED	90	86	102	18.6	53	48	56	16.7	159	142	-10.7
ATTACHED	47	46	84	82.6	17	31	23	-25.8	70	86	22.9
APARTMENTS	63	70	83	18.6	38	49	36	-26.5	116	115	-0.9
RICHMOND											
DETACHED	277	278	342	23.0	165	161	173	7.5	474	464	-2.1
ATTACHED	214	170	203	19.4	158	109	112	2.8	396	325	-17.9
APARTMENTS	329	323	383	18.6	166	157	179	14.0	484	480	-0.8
SUNSHINE COAST											
DETACHED	141	116	120	3.4	66	43	74	72.1	175	160	-8.6
ATTACHED	6	7	12	71.4	7	4	18	350.0	19	26	36.8
APARTMENTS	7	3	4	33.3	2	4	2	-50.0	9	8	-11.1
SQUAMISH											
DETACHED	29	48	49	2.1	22	14	22	57.1	62	49	-21.0
ATTACHED	11	40	32	-20.0	13	16	24	50.0	34	52	52.9
APARTMENTS	17	9	22	144.4	14	19	6	-68.4	54	37	-31.5
VANCOUVER EAST											
DETACHED	357	332	410	23.5	222	140	185	32.1	580	453	-21.9
ATTACHED	68	81	76	-6.2	34	39	51	30.8	130	120	-7.7
APARTMENTS	227	241	243	0.8	148	164	141	-14.0	439	425	-3.2
VANCOUVER WEST											
DETACHED	307	268	372	38.8	162	136	121	-11.0	465	395	-15.1
ATTACHED	119	133	190	42.9	74	55	67	21.8	206	174	-15.5
APARTMENTS	700	811	997	22.9	479	404	438	8.4	1475	1255	-14.9
WHISTLER											
DETACHED	25	22	31	40.9	12	5	12	140.0	30	27	-10.0
ATTACHED	23	33	40	21.2	14	19	15	-21.1	45	52	15.6
APARTMENTS	26	28	35	25.0	14	8	9	12.5	36	30	-16.7
WEST VANCOUVER/HOWE SOUND											
DETACHED	145	116	193	66.4	62	62	65	4.8	182	183	0.5
ATTACHED	13	4	18	350.0	7	8	8	0.0	18	21	16.7
APARTMENTS	48	21	38	81.0	14	17	16	-5.9	52	47	-9.6
GRAND TOTALS											
DETACHED	2418	2328	2874	23.5	1395	1113	1289	15.8	3904	3392	-13.1
ATTACHED	881	940	1146	21.9	634	511	608	19.0	1754	1603	-8.6
APARTMENTS	2259	2390	2974	24.4	1350	1370	1317	-3.9	4151	3884	-6.4

Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver Average Price Graph January 1977 to April 2008



NOTE: From 1977 - 1984 condominium averages were not separated into attached & apartment.