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Buyer activity brings greater stability to the housing market

VANCOUVER, B.C. – May 4, 2009 – With more buyers and fewer homes for sale in recent months, the Greater Vancouver housing market has entered a more moderate and balanced state.

For the sixth consecutive month, new listings for detached, attached and apartment properties declined in Greater Vancouver, down 33.7 per cent to 4,649 in April 2009 compared to April 2008, when 7,010 new units were listed. The total number of property listings on the Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®), while slightly down compared to last month, remains unchanged compared to the same period in 2008.

The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver (REBGV) reports that residential property sales in Greater Vancouver totalled 2,963 in April 2009, a decline of eight per cent from the 3,218 sales recorded in April 2008, and an increase of 31 per cent compared to last month.

"We're seeing greater balance in the housing market, as evidenced by a strong sales to active listings ratio of over 19 per cent," Scott Russell, REBGV president said. "The result is a relatively stable market in which homes are being realistically priced.

"The bridge between buyer demand and housing supply is continuing to narrow, which, as we see, helps bring stability to home prices," he said. "The trends in our housing market over the last couple of months offer a much more comfortable, historically normal set of conditions."

Sales of detached properties declined eight per cent to 1,190 from the 1,293 detached sales recorded during the same period in 2008. The benchmark price, as calculated by the MLSLink Housing Price Index®, for detached properties declined 12.2 per cent from April 2008 to \$675,268.

Sales of apartment properties in April 2009 declined 10.5 per cent to 1,179, compared to 1,317 sales in April 2008. The benchmark price of an apartment property declined 12.6 per cent from April 2008 to \$340,203.

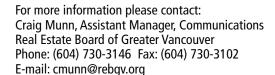
Attached property sales in April 2009 are down 2.3 per cent to 594, compared with the 608 sales in April 2008. The benchmark price of an attached unit decreased 9.7 per cent between April 2008 and 2009 to \$431,759.

Bright spots in Greater Vancouver in April 2009 compared to April 2008:

Detached: Vancouver Westup 59.5 per cent (193 units sold from 121) Attached: Port Coquitlam.....up 69.6 per cent (39 units sold from 23) Richmondup 17.9 per cent (132 units sold from 112) Vancouver West.....up 46.3 per cent (98 units sold from 67) Apartments: North Vancouverup 29.2 per cent (84 units sold from 65)

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The Real Estate industry is a key economic driver in British Columbia. In 2008, 24,626 homes changed hands in the Board's area generating \$1.03 billion in spin-offs. The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver is an association representing more than 9,400 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.rebgv.org.





MLSLINK HOUSING PRICE INDEX



April 2009

PROPERTY		BENCHMARK	PRICE	3 MONTH AVG	PRICE	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR
TYPE	AREA	PRICE	RANGE	BENCHMARK	INDEX	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE
			(+/-)	PRICE		%	%	%
Residential	Greater Vancouver	\$499,021	0.5%	\$490,306	210.77	-12.2	9.9	45.2
Detached	Greater Vancouver	\$675,268	1.0%	\$659,354	199.4	-12.5	8.7	42.6
	Burnaby	\$670,637	2.2%	\$648,473	197.4	-12.9	6.2	40.8
	Coquitlam	\$590,718	4.0%	\$598,778	207.8	-11.2	10.2	39.3
	South Delta	\$603,815	3.1%	\$589,935	197.3	-11.7	9.8	35.5
	Maple Ridge	\$407,401	2.4%	\$399,732	185.8	-11.9	5.8	29.3
	New Westminster	\$537,714	4.0%	\$520,510	221.6	-8.7	8.8	52.7
	North Vancouver	\$782,388	2.4%	\$755,580	195.4	-14.3	6.7	32.3
	Pitt Meadows	\$520,244	9.7%	\$441,663	213.5	8.2	31.3	44.2
	Port Coquitlam	\$499,094	4.3%	\$494,293	210.9	-9.2	10.9	36.7
	Port Moody	\$779,571	14.3%	\$642,561	234.3	-4.2	46.2	66.2
	Richmond	\$682,124	2.3%	\$675,743	201.4	-11.4	11.0	45.4
	Squamish	\$514,325	7.3%	\$524,943	195.4	-13.1	24.7	7.5
	Sunshine Coast	\$434,597	9.4%	\$381,644	247.2	1.4	16.4	59.3
	Vancouver East	\$608,174	1.9%	\$609,723	206.0	-12.1	5.6	45.0
	Vancouver West	\$1,237,674	2.2%	\$1,178,526	205.4	-14.4	11.0	58.6
	West Vancouver	\$1,126,620	4.9%	\$1,156,071	166.0	-29.2	-6.1	22.8
Attached	Greater Vancouver	\$431,759	0.7%	\$426,196	209.4	-9.7	13.6	46.6
	Burnaby	\$425,994	1.2%	\$422,214	213.4	-7.5	12.6	47.9
	Coquitlam	\$380,312	2.6%	\$379,354	205.1	-11.0	9.0	41.4
	South Delta	\$450,297	5.6%	\$440,925	241.1	-3.8	26.9	80.5
	Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows	\$292,721	1.8%	\$286,268	203.1	-8.6	14.6	47.4
	North Vancouver	\$529,314	2.2%	\$527,166	207.2	-12.2	10.3	35.9
	Port Coquitlam	\$365,907	2.1%	\$366,272	201.2	-9.5	7.7	38.5
	Port Moody	\$359,421	2.9%	\$358,000	214.5	-13.5	11.5	51.1
	Richmond	\$429,472	1.3%	\$422,541	207.1	-8.1	13.1	45.2
	Vancouver East	\$477,690	2.9%	\$460,710	223.3	-10.0	18.5	57.2
	Vancouver West	\$641,206	2.5%	\$633,675	228.8	-12.2	18.9	52.7
Apartment	Greater Vancouver	\$340,203	0.5%	\$336,815	221.3	-12.6	9.9	49.3
	Burnaby	\$307,761	1.2%	\$304,123	230.0	-11.7	12.5	55.1
	Coquitlam	\$253,532	2.1%	\$250,113	216.2	-15.6	7.4	55.5
	South Delta	\$317,317	6.0%	\$327,191	206.7	-12.9	16.4	45.7
	Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows	\$231,435	4.1%	\$232,636	245.8	-12.5	18.4	79.6
	New Westminster	\$267,428	1.8%	\$262,839	217.2	-11.0	12.0	58.4
	North Vancouver	\$339,761	2.2%	\$339,916	216.2	-13.3	5.5	42.5
	Port Coquitlam	\$225,927	1.6%	\$226,107	264.6	-13.3	11.7	63.6
	Port Moody	\$278,878	3.0%	\$268,853	238.0	-10.7	6.6	55.6
	Richmond	\$285,925	1.2%	\$281,897	232.4	-11.4	10.3	53.7
	Vancouver East	\$294,674	1.9%	\$292,350	241.2	-11.1	14.2	65.6
	Vancouver West	\$430,318	1.0%	\$425,013	218.9	-12.9	8.6	40.5
	West Vancouver	\$554,780	9.6%	\$553,591	199.1	-17.6	2.6	25.2

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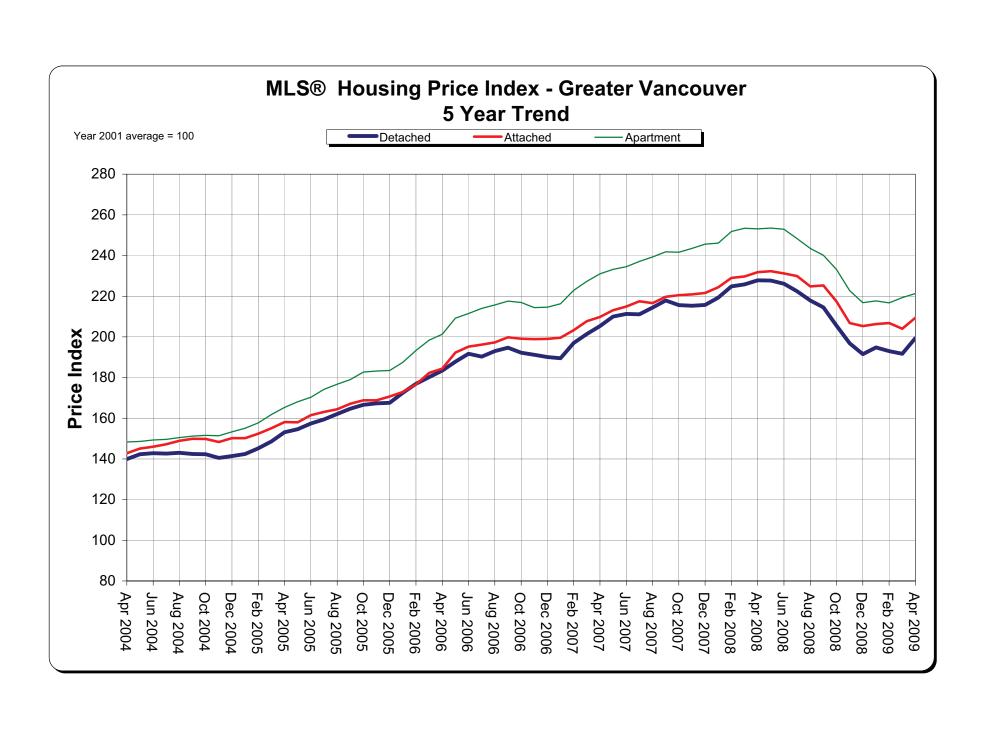
BENCHMARK PRICE: Estimated sale price of a benchmark property. Benchmarks represent a typical property within each market.

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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REALESTATE BOAL OF GREATER VANCOUN April 2009				Coquitlam	Delta - South	Islands - Gulf	Maple Ridge/Pitt Mead.	New Westminster	North Vancouver	Port Coquitlam	Port Moody/Belcarra	Richmond	Squamish	Sunshine Coast	Vancouver East	Vancouver West		Whistler/Pemberton	TOTALS
	Number	Detached	96	104	56	1	127	31	109	49	18	135	11	31	167	193	59	3	1,190
A	of Sales	Attached	88	36	11	0	48	9	49	39	24	132	5	3	38	98	3	11	594
April 2009		Apartment Detached	162 \$640,000	59 \$535,250	8 \$596,400	0 n/a	16 \$440,000	79 \$485,250	\$4 \$750,000	41 \$460,000	26 n/a	162 \$660,000	3 n/a	5 \$380,000	97 \$607,300	\$1,300,000	13 \$1,200,000	6 n/a	1,179
2003	Median Selling Price	Attached	\$420,000	\$407,000	n/a	n/a	\$299,250	n/a	\$570,000	\$380,000	\$375,000	\$422,000	n/a	n/a	\$467,500	\$628,000	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Apartment	\$317,000	\$247,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$280,000	\$337,000	\$231,000	\$325,900	\$285,000	n/a	n/a	\$274,000	\$398,000	n/a	n/a	.,,
	Number	Detached	70	82	73	2	92	14	69	28	12	118	7	30	119	144	35	2	897
	of	Attached	67	29	5	0	30	8	29	22	15	89	6	4	20	61	0	7	392
March	Sales	Apartment	134	39	12	0	17	79	65	31	26	130	2	3	81	334	15	8	976
2009	Median	Detached	\$623,500	\$529,500	\$575,500	n/a	\$415,000	n/a	\$725,000	\$472,500	n/a	\$660,000	n/a	\$369,000	\$620,000	\$1,190,000	\$1,225,000	n/a	
	Selling Price	Attached	\$422,000	\$348,000	n/a	n/a	\$260,500	n/a	\$475,000	\$346,450	n/a	\$402,800	n/a	n/a	\$432,250	\$600,000	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Apartment Detached	\$295,000 98	\$230,000 123	n/a 62	n/a 4	n/a 122	\$260,000 30	\$317,000 113	\$220,000 56	\$298,500 33	\$283,500 173	n/a 22	n/a 74	\$287,000 185	\$390,000 121	n/a 65	n/a 12	1,293
	Number of	Attached	100	47	7	0	57	13	41	23	25	112	24	18	51	67	8	15	608
April	Sales	Apartment	157	69	16	0	41	95	65	36	47	179	6	2	141	438	16	9	1,317
2008	Median	Detached	\$740,000	\$641,500	\$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	
	Selling	Attached	\$415,800	\$459,000	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
	Price	Apartment	\$334,400	\$280,000	n/a	n/a	\$222,000	\$288,400	\$353,000	\$250,000	\$341,000	\$320,000	n/a	n/a	\$316,000	\$444,500	n/a	n/a	
	Number	Detached	242	257	164	3	306	61	236	122	47	352	30	89	420	483	143	11	2,966
lan	of Sales	Attached	219	80	21	0	106	28	94	86	65	281	17	11	86	210	4	30	1,338
Jan Apr. 2009		Apartment Detached	408 \$637,500	171 \$534,500	36 \$576,000	0 n/a	54 \$435,000	234 \$490,000	210 \$725,000	96 \$457,950	77 \$645,000	431 \$655,250	9 \$465,400	10 \$369,000	259 \$609,500	1,114 \$1,220,000	36 \$1,200,000	21 n/a	3,166
Αρι. 2003	Median Selling	Attached	\$637,500	\$373,000	\$399,900	n/a n/a	\$435,000	\$343,900	\$725,000 \$507,500	\$457,950 \$359,950	\$388,000	\$655,250	5465,400 n/a	n/a	\$609,500	\$606,500	\$1,200,000 n/a	n/a \$380,000	n/a
Year-to-date	Price	Apartment	\$310,000	\$245,000	\$307,500	n/a	\$205,000	\$260,000	\$317,000	\$220,500	\$302,500	\$279,000	n/a	n/a	\$278,950	\$398,000	\$460,000	\$270,000	11/4
	Number	Detached	331	350	196	13	409	81	348	162	88	544	66	188	541	470	225	33	4,045
	of	Attached	281	121	35	0	184	61	121	106	95	395	60	33	136	202	23	68	1,921
Jan	Sales	Apartment	575	249	61	0	149	303	323	146	153	601	46	8	505	1,532	58	35	4,744
Apr. 2008	Median	Detached	\$735,000	\$640,000	\$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	
Year-to-date	Selling Price	Attached	\$448,800	\$460,000	\$440,600	n/a	\$326,000	\$399,000	\$605,000	\$382,000	\$434,500	\$457,000	\$437,500	\$295,000	\$528,750	\$725,000	\$949,000	\$685,000	n/a
		Apartment	\$335,000	\$282,000	\$338,000	n/a	\$235,500	\$295,000	\$370,000	\$246,500	\$330,000	\$325,000	\$277,650	n/a	\$317,000	\$445,000	\$735,000	\$285,000	

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

MLS® LISTINGS Facts

REAL ESTATE BOAR OF GREATER VANCOUVE April 2009			Burnaby	Coquitlam	'a - South	Islands - Gulf	Maple Ridge/Pitt Mead	New Westminster	North Vancouver	Port Coquitlam	Port Moody/Belcarra	Richmond	Squamish	Sunshine Coast	Vancouver East	Vancouver West	West Vancouver/House	Whistler/Pemberton	TOTALS
			Bu	ပိ	Delta	Isla	Ma	Š	N _N	Po	Pol	Ric	Sq	Sui	Vai	Vai	№	¥	12
April	Number of Listings	Detached Attached Apartment	153 121 223	205 51 94	99 8 17	19 0 0	194 54 43	34 21 114	150 70 118	55 40 60	44 46 50	213 169 263	38 28 39	107 8 29	242 81 175	266 121 552	124 14 28	19 33 17	1,962 865 1,822
2009	% Sales to Listings	Detached Attached Apartment	63% 73% 73%	51% 71% 63%	57% 138% 47%	5% n/a n/a	65% 89% 37%	91% 43% 69%	73% 70% 71%	89% 98% 68%	41% 52% 52%	63% 78% 62%	29% 18% 8%	29% 38% 17%	69% 47% 55%	73% 81% 76%	48% 21% 46%	16% 33% 35%	n/a
March	Number of Listings	Detached Attached	164 124	180 69	102 18	18 1	201 80	37 15	139 54	56 43	44 45	196 133	26 18	121 9	231 56	205 131	110 8	19 29	1,849 833
2009	% Sales to	Detached O Attached	226 43% 54%	96 46% 42%	13 72% 28%	1 11% 0%	43 46% 38%	107 38% 53%	50% 54%	40 50% 51%	43 27% 33%	175 60% 67%	15 27% 33%	25% 44%	180 52% 36%	587 70% 47%	23 32% 0%	19 11% 24%	1,703 n/a
	Number of Listings	Apartment Detached Attached	59% 236 172	41% 294 69	92% 113 19	0% 16 0	40% 265 89	74% 63 31	51% 219 54	78% 102 84	60% 65 57	74% 342 203	13% 49 32	38% 120 12	45% 410 76	57% 372 190	65% 193 18	42% 31 40	2,890 1,146
April 2008	% Sales to	Detached Attached	347 42% 58%	207 42% 68%	26 55% 37%	0 25% n/a	67 46% 64%	48% 42%	217 52% 76%	83 55% 27%	83 51% 44%	383 51% 55%	22 45% 75%	4 62% 150%	243 45% 67%	997 33% 35%	38 34% 44%	35 39% 38%	2,974 n/a
lan	Number of Listings	Apartment Detached Attached	45% 562 441	33% 638 217	62% 337 40	n/a 49 1	61% 759 262	43% 147 65	30% 530 218	43% 216 153	57% 164 154	762 502	27% 122 76	50% 375 26	58% 799 212	44% 869 490	42% 412 41	26% 80 129	6,821 3,027
Jan Apr. 2009 Year-to-date*	% Sales to	Attached	811 43% 50%	355 40% 37%	73 49% 53%	6% 0%	170 40% 40%	464 41% 43%	447 45% 43%	189 56% 56%	184 29% 42%	814 46% 56%	80 25% 22%	46 24% 42%	53% 41%	2,327 56% 43%	104 35% 10%	95 14% 23%	6,802 n/a
	Number of	Attached	50% 781 554	48% 862 253	49% 379 59	0% 42 1	32% 916 270	50% 184 113	47% 668 227	51% 347 231	42% 203 179	53% 1,107 637	11% 169 101	22% 448 55	40% 1,262 249	48% 1,117 531	35% 592 54	22% 107 133	9,184 3,647
Jan Apr. 2008	Listings % Sales to	Detached O	1,137 42% 51%	612 41% 48%	96 52% 59%	0 31% 0%	295 45% 68%	658 44% 54%	637 52% 53%	283 47% 46%	334 43% 53%	1,275 49% 62%	64 39% 59%	31 42% 60%	862 43% 55%	3,239 42% 38%	126 38% 43%	139 31% 51%	9,788 n/a
Year-to-date*	Listings	Apartment	51%	41%	64%	n/a	51%	46%	51%	52%	46%	47%	72%	26%	59%	47%	46%	25%	

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

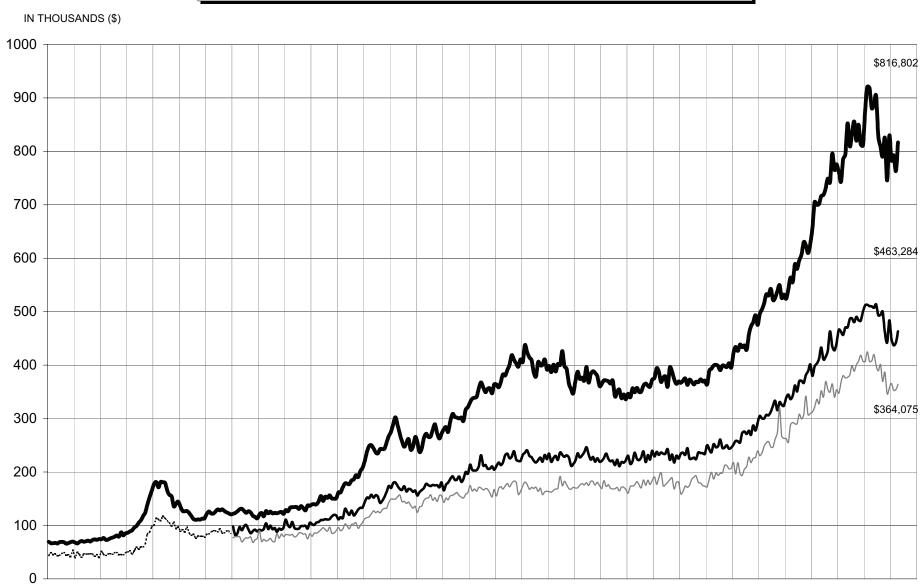
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Listing & Sales Activity Summary

	1 Apr 2008		ings 3 Apr 2009	Col. 2 & 3 Percentage Variance	5 Apr 2008	6 Mar 2009	7 Apr 2009	Sales Col. 6 & 7 Percentage Variance	9 Feb 2008 - Apr 2008	10 Feb 2009 - Apr 2009	Col. 9 & 10 Percentage Variance
BURNABY DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	236 172 347	164 124 226	153 121 223	% -6.7 -2.4 -1.3	98 100 157	70 67 134	96 88 162	% 37.1 31.3 20.9	272 229 477	213 201 366	% -21.7 -12.2 -23.3
COQUITLAM DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	294	180	205	13.9	123	82	104	26.8	299	230	-23.1
	69	69	51	-26.1	47	29	36	24.1	100	73	-27.0
	207	96	94	-2.1	69	39	59	51.3	192	139	-27.6
DELTA DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	113	102	99	-2.9	62	73	56	-23.3	166	151	-9.0
	19	18	8	-55.6	7	5	11	120.0	27	20	-25.9
	26	13	17	30.8	16	12	8	-33.3	50	34	-32.0
MAPLE RIDGE/PITT MEADOWS DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	265	201	194	-3.5	122	92	127	38.0	342	268	-21.6
	89	80	54	-32.5	57	30	48	60.0	158	93	-41.1
	67	43	43	0.0	41	17	16	-5.9	125	43	-65.6
NORTH VANCOUVER											
DETACHED	219	139	150	7.9	113	69	109	58.0	302	90	-25.8
ATTACHED	54	54	70	29.6	41	29	49	69.0	105		-14.3
NEW WESTMINSTER DETACHED	63	37	34	-7.1 -8.1	30	14	31	121.4	67	55 55	-28.1 -17.9
ATTACHED	31	15	21	40.0	13	8	9	12.5	49	23	-53.1
APARTMENTS	222	107	114	6.5	95	79	79	0.0	249	210	-15.7
PORT MOODY/BELCARRA DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	65	44	44	0.0	33	12	18	50.0	71	45	-36.6
	57	45	46	2.2	25	15	24	60.0	79	59	-25.3
	83	43	50	16.3	47	26	26	0.0	134	67	-50.0
PORT COQUITLAM DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	102	56	55	-1.8	56	28	49	75.0	142	111	-21.8
	84	43	40	-7.0	23	22	39	77.3	86	81	-5.8
	83	40	60	50.0	36	31	41	32.3	115	86	-25.2
RICHMOND DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	342	196	213	8.7	173	118	135	14.4	464	322	-30.6
	203	133	169	27.1	112	89	132	48.3	325	268	-17.5
	383	175	263	50.3	179	130	162	24.6	480	375	-21.9
SUNSHINE COAST DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	120	121	107	-11.6	74	30	31	3.3	160	81	-49.4
	12	9	8	-11.1	18	4	3	-25.0	26	9	-65.4
	4	8	29	262.5	2	3	5	66.7	8	10	25.0
SQUAMISH DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	49	26	38	46.2	22	7	11	57.1	49	26	-46.9
	32	18	28	55.6	24	6	5	-16.7	52	15	-71.2
	22	15	39	160.0	6	2	3	50.0	37	6	-83.8
VANCOUVER EAST DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	410	231	242	4.8	185	119	167	40.3	453	378	-16.6
	76	56	81	44.6	51	20	38	90.0	120	75	-37.5
	243	180	175	-2.8	141	81	97	19.8	425	237	-44.2
VANCOUVER WEST DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	372	205	266	29.8	121	144	193	34.0	395	437	10.6
	190	131	121	-7.6	67	61	98	60.7	174	196	12.6
	997	587	552	-6.0	438	334	418	25.1	1255	997	-20.6
WHISTLER DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	31	19	19	0.0	12	2	3	50.0	27	10	-63.0
	40	29	33	13.8	15	7	11	57.1	52	23	-55.8
	35	19	17	-10.5	9	8	6	-25.0	30	15	-50.0
WEST VANCOUVER/HOWE SOUND DETACHED ATTACHED	193 18	110 8	124 14	12.7 75.0	65 8	35 0	59	68.6 300.0	183 21	121	-33.9 -85.7
APARTMENTS	38	23	28	21.7	16	15	13	-13.3	47	33	-29.8
GRAND TOTALS DETACHED ATTACHED APARTMENTS	2874	1831	1943	6.1	1289	895	1189	32.8	3392	2672	-21.2
	1146	832	865	4.0	608	392	594	51.5	1603	1229	-23.3
	2974	1702	1822	7.1	1317	976	1179	20.8	3884	2805	-27.8

Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver Average Price Graph January 1977 to April 2009

DETACHED -----CONDOMINIUM ——ATTACHED ——APARTMENTS



1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

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