



# MONTHLY STATISTICS PACKAGE

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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **MORE INVENTORY BENEFITS BOTH BUYERS AND SELLERS**

**NANAIMO, BC** – The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) recorded 741 unit sales board-wide (all property types) in April 2024. In the single-family category (excluding acreage and waterfront), 376 homes sold in April, down two per cent from one year ago and up 29 per cent from the previous month. Sales of condo apartments last month came in at 75, dropping by one per cent year over year and down 11 per cent from March. In the row/townhouse category, 83 units changed hands in April, down two per cent from one year ago and up one per cent from March.

Active listings of single-family homes were 1,271 in April, an increase from the 956 posted one year ago. VIREB's inventory of condo apartments was 381 last month, up from 304 in April 2023. There were 368 row/townhouses for sale last month compared to 246 the previous year.

VIREB Chief Executive Officer Jason Yochim says that the spring market, which typically starts showing signs of life in February, is finally here.

“Sales are up from March, and REALTORS® are showing a lot of homes,” says Yochim. “Listings have also had a healthy boost, which is positive news, and sellers are responding to changing market conditions with price adjustments.”

Yochim adds that Vancouver Island has experienced chronically low inventory for several years, so additional listings benefit buyers and sellers.

“More inventory means more choices for buyers, but sellers also need somewhere to go when their home is purchased,” says Yochim. “Additional listings are a win-win for everyone.”

The board-wide benchmark price (MLS® Home Price Index) of a single-family home was \$774,700 in April 2024, up five per cent from one year ago and a one per cent increase from March. In the apartment category, the benchmark price was \$395,300 last month, up two per cent from the previous April and a slight uptick from March. The benchmark price of a townhouse in April was \$545,100, up two per cent from one year ago and \$100 lower than in March.

In Campbell River, the benchmark price of a single-family home was \$678,800 last month, up seven per cent from the previous year. The Comox Valley's year-over-year benchmark price rose by nine per cent to \$857,300. In the Cowichan Valley, the benchmark price was \$772,300, a four per cent increase from April 2023. Nanaimo's year-over-year benchmark price rose by five per cent to reach \$799,300, while the Parksville-Qualicum area saw its benchmark price increase by three per cent to \$885,000. The cost of a benchmark single-family home in Port Alberni was \$531,400, up four per cent from the previous year. For the North Island, the benchmark price of a single-family home dropped by two per cent to \$413,300.

*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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# 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](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

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### HPI or Benchmark Price

- HPI  
 Benchmark Price

### Value or percent change

- Value  
 Percent change

#### 1. Area Group

Vancouver Island (+ areas)

#### 2. Property Type

– Single Family

#### 3. Area/Property Type Selection

Multiple values

| Benchmark Price by Timeframe and Property Type |            |             |              |              |               |             |             |
|--|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | April 2024 | 1 Month Ago | 3 Months Ago | 6 Months Ago | 12 Months Ago | 3 Years Ago | 5 Years Ago |
| Vancouver Island – Single Family               | \$774,700  | \$765,600   | \$749,000    | \$767,600    | \$736,600     | \$664,300   | \$486,600   |
| Zone 1- Campbell River – Single Family         | \$678,800  | \$677,500   | \$650,500    | \$658,500    | \$637,200     | \$593,300   | \$427,300   |
| Zone 2- Comox Valley – Single Family           | \$857,300  | \$856,300   | \$816,300    | \$839,700    | \$790,300     | \$732,900   | \$512,700   |
| Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Single Family        | \$772,300  | \$753,200   | \$746,600    | \$772,600    | \$741,400     | \$667,900   | \$495,700   |
| Zone 4- Nanaimo – Single Family                | \$799,300  | \$794,900   | \$783,100    | \$802,500    | \$763,700     | \$694,600   | \$520,700   |
| Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Single Family  | \$885,000  | \$867,300   | \$856,700    | \$881,700    | \$857,800     | \$753,700   | \$562,500   |
| Zone 6- Port Alberni – Single Family           | \$531,400  | \$528,800   | \$517,600    | \$509,200    | \$509,600     | \$436,700   | \$301,600   |
| Zone 7- North Island – Single Family           | \$413,300  | \$407,100   | \$403,000    | \$412,000    | \$421,600     | \$337,800   | \$227,700   |

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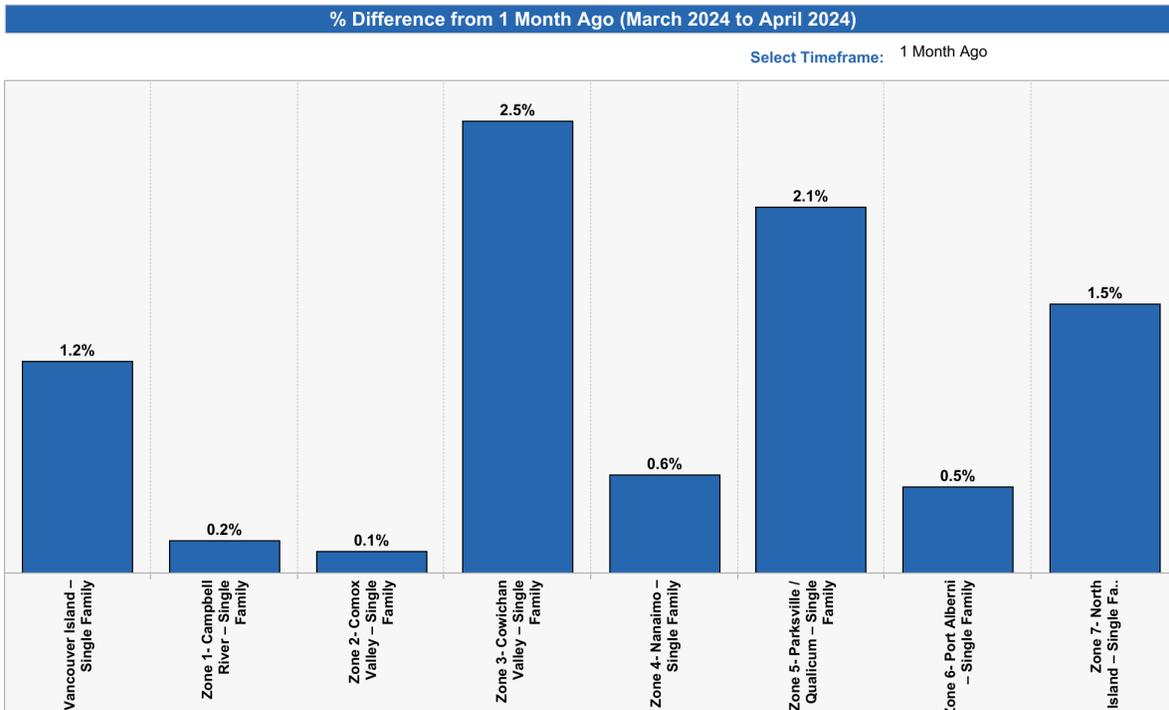
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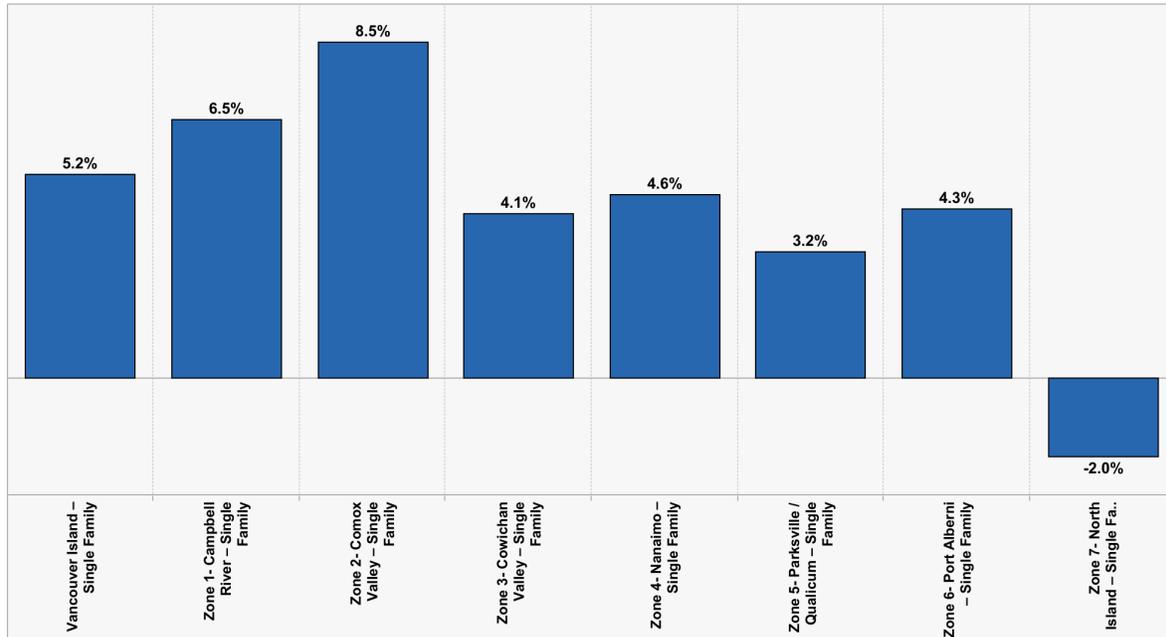
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### % Difference from 12 Months Ago (April 2023 to April 2024)

Select Timeframe: 12 Months Ago



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### HPI by Timeframe and Property Type

|   | April 2024 | 1 Month Ago | 3 Months Ago | 6 Months Ago | 12 Months Ago | 3 Years Ago | 5 Years Ago |
|---|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Vancouver Island – Single Family              | 366.3      | 362.0       | 354.1        | 362.9        | 348.3         | 314.1       | 230.1       |
| Zone 1- Campbell River – Single Family        | 383.3      | 382.6       | 367.3        | 371.8        | 359.8         | 335.0       | 241.3       |
| Zone 2- Comox Valley – Single Family          | 413.0      | 412.5       | 393.2        | 404.5        | 380.7         | 353.0       | 247.0       |
| Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Single Family       | 331.3      | 323.1       | 320.3        | 331.4        | 318.1         | 286.5       | 212.7       |
| Zone 4- Nanaimo – Single Family               | 363.6      | 361.6       | 356.3        | 365.1        | 347.5         | 316.0       | 236.9       |
| Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Single Family | 358.2      | 351.0       | 346.7        | 356.8        | 347.1         | 305.0       | 227.6       |
| Zone 6- Port Alberni – Single Family          | 456.1      | 453.9       | 444.3        | 437.1        | 437.4         | 374.8       | 258.9       |
| Zone 7- North Island – Single Family          | 422.6      | 416.3       | 412.1        | 421.3        | 431.1         | 345.4       | 232.8       |

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# APARTMENT BENCHMARK PRICE AND HPI

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 Benchmark Price

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 Percent change

### 1. Area Group

Vancouver Island (+ areas)

### 2. Property Type

– Apartment

### 3. Area/Property Type Selection

All

| Benchmark Price by Timeframe and Property Type |            |             |              |              |               |             |             |
|--|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | April 2024 | 1 Month Ago | 3 Months Ago | 6 Months Ago | 12 Months Ago | 3 Years Ago | 5 Years Ago |
| Vancouver Island – Apartment                   | \$395,300  | \$395,000   | \$380,600    | \$394,300    | \$387,800     | \$317,700   | \$253,800   |
| Zone 1- Campbell River – Apartment             | \$330,500  | \$334,700   | \$319,300    | \$338,000    | \$328,800     | \$280,500   | \$219,800   |
| Zone 2- Comox Valley – Apartment               | \$359,300  | \$361,500   | \$350,500    | \$367,600    | \$363,800     | \$324,300   | \$254,800   |
| Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Apartment            | \$312,400  | \$306,000   | \$307,400    | \$327,500    | \$311,900     | \$247,300   | \$206,800   |
| Zone 4- Nanaimo – Apartment                    | \$403,800  | \$403,100   | \$382,800    | \$400,700    | \$397,400     | \$318,900   | \$257,500   |
| Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Apartment      | \$530,700  | \$526,900   | \$509,900    | \$508,100    | \$495,800     | \$402,200   | \$325,200   |
| Zone 6- Port Alberni – Apartment               | \$391,100  | \$393,200   | \$374,400    | \$388,800    | \$394,300     | \$309,100   | \$251,500   |

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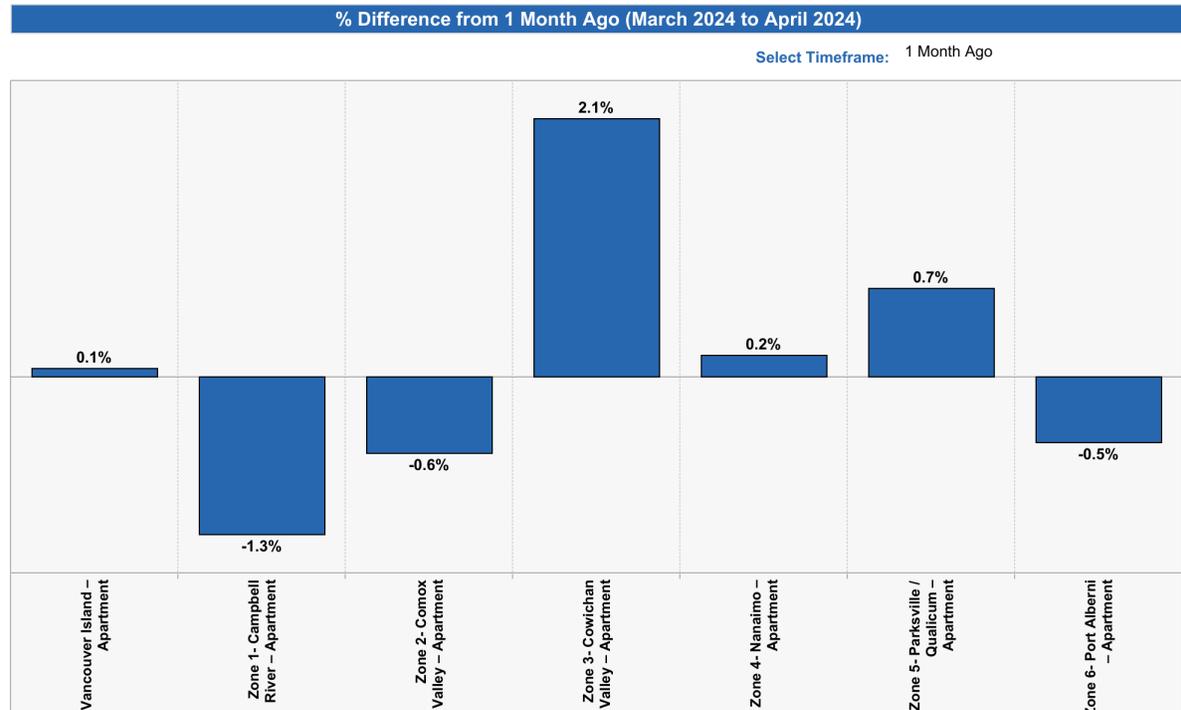
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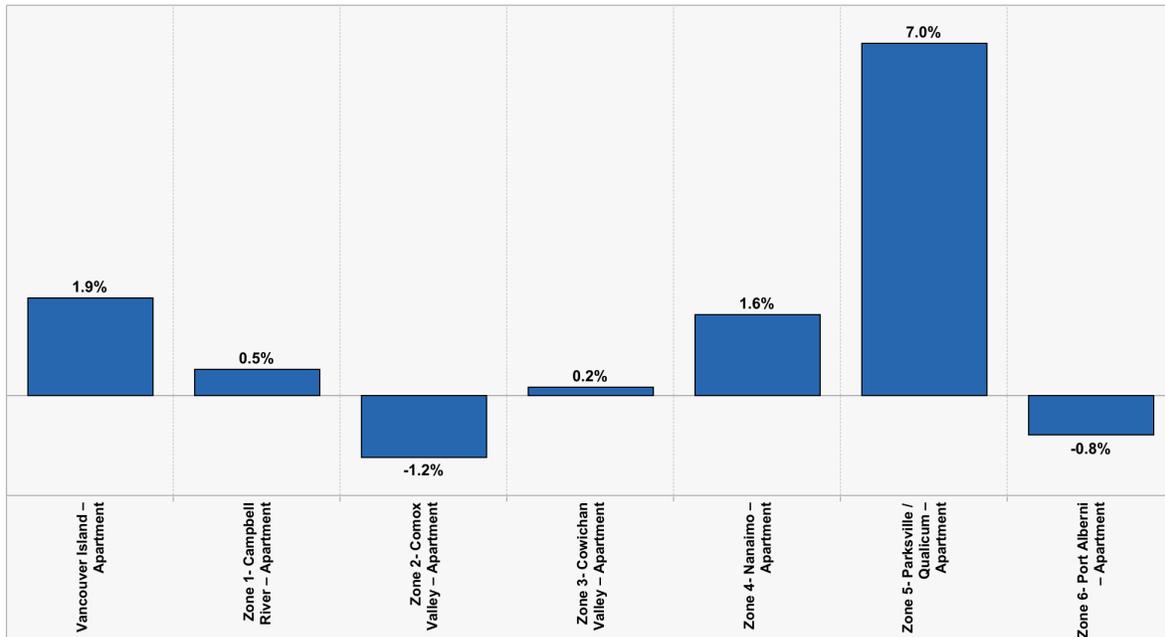
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### % Difference from 12 Months Ago (April 2023 to April 2024)

Select Timeframe: 12 Months Ago



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### HPI by Timeframe and Property Type

|   | April 2024 | 1 Month Ago | 3 Months Ago | 6 Months Ago | 12 Months Ago | 3 Years Ago | 5 Years Ago |
|---|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Vancouver Island – Apartment              | 409.2      | 408.9       | 394.0        | 408.2        | 401.4         | 328.9       | 262.7       |
| Zone 1- Campbell River – Apartment        | 388.8      | 393.8       | 375.6        | 397.6        | 386.8         | 330.0       | 258.6       |
| Zone 2- Comox Valley – Apartment          | 390.5      | 392.9       | 381.0        | 399.6        | 395.4         | 352.5       | 277.0       |
| Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Apartment       | 419.9      | 411.3       | 413.2        | 440.2        | 419.2         | 332.4       | 278.0       |
| Zone 4- Nanaimo – Apartment               | 399.4      | 398.7       | 378.6        | 396.3        | 393.1         | 315.4       | 254.7       |
| Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Apartment | 418.5      | 415.5       | 402.1        | 400.7        | 391.0         | 317.2       | 256.5       |
| Zone 6- Port Alberni – Apartment          | 321.1      | 322.8       | 307.4        | 319.2        | 323.7         | 253.8       | 206.5       |

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# TOWNHOUSE BENCHMARK PRICE AND HPI

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 Percent change

#### 1. Area Group

Vancouver Island (+ areas)

#### 2. Property Type

– Townhouse

#### 3. Area/Property Type Selection

All

| Benchmark Price by Timeframe and Property Type |            |             |              |              |               |             |             |
|--|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | April 2024 | 1 Month Ago | 3 Months Ago | 6 Months Ago | 12 Months Ago | 3 Years Ago | 5 Years Ago |
| Vancouver Island – Townhouse                   | \$545,100  | \$545,200   | \$546,600    | \$557,400    | \$537,200     | \$465,800   | \$351,000   |
| Zone 1- Campbell River – Townhouse             | \$519,900  | \$518,700   | \$518,000    | \$541,900    | \$514,700     | \$443,300   | \$312,800   |
| Zone 2- Comox Valley – Townhouse               | \$549,500  | \$548,000   | \$546,700    | \$565,500    | \$541,300     | \$480,400   | \$358,200   |
| Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Townhouse            | \$541,100  | \$533,700   | \$518,000    | \$541,600    | \$520,200     | \$449,900   | \$324,300   |
| Zone 4- Nanaimo – Townhouse                    | \$540,300  | \$544,100   | \$556,700    | \$550,800    | \$532,800     | \$456,300   | \$368,900   |
| Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Townhouse      | \$622,900  | \$626,000   | \$632,200    | \$639,100    | \$616,800     | \$541,800   | \$399,300   |
| Zone 6- Port Alberni – Townhouse               | \$415,000  | \$423,200   | \$425,500    | \$428,200    | \$419,300     | \$355,100   | \$265,400   |
| Zone 7- North Island – Townhouse               | \$229,500  | \$232,800   | \$239,600    | \$234,600    | \$222,600     | \$169,200   | \$130,000   |

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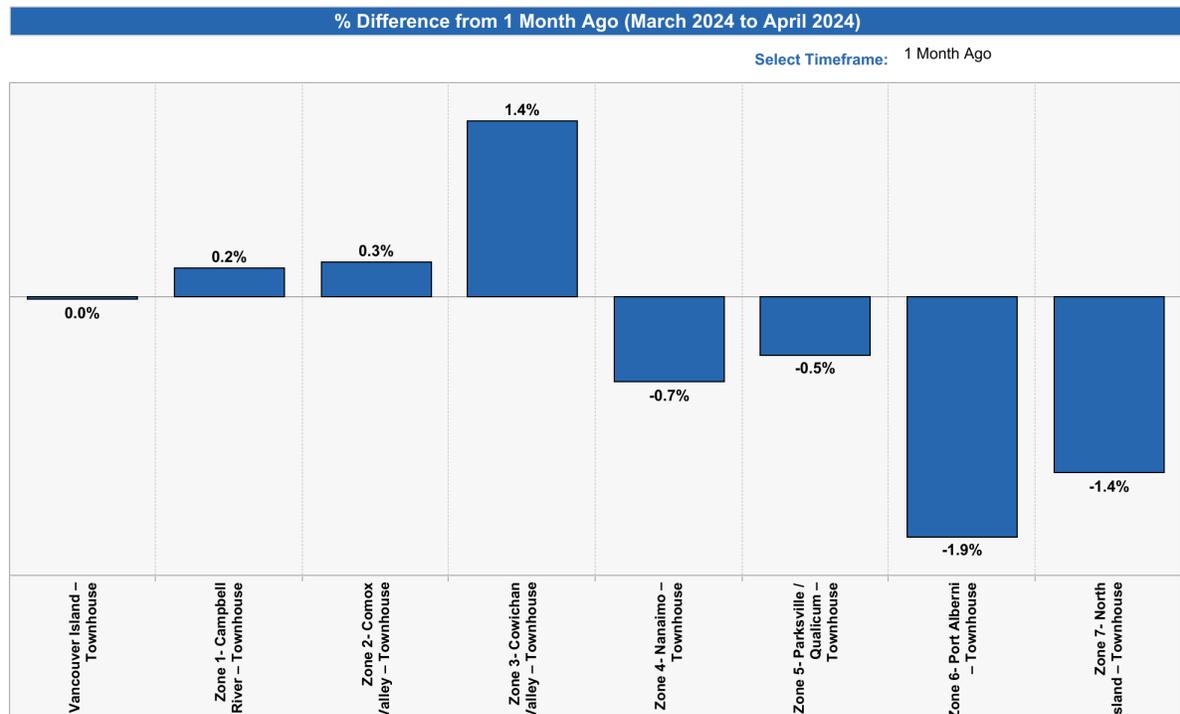
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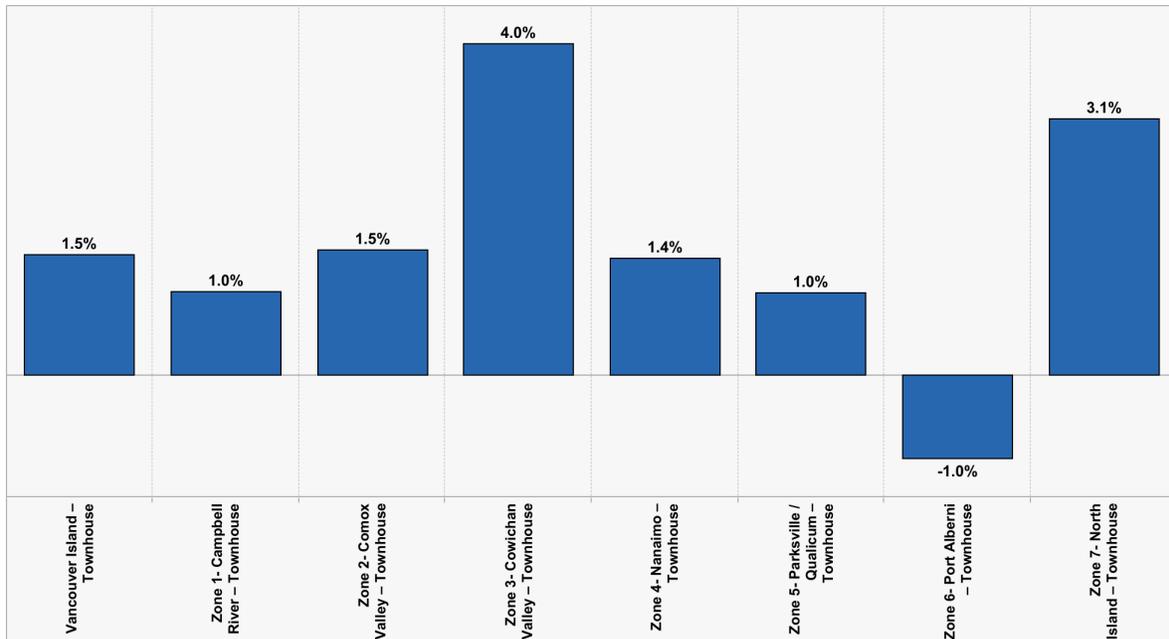
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### % Difference from 12 Months Ago (April 2023 to April 2024)

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– Townhouse

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### HPI by Timeframe and Property Type

|   | April 2024 | 1 Month Ago | 3 Months Ago | 6 Months Ago | 12 Months Ago | 3 Years Ago | 5 Years Ago |
|---|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Vancouver Island – Townhouse              | 396.1      | 396.2       | 397.2        | 405.1        | 390.4         | 338.5       | 255.1       |
| Zone 1- Campbell River – Townhouse        | 479.2      | 478.1       | 477.4        | 499.4        | 474.4         | 408.6       | 288.3       |
| Zone 2- Comox Valley – Townhouse          | 434.4      | 433.2       | 432.2        | 447.0        | 427.9         | 379.8       | 283.2       |
| Zone 3- Cowichan Valley – Townhouse       | 395.3      | 389.8       | 378.4        | 395.6        | 380.0         | 328.6       | 236.9       |
| Zone 4- Nanaimo – Townhouse               | 372.9      | 375.5       | 384.2        | 380.1        | 367.7         | 314.9       | 254.6       |
| Zone 5- Parksville / Qualicum – Townhouse | 396.8      | 398.7       | 402.7        | 407.1        | 392.9         | 345.1       | 254.3       |
| Zone 6- Port Alberni – Townhouse          | 536.2      | 546.8       | 549.7        | 553.2        | 541.7         | 458.8       | 342.9       |
| Zone 7- North Island – Townhouse          | 297.3      | 301.6       | 310.4        | 303.9        | 288.3         | 219.2       | 168.4       |

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# MLS<sup>®</sup> SALES SUMMARY - APRIL 2024

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.

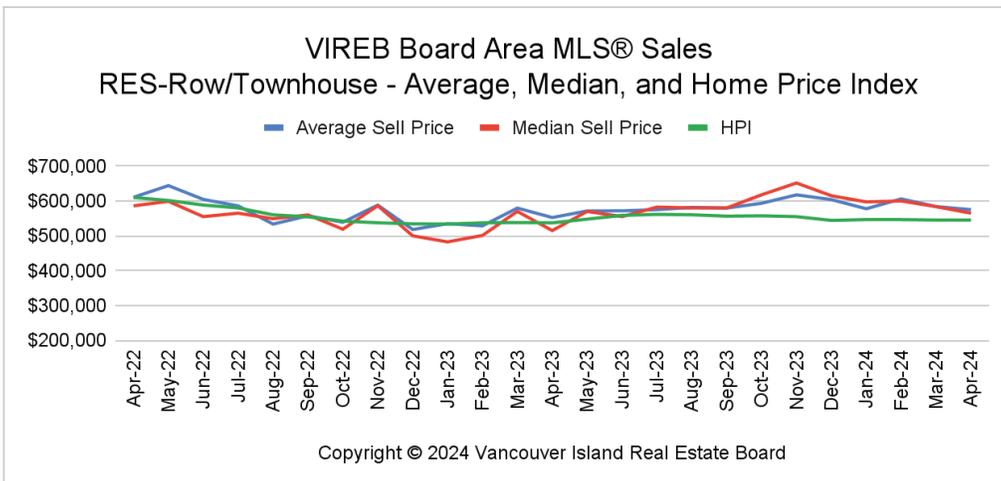
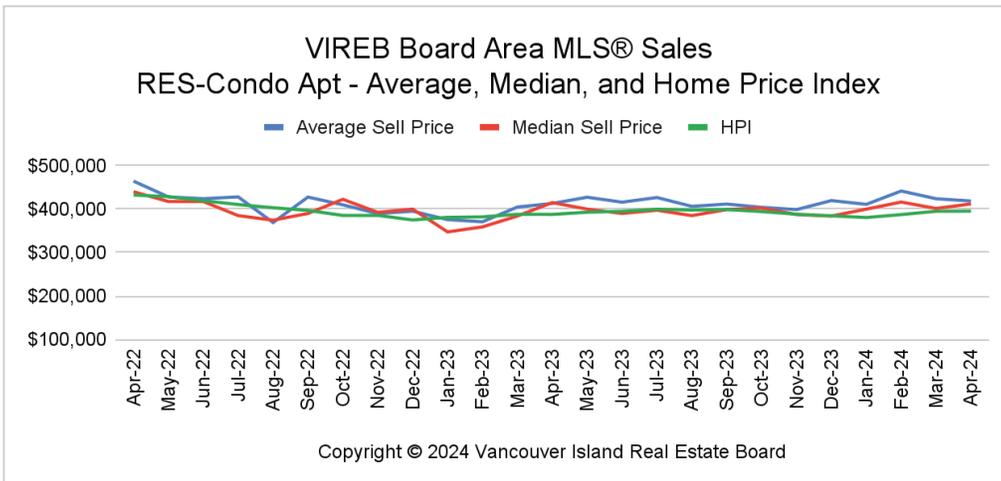
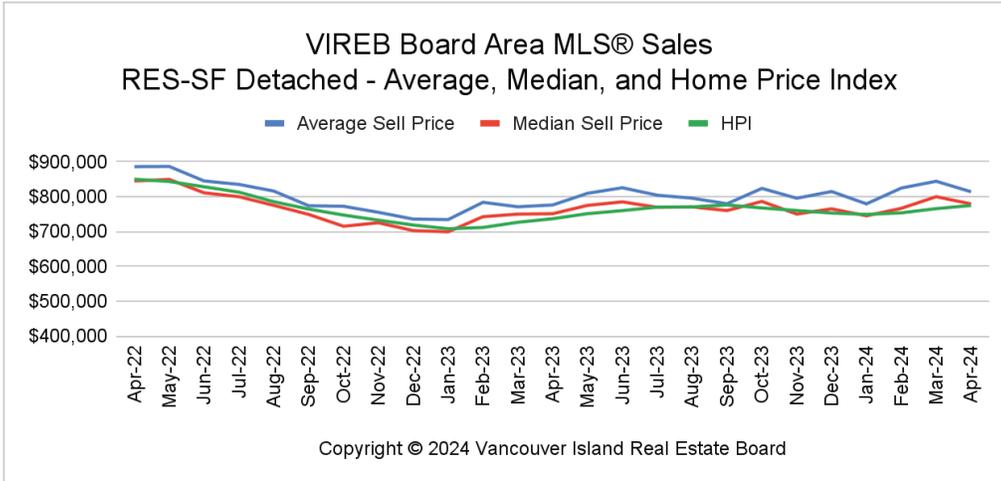
| Zone                             | UNIT SALES |            |            |               | AVERAGE SALE PRICE |                  |                  |              | Median           |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                                  | Apr 2024   | Mar 2024   | Apr 2023   | % Change      | Apr 2024           | Mar 2024         | Apr 2023         | % Change     |                  |
| Zone 1 - Campbell River          | 31         | 24         | 47         | -34.04%       | \$706,684          | \$766,992        | \$691,740        | 2.16%        | \$718,000        |
| Zone 2 - Comox Valley            | 66         | 48         | 64         | 3.12%         | \$852,117          | \$947,555        | \$859,144        | -0.82%       | \$825,500        |
| Zone 3 - Cowichan Valley         | 62         | 58         | 87         | -28.74%       | \$827,974          | \$813,442        | \$773,360        | 7.06%        | \$802,000        |
| Zone 4 - Nanaimo                 | 109        | 88         | 94         | 15.96%        | \$825,278          | \$847,984        | \$816,866        | 1.03%        | \$775,000        |
| Zone 5 - Parksville-Qualicum     | 64         | 37         | 50         | 28.00%        | \$949,051          | \$1,064,865      | \$889,661        | 6.68%        | \$899,500        |
| Zone 6 - Port Alberni-West Coast | 28         | 27         | 33         | -15.15%       | \$591,571          | \$583,496        | \$529,833        | 11.65%       | \$535,000        |
| <b>BOARD TOTALS</b>              | <b>376</b> | <b>290</b> | <b>383</b> | <b>-1.83%</b> | <b>\$814,037</b>   | <b>\$844,559</b> | <b>\$777,595</b> | <b>4.69%</b> | <b>\$779,000</b> |

**Source:** Multiple Listing Service<sup>®</sup> (MLS<sup>®</sup>) 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



# RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED ACTIVE MLS® LISTINGS/SALES

