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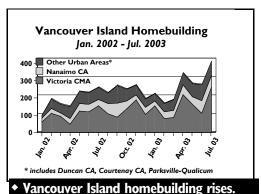
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Homebuilding surges ahead in July

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Victoria home starts jump

- Metro Victoria homebuilding bolted to 260 in July, more than double June's III, boosted by strong condo starts.
 Single family house starts held steady, at 91 compared with June's 97.
 Colwood led all municipalities with 17 new houses, followed by Langford with 13 and Central Saanich with 12.
- New single family house sales surged to 78 from 64 last month. The average new house price rose for the fourth consecutive month, to \$362,844 in July.
- ◆ The new single family home and duplex market remained balanced, as 85 units sold and 78 were completed.
- ◆ The condo apartment market remains oversupplied but sales are strong: July saw 55 completions, 53 sales, 127 new starts. The number of units under construction rose to 361 while newly completed inventory edged up slightly, to 23.



◆ Thirty-eight new condo townhouses broke ground in July. The townhouse market oversupply rose slightly as 15 units completed, 14 sold, 159 were under construction and 28 in inventory.

Nanaimo homebuilding strong

- ◆ Sixty-seven new homes started in Nanaimo this month, slightly below June's 75. Sixty of the July starts were single family houses. Average new house prices dipped to \$280,030, from \$287,047 in June.
- ◆ Forty-seven new houses/duplexes were completed and 49 sold in July. The new house market remained balanced with inventories easing.
- ◆ The townhouse market remained balanced in July, with seven starts, eight completions, and seven sales.
- ◆ Nanaimo's **apartment condo market oversupply** is edging down, with no completions and nine sales this month. See **pages 5-7** for details.

Courtenay CA ahead of other Vancouver Island markets

- ◆ Courtenay-Comox saw 54 homes get underway in July, followed by **Duncan** with 14 starts and **Parks.-Qual.** with 13.
- ◆ Multiple project starts remain slow in areas outside Metro Victoria, although one Courtenay condo apartment broke ground this month. However, 2003 total year-to-date Van. Island homebuilding is 40% ahead of 2002 levels, buoyed by strong single family housebuilding.

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- ◆ Get CMHC's take on 2004 trends for B.C. housing markets
- CMHC's November 5, 2003 Housing Outlook Conference (604) 737-4088 lpreston@cmhc.ca
- ◆ CMHC tracks new housing: keep current on hot markets next release September 9, (250) 363-8045, pprill@cmhc.ca
- More info on affordable housing?

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METROPOLITAN VICTORIA

Starts/Completions/Under Construction

July 2003

			s	TAR	ΤS				C	OM	PLET	LION	ıs		UN	IDE	R C	ONS.	TRU	СТІС	N
	Single	Semi	Row Condo	Row Rental	Apt Condo	Apt Rental	TOTAL	Single	Semi	Row Condo	Row Rental	Apt Condo	Apt Rental	TOTAL	Single	Semi	Row Condo	Row Rental	Apt Condo	Apt Rental	TOTAL
Victoria City		4	17	0	78	0	100	2	I	П	0	38	0	52	13	12	25	0	264	0	314
Oak Bay	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
Esquimalt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	2	30	0	0	39	84
Saanich	- 11	0	9	0	40	0	60	26	0	0	0	0	0	26	127	16	53	0	88	0	284
C. Saanich	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	26	0	0	0	0	0	26
N. Saanich	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	0	0	0	0	0	19
Sidney	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	54	78
View Royal	5	0	12	0	0	0	17	- 1	0	0	0	0	0	- 1	27	2	21	0	0	0	50
RDA H	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	16	- 1	0	0	0	0	17
Highlands	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	20	0	0	0	0	0	20
Langford	13	0	0	0	9	0	22	12	0	0	0	2	0	14	59	2	10	0	9	32	112
Colwood	17	0	0	0	0	0	17	- 11	0	4	0	0	0	15	65	0	20	0	0	0	85
Metchosin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	П	0	0	0	0	0	- 11
Sooke	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	33	2	0	0	0	0	35
Indian Res.	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
MONTH TOTAL	91	4	38	0	127	0	260	77	ı	15	0	55	0	148	466	49	159	0	361	125	1160
YEAR-TO-DATE	514	47	135	0	288	93	1077	435	47	76	27	92	140	817							

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NOTE: Rental category includes private rental, assisted and co-op housing.

METROPOLITAN VICTORIA

Inventory and Absorptions by Municipality July 2003 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2002 & 2003

	INV	ENTOR	Y OF N	EW HOI	MES				ABS	ORPTIO	N OF N	EW HOI	MES		
	Apt Condo	Apt Rental	Row Condo	Row Rental	Multi. Total	Single & Semi	Grand Total		Apt Condo	Apt Rental	Row Condo	Row Rental	Multi. Total	Single & Semi	Grand Total
Victoria	14	I	8	0	23	9	32	Victoria	38	I	7	0	46	3	49
Cen Saanich	0	0	5	0	5	2	7	Cen Saanich	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Esquimalt	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	Esquimalt	4	0	0	0	4	4	8
Oak Bay	9	0	3	0	12	ı	13	Oak Bay	7	0	0	0	7	0	7
Saanich	0	8	9	27	44	29	73	Saanich	0	2	3	0	5	28	33
Sidney	0	0	1	0	I	0	1	Sidney	0	0	1	0	1	1	2
RDA. H	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	RDA H	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Highlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Highlands	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Langford	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	Langford	4	0	0	0	4	15	19
View Royal	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	View Royal	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
N. Saanich	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	N. Saanich	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Colwood	0	0	2	0	2	6	8	Colwood	0	0	3	0	3	9	12
Metchosin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Metchosin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sooke	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	Sooke	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
Indian Res.	0	0	0	0	0	1	- 1	Indian Res.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MONTH TOTAL	23	9	28	27	87	72	159	MONTH TOTAL	53	3	14	0	70	85	155
Y.T.D. AVG. 2003	27	12	22	8	69	65	134	Y.T.D. TOTAL 2003	108	131	50	0	289	448	737
Y.T.D. AVG. 2002	67	23	4	0	94	62	156	Y.T.D. TOTAL 2002	154	86	37	0	277	519	796

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Note 1): Absorptions are measured at project completion and do **not** include presales.

Note 2): Tenure is defined as intended market at completion. Inventory refers to unsold or unrented units.

METROPOLITAN VICTORIA

ABSORBED NEW HOUSE PRICES

	NO. OF U	NITS	AVE	RAGE PRICE		ME	DIAN PRICE	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	% Chg	2002	2003	% Chg
January	73	45	\$311,518	\$446,782	43.4	\$284,900	\$387,000	35.8
February	91	62	347,122	402,073	15.8	324,000	343,800	6.1
March	95	52	321,126	334,101	4.0	301,000	336,000	11.6
April	69	30	307,498	329,913	7.3	284,400	333,400	17.2
May	66	70	339,126	334,910	-1.2	299,500	359,000	19.9
June	75	64	337,301	356,838	5.8	274,416	349,450	27.3
July	43	78	315,562	362,844	15.0	290,000	332,400	14.6
August	108		339,604			289,450		
September	69		324,542			289,900		
October	67		380,037			304,800		
November	49		374,493			354,000		
December	79		423,910			340,200		

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ABSORBED NEW HOUSE PRICES

	NO. OF UN	NITS	AV	ERAGE PRICE		М	EDIAN PRICE	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	% Chg	2002	2003	% Chg
January	П	34	\$298,357	\$275,565	-7.6	\$248,400	\$246,044	-0.9
February	19	24	267,268	222,547	-16.7	245,400	194,750	-20.6
March	22	25	262,292	244,495	-6.8	228,950	226,500	-1.1
April	26	40	257,319	240,294	-6.6	224,200	225,450	0.6
May	23	27	265,166	277,954	4.8	262,080	257,000	-1.9
lune	32	35	241,729	287,047	18.7	222,705	248,500	11.6
luly	5	43	211,383	280.030	32.5	217.900	247.000	13.4
August	29		254,686			223,200		
September	31		222,222			189,900		
October	31		285,989			287,192		
November	33		212,853			203,000		
December	41		254,734			253,000		

VANCOUVER ISLAND

STARTS/COMPLETIONS SUMMARY

2002 & 2003 Year-to-Date

			TARTS					TART:					PLET					PLET		
	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total
Campbell River *	44	2	0	0	46	24	0	6	0	30	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	20	0	0	0	20
Courtenay	175	40	17	24	256	147	4	8	8	167	135	22	6	43	206	124	2	4	0	130
Parksville/Qualicum	107	11	0	0	118	144	16	0	0	160	112	7	0	0	119	101	14	0	0	115
Nanaimo	308	30	15	0	353	194	20	16	0	230	230	18	23	25	296	153	20	12	34	219
Duncan	80	9	0	0	89	54	14	0	0	68	54	4	0	6	64	50	8	0	0	58
Port Alberni *	8	2	0	6	16	10	0	0	0	10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6	0	0	0	6
Victoria	514	47	135	381	1077	533	27	49	104	713	435	47	103	232	817	438	39	54	360	891
TOTAL	1236	141	167	411	1955	1106	81	79	112	1378	966	98	132	306	1502	892	83	70	394	1439

^{*} updated Quarterly (to June)

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VANCOUVER ISLAND

Starts/Completions/Under Construction

July 2003

	UNE	DER CON	NSTR: J	UN. 2	003		S	TARTS				СОМ	PLETIC	NS		UN	DER CO	NSTR:	JUL. 2	003
	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total
Comox Town	37	8	4	0	49	6	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	4	39	8	4	0	51
Courtenay City	71	42	8	0	121	13	2	0	24	39	11	8	0	0	19	73	36	8	24	141
Cumberland	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	I	3	0	0	0	3	I	0	0	0	I
Comox Strath RDA A	11	0	0	0	11	2	0	0	0	2	ı	0	0	0	ı	12	0	0	0	12
Comox Strath RDA B	24	0	5	0	29	6	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	3	27	0	5	0	32
Indian Res.	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9
Courtenay CA	155	50	17	0	222	28	2	0	24	54	22	8	0	0	30	161	44	17	24	246
Parksville City	33	18	0	0	51	3	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	7	29	18	0	0	47
Qualicum Beach Town	17	2	0	0	19	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	17	2	0	0	19
Nanaimo RDA G	35	0	0	0	35	7	0	0	0	7	10	0	0	0	10	32	0	0	0	32
Parksville-Qualicum	85	20	0	0	105	13	0	0	0	13	20	0	0	0	20	78	20	0	0	98
Nanaimo City	147	16	20	0	183	41	0	0	0	41	35	2	8	0	45	153	14	12	0	179
Nanaimo RDA A	23	0	0	0	23	4	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	2	25	0	0	0	25
Nanaimo RDA B	31	0	0	0	31	5	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	2	34	0	0	0	34
Nanaimo RDA D	19	0	0	0	19	2	0	0	0	2	ı	0	0	0	I	20	0	0	0	20
Nanaimo RDA E	36	0	0	0	36	8	0	7	0	15	5	0	0	0	5	39	0	7	0	46
Nanaimo CA	256	16	20	0	292	60	0	7	0	67	45	2	8	0	55	271	14	19	0	304
North Cowichan	61	8	0	0	69	11	2	0	0	13	9	0	0	0	9	63	10	0	0	73
Duncan City	1	0	0	0	- 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cowich. Valley RDA D	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
Cowich. Valley RDA E	4	0	0	0	4	I	0	0	0	- 1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Duncan CA	73	8	0	0	81	12	2	0	0	14	9	0	0	0	9	76	10	0	0	86
TOTAL	569	94	37	0	700	113	4	7	24	148	96	10	8	0	114	586	88	36	24	734

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Inventory and Absorptions by Municipality

JULY 2003 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2002 & 2003

	INVE	NTORY	OF NE	W HON	1ES				ABSO	RPTION	OF NE	W HO	MES		
	Apt Condo	Apt Rental	Row Condo	Row Rental	Multi. Total	Single & Semi	Grand Total		Apt Condo	Apt Rental	Row Condo	Row Rental	Multi. Total	Single & Semi	Grand Total
Nanaimo City	15	0	4	3	22	18	40	Nanaimo	9	0	7	0	16	39	55
Nanaimo A,B,D,E	7	0	0	0	7	2	9	Nanaimo A,B,D,E	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
TOTAL	22	0	4	3	29	20	49	TOTAL	9	0	7	0	16	49	65
Y.T.D. AVG. 2003	38	0	4	ı	43	25	68	Y.T.D. TOTAL 2003	27	21	26	0	74	263	337
Y.T.D. AVG. 2002	75	0	2	0	77	19	96	Y.T.D. TOTAL 2002	12	0	3	0	15	187	202

COURTENAY CA

Inventory and Absorptions by Municipality

JULY 2003 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2002 & 2003

	INVE	NTOR	Y OF N	EW HO	MES				ABSO	RPTION	OF NE	W HO	MES		
	Apt Condo	Apt Rental	Row Condo	Row Rental	Multi. Total	Single & Semi	Grand Total		Apt Condo	Apt Rental	Row Condo	Row Rental	Multi. Total	Single & Semi	Grand Total
Comox Town	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	Comox Town	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Courtenay	I	4	ı	0	6	17	23	Courtenay	0	4	0	0	4	20	24
Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Comox Strath A,B	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	Comox Strath A,B	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Indian Res.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Indian Res.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	I	4	3	0	8	20	28	TOTAL	0	4	0	0	4	30	34
Y.T.D. AVG. 2003	8	5	3	0	16	29	45	Y.T.D. TOTAL 2003	Ш	39	5	0	55	165	220
Y.T.D. AVG. 2002	0	0	6	0	6	14	20	Y.T.D. TOTAL 2002	0	0	9	0	9	131	140

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Note 1): Absorptions are measured at projection completion and do ${f not}$ include presales.

Note 2): Tenure is defined as intended market at completion. Inventory refers to unsold or unrented units.

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CMHC Market Watch

VICTORIA AND NANAIMO

New Ownership Construction

JULY 2003

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	Completed & Unoccupied ¹	Under Construction	Total Supply	Monthly Absorption Forecast ²	Duration of Supply (Months)	Surplus/ Shortfall ³ (Months)	Market Classification⁴
Single & Semi	72	496	568	73	7.8	0.8	Balanced.
Row Condo	28	159	187	10	18.7	8.7	Oversupplied.
Apt Condo	23	361	384	19	20.2	6.2	Oversupplied.

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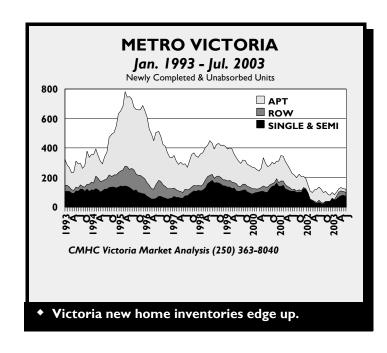
	Completed & Unoccupied I	Under Construction	Total Supply	Monthly Absorption Forecast ²	Duration of Supply (Months)	Surplus/ Shortfall ³ (Months)	Market Classification⁴
Single & Semi	20	274	294	36	8.2	1.2	Balanced.
Row Condo	4	19	23	2	11.5	0.5	Balanced.
Apt Condo	22	0	22	I	22.0	9.0	Oversupplied.

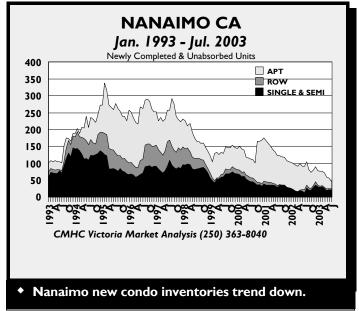
¹⁻⁴ Refer to CMHC Definitions insert.

VICTORIA AND NANAIMO

New Housing Inventory

JANUARY 1993 to JULY 2003





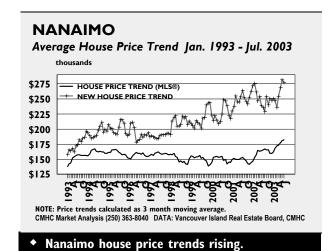
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KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

MORTGAGE RATES One & Five Year Terms Jan. 1990 - Jul. 2003 16% 14% 12% 10% 8% 6% 4%

CMHC Market Analysis (250) 363-8040

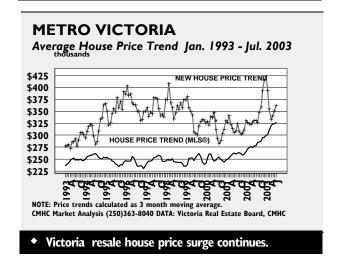
◆ Mortgage rates reach 47-year low.



METRO VICTORIA Unemployment Rate: Jan 1990 - Jul. 2003

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Fewer jobless in Victoria this year.



Vancouver Island Housing Markets

MLS® SALES		July	y 2003			YEAR TO	DATE 2003	}
SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED	Sales Jul. 2003	% Change Jul. 2002	Avg Price Jul. 2003	% Change Jul. 2002	Sales Y.T.D.	% Chg. Y.T.D. 02-03	Avg Price Y.T.D.	% Chg. Y.T.D. 02-03
Metro Victoria	478	20%	\$313,559	10%	2,821	-2%	\$314,710	15%
Nanaimo	175	51%	\$183,366	10%	936	17%	\$175,793	10%
Duncan-Cowichan Valley	88	22%	\$184,807	10%	533	2%	\$179,833	11%
Port Alberni*	32	19%	\$105,643	3%	149	-1%	\$105,643	3%
Parksville-Qualicum Beach	75	0%	\$228,045	26%	443	-5%	\$207,389	10%
Comox Valley	105	64%	\$169,321	13%	556	9%	\$169,640	8%
Campbell River	43	26%	\$160,209	2%	261	1%	\$150,840	4%

^{*} Note: MLS® data represents a smaller portion of total sales in Port Alberni.

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