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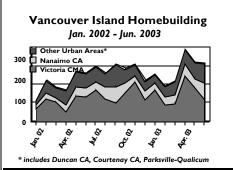
## YOUR LINK TO THE HOUSING MARKET

# House building robust in June

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

# Victoria -more houses, fewer new condos

- Metro Victoria homebuilding slipped as fewer condos broke ground in June with new home starts totalling III, down from 163 last month. Ninety-seven were single family houses, up from May's 70. Saanich led all municipalities with 28 new houses, followed by Colwood with 25 and Langford with 20.
- Sixty-four new houses sold, down slightly from May's 70. The new single family average house price rose to \$356,838 in June.
- ◆ The new single family home and duplex market remained balanced, as 72 units sold and 75 were completed.
- ◆ The condo apartment market remained oversupplied. The number of units under construction remained unchanged as there were no completions and no starts. Inventory drew down to 21, as three new



Vancouver Island homebuilding robust.

• June saw 5 new condo townhouses get underway. The condo townhouse market oversupply waned as 13 units completed, 20 sold, 136 units were under construction and 27 in inventory.

#### Nanaimo homebuilding on rise

- \* Seventy-five new homes started in Nanaimo this month, up from 44 in May. Sixty-three were single family houses. Average new house prices rose to \$287,047, from May's \$277,954.
- Forty-four new houses/duplexes were completed and 41 sold in June. The **new house market remained balanced** with inventories edging up slightly.
- ◆ June's townhouse market moved back into balance from May's undersupply, with eight starts, no completions, and two sales.
- ◆ Nanaimo's **apartment condo market oversupply** is edging down, with no completions and four sales this month. See **pages 5-7** for details.

# Courtenay-Comox ahead of other Vancouver Island markets

- ◆ Courtenay-Comox saw 62 homes get underway in June, followed by Parksville-Qualicum with 17 starts and Duncan with 12.
- ◆ Two Courtenay-Comox townhouse projects broke ground this month. However, single family housebuilding continues to lead on Vancouver Island in 2003. Multiple construction will rise in the second half of the year due to growing demand.

**JUNE 2003** 

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- ◆ Get CMHC's take on 2004 forecasts for B.C. housing markets call Lisa Preston for details on 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 August 11th, (250) 363-8045, pprill@cmhc.ca
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#### **METROPOLITAN VICTORIA**

## **Starts/Completions/Under Construction**

**June 2003** 

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	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	2	I	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	14	9	19	0	224	0	266
Oak Bay	1	0	0	0	0	0	- 1	2	0	5	0	0	0	7	9	0	0	0	15	0	24
Esquimalt	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	15	2	30	0	0	39	86
Saanich	28	0	2	0	0	0	30	15	2	4	27	0	0	48	142	16	44	0	48	0	250
C. Saanich	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	16	0	0	0	0	0	16
N. Saanich	I	0	0	0	0	0	I	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	0	0	0	0	0	19
Sidney	I	6	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	12	0	0	0	54	70
View Royal	5	0	3	0	0	0	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	23	2	9	0	0	0	34
RDA H	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	20	- 1	0	0	0	0	21
Highlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	20
Langford	20	0	0	0	0	0	20	6	2	0	0	0	0	8	58	2	10	0	2	32	104
Colwood	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	5	0	4	0	0	0	9	59	0	24	0	0	0	83
Metchosin	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	- 11	0	0	0	0	0	- 11
Sooke	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	31	2	0	0	0	0	33
Indian Res.	I	0	0	0	0	0	I	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	П	0	0	0	0	0	- 11
MONTH TOTAL	97	9	5	0	0	0	111	69	6	13	27	0	0	115	452	46	136	0	289	125	1048
YEAR-TO-DATE	423	43	97	0	161	93	817	358	46	61	27	37	140	669							

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

#### **METROPOLITAN VICTORIA**

# **Inventory and Absorptions by Municipality**

#### June 2003 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2002 & 2003

	INV	ENTOR	Y OF N	EW HO	MES				ABSC	ORPTIO	N OF N	EW 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
Victoria	14	2	4	0	20	9	29	Victoria	1	5	5	0	11	4	15
Cen Saanich	0	0	5	0	5	2	7	Cen Saanich	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Esquimalt	4	0	0	0	4	4	8	Esquimalt	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Oak Bay	I	0	3	0	4	I	5	Oak Bay	0	0	2	0	2	2	4
Saanich	0	10	12	27	49	31	80	Saanich	0	5	8	0	13	16	29
Sidney	0	0	2	0	2	1	3	Sidney	0	0	2	0	2	4	6
RDA. H	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	RDA H	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Highlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Highlands	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Langford	2	0	0	0	2	10	12	Langford	2	0	0	0	2	9	- 11
View Royal	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	View Royal	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
N. Saanich	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	N. Saanich	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Colwood	0	0	1	0	I	4	5	Colwood	0	0	3	0	3	2	5
Metchosin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Metchosin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sooke	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	Sooke	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Indian Res.	0	0	0	0	0	1	- 1	Indian Res.	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
MONTH TOTAL	21	12	27	27	87	79	166	MONTH TOTAL	3	10	20	0	33	72	105
Y.T.D. AVG. 2003	27	12	21	5	65	64	129	Y.T.D. TOTAL 2003	55	128	36	0	219	363	582
Y.T.D. AVG. 2002	67	23	4	0	94	62	156	Y.T.D. TOTAL 2002	154	86	37	0	277	519	796

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.

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#### **METROPOLITAN VICTORIA**

## ABSORBED NEW HOUSE PRICES

	NO. OF U	NITS	AVI	RAGE PRICE		MI	EDIAN 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		315,562			290,000		
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		

#### **NANAIMO CA**

#### **ABSORBED NEW HOUSE PRICES**

	NO. OF UN	IITS	AV	ERAGE PRICE		M	EDIAN PRICE	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	% Chg	2002	2003	% Chg
January	11	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
June	32	35	241,729	287,047	18.7	222,705	248,500	11.6
July August	5 29		211,383 254,686			217,900 223,200		
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: -JUN.					PLET -JUN.					PLET -JUN.	IONS 2002	
	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	147	38	17	0	202	131	2	8	0	141	113	14	6	43	176	111	2	4	0	117
Parksville/Qualicum	94	-11	0	0	105	113	16	0	0	129	92	7	0	0	99	86	12	0	0	98
Nanaimo	248	30	8	0	286	160	16	16	0	192	185	16	15	25	241	150	20	8	34	212
Duncan	68	7	0	0	75	45	10	0	0	55	45	4	0	6	55	43	4	0	0	47
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	423	43	97	254	817	448	24	40	47	559	358	46	88	177	669	390	33	34	304	761
TOTAL	1032	133	122	260	1547	93 I	68	70	47	1116	793	87	109	25 I	1240	806	71	46	338	1261

<sup>\*</sup> updated Quarterly (to June)

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#### **VANCOUVER ISLAND**

# **Starts/Completions/Under Construction**

June 2003

	UND	ER CON	ISTR: M	IAY 2	003		S	TARTS				COMI	PLETIC	NS		UN	DER CO	ONSTR:	JUN. 2	003
,	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total	Single	Semi	Row	Apt	Total
Comox Town	29	2	0	0	31	12	6	4	0	22	4	0	0	0	4	37	8	4	0	49
Courtenay City	64	40	0	0	104	16	8	8	0	32	9	4	0	0	13	71	44	8	0	123
Cumberland	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	I	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	3
Comox Strath RDA A	12	0	0	0	12	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	11	0	0	0	П
Comox Strath RDA B	20	0	5	0	25	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	5	0	29
Indian Res.	6	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9
Courtenay CA	135	42	5	0	182	36	14	12	0	62	16	4	0	0	20	155	52	17	0	224
Parksville City	33	19	0	0	52	4	0	0	0	4	4	I	0	0	5	33	18	0	0	51
Qualicum Beach	17	2	0	0	19	4	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	4	17	2	0	0	19
Nanaimo RDA G	33	0	0	0	33	9	0	0	0	9	7	0	0	0	7	35	0	0	0	35
Parksville-Qualicu	83	21	0	0	104	17	0	0	0	17	15	I	0	0	16	85	20	0	0	105
Nanaimo City	128	18	12	0	158	43	4	8	0	55	24	6	0	0	30	147	16	20	0	183
Nanaimo RDA A	20	0	0	0	20	6	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	3	23	0	0	0	23
Nanaimo RDA B	31	0	0	0	31	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	5	31	0	0	0	31
Nanaimo RDA D	18	0	0	0	18	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	19	0	0	0	19
Nanaimo RDA E	34	0	0	0	34	6	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	4	36	0	0	0	36
Nanaimo CA	23 I	18	12	0	261	63	4	8	0	75	38	6	0	0	44	256	16	20	0	292
North Cowichan	60	10	0	0	70	8	0	0	0	8	7	2	0	0	9	61	8	0	0	69
Duncan City	- 1	0	0	0	I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Cowich. Valley RDA	7	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	7
Cowich. Valley RDA	I	0	0	0	I	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Duncan CA	69	10	0	0	79	12	0	0	0	12	8	2	0	0	10	73	8	0	0	81
TOTAL	518	91	17	0	626	128	18	20	0	166	77	13	0	0	90	569	96	37	0	702

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#### **NANAIMO CA**

## **Inventory and Absorptions by Municipality**

#### **JUNE 2003 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2002 & 2003**

	INVEN	NTORY	OF NE	W HO	MES				ABSO	RPTION	OF N	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	24	0	3	3	30	20	50	Nanaimo	4	0	2	0	6	27	33
Nanaimo A,B,D,E	7	0	0	0	7	2	9	Nanaimo A,B,D,E	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
TOTAL	31	0	3	3	37	22	59	TOTAL	4	0	2	0	6	41	47
Y.T.D. AVG. 2003	40	0	4	I	45	26	71	Y.T.D. TOTAL	18	21	19	0	58	214	272
Y.T.D. AVG. 2002	76	0	ı	0	77	20	97	Y.T.D. TOTAL	12	0	3	0	15	180	195

#### **COURTENAY CA**

## **Inventory and Absorptions by Municipality**

#### JUNE 2003 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2002 & 2003

	INVE	NTOR	Y OF N	EW HO	MES				ABSO	RPTION	N OF NI	EW 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	2	2	Comox Town	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Courtenay	I	8	I	0	10	18	28	Courtenay	10	17	0	0	27	15	42
Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0	- 1	- 1
Comox Strath A,B	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	Comox Strath A,B	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Indian Res.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Indian Res.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	ı	8	3	0	12	20	32	TOTAL	10	17	0	0	27	22	49
Y.T.D. AVG. 2003	10	6	3	0	19	31	50	Y.T.D. TOTAL 2003	П	35	5	0	51	135	186
Y.T.D. AVG. 2002	0	0	7	0	7	15	22	Y.T.D. TOTAL 2002.	. 0	0	9	0	9	111	120

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

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

#### **CMHC Market Watch**

#### **VICTORIA AND NANAIMO**

# New Ownership Construction JUNE 2003

# need to know

#### **METRO VICTORIA**

	Completed & Unoccupied <sup>1</sup>	Under Construction	Total Supply	Monthly Absorption Forecast <sup>2</sup>	Duration of Supply (Months)	Surplus/ Shortfall <sup>3</sup> (Months)	Market Classification⁴
Single & Semi	79	481	560	73	7.7	0.7	Balanced.
Row Condo	27	136	163	10	16.3	6.3	Oversupplied.
Apt Condo	21	289	310	19	16.3	2.3	Oversupplied.

# need to know

#### NANAIMO CA

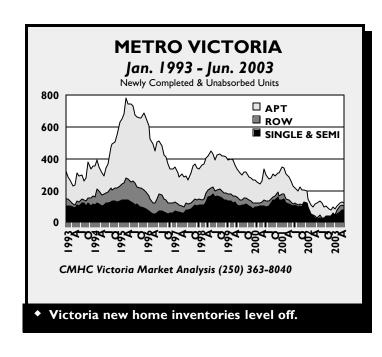
	Completed & Unoccupied <sup>1</sup>	Under Construction	Total Supply	Monthly Absorption Forecast <sup>2</sup>	Duration of Supply (Months)	Surplus/ Shortfall <sup>3</sup> (Months)	Market Classification⁴
Single & Semi	22	259	281	36	7.8	0.8	Balanced.
Row Condo	3	20	23	2	11.5	0.5	Balanced.
Apt Condo	31	0	31	1	31.0	18.0	Oversupplied.

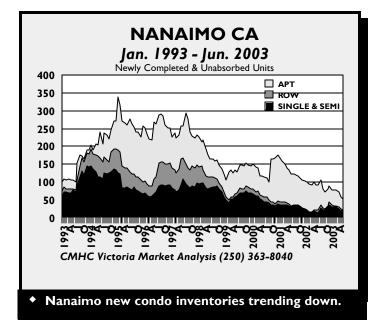
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#### VICTORIA AND NANAIMO

# **New Housing Inventory**

## **JANUARY 1993 to JUNE 2003**



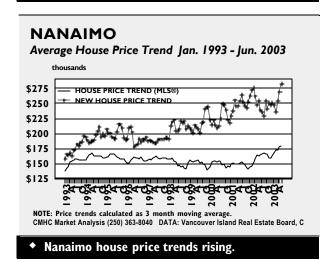


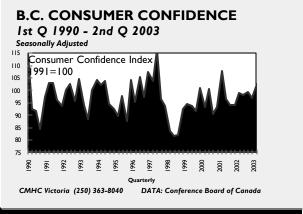
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#### KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

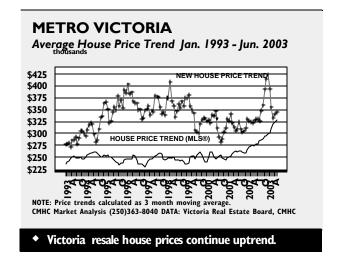
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#### **Vancouver Island Housing Markets**

MLS® SALES		June	e <b>2003</b>			YEAR TO	<b>DATE 2003</b>	3
SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED	Sales Jun. 2003	% Change Jun. 2002	Avg Price Jun. 2003	% Change Jun. 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	24%	\$324,236	21%	2,343	-6%	\$314,945	15%
Nanaimo	139	19%	\$178,782	11%	761	11%	\$174,052	10%
Duncan-Cowichan Valley	82	8%	\$186,448	8%	445	-1%	\$178,849	11%
Port Alberni*	25	14%	\$97,212	0%	117	-6%	\$105,649	3%
Parksville-Qualicum Beach	52	-24%	\$195,642	-5%	368	-6%	\$203,179	7%
Comox Valley	123	86%	\$170,896	2%	451	1%	\$169,715	7%
Campbell River	47	24%	\$153,446	2%	218	-3%	\$148,992	4%

<sup>\*</sup> Note: MLS® data represents a smaller portion of total sales in Port Alberni.

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