

Welcome to March 2022!

Does it feel like we're "over the hump" regarding winter? It feels like we are. With the garden shops opening and people starting to plan their gardens, it's time to look forward to the months ahead bringing warmer weather and hopefully a less stressful real estate market for us all.

Something to think about this month; any thought of predicting the next 6 to 12 months in the world of real estate is probably out the window! There are so many factors at play such as: low inventory, inflation, interest rates, the terribly sad situation in Ukraine, provincial government policies and more that buyers, sellers, and everyone in our industry is literally holding their breath to see what is going to happen next. The good news is, with Spring right around the corner, optimism usually rises along with the flowers. Sellers list homes for sale and the cycle picks up steam again. The optimist in me believes more listings will come forth to help meet some of the demand from buyers but expects demand to continue to outstrip supply causing prices to continue to rise. Here are the numbers from February to help you think about things:

Sales actually dropped by 18% from last inventory February to 609 units, largely due to a lack of listing. However, the average price rose from \$904,864 to \$1,251,713 and the median price from \$819,108 to \$1,140,000. It took an average, 47 days to sell in February last year but this year the average fell to just 27 days. The escalation in prices resulted in over 2/3 of residential sales exceeding \$1,000,000. Quite **1.58** | MONTHS OF INVENTORY RESIDENTIAL

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Normally we do not ride the political soapbox in this Newsletter but all economists agree the most significant driver of price increases is the imbalance of supply vs demand. Throughout the province we hear the same thing. As an industry we have been saying this for some time but now it may be time for buyers and sellers to speak up too! Our elected representatives are far more likely to listen to you and address the issues to help bring more homes into our area. The issue is supply, not how buyers, sellers or real estate agents are handling sales. If there were more homes to buy, the market would balance out and prices would moderate. Simple economics but, of course, not so simple!

A couple of last notes: Mask mandates may soon be gone (yeah) and we might be able to actually see people's faces soon. Also, don't be taking those snow tires off quite yet. Winter may still have something up its sleeve. Overall, positive things can happen if we have a positive attitude. Let's be part of that together. Our wonderful Okanagan Valley is starting to warm up and sunny days are ahead. Go out for some nice walks. Enjoy our valley and say hello to your neighbours! Enjoy!

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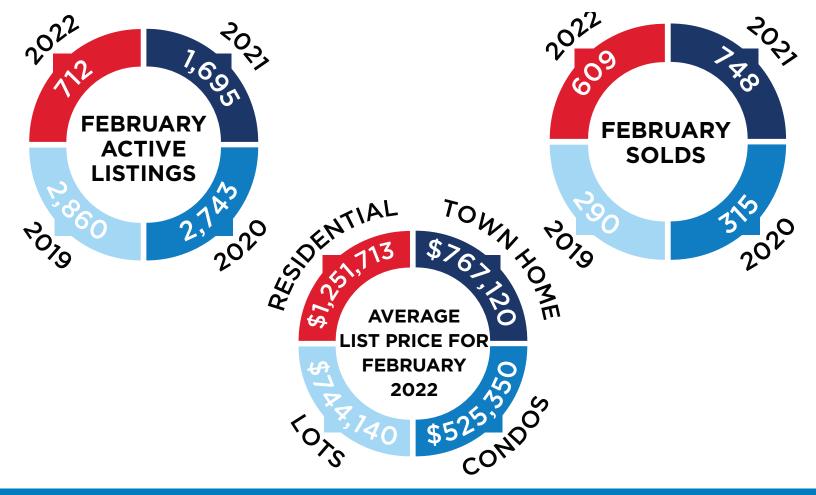
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Central Okanagan Monthly Statistics as Reported by the ASSOCIATION OF INTERIOR REALTORS® - FEBRUARY 2022

Stat Comparison FEBRUARY 2021 vs. FEBRUARY 2022	Single Family Sales by Price YTD FEBRUARY 2022
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Number of Sales by Month	2021	2022	Price Range	2021	2022
	748	609	\$0 - \$319,999	2	1
Number of Sales Year to Date	2021	2022			
	1,197	1,052	\$320,000 - \$439,999	3	2
Residential House Prices by Month	2021	2022			
Average	\$904,864	\$1,251,713	\$440,000 - \$559,999	17	6
Median	\$819,625	\$1,140,000	\$560,000 - \$699,999	87	73
Residential House Prices Year to Date	2021	2022			
Average	\$898,108	\$1,188,823	\$700,000 - \$999,999	180	99
Median	\$807,500	\$1,099,000			
Number of Units Listed	2021	2022	\$1 M and Over	117	215
	905	792			
Days to Sell by Month - Residential	2021	2022	Active Inventory Central Okanagan - FEBRUARY 2022		
	43	27			
Days to Sell Year to Date - Residential	2021	2022	Residential Condo Mobi	les Lots	Townhomes
	50	31	306 198 46	132	76

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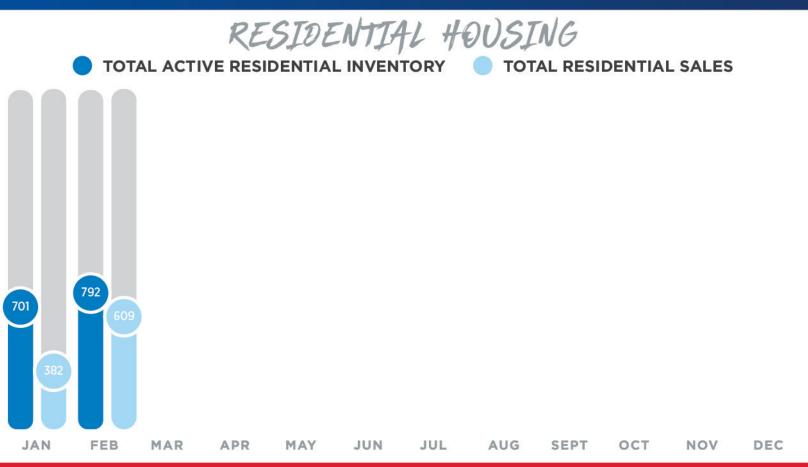
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Year to date MLS® statistics for Central Okanagan area as provided by AOIR.



RESIDENTIAL INVENTORY VS MONTHLY SALES CENTRAL OKANAGAN 2022



KELOWNA & AREA RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES SINGLE FAMILY HOMES - PEACHLAND TO OYAMA

