

The real estate market is experiencing unprecedented levels of activity and incredibly high demand. With so much information and noise regarding the housing market, it's easy to get overwhelmed. To help give clarity, we present to vou Brian Buffini's Real Estate Report. This biannual publication is full of wellresearched statistics and facts to provide you with useful insights about the real estate market. Use this guide to gain the knowledge and peace of mind you need in an everchanging market.

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# State of the Market

In 2021, the state of the market varied across Canada depending on the province. With that said, there are still a few national trends worth noting.



2022 Home Sales Forecast 577,000 **Home Builders Are Constructing a Record Number of** 

**Units.** Approximately

320,000 housing units are under

construction in Canada.

The number of newly listed properties jumped by

3.2% in late 2021.

68,5% of Canadians own homes.



Average MLS® Home Price

\$716,585

# **Mortgage Stats**

Mortgage rates are poised to rise due to the economy and inflation. Despite soaring inflation, there is still a great demand for homes and goods.



# \$500,000 or less \$500,000 to \$999,999 \$5% of the first \$500,000 of the purchase price 10% for the portion of the purchase price above \$500,000 \$1 million or more Minimum Down Payment 5% of the purchase price 10% for the portion of the purchase price above \$500,000

# Most Common Mortgage for Homebuyers and Refinancers

- Five-year fixed-rate
- Five-year renewal term
- 25-year amortization period

### 2022 Average Mortgage Rate Forecast

- 5.1% for five-year fixed
- **3%** for one-year fixed



# **Today's Buyer Profile**

The demand for buying homes across Canada remains strong. Here are some key buyer stats and an overview of their values and behaviours.

91% of homeowners were happy with their purchase.



45.3% of income needed to cover homeownership costs.

### **Key Buyer Findings**

**77% of buyers** value their home more than before the start of the pandemic.

**65% of buyers** paid the maximum price they could afford on their home purchase.

## **Top Three Reasons for Buying**

- A safe investment = 42%
- More stability = **37**%
- Low interest rates = **34%**

# **Today's Seller Profile**

It's been a seller's market! Whether you're thinking of upgrading, downsizing or moving to a new area, these latest insights will help you make the most informed decision possible.

Home prices increased year-over-year.



are comfortable conducting real estate business electronically.

Home resales shot up in late 2021.

Canadian homeowners.

**72.7%**.

### Sales-to-New-Listing Ratio: 79.5%

- Home supply was at lowest point on record.
- Market tilted to sellers. increasing home prices.
- Long-term average is 54.8%.

### **Top ROI Upgrades**

- Kitchen Renovations
- Fresh Paint
- Bathroom Renovations



The Cost of Home-

ownership



### **Average Price by Province**

and percent change from 2020:

- Yukon: **\$542,515** (+18.8%)
- Northwest Territories: **\$360,030** (-2.3%)
- British Columbia: **\$963,231** (+18.7%)
- Alberta: \$426,926 (+3.9%)
- Saskatchewan: **\$284,500** (+4.6%)

Manitoba: \$346,138 (+9.4%)

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- Ontario: \$912,763 (+22.9%)
- Quebec: **\$470,216** (+16.5%)
- Newfoundland and Labrador: **\$322,100** (+10.1%)

- New Brunswick: \$267,000 (+32%)
- Prince Edward Island: \$365,374 (+22.7%)
- Nova Scotia: **\$365,692** (+20.5%)
- Nunavut: No data available

# The State of the Agent

The use of technology continues to increase in popularity, but there is still an emphasis on real-life interactions. Ultimately, skilled, supportive agents are the key to buyers and sellers achieving their real estate goals.

### **Human Interactions Are Still Valued**

Majority of Canadians who used a virtual listing platform are likely to switch back to a REALTOR® for their next transaction.



Canadian buyers and sellers rank TRUST and **FAMILIARITY** with an agent as the most important factor when choosing an agent.

### The Essential Role of an Agent

79% of buyers interacted with a real estate agent during the home buying process.

37% of buyers say an agent was the most valuable person in their homebuying decision.

21% of home sellers want their agent to provide value by helping them understand the overall process.

86% of Canadians who have worked with a REALTOR® previously would work with one again

71% preferred a phone call when connecting with an agent.

# Why I Work by Referral

### **Relationships are** more important than transactions.

My business is built on relationships, so I work to provide my clients with outstanding service and care during and long after a transaction.



I am devoted to serving your needs even after the sale is complete. If you need a referral for a contractor. helpful advice or an agent for your friend or family member, I am here to help.

### You are the backbone of my business.

Your referrals are the foundation of my business, so I aim to exceed your expectations every step of the way.

In Canada

**38%** 

of buyers continue to get recommendations to use a specific real estate agent.

"There is no lead more powerful than one referred from someone you know someone who knows you, trusts you and will put their name to you."

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