## **Alberta Housing Market Update**

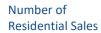
March 2024



Real estate sales in Alberta continues to thrive in the spring market, showing a remarkable 31.0% year-over-year increase for March. This performance ranks as the third-highest March ever, trailing only behind the exceptional months of March 2020 and 2021, respectively. The average home price has surged by 10.8% year-over-year with the sales-to-new listings ratio remaining elevated as buyers continue to outnumber the sellers. Months of inventory for the province dropped from 2.5 months to 2.3 months.

In Calgary, sales saw a rise of 22.2% compared to last year, and like February, Edmonton witnessed another substantial 49.5% increase in sales. Notably, the sales-tonew listings ratio in Calgary exceeded 100%—a milestone achieved only three times in its history, with the previous instances occurring in October 1997 and January 2022.

The provincial unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 6.3%. The most significant job losses occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade (-21,600), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (-5,400), and Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, and Leasing (-3,500). However, there were positive signs in sectors such as Health Care and Social Assistance (+12,400), Manufacturing (+4,600), and Utilities (+3,900). Overall, monthly full-time employment increased by 400 jobs, while monthly part-time employment decreased by 3,500 jobs.



**7,194** (+31.0% YOY)

Sales-to-New

**Listings Ratio** 

86%

(+17 points YoY)

Average Home Price

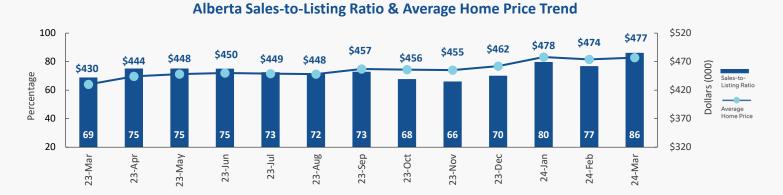


**\$476,943** (+10.8% YOY)

Unemployment



**6.3%<sup>1</sup>** (+0.1 points MoM)



	Number Sold	% YOY	Average Price	% YOY	New Listings	% YOY	Sales to Listing Ratio	Market	UE %
Edmonton	2,637	+49.5	405,293	+9.2	3,387	+15.5	78	Sellers	6.4 <sup>2</sup>
Calgary	3,039	+22.2	598,724	+13.9	3,013	-1.1%	101	Sellers	6.5 <sup>2</sup>
Central AB	483	+22.6	385,561	+16.4	573	+3.6	84	Sellers	7.0*
Lethbridge	273	+21.3	367,466	+8.3	288	+2.1	95	Sellers	7.3**
Medicine Hat	118	+5.4	333,773	+14.0	135	-8.8	87	Sellers	7.3**
Grande Prairie	222	+36.2	316,954	+2.2	342	+8.6	65	Sellers	5.1^
Fort McMurray	100	+33.3	345,424	-2.5	164	-30.2	61	Sellers	5.5^^

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Notes regarding UE data: 1. Monthly, seasonally adjusted 2.3-months moving average, seasonally adjusted \*Red Deer \*\*Lethbridge-Medicine Hat ^AB NW ^^Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake: all 3-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality