

As Canada recovers from a trying financial climate, the recent resurgence makes way for promising improvements and opportunities in the year ahead. Northern Citadel has compiled stats from various sources — from the Bank of Canada to the US Federal Reserve.

#### **Bank of Canada Interest Rate**

April 17, 2013	1.00 %
May 29, 2013	1.00 %
July 17, 2013	Next meeting date

Source: Bank of Canada

#### **Bank Prime Lending Rate**

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April 18, 2013	3.00 %		
May 30, 2013	3.00 %		
July 18, 2013	Next meeting date		

Source: Bank of Canada

### Conventional Mortgage - 5 Year Rate\*

April 24, 2013	5.14 %
May 8, 2013	5.14 %
May 22, 2013	5.14 %

Source: Bank of Canada

#### **US Federal Reserve Board Discount Rate\***

May 1, 2013	0.00 % - 0.25 %	
June 19, 2013	0.00 % - 0.25 %	
July 31, 2013	Next meeting date	

Source: US Federal Reserve

### Exchange Rate \$CDN(\$US)

May 29, 2013	0.9660			
June 19, 2013	0.9734			
June 28, 2013	0.9525			

Source: Bank of Canada

<sup>\*</sup>Determinant for high ratio mortgage variable qualifying rate

<sup>\*</sup>US Federal Reserve has indicated it will now keep this rate until unemployment reaches 6.5%

### **Government of Canada Bonds**

Bond Type	May 22, 2013	June 06, 2013	June 20, 2013	
1 year Treasury Bill	1.06%	1.08%	1.11%	
3 year Benchmark Bond Yield	1.15%	1.15%	1.27%	
5 year Benchmark Bond Yield	1.38%	1.45%	1.65%	
10 year Benchmark Bond Yield	1.92%	2.05%	2.25%	

Source: Bank of Canada



# Total New Housing Starts (Seasonally adjusted and annualized)

Province	March 2013	March 2012	April 2013	April 2012	May 2013	May 2012
Newfoundland/Labrador	2,800	2,900	2,800	4,100	3,300	3,500
PEI	300	400	400	1,100	1,000	700
Nova Scotia	5,000	4,300	2,300	2,500	5,100	3,700
New Brunswick	1,400	1,800	1,200	2,300	3,700	4,100
Quebec	37,600	43,700	41,400	62,800	38,800	43,700
Ontario	55,200	87,500	48,600	97,600	69,700	79,600
Manitoba	11,000	7,700	9,000	4,800	6,700	10,500
Saskatchewan	7,500	8,700	6,700	8,500	7,300	5,700
Alberta	34,700	35,500	39,000	37,300	41,400	31,400
British Columbia	25,900	22,700	24,600	23,800	23,200	28,500
CANADA	181,400	215,200	175,900	244,800	200,200	211,400

Source: CMHC Housing Now - June 2012 and June 2013. This seasonally adjusted data goes through stages of revision at different times of the year.



# **Average MLS® Resale Price for Local Markets**

City	May 2012	May 2013	
<u>Halifax</u>	\$ 283,010	\$ 285,583	
Saint John	\$ 175,815	\$ 182,829	
Quebec	\$ 260,361	\$ 273,389	
<u>Montreal</u>	\$ 328,885	\$ 331,594	
<u>Ottawa</u>	\$ 363,502	\$ 370,591	
Toronto	\$ 516,787	\$ 542,174	
Hamilton/Burlington	\$ 369,292	\$ 416,664	
Winnipeg	\$ 266,379	\$ 274,437	
Saskatoon	\$ 318,603	\$ 341,737	
Regina	\$ 303,393	\$ 322,029	
Calgary	\$ 429,459	\$ 440,675	
Edmonton	\$ 347,459 \$ 350,92		
Vancouver	\$ 732,736 \$ 772,569		
Victoria	\$ 506,195	\$ 477,281	

Source: Canadian Real Estate Association



# **Canadian Housing Resale Data**



