Atlantic Housing Market Update

December 2024



Across the Atlantic provinces, MLS resales were particularly strong in the last quarter and a total of 28,260 transactions were recorded for 2024 (+6.3% YoY). In the larger metro markets, average MLS home prices reached all-time highs in the fourth quarter. Residential construction was at record levels in the Maritimes, supported by high home prices and rents. The major metro markets remain in sellers' market territory with the ratio of sales to new listings above 70% in Halifax, Moncton, and Saint John NB.

In the Maritimes and Newfoundland, sales demand surged to new highs in the last quarter. In New Brunswick, average sales price continued to appreciate while months of inventory decreased to 96 days. In Moncton and Fredericton, new listings were up in the last quarter, improving the market offerings for homebuyers.

Unemployment rates rose to 7.8% in New Brunswick and to 6.3% in Nova Scotia. Record growth of the labor force in these provinces amounted to between 3 and 4 % annually and outpaced the rate of hiring. Over the past year, Nova Scotia recorded strong growth in healthcare with 7,600 jobs (+10%). In New Brunswick, agriculture jobs grew by 2,300 (+45%) on an annual basis while in Newfoundland and Labrador, employment in education grew by 2,900 (+15.8%).

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80

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20

Dec-23

Jan-24

Feb-24

Jar-24

Apr-24

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Percentage 60

Number of **Residential Sales**



2,542 (+13.4% YoY)

Sales-to-**Listing Ratio**



(+5 points YoY)

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Oct-24

Dec-24

Average Home Price



\$390,136 (+9.2% YoY)

Unemployment



\$300

(+0.3 points MoM)

\$391 \$390 \$400 \$386 \$386 \$382 \$377 \$368 \$365 \$367 \$362 \$362 \$361 \$357 \$350 67 66 65 65 64 64

Jul-24

Atlantic Sales-to-Listing Ratio & Average Home Price Trend

Jun-24

	Number Sold	% YOY	Average Price	% YOY	New Listings	% YOY	Sales to Listing	Market	UE %
NEW BRUNSWICK	872	+19.6	\$ 336,915	+13.6	1,174	+12.9	Ratio 74	Sellers	7.8 ¹
Fredericton	196	+3.7	350,932	+17.7	289	+16.1	68	Sellers	6.4 ³
Moncton	313	+14.2	372,587	+6.7	428	+4.1	73	Sellers	5.8 ²
Saint John	193	+28.7	360,270	+29.1	236	+ 48.4	82	Sellers	5.9 ²
NOVA SCOTIA	1 005	+12.0	465,288	+6.8	1,357	+ 5.9	74	Sellers	6.31
Halifax	476	+4.2	597,390	+10.4	617	+21.0	77	Sellers	5.8 ²
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	171	+4.3	404,741	+13.5	266	+0.8	64	Sellers	8.5 ¹
NEWFOUNDLAND	494	+9.3	326,136	+9.0	788	-3.8	63	Sellers	10.4 ¹

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