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# **Residential Sales by Price**

Price Range	2015	2014
\$0 to \$200,000	10	14
\$200,000 to \$240,000	15	20
\$240,000 to \$280,000	35	34
\$280,000 to \$320,000	72	75
\$320,000 to \$360,000	128	173
\$360,000 to \$400,000	195	179
\$400,000 to \$440,000	201	200
\$440,000 to \$480,000	206	191
\$480,000 to \$520,000	181	149
\$520,000 to \$560,000	167	136
\$560,000 to \$600,000	113	99
\$600,000 to \$999,999	339	220
\$1 Million and over	33	38

# **Real Estate Stats Last Month**

Average house price last month	525,845	528,031
Median house price last month	489,950	466,000
Average Mobile Home price	99,272	76,310
Houses listed	428	405

## Residential Sales (Year To Date)

Туре	2015	2014
Acreage/House	88	67
Townhouse	544	481
Condo	668	589
Lots	136	175
Mobile Homes	153	150
Residential	1,695	1,528
Residential (Waterfront)	34	35
TOTAL	3318	3025

# Active Listings



# The Real Estate Report

# **4 Cures for the Summertime Blues**

# Make the most of the last weeks of summer

If you can't take the heat, you might need to stay out the Okanagan! Our valley is a beautiful summer destination but sometimes residents can find the "sun season" challenging. Here are some quick tips to cure your summertime blues:

### 1) Beat the crowds

The population of the valley escalates quickly in the summer months, increasing traffic and making popular spots like beaches and campgrounds busy.. One way to escape the buzz and noise is to create your own adventure right in your backyard. Garbage bags and a sprinkler make a great slip-and-slide and you can also get your kids to catch and categorize insects and flowers for educational fun.

### 2) Don't break the bank

Continue your home adventure with a BBQ party for all your friends. Save money by doing it potluck style with everyone bringing one dish and what they want to throw on the grill while you provide watermelon for dessert. Have people bring their favourite lawn/board games and you have an evening full of entertainment on the cheap.

### 3) A breath of fresh air

Unfortunately wildfires are becoming an annual occurrence in the region and that causes air quality issues as smoke fills the skyline. When fires are near, change your air conditioner settings to re-circulate so that you are not pulling the poorer quality air into your home.

### 4) Beat the heat

A cost-effective way to cool your house is with a bucket of ice water. Set it in front of a fan and you have an inexpensive air conditioner. You can also fill a sock with rice, tie it off and put it in the freezer. Take it to bed with you or use it on your forehead, the back of your neck, etc. The starchy, dense rice will stay cold longer and help you keep your cool.







