

VANCOUVER ISLAND REAL ESTATE BOARD (VIREB)
 SURVEY OF HOME BUYERS 2013

The VIREB encompasses all of Vancouver Island except the southern capital regions. It is divided into eight sub-regions. The study revealed several statistics relevant to our quest. The regions and the summary are:

	Number of Purchases	% from outside B C	% from B C but off Island	Outside VIREB	% retired
Comox Valley	311	29	19	48	49
Parksville/ Qualicum	310	28	29	57	63
Port Alberni/ West Coast	62	11	22	33	40
Campbell River	142	17	23	40	44
North Island	4	0	0	0	0
Nanaimo	445	18	15	33	47
Cowichan Valley	233	24	15	39	50
Gulf Islands	17	35	6	41	54
Total VIREB	1515	23	20	43	51

To see the full 222 page study, [click here](#)

Observations:

Large numbers of new British Columbians - 23% - are moving to the coastal communities... new taxpayers

Almost as many are moving from elsewhere in B C

Over ½ of them are retired

The baby boom has only just begun to reach retirement age.