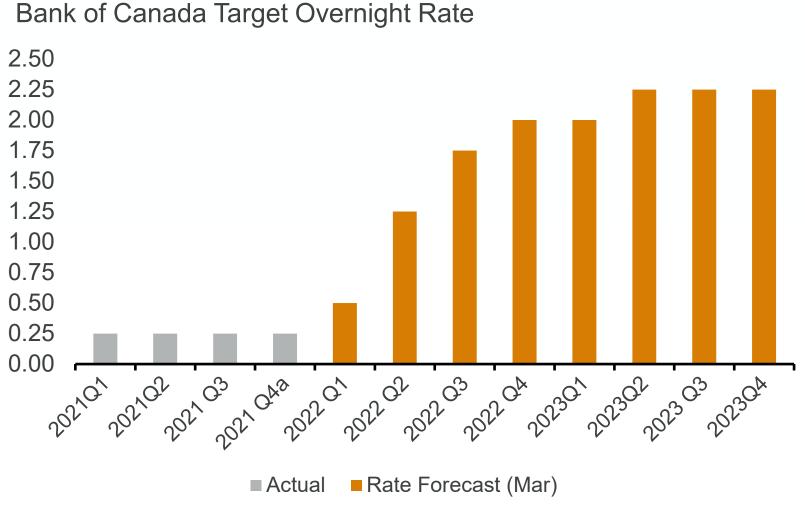


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### Rate hikes incoming and more aggressive moves possible



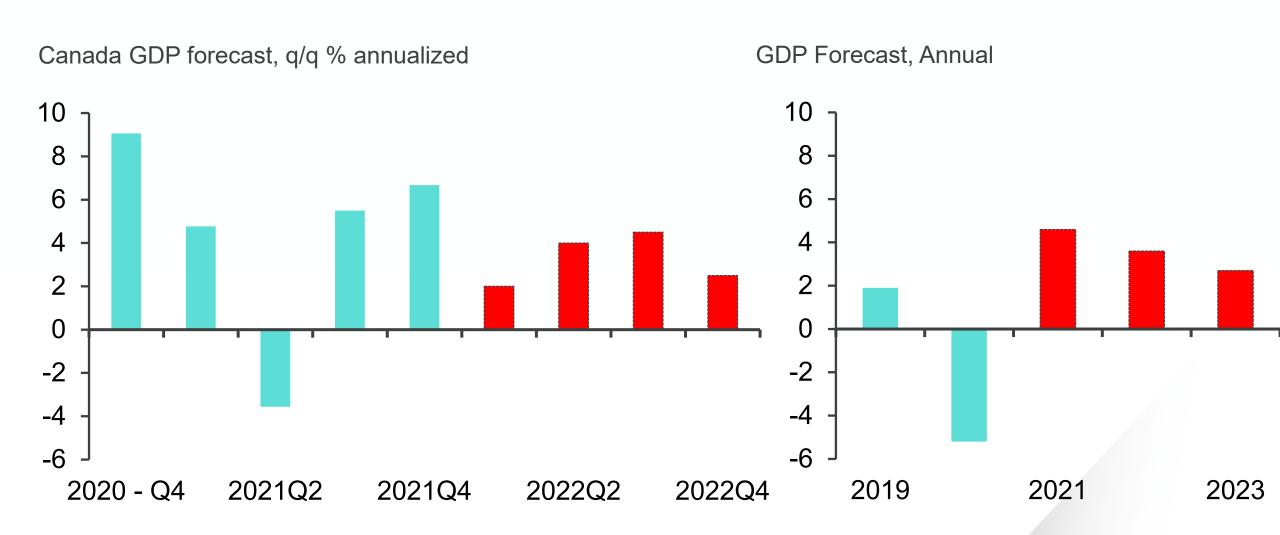
- Overnight rate forecast to reach 2% in 2022 with upside risk
- Europe conflict upward risk for inflation, downside risk for real growth
  - Can Canadian (and U.S.)
    economies withstand aggressive
    rate maneuvers?

Source: Bank of Canada, Central 1





## Economy to expand strengthens post- Omicron

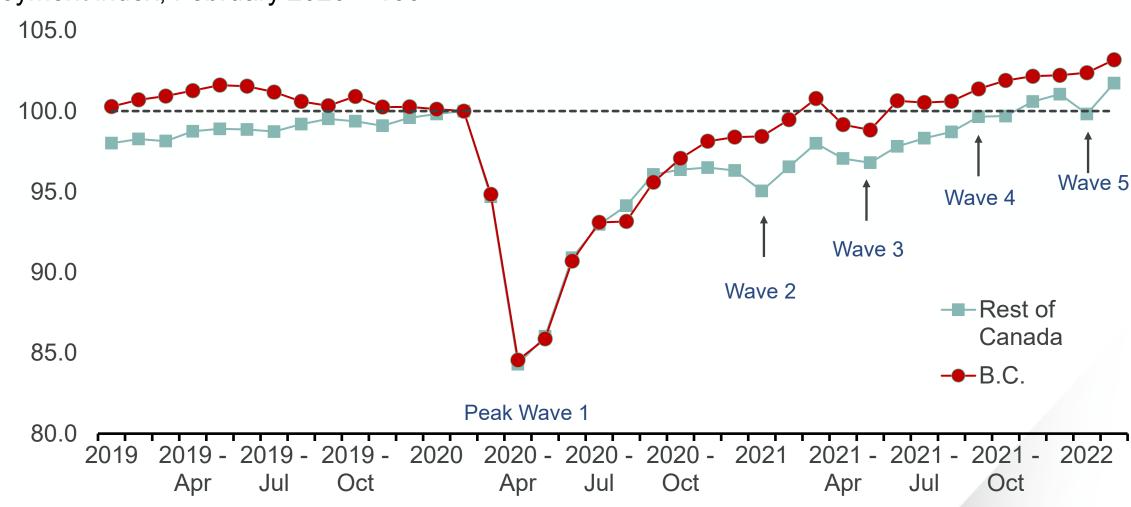


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## B.C. economic cycle outperforms during pandemic

Employment index, February 2020 = 100

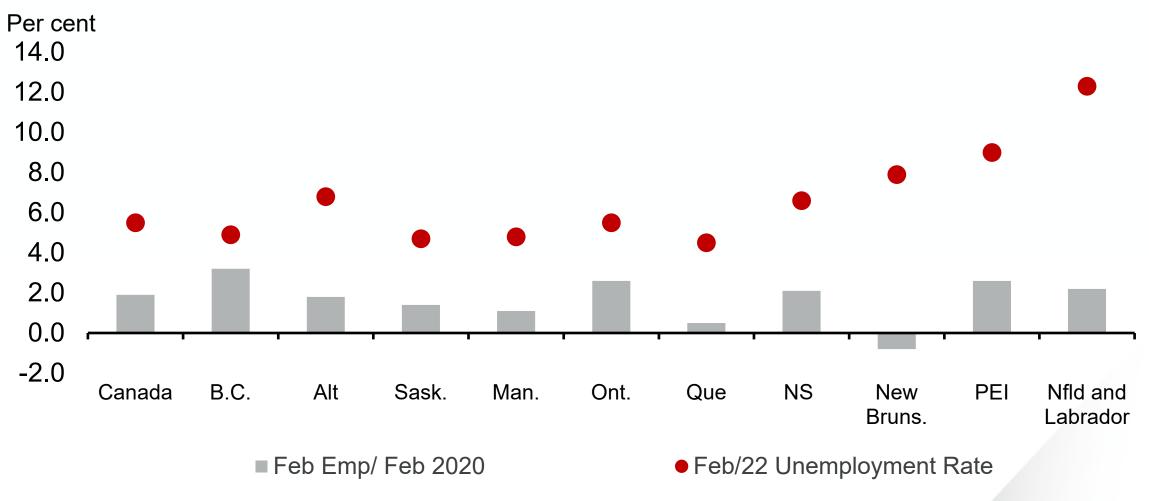


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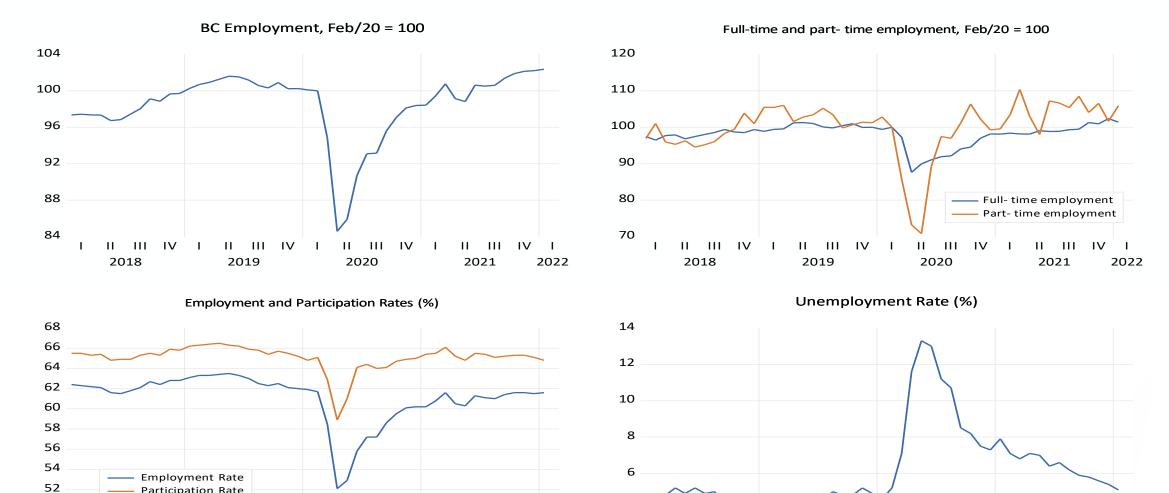
## B.C. growth outperforms peers, employment fully recovers and joblessness sinks



Source: Statistics Canada, Central 1



## B.C. Labour market



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Participation Rate

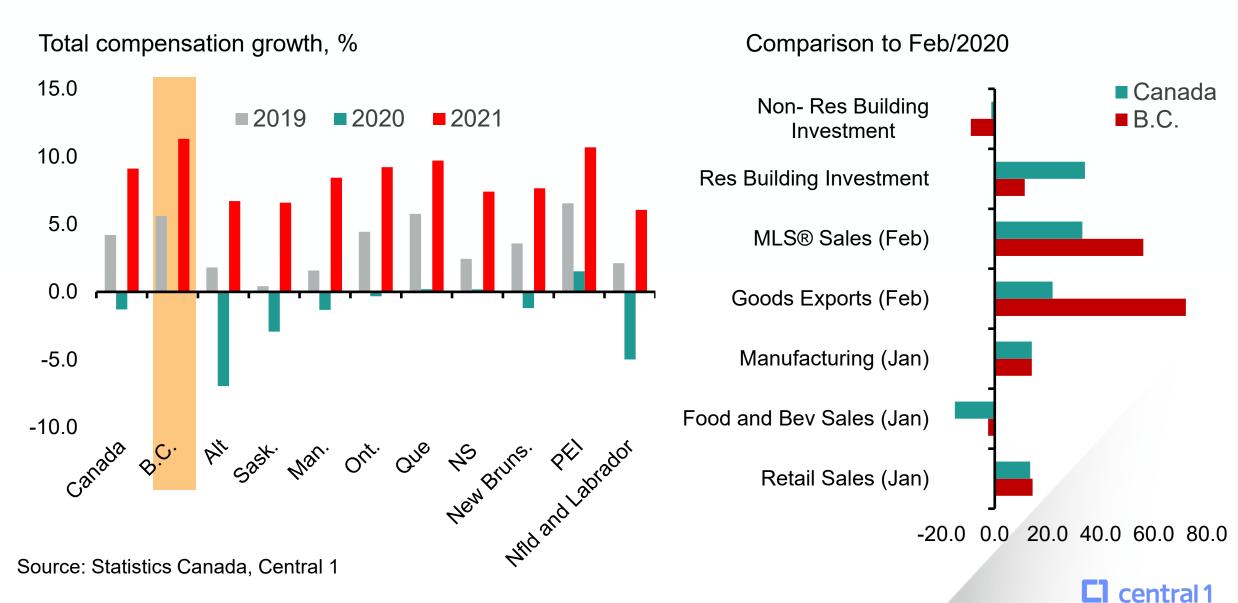


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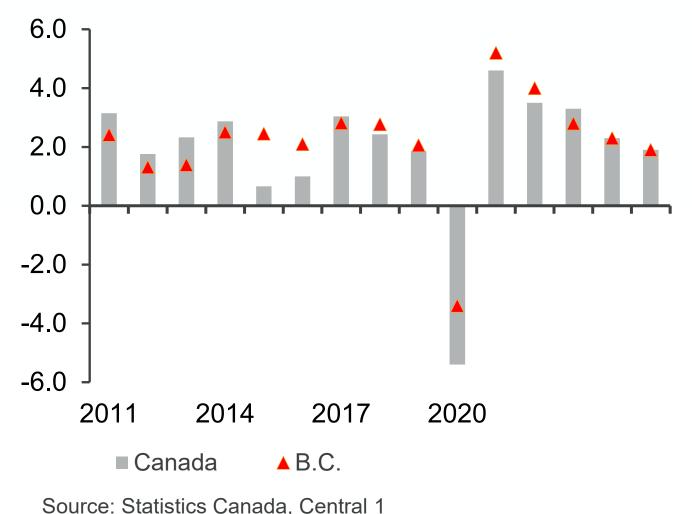
## B.C. growth outperforms peers in key measures





### B.C. outpaces Canadian growth in 2021, trend slips below 2% by 2024

Growth in Gross Domestic Product, %, 2021 – 2025 Forecast

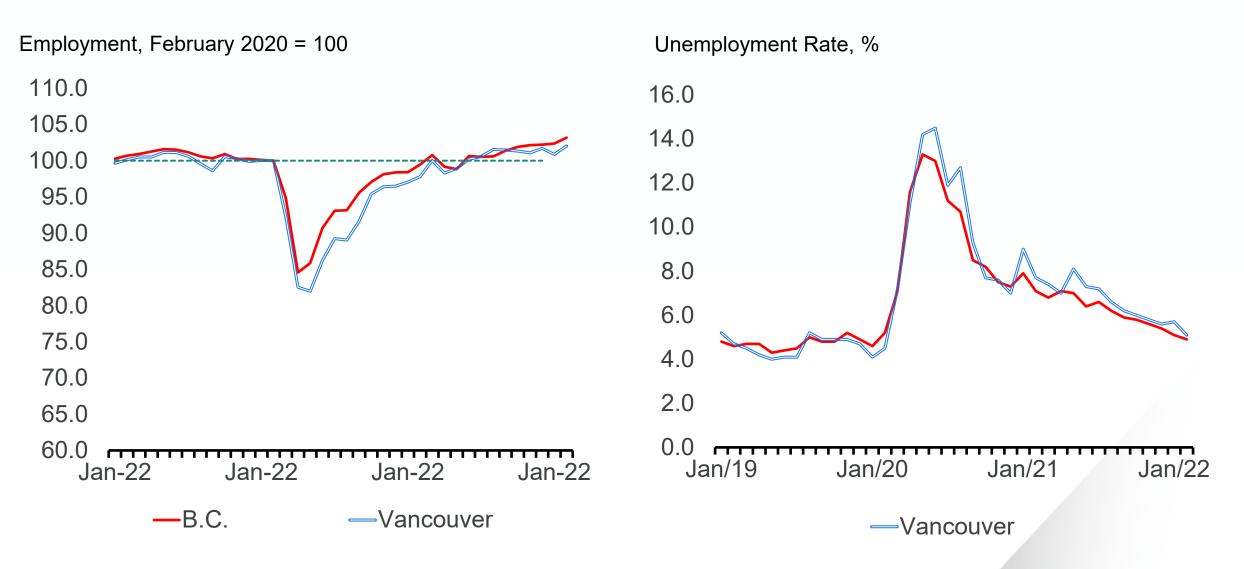


- 2022 B.C. restrictions less intensive than peers
- Rotation towards services- oriented growth and exports for 2022, Omicron a risk
- Housing cycle to remain robust but less contribution to growth
- Infrastructure and capital spending strong,
   business investment picks up
- Population growth to accelerate





## Vancouver CMA posts similar patterns

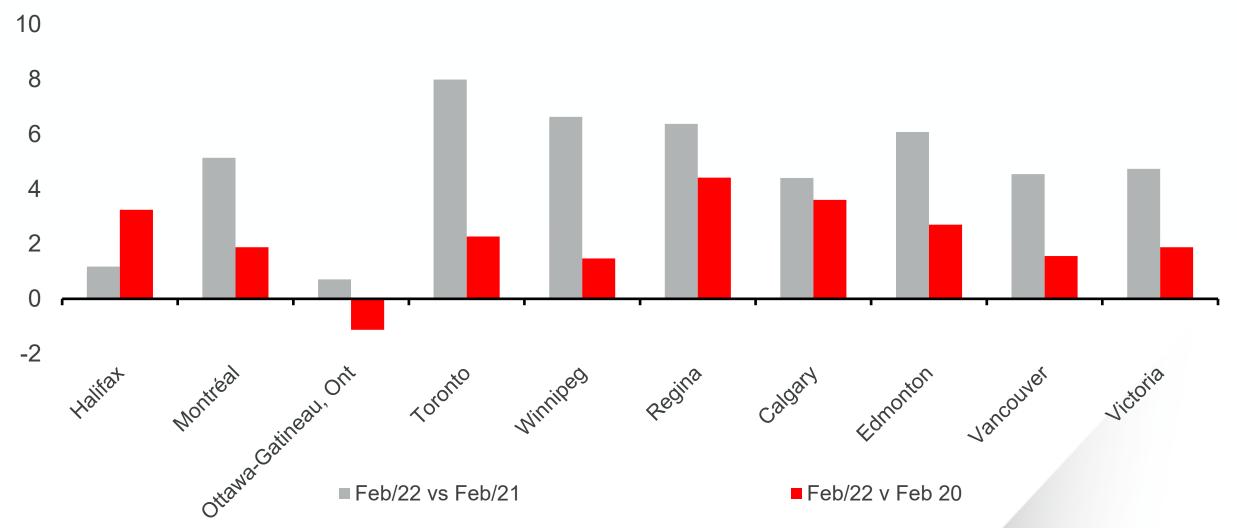


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## Metro Vancouver recovery lags other regions

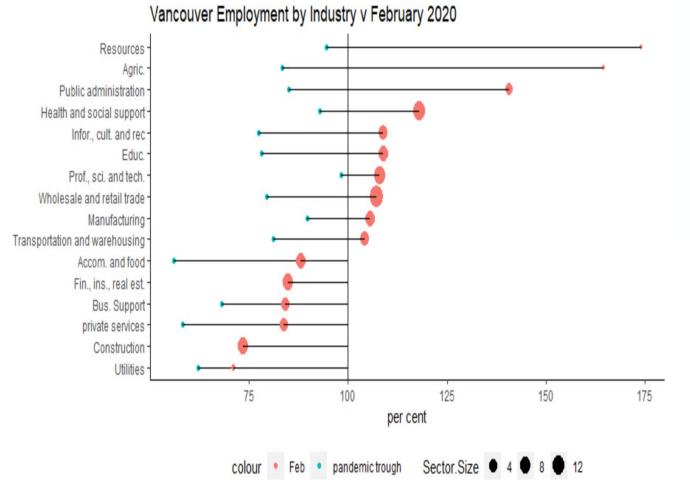
Labour Force Survey employment growth by select CMA, per cent change



Source: Statistics Canada, Central 1 \*based on 3- month moving averages



## Mixed performance among sectors but pandemic-sensitive sectors set to rebound sharply



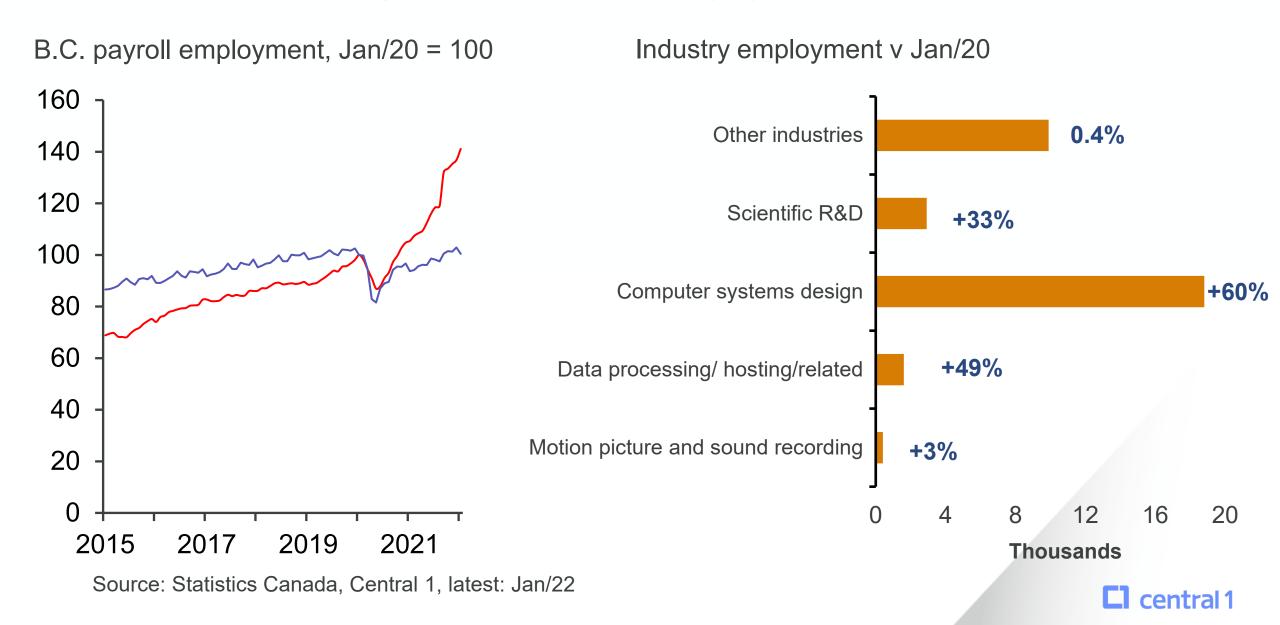
- Key drivers include technology and knowledge sector expansion
- Consumer economy hums despite
   lower population growth
- Pandemic drivers of health and government rise
- Tourism sectors set to rebound sharply

Data source: Statistics Canada, Central 1 Economics

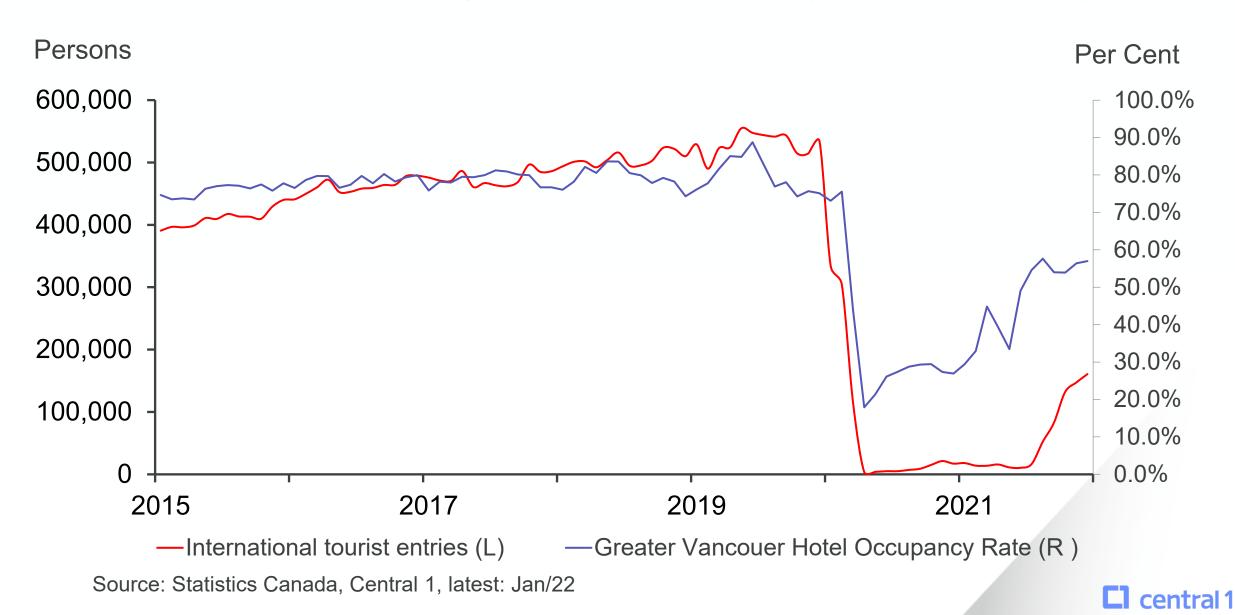
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## Tech and knowledge industries a key growth driver

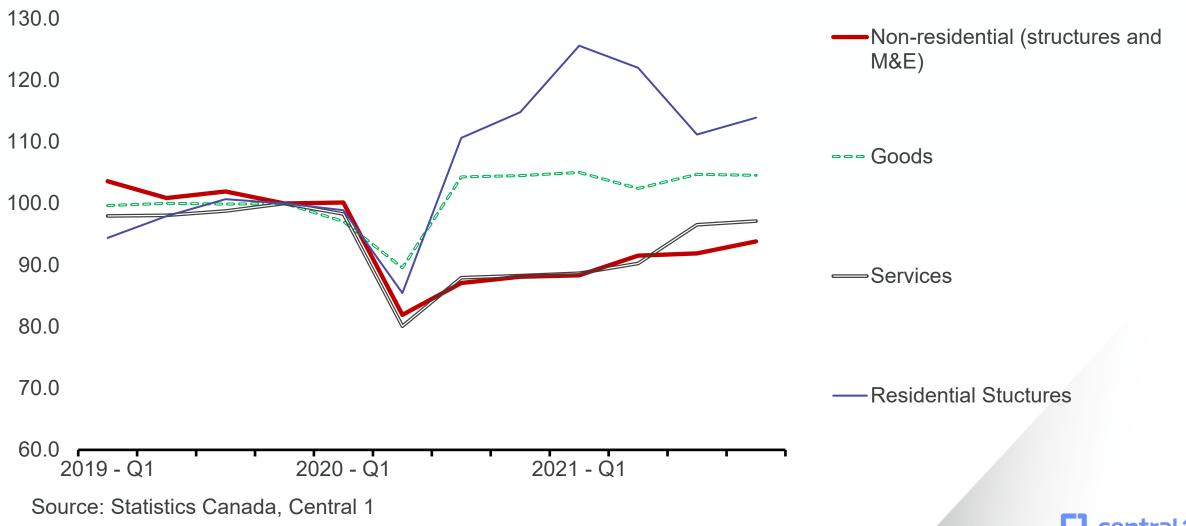


## Tourism on the upswing, Omicron January dip temporary



## Business investment has more room to recover, consumer goods demand to slow

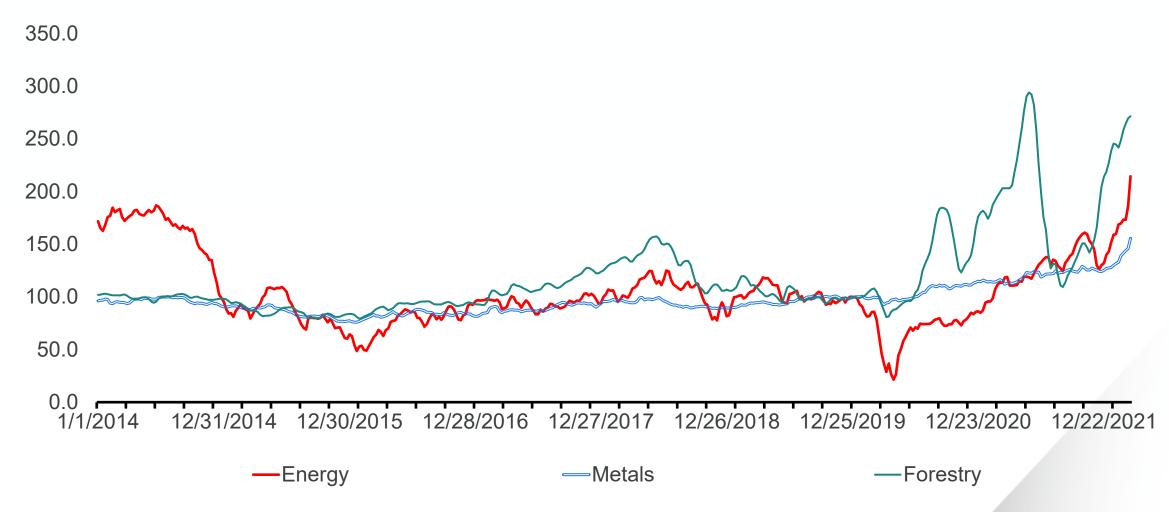
Real GDP by Select Expenditure, 2019Q4 = 100



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## Commodity prices surge supports B.C. exporters

Commodity Price index, Jan/20 = 100

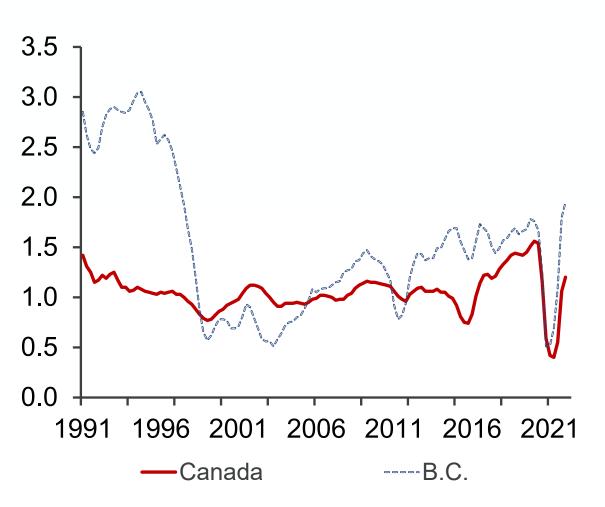




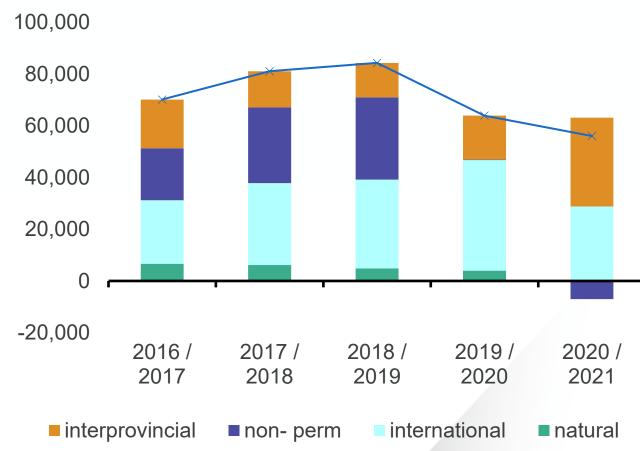


## Interprovincial migration drives pandemic population growth





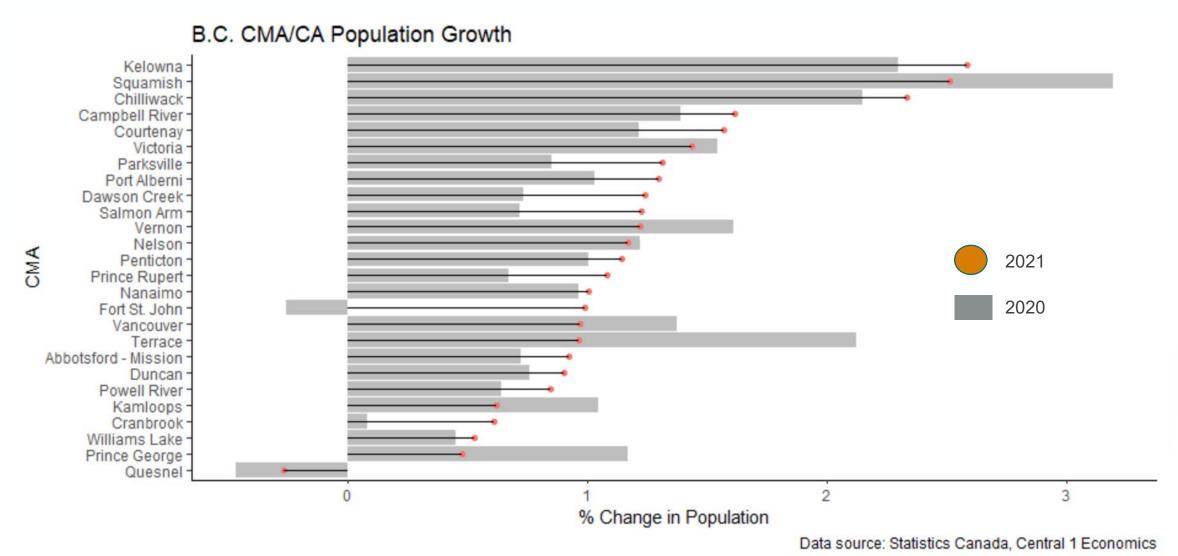
#### Net population growth by component



Source: Statistics Canada Central 1

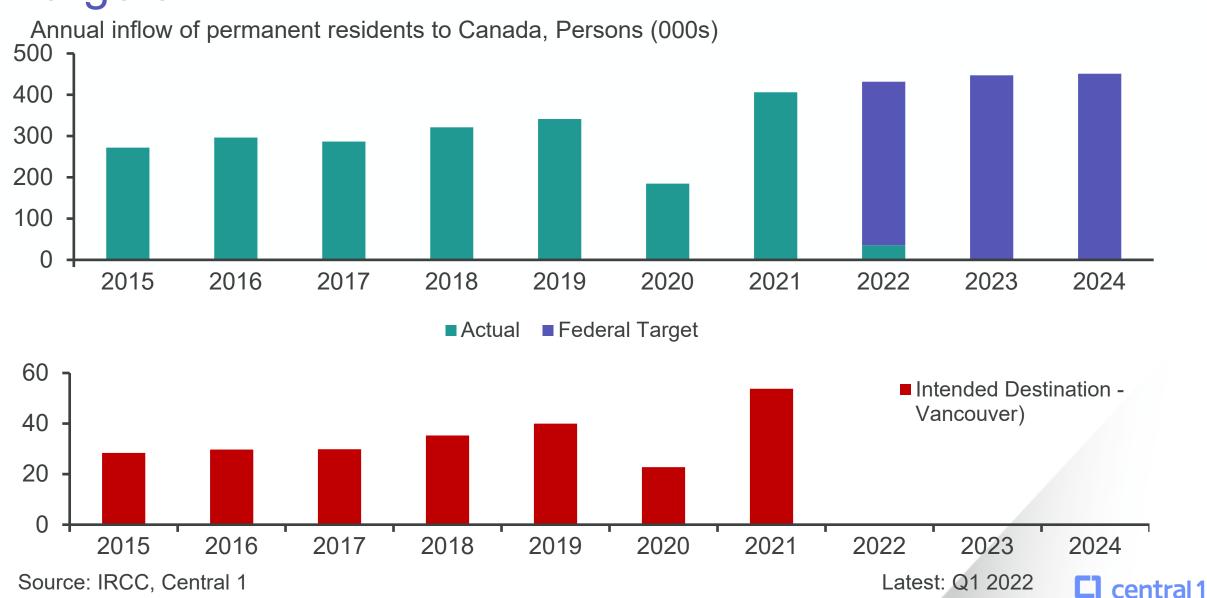


# Metro Vancouver population growth slowed sharply during the pandemic

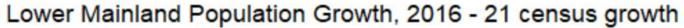


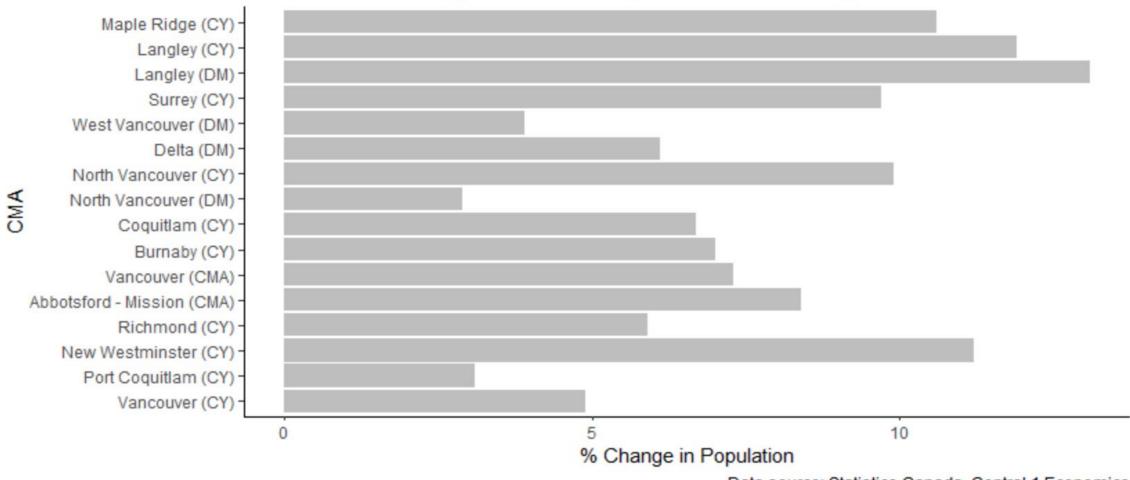
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# Immigration to Canada set to surge on high federal targets



## Extension of pre- pandemic trends





Data source: Statistics Canada, Central 1 Economics





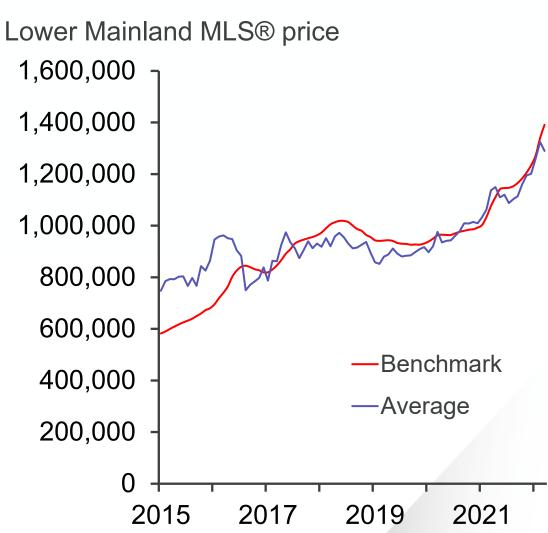
## Metro Vancouver Forecast

Vancouver CMA	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Labour Force (000s)	1,576.0	1,515.0	1,612.7	1,654.0	1,682.0
% ch.	3.6	-3.9	6.5	2.6	1.7
Total Employment (000s)	1,503.2	1,375.2	1,499.7	1,561.0	1,594.0
% ch.	3.4	-8.5	9.1	4.1	2.1
Unemployment Rate	4.6	9.3	7.0	5.6	5.2
Residential Permits (\$ millions.)	7,902.9	7,100.0	7,400.3	7,850.0	8,200.0
% ch.	-6.5	-10.2	4.2	6.1	4.5
Non-Residential Permits (\$ millions.)	3,778.4	3,078.0	2,896.1	3,400.0	3,700.0
% ch.	-2.5	-18.5	-5.9	17.4	8.8
Population (000s)	2,709	2,746	2,773	2,820	2,870
% ch.	1.9	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.8



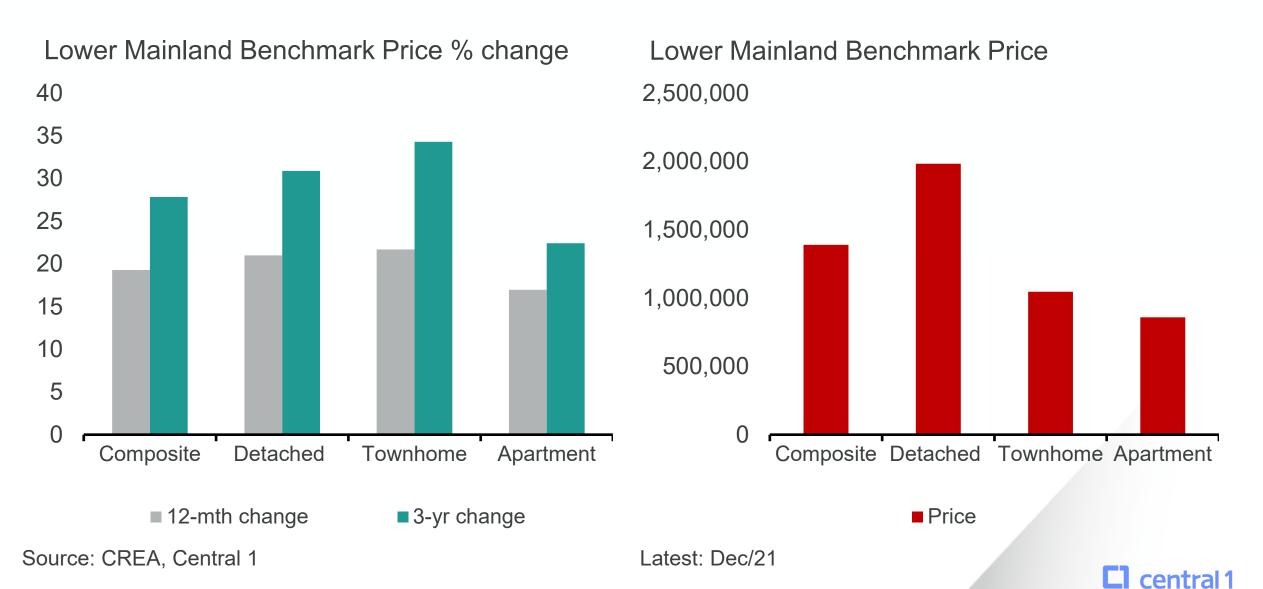
## Housing demand remains strong into March, but average price dips



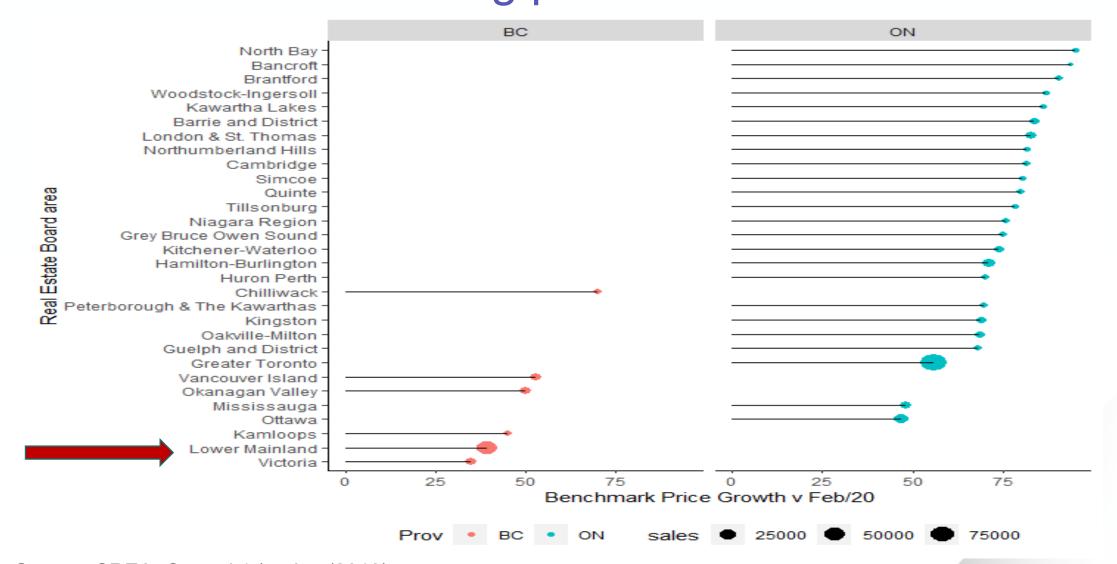




## Growth acceleration driven by ground- oriented units



# Lower Mainland price growth not that impressive, small markets dominate during pandemic

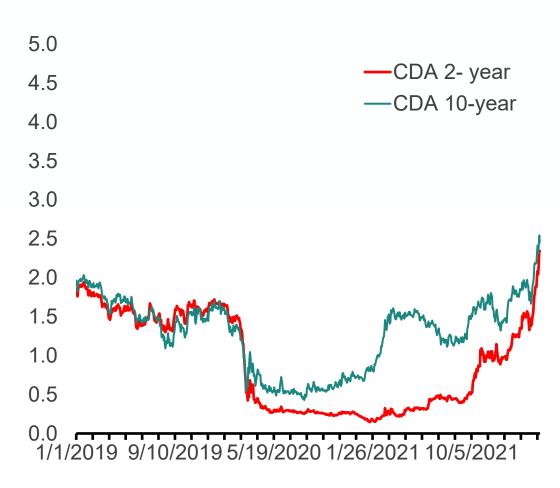




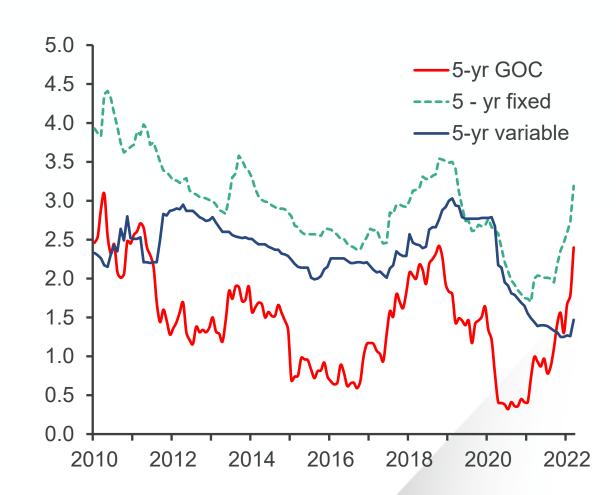


## Rates increases amplify affordability constraints





#### Administered rates

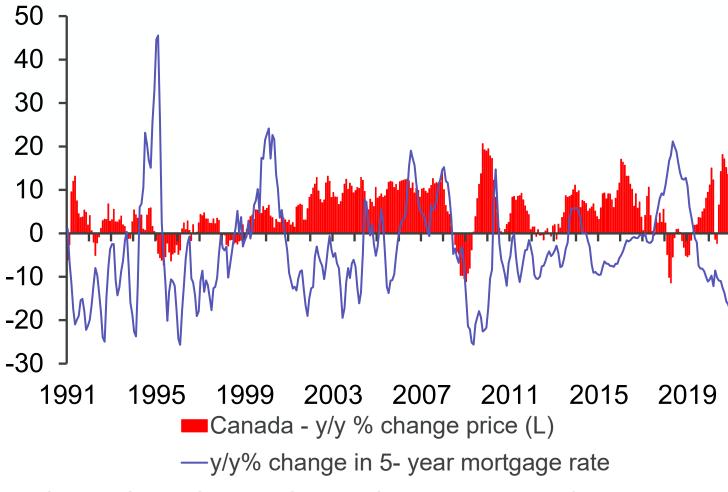


Source: Bloomberg, Central 1



### Sharp movements in rates tend to curtail prices

#### Per cent

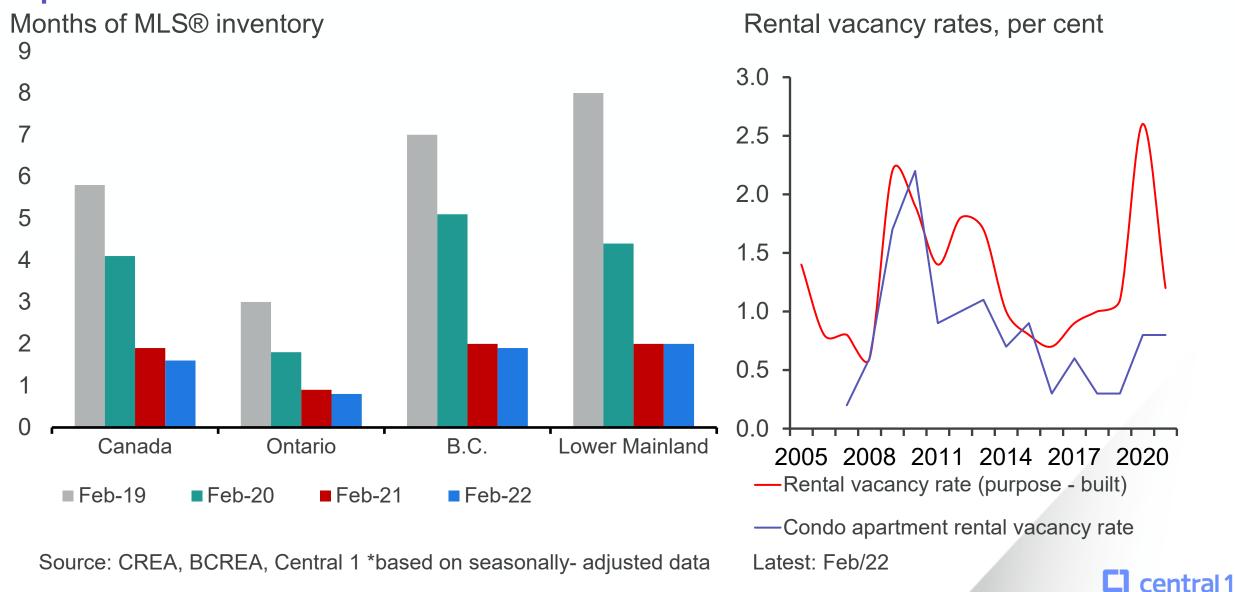


- Affordability constraints from high home prices and higher interest rates
- Foreign purchaser ban

Source: CREA, Statistics Canada, Central 1, latest: Mar/22



# Supply remains a key constraint and supportive of prices



## Slowdown expected, housing remains active sector



Source: Landcor, Central 1



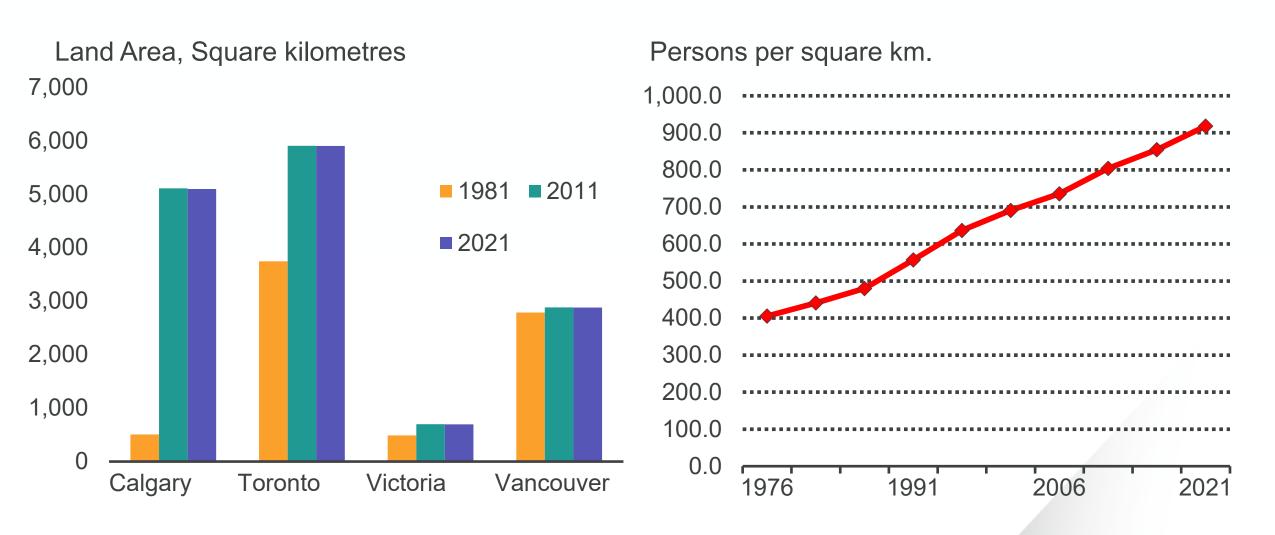


## Affordability and housing

- Affordability constraints and higher interest rates to tame market, drive short- term price declines
- Demand for ownership remains elevated, shift to condos, others priced out
- Lower Mainland market to be supported by economic and population growth, wage gains and rotation from remote work back to in- office and urban areas



## Long- term density will continue to lift land value

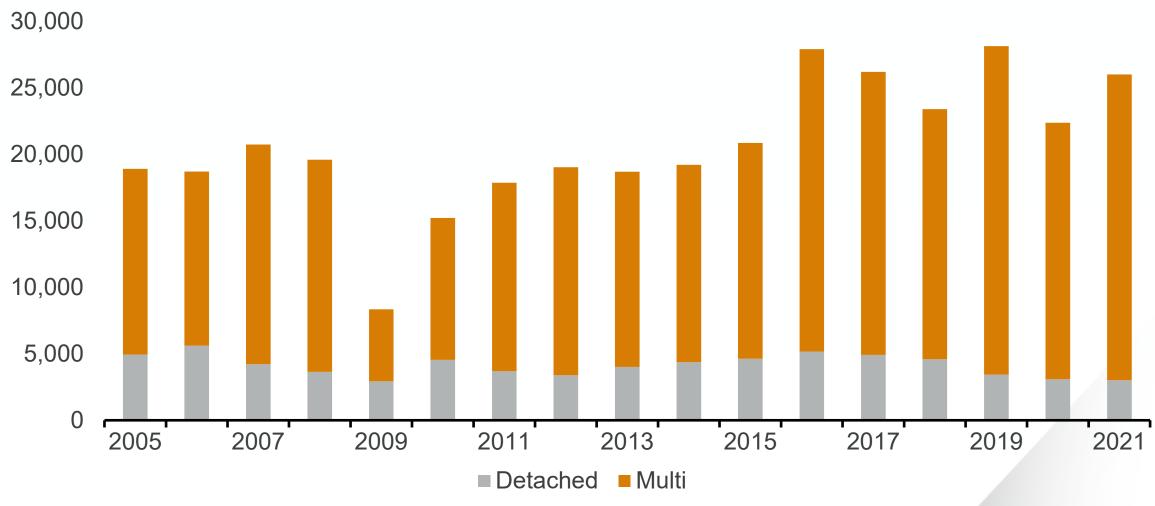


Source: Statistics Canada, Central 1 Credit Union.



## New construction elevated, needs to be higher

Vancouver CMA Housing Starts, Units



Source: CMHC, Central 1

British Columbia Forecast Table					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
GDP at market prices	-0.6	10.5	7.0	5.8	4.7
Real GDP, expenditure-based	-3.4	5.0	3.9	2.9	2.8
Household consumption	-3.5	5.2	4.0	3.0	2.7
Government expenditure	1.1	1.2	1.5	2.0	1.9
Government capital formation	9.9	-4.3	1.5	2.3	3.3
Business capital formation	1.3	4.3	3.2	3.0	-0.3
Residential structures	3.4	13.3	-1.6	0.6	0.6
Machinery and equipment	-21.3	7.0	5.4	8.9	10.1
Non-residential structures	10.5	-6.6	8.1	3.2	-7.7
Final domestic demand	-1.2	4.0	3.2	2.8	2
Exports	-9.7	5.7	5.3	3.9	3.6
Imports	-8.0	6.1	5.5	3.2	2.2
Employment	-6.5	6.7	3.9	2.1	1.7
Unemployment rate (%)	9.0	6.5	5.4	5.1	4.7
Personal income	0.6	3.6	5.9	4.6	4.9
Disposable income	11.0	1.8	5.7	4.6	5
Net operating surplus: Corporations	19.0	5.9	3.4	6.3	-1.4
CPI	0.8	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.4
Retail sales	1.3	10.0	6.5	4.9	4.2
Housing starts, 000s	37.7	47.6	43.5	46.1	44.1
Population Growth (%)	1.1	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.6

## Thanks!

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