

## **REINZ Auckland Region Analysis for May 2013**

#### Commentary

Sales volume in the Auckland region increased by just under 10% compared to May 2012 with particular strength in Waitakere City and Manukau City. Compared to April, sales volumes increased by just over 9%, with the growth occurring in the northern and southern parts of the region.

Compared to May 2012 the median price increased by \$65,000 (+13.%) to reach a new record high, with prices increasing the most in Waitakere City and Rodney District. Auckland's median price increased by \$10,000 (+1.8%) compared to April, with Auckland City seeing a rise of 7.8% and Rodney District 4.8%.

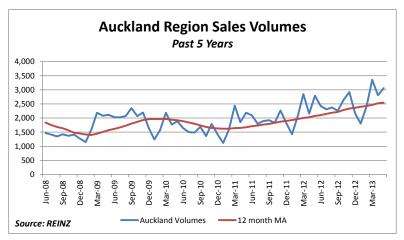
Auckland's days to sell eased by one day compared to April, moving from 30 days in April to 31 days in May. The number of days to sell improved by two days compared to May 2012. Over the past 10 years the number of days to sell has averaged 35 days for May in the Auckland region.

REINZ Chief Executive, Helen O'Sullivan noted that "the Auckland market continues to see strong demand for properties from all types of buyers. Listings are increasingly in short supply right across the region with the consequence that prices continues to rise."

The trends in the median price and sales volume continue to improve, reflecting the underlying supply and demand characteristics of the region's property market, although the trend in the number of days to sell has eased. Overall the Auckland region remains the strongest housing market in the country.

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| \$575,000  | T                |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |               |        |          |
| \$550,000  |                  |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |               | 1      | <u> </u> |
| \$525,000  |                  |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | $\mathcal{F}$ |        |          |
| \$500,000  |                  |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |        |        |        |        |        |        | _      |        | _      |        | _      | _      |        |               |        |          |
| \$475,000  |                  |            |        |        |        |        |        |        | _      | _      | _      |        |            |        |        |        | 1      |        |        | $\int$ | 7      | $\bot$ |        |        |        |        |               |        |          |
| \$450,000  |                  |            | _      |        | _      |        |        |        | _      |        |        |        | V          |        | V      |        |        |        | V      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |               |        |          |
| \$425,000  | ~                | $\nearrow$ | ^      | _/     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |               |        |          |
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| Auckland         | d Region Trend | s             | Price   | Volumes<br>7 | Days to Sell | Overall |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|
|                  | N              | /ledian Price |         |              | Volume Sold  |         |
|                  | May-13         | Apr-13        | May-12  | May-13       | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| North Shore City | 660,000        | 680,000       | 590,000 | 588          | 515          | 567     |
| Waitakere City   | 490,000        | 469,000       | 401,000 | 418          | 400          | 348     |
| Auckland City    | 666,000        | 618,000       | 577,000 | 939          | 940          | 948     |
| Manukau City     | 505,000        | 530,000       | 480,000 | 640          | 539          | 519     |
| Metro Auckland   | 580,000        | 565,000       | 515,000 | 2,690        | 2,493        | 2,471   |
| Rodney District  | 550,000        | 525,000       | 475,750 | 211          | 171          | 190     |
| Outer Auckland   | 475,000        | 464,875       | 435,500 | 371          | 312          | 321     |
| Auckland Region  | 565,000        | 555,000       | 500,000 | 3,061        | 2,805        | 2,792   |
|                  | Vs             | Apr-13        | May-12  | Vs           | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| North Shore City |                | -2.9%         | 11.9%   |              | 14.2%        | 3.7%    |
| Waitakere City   |                | 4.5%          | 22.2%   |              | 4.5%         | 20.1%   |
| Auckland City    |                | 7.8%          | 15.4%   |              | -0.1%        | -0.9%   |
| Manukau City     |                | -4.7%         | 5.2%    |              | 18.7%        | 23.3%   |
| Metro Auckland   |                | 2.7%          | 12.6%   |              | 7.9%         | 8.9%    |
| Rodney District  |                | 4.8%          | 15.6%   |              | 23.4%        | 11.1%   |
| Outer Auckland   |                | 2.2%          | 9.1%    |              | 18.9%        | 15.6%   |
| Auckland Region  |                | 1.8%          | 13.0%   |              | 9.1%         | 9.6%    |





## **REINZ Northland Region Analysis for May 2013**

#### Commentary

Sales volume in Northland increased by 23% compared to May 2012, with the region recording the strongest increase in annual sales for May. Most of this growth occurred outside of Whangarei City. Compared to April sales volumes increased by 7.6%, with sales rising by 12% in Whangarei City and strongly in Kerikeri.

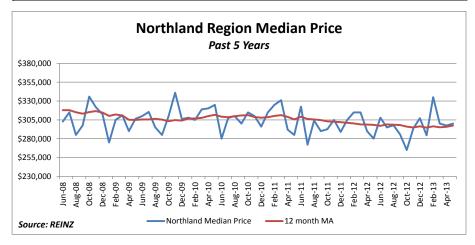
The median price across the region increased by \$20,000 (+7.1%) compared to May 2012, rising 22% in Whangarei Country. Compared to April, the median price increased by \$2,500 (+0.8%) with prices increasing over 15% in Kerikeri but falling in Whangarei City.

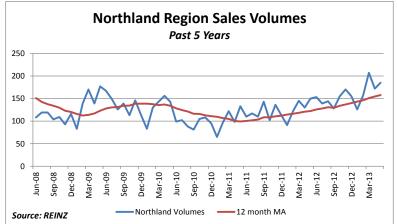
The number of days to sell fell by 12 days compared to April, from 56 days in April to 68 days in May. The number of days to sell eased by one day compared to May 2012. Over the past 10 years the average number of days to sell during May for Northland has been 57 days.

REINZ Chief Executive, Helen O'Sullivan noted that "sales volumes continue to rise in Northland with first home buyers and investors still active in the market. Northland is starting to see some upward movement in the median price with the 12 month price trend now moving up."

The trend in sales volumes continues to improve at a brisk pace, although the trend in the median price has improved from easing to steady. The trend in the number of days to sell continues to ease. The overall trend for the region remains sideways.

| Northland         | Region Trend | s             | Price<br>→ | Volumes | Days to Sell | Overall |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|--------------|---------|
|                   | N            | /ledian Price |            |         | Volume Sold  |         |
|                   | May-13       | Apr-13        | May-12     | May-13  | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| Whangarei City    | 255,000      | 292,500       | 277,500    | 83      | 74           | 79      |
| Whangarei Country | 380,000      | 373,500       | 310,000    | 25      | 26           | 22      |
| Kerikeri          | 429,500      | 371,750       | 400,000    | 24      | 10           | 5       |
| Northland         | 300,000      | 297,500       | 280,000    | 185     | 172          | 150     |
|                   | Vs           | Apr-13        | May-12     | Vs      | Apr-13       | May-1   |
| Whangarei City    |              | -12.8%        | -8.1%      |         | 12.2%        | 5.19    |
| Whangarei Country |              | 1.7%          | 22.6%      |         | -3.8%        | 13.69   |
| Kerikeri          |              | 15.5%         | 7.4%       |         | 140.0%       | 380.09  |
| Northland         |              | 0.8%          | 7.1%       |         | 7.6%         | 23.39   |







# REINZ Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region Analysis for May 2013

#### Commentary

Sales volumes compared to May 2012 increased by 15%, with strong sales growth in Hamilton, Waikato Country and Rotorua. Compared to April sales increased 12% with Hamilton and Waikato Country again seeing the strongest lift in sales.

The median price across the region increased \$8,500 (+2.7%) compared to April 2012, with increases in Eastern BOP Country, Rotorua and Taupo. Compared to April the median price across the region increased by \$4,500 (+1.4%) with Eastern BOP Country seeing a 27.6% increase in its median price.

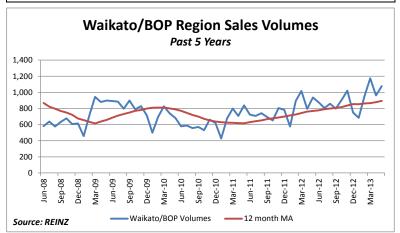
The region's days to sell eased by five days in May compared to April, moving from 48 days in April to 53 days in May. Compared to May 2012 the number of days to sell was steady at 53 days. The average number of days to sell during May over the past 10 years has been 49 days.

REINZ Regional Director, Phillip Searle noted that "the Waikato/Bay of Plenty region is seeing solid growth in sales volumes, particularly around Hamilton and the Eastern Bay of Plenty, although price growth across the region remains patchy. Both first home buyers and investors are becoming more active in the market with the number of listings tightening but not to the same extent as Auckland."

The trend in sales volumes has moved back to improving, while the trend in the number of days to sell has improved to trending sideways. The trend in the median price continues to improve slowly. Overall the trend for the region is now improving.

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| \$350,000 | Т        |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |          |        |        |        |          |               |          |        |        |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |        |        |
| \$325,000 | 7        |        | _      |        | _      | _      |        | 7          | <u> </u> |        |        | _      | <u> </u> | $\overline{}$ | _        |        |        |            |        | Λ      |        |        | ~      |        |        |        | $\overline{a}$ |        |        |
| \$300,000 |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |          |        |        | _      | _        |               | <u>V</u> |        |        | _          |        | V      |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |        |        |
| \$275,000 | _        |        |        |        |        |        |        |            |          |        |        |        |          |               |          |        |        |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |        |        |
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|           | Jun-08   | Aug-08 | Oct-08 | Dec-08 | Feb-09 | Apr-09 | Jun-09 | Aug-09     | Oct-09   | Dec-09 | Feb-10 | Apr-10 | Jun-10   | Aug-10        | Oct-10   | Dec-10 | Feb-11 | Apr-11     | Jun-11 | Aug-11 | Oct-11 | Dec-11 | Feb-12 | Jun-12 | Aug-12 | Oct-12 | Dec-12         | Feb-13 | Apr-13 |
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| Waikato/Bay of Pl     | enty Region | Trends        | Price   | Volumes<br>→ | Days to Sell | Overall |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|
|                       |             | /ledian Price | **      |              | Volume Sold  |         |
|                       | May-13      | Apr-13        | May-12  | May-13       | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| Hamilton City         | 330,600     | 325,000       | 335,000 | 301          | 250          | 252     |
| Waikato Country       | 255,000     | 259,000       | 257,500 | 224          | 167          | 169     |
| Tauranga              | 363,000     | 327,500       | 356,000 | 151          | 136          | 140     |
| Maunganui/Papamoa     | 435,000     | 440,000       | 410,500 | 87           | 95           | 98      |
| Rotorua               | 277,000     | 239,000       | 229,000 | 83           | 77           | 67      |
| Taupo                 | 348,750     | 298,500       | 298,500 | 38           | 52           | 42      |
| Eastern BOP Country   | 277,500     | 217,500       | 200,000 | 46           | 41           | 48      |
| Gisborne              | 230,000     | 217,500       | 200,000 | 46           | 40           | 43      |
| Waikato/Bay of Plenty | 319,500     | 315,000       | 311,000 | 1,076        | 962          | 935     |
|                       | Vs          | Apr-13        | May-12  | Vs           | Apr-13       | May-1   |
| Hamilton City         |             | 1.7%          | -1.3%   |              | 20.4%        | 19.49   |
| Waikato Country       |             | -1.5%         | -1.0%   |              | 34.1%        | 32.59   |
| Tauranga              |             | 10.8%         | 2.0%    |              | 11.0%        | 7.99    |
| Maunganui/Papamoa     |             | -1.1%         | 6.0%    |              | -8.4%        | -11.29  |
| Rotorua               |             | 15.9%         | 21.0%   |              | 7.8%         | 23.99   |
| Taupo                 |             | 16.8%         | 16.8%   |              | -26.9%       | -9.5    |
| Eastern BOP Country   |             | 27.6%         | 38.8%   |              | 12.2%        | -4.29   |
| Gisborne              |             | 5.7%          | 15.0%   |              | 15.0%        | 7.09    |
| Waikato/Bay of Plenty |             | 1.4%          | 2.7%    |              | 11.9%        | 15.19   |





### **REINZ Hawkes Bay Region Analysis for May 2013**

#### Commentary

Sales volumes in Hawkes Bay increased by 23% compared to April with a strong increase in Hastings and a solid increase in Napier. Compared to May 2012 sales volume increased by 1.3% with a small decline in Hastings and a small increase in Napier.

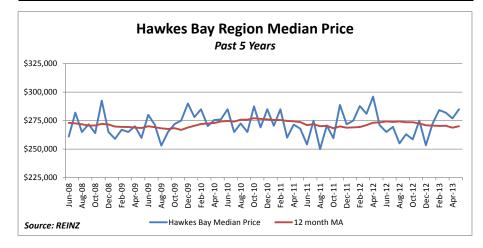
The median price increased by \$14,000 (+5.2%) compared to May 2012, with prices increasing most in Napier and rising across the rest of the region. Compared to April the median price increased by \$8,000 (+2.9%) with prices rising in Hastings, but falling in Napier and falling noticeably in Dannevirke.

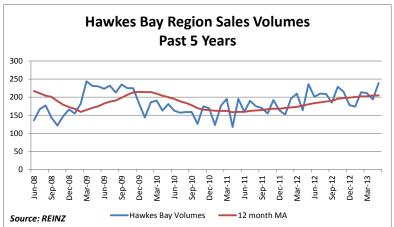
The median days to sell for Hawkes Bay eased by three days compared to April, from 48 days in April to 51 days in May. The number of days to sell was steady compared to May 2012. Over the past 10 years the median number of days to sell for the Hawkes Bay region in May has been 47 days.

REINZ Chief Executive, Helen O'Sullivan noted that "the Hawkes Bay region is seeing a gradual rise in sales volumes, however, listings remain in increasingly short supply, which is limiting buyer choice in popular price brackets."

The trend in the median price has continued to ease, with the trends for sales volume and days to sell remaining sideways. Overall the trend for the region continues to ease.

| Hawkes        | Bay Region Tren | ds            | Price   | Volumes<br>→ | Days to Sell | Overall |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|
|               | Ŋ               | /ledian Price |         |              | Volume Sold  |         |
|               | May-13          | Apr-13        | May-12  | May-13       | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| Napier City   | 316,000         | 320,000       | 283,000 | 103          | 92           | 102     |
| Hastings City | 291,500         | 272,000       | 280,000 | 91           | 65           | 93      |
| Dannevirke    | 149,750         | 215,000       | 141,000 | 14           | 13           | 9       |
| Hawkes Bay    | 285,000         | 277,000       | 271,000 | 239          | 194          | 236     |
|               | Vs              | Apr-13        | May-12  | Vs           | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| Napier City   |                 | -1.3%         | 11.7%   |              | 12.0%        | 1.0%    |
| Hastings City |                 | 7.2%          | 4.1%    |              | 40.0%        | -2.2%   |
| Dannevirke    |                 | -30.3%        | 6.2%    |              | 7.7%         | 55.6%   |
| Hawkes Bay    |                 | 2.9%          | 5.2%    |              | 23.2%        | 1.3%    |







## REINZ Manawatu/Wanganui Region Analysis for May 2013

#### Commentary

Sales volumes increased by 3.4% across the Manawatu/Wanganui region compared to May 2012, with a strong increase in Palmerston North. Compared to April, sales increase by 0.7%, with a increases in Palmerston North and Feilding, but falls elsewhere.

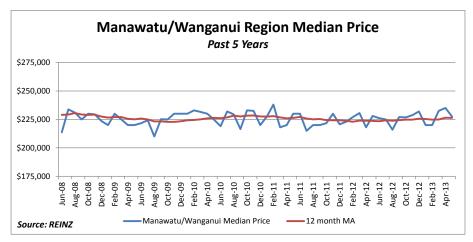
The median price across the region eased by \$500 (-0.2%) compared to May 2012 with only Levin seeing an increase in prices. Compared to April prices fell by \$7,500 (-3.2%) with a 15% lift in Levin, but falls elsewhere across the region.

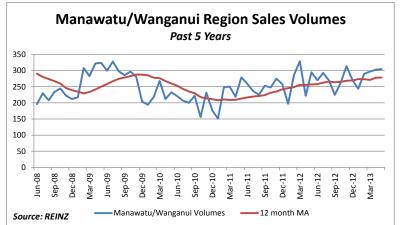
The number of days to sell improved by 3 days compared to April, from 49 days in April to 46 days in May. Compared to May 2012 the number of days to sell improved by seven days. Over the past 10 years the median number of days to sell across the Manawatu/Wanganui region in May has averaged 47 days.

REINZ Chief Executive, Helen O'Sullivan noted that "media reports of rising prices in Auckland are lifting vendor expectations across the region, however, buyers remain focused on value for money. First home buyers are also taking advantage of lower interest rates to stretch their budgets and buy better."

The median price and days to sell trends continues to move sideways, however, the sales volume trend has now started to ease. Overall the trend for the region remains sideways.

| Manawatu/Wang     | ganui Kegion | rends         | Price   | Volumes | Days to Sell<br>→ | Overall |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|                   | N            | /ledian Price |         |         | Volume Sold       |         |
|                   | May-13       | Apr-13        | May-12  | May-13  | Apr-13            | May-12  |
| Palmerston North  | 265,300      | 290,000       | 267,500 | 134     | 127               | 112     |
| Feilding          | 226,000      | 233,500       | 239,500 | 30      | 28                | 30      |
| Levin             | 183,000      | 158,250       | 175,750 | 36      | 38                | 40      |
| Wanganui          | 170,000      | 180,000       | 191,000 | 49      | 60                | 51      |
| Manawatu/Wanganui | 227,500      | 235,000       | 228,000 | 305     | 303               | 29      |
|                   | Vs           | Apr-13        | May-12  | Vs      | Apr-13            | May-1   |
| Palmerston North  |              | -8.5%         | -0.8%   |         | 5.5%              | 19.6    |
| Feilding          |              | -3.2%         | -5.6%   |         | 7.1%              | 0.0     |
| Levin             |              | 15.6%         | 4.1%    |         | -5.3%             | -10.0   |
| Wanganui          |              | -5.6%         | -11.0%  |         | -18.3%            | -3.9    |
| Manawatu/Wanganui |              | -3.2%         | -0.2%   |         | 0.7%              | 3.4     |







## **REINZ Taranaki Region Analysis for May 2013**

#### Commentary

Sales volume for the Taranaki region increased by 9.4% compared to April, with a large increase in Bell Block and a solid increase in Taranaki Country. Compared to May 2012 sales volume fell by 7% with large falls in New Plymouth and Hawera.

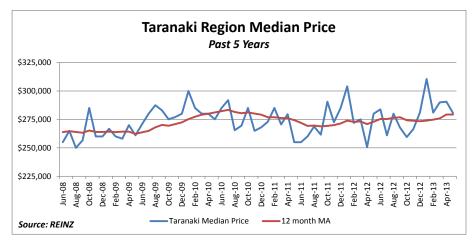
The median price across the region increased by \$500 (+0.2%) compared to May 2012, with a big increase in prices in Bell Block but more modest increases elsewhere. Compared to April prices eased by \$10,000 (-3.4%) across the region although the median price rose over 20% in Bell Block.

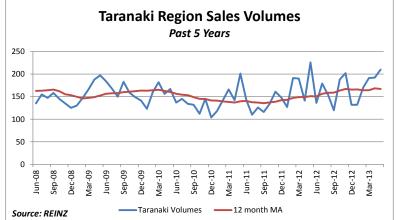
The number of days to sell eased by seven days compared to April, from 48 days in April to 55 days in May. Compared to May 2012 the number of days to sell improved by three days. Over the past 10 years the median number of days to sell across the region in May has averaged 45 days.

REINZ Chief Executive, Helen O'Sullivan noted that "both investors and first home buyers are active in the market, with all buyers being focused on value for money, although vendor expectations are rising. However, the shortage of listings is becoming an increasing problem, limiting buyer choice."

The trend in median price continues to improve, although the volume trend is now easing. The days to sell trend remains sideways. The overall trend for the region remains sideways.

| Taranak          | i Region Trends | i             | Price   | Volumes | Days to Sell | Overall |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|
|                  | N               | /ledian Price |         |         | Volume Sold  |         |
|                  | May-13          | Apr-13        | May-12  | May-13  | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| New Plymouth     | 331,000         | 326,500       | 317,500 | 91      | 90           | 122     |
| Taranaki Country | 230,000         | 228,500       | 229,500 | 35      | 32           | 28      |
| Bell Block       | 430,000         | 354,650       | 320,000 | 23      | 15           | 15      |
| Hawera           | 220,000         | 215,000       | 218,750 | 23      | 30           | 30      |
| Taranaki         | 280,500         | 290,500       | 280,000 | 210     | 192          | 226     |
|                  | Vs              | Apr-13        | May-12  | Vs      | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| New Plymouth     |                 | 1.4%          | 4.3%    |         | 1.1%         | -25.4%  |
| Taranaki Country |                 | 0.7%          | 0.2%    |         | 9.4%         | 25.0%   |
| Bell Block       |                 | 21.2%         | 34.4%   |         | 53.3%        | 53.3%   |
| Hawera           |                 | 2.3%          | 0.6%    |         | -23.3%       | -23.3%  |
| Taranaki         |                 | -3.4%         | 0.2%    |         | 9.4%         | -7.1%   |







### **REINZ Wellington Region Analysis for May 2013**

#### Commentary

The median price for the Wellington region increased by \$21,250 (+5.8%) compared to May 2012, with Central and Southern Wellington having the largest increases. Compared to April the region's median price fell by \$10,000 (-2.5%) with the largest falls in Eastern and Western Wellington.

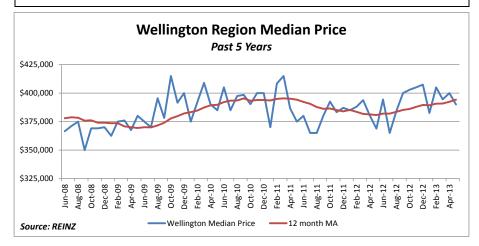
Compared to May 2012 sales volumes increased by 7% with sales increasing by more than almost 50% in Southern Wellington and by 16% in Pukerua Bay/Tawa. Compared to April sales volumes increased 5% with Central Wellington and Pukerua Bay/Tawa seeing the largest increases.

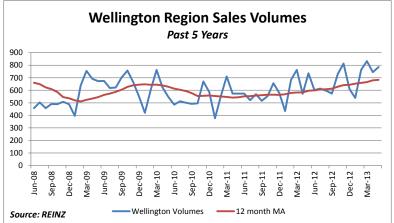
The number of days to sell eased by two days compared to April, from 35 days in April to 37 days in May. Compared to May 2012 the number of days to sell improved by five days. Over the past 10 years the median number of days to sell in May has averaged 38 days across the region.

REINZ Regional Director, Euon Murrell noted that "the Wellington market continues to build momentum with a sellers market starting to emerge in the mid and lower price brackets and a reasonable balance of listings coming to market compared to sales volume."

The trend in the median price is continuing to improve, with both the sales volume and days to sell trend moving sideways. The overall trend for the Wellington region continues to improve.

| Wellington          | Region Trends |               | Price   | Volumes | Days to Sell | Overall 7 |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------------|-----------|
|                     | N             | /ledian Price |         |         | Volume Sold  |           |
|                     | May-13        | Apr-13        | May-12  | May-13  | Apr-13       | May-12    |
| Upper Hutt          | 342,500       | 318,000       | 315,000 | 72      | 75           | 66        |
| Hutt Valley         | 360,000       | 355,000       | 333,000 | 155     | 169          | 139       |
| Northern Wellington | 445,000       | 482,000       | 451,500 | 85      | 85           | 97        |
| Central Wellington  | 474,000       | 441,500       | 385,000 | 61      | 45           | 55        |
| Eastern Wellington  | 491,500       | 550,000       | 541,000 | 44      | 45           | 47        |
| Western Wellington  | 495,500       | 564,000       | 532,500 | 50      | 52           | 52        |
| Southern Wellington | 535,000       | 532,500       | 446,000 | 49      | 49           | 33        |
| Pukerua Bay / Tawa  | 406,000       | 390,000       | 354,000 | 86      | 73           | 74        |
| Wellington          | 390,000       | 400,000       | 368,750 | 785     | 745          | 735       |
|                     | Vs            | Apr-13        | May-12  | Vs      | Apr-13       | May-12    |
| Upper Hutt          |               | 7.7%          | 8.7%    |         | -4.0%        | 9.1%      |
| Hutt Valley         |               | 1.4%          | 8.1%    |         | -8.3%        | 11.5%     |
| Northern Wellington |               | -7.7%         | -1.4%   |         | 0.0%         | -12.4%    |
| Central Wellington  |               | 7.4%          | 23.1%   |         | 35.6%        | 10.9%     |
| Eastern Wellington  |               | -10.6%        | -9.1%   |         | -2.2%        | -6.4%     |
| Western Wellington  |               | -12.1%        | -6.9%   |         | -3.8%        | -3.8%     |
| Southern Wellington |               | 0.5%          | 20.0%   |         | 0.0%         | 48.5%     |
| Pukerua Bay / Tawa  |               | 4.1%          | 14.7%   |         | 17.8%        | 16.2%     |
| Wellington          |               | -2.5%         | 5.8%    |         | 5.4%         | 6.8%      |







### REINZ Nelson/Marlborough Region Analysis for May 2013

#### Commentary

The median price across the region increased by \$27,625 (-8.5%) compared to April to reach a new record high. Prices in Richmond and Nelson City rose the most. Compared to May 2012 the median price increased by \$23,625 (+7.2%) with prices rising in Nelson City, but falling across most of the region.

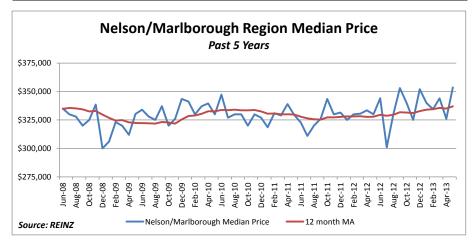
Sales volume compared to May 2012 was 8.6% higher with a 50% increase in sales in Richmond and a solid increase in Nelson City. Compared to April sales volumes increased by 1% with sales up strongly in Richmond and Motueka but falling in Nelson City.

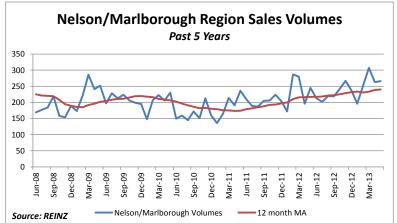
The number of days to sell fell by 10 days compared to April, from 35 days in April to 45 days in May. Compared to May 2012 the number of days to sell eased by four days. Over the past 10 years the average number of days to sell in May across the region has been 44 days.

REINZ Chief Executive, Helen O'Sullivan noted that "both investors and first home buyers are active in the market, and vendors remain well informed about the market. However, the region is seeing an increasing shortage of listings for properties in the \$250,000 - \$400,000 bracket, the most active part of the market."

The median price trend continues to improve, although the volume and days to sell trends remain sideways. The overall trend for the region has now eased to sideways.

| Nelson/Marlboro      | ugh Region | Trends       | Price   | Volumes<br>→ | Days to Sell | Overall |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|
|                      | N          | Median Price |         |              | Volume Sold  |         |
|                      | May-13     | Apr-13       | May-12  | May-13       | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| Nelson City          | 362,250    | 339,000      | 324,250 | 96           | 105          | 84      |
| Richmond             | 394,000    | 355,000      | 495,000 | 42           | 30           | 28      |
| Motueka              | 304,000    | 341,500      | 310,000 | 25           | 20           | 25      |
| Marlborough/Kaikoura | 294,000    | 307,500      | 302,500 | 84           | 83           | 84      |
| Nelson/Marlborough   | 353,625    | 326,000      | 330,000 | 266          | 263          | 245     |
|                      | Vs         | Apr-13       | May-12  | Vs           | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| Nelson City          |            | 6.9%         | 11.7%   |              | -8.6%        | 14.3%   |
| Richmond             |            | 11.0%        | -20.4%  |              | 40.0%        | 50.0%   |
| Motueka              |            | -11.0%       | -1.9%   |              | 25.0%        | 0.0%    |
| Marlborough/Kaikoura |            | -4.4%        | -2.8%   |              | 1.2%         | 0.0%    |
| Nelson/Marlborough   |            | 8.5%         | 7.2%    |              | 1.1%         | 8.6%    |







## REINZ Canterbury/Westland Region Analysis for May 2013

#### Commentary

Sales volume across the region increased by 8.4% compared to April, with Rangiora and Timaru seeing significant increases. However, compared to May 2012 sales fell by almost 1% with a 3% increase in Christchurch being offset by falls elsewhere in the region.

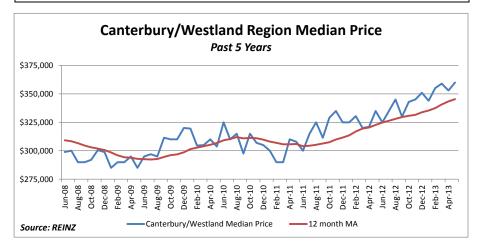
The median price increased by \$25,000 (+7.5%) compared to May 2012 to reach a new record high. Prices increased the most in Mid-Canterbury and Timaru. Compared to April the median price increased by \$7,000 (+2.0%) with Rangiora seeing a 15% increase and West Coast a 15% fall.

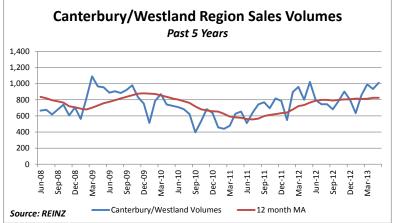
REINZ Regional Director, Tony McPherson commented that "strong demand from both first home buyers and investors at the lower end of the market continues with large attendances at open homes even through inclement weather. Insurance companies also appear to be easing some of their requirements, which is making obtaining insurance easier for some purchasers."

The number of days to sell eased by one day compared to April, from 27 days in April to 28 days in May. Canterbury / Westland continues to have the shortest number of days to sell across the country.

The median price trend and days to sell trend both continue to improve. However, the sales volume trend is now moving sideways. The overall trend for the region continues to improve.

| Canterbury/West     | land Region | Trends        | Price   | Volumes<br>→ | Days to Sell | Overall 7 |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
|                     | N           | /ledian Price |         |              | Volume Sold  |           |
|                     | May-13      | Apr-13        | May-12  | May-13       | Apr-13       | May-12    |
| Christchurch        | 381,250     | 375,000       | 349,000 | 636          | 583          | 617       |
| Rangiora            | 395,000     | 343,000       | 380,000 | 37           | 25           | 55        |
| North Canterbury    | 355,000     | 334,250       | 327,000 | 43           | 38           | 35        |
| Mid-Canterbury      | 273,250     | 271,500       | 247,000 | 48           | 46           | 61        |
| Timaru              | 270,000     | 260,000       | 230,075 | 69           | 52           | 62        |
| South Canterbury    | 225,000     | 220,000       | 204,750 | 47           | 72           | 40        |
| West Coast          | 190,000     | 225,500       | 215,000 | 41           | 34           | 49        |
| Canterbury/Westland | 360,000     | 353,000       | 335,000 | 1,012        | 934          | 1,021     |
|                     | Vs          | Apr-13        | May-12  | Vs           | Apr-13       | May-12    |
| Christchurch        |             | 1.7%          | 9.2%    |              | 9.1%         | 3.1%      |
| Rangiora            |             | 15.2%         | 3.9%    |              | 48.0%        | -32.7%    |
| North Canterbury    |             | 6.2%          | 8.6%    |              | 13.2%        | 22.9%     |
| Mid-Canterbury      |             | 0.6%          | 10.6%   |              | 4.3%         | -21.3%    |
| Timaru              |             | 3.8%          | 17.4%   |              | 32.7%        | 11.3%     |
| South Canterbury    |             | 2.3%          | 9.9%    |              | -34.7%       | 17.5%     |
| West Coast          |             | -15.7%        | -11.6%  |              | 20.6%        | -16.3%    |
| Canterbury/Westland |             | 2.0%          | 7.5%    |              | 8.4%         | -0.9%     |







## REINZ Central Otago Lakes Region Analysis for May 2013

#### Commentary

Sales volume for the Central Otago Lakes Region eased by 1.6% compared to May 2012 with sales down in Central, but up slightly in Queenstown. Compared to April sales fell by 4.7% with a 20% drop in Central but a 14% increase in Queenstown.

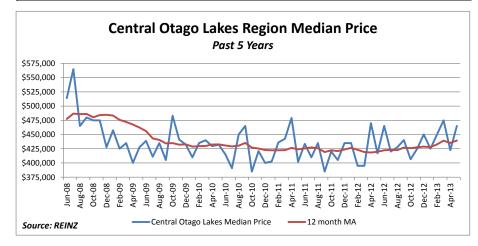
The median price across the region increased by \$48,000 (+11.5%) compared to May 2012, with prices rising more in Queenstown than Central. Compared to April prices increased by \$42,500 (+10.1%) with prices rising in Queenstown, but falling in Central.

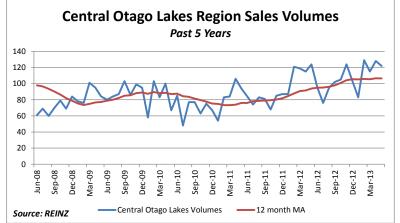
The number of days to sell eased by 24 days compared to April, from 57 days in April to 81 days in May. Compared to May 2012 the number of days to sell eased by 18 days. Over the past 10 years the median number of days to sell during April has averaged 66 days.

REINZ Chief Executive, Helen O'Sullivan commented that "the numbers of first home buyers and investors continues to rise compared to last year, although during the 'shoulder' season both purchasers and vendors are less active. The shortage of listings is becoming more of an issue in Queenstown, although Central is more balanced."

The median price trend continues to improve, although the sales volume and days to sell trends continued to move sideways. Overall the trend for the region is now moving sideways.

| Central Otago L     | akes Region T | rends         | Price   | Volumes<br>→ | Days to Sell<br>→ | Overall |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|---------|
|                     | N             | /ledian Price |         |              | Volume Sold       |         |
|                     | May-13        | Apr-13        | May-12  | May-13       | Apr-13            | May-12  |
| Central             | 366,000       | 378,500       | 350,000 | 56           | 70                | 59      |
| Queenstown          | 568,250       | 566,000       | 525,000 | 66           | 58                | 65      |
| Central Otago Lakes | 465,000       | 422,500       | 417,000 | 122          | 128               | 124     |
|                     | Vs            | Apr-13        | May-12  | Vs           | Apr-13            | May-12  |
| Central             |               | -3.3%         | 4.6%    |              | -20.0%            | -5.1%   |
| Queenstown          |               | 0.4%          | 8.2%    |              | 13.8%             | 1.5%    |
| Central Otago Lakes |               | 10.1%         | 11.5%   |              | -4.7%             | -1.6%   |







## **REINZ Otago Region Analysis for May 2013**

### Commentary

The median price across Otago increased by \$3,500 (+1.5%) compared with May 2012, with a prices increasing in North Otago, but falling in South Otago and easing in Dunedin. Compared to April the median price fell by \$12,500 (-5.1%) with prices following the same pattern.

Sale volumes rose 12% compared to May 2012 with a strong increase in North Otago and a solid increase in Dunedin. Compared to April sales volumes increased by 8.5%, with a noticeable increase in North and South Otago.

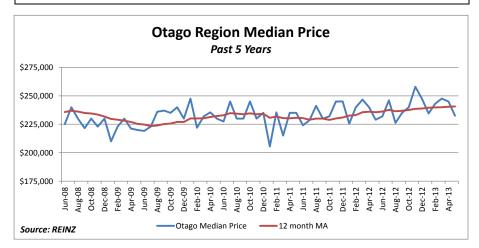
The number of days to sell in Otago eased by seven days compared to April, from 36 days in April to 43 days in May.

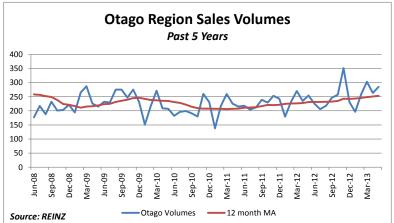
Compared to May 2012 the number of days to sell eased by eight days. Over the past 10 years the number of days to sell in May for the Otago region has been 37 days.

REINZ Regional Director, Liz Nidd noted that "a shortage of listings is beginning to impact on the market with increasing demand for properties from buyers, but little in the way of new stock coming from sellers. This is reducing choice for buyers and putting pressure on prices, particularly in Dunedin."

The trend in the median price and number of days to sell continue to improve, however, the trend in sales volume remains sideways. The overall trend for Otago continues to improve.

| Otag        | o Region Trends |               | Price   | Volumes<br>→ | Days to Sell | Overall |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|
|             | N               | /ledian Price |         | Volume Sold  |              |         |
|             | May-13          | Apr-13        | May-12  | May-13       | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| Dunedin     | 248,000         | 260,000       | 250,000 | 209          | 200          | 179     |
| North Otago | 215,000         | 195,750       | 210,000 | 49           | 40           | 35      |
| South Otago | 144,000         | 160,750       | 171,500 | 24           | 16           | 30      |
| Otago       | 232,500         | 245,000       | 229,000 | 285          | 263          | 254     |
|             | Vs              | Apr-13        | May-12  | Vs           | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| Dunedin     |                 | -4.6%         | -0.8%   |              | 4.5%         | 16.8%   |
| North Otago |                 | 9.8%          | 2.4%    |              | 22.5%        | 40.0%   |
| South Otago |                 | -10.4%        | -16.0%  |              | 50.0%        | -20.0%  |
| Otago       |                 | -5.1%         | 1.5%    |              | 8.4%         | 12.2%   |
|             |                 |               |         |              |              |         |







## **REINZ Southland Region Analysis for May 2013**

#### Commentary

The median price across Southland increased by \$9,500 (+5.0%) compared to May 2012, with a solid increase in Invercargill. Compared to April the median price increased by \$5,500 (+2.8%) with prices rising across the region.

Sales volumes increased by 17.5% compared to April, with a solid increase in Invercargill more than offsetting the fall in Gore. Compared to May 2012, sales volumes increased by 3.7% with sales up 4.6% in Invercargill but flat in Gore.

The number of days to sell in Southland improved by one day compared to April, from 47 days in April to 46 days in May. Compared to May 2012 the number of days to sell improved by seven days. Over the past 10 years the number of days to sell in April for the Southland region has been 34 days.

REINZ Chief Executive, Helen O'Sullivan noted that "the Southland region continues to be impacted by the uncertainty over the Tiwai aluminum smelter. Listings remain in good supply with both first home buyers and investors taking a cautious approach."

The median price trend continue to move sideways, while the volume and days to sell trend are easing. Overall the trend for the region is now easing.

| Southland Region Trends |         |          | Price       | Volumes | Days to Sell | Overall |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|---------|--------------|---------|
|                         | N       | <b>→</b> | Volume Sold |         |              |         |
|                         | May-13  | Apr-13   | May-12      | May-13  | Apr-13       | May-12  |
| Invercargill            | 210,500 | 194,250  | 194,250     | 113     | 92           | 108     |
| Gore                    | 180,000 | 164,000  | 169,000     | 21      | 24           | 21      |
| Southland               | 199,500 | 194,000  | 190,000     | 168     | 143          | 162     |
|                         | Vs      | Apr-13   | May-12      | Vs      | Apr-13       | May-1   |
| Invercargill            |         | 8.4%     | 8.4%        |         | 22.8%        | 4.69    |
| Gore                    |         | 9.8%     | 6.5%        |         | -12.5%       | 0.09    |
| Southland               |         | 2.8%     | 5.0%        |         | 17.5%        | 3.7     |

