

# News Release

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## **Commercial real estate sales in the Lower Mainland exceed \$5 billion in 2012**

**Vancouver, B.C. – March 5, 2013** – The dollar value from commercial real estate transactions in the Lower Mainland eclipsed the \$5 billion mark in 2012. This is the first time the region’s commercial real estate market has reached this mark since 2009, according to data from Commercial Edge—a commercial real estate system operated by the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver (REBGV).

Last year’s \$5.21 billion total represents an 11.2 per cent increase from 2011 when the year’s dollar value was \$4.686 billion, a 12 per cent increase from 2010’s total of \$4.655 billion, and a 62.1 per cent increase of 2009 when the annual dollar value total was \$3.215 billion.

The Commercial EDGE system includes all commercial real estate transactions in the Lower Mainland, excluding Pitt Meadows and Chilliwack, that have been registered with the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia since 2009.

There were 1,875 commercial real estate sales in the Lower Mainland in 2012, according to Commercial EDGE. This is 2.6 per cent below the 1,926 sales recorded in 2011, 9.6 per cent above the 1,710 sales recorded in 2010 and an increase of 46 per cent from the 1,287 sales recorded in 2009.

“The strength of last year’s commercial real estate market can be attributed in part to an upswing in raw land sales in the region,” Eugen Klein, REBGV president said. “With this inaugural release of the quarterly Commercial EDGE report, we hope to help inform the public on trends occurring in our commercial real estate market.”

### 2012 activity by category:

**Land:** There were 599 commercial land sales in the Lower Mainland in 2012, up 15 per cent from the 521 land sales in 2011. The dollar value of last year’s land sales was \$2.051 billion, a 9.7 per cent increase from \$1.870 billion in 2011.

**Office and Retail:** There were 655 office and retail sales in the Lower Mainland in 2012, down 13.5 per cent from the 757 office and retail sales in 2011. The dollar value of last year’s office and retail sales was \$1.813 billion, an increase of 18 per cent from 1.536 billion in 2011.

**Industrial:** There were 519 industrial land sales in the Lower Mainland in 2012, down 2.4 per cent from the 532 industrial land sales in 2011. The dollar value of last year’s industrial sales was \$803 million, a 2.3 per cent increase from \$785 million in 2011.

**Multi-Family:** There were 102 multi-family sales in the Lower Mainland in 2012, which is down 12 per cent from the 116 sales in 2011. The dollar value of last year's multi-family sales was \$544 million, a 10 per cent increase from \$494 million in 2011.

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Operated by the [Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver](#) (REBGV), the Commercial EDGE system includes all commercial real estate transactions in the [Lower Mainland region of BC, with the exception of Pitt Meadows](#) and Chilliwack, that have been registered with the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia. Commercial EDGE is updated monthly based on data originating from the BC Assessment Authority. Commercial EDGE does not include share sale transactions as they are not registered with the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia.

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**Category definitions:**

1. **Office and Retail** properties are defined by the zoning according to each municipality and must have a building on the site. This category includes: Office, office condo, retail, retail condo, shopping centre, gas station, car dealerships, banks, community centres, day care, educational facility, institutional, golf courses, movie theatre, hotel, churches, restaurants, truck stops and others.
2. **Industrial** properties are also defined by the zoning according to each municipality and must have a building on the site. This includes warehouses, warehouse bays and multi-bay warehouses.
3. **Multi-Family** properties include: nursing homes, high rises, low rises, and any condo or townhome properties containing four or more units with at least one zoned for commercial use.
4. **Vacant Land** includes properties that are holding properties, farmland, garden centres, redevelopment sites, land assembly sites, vineyards, etc.

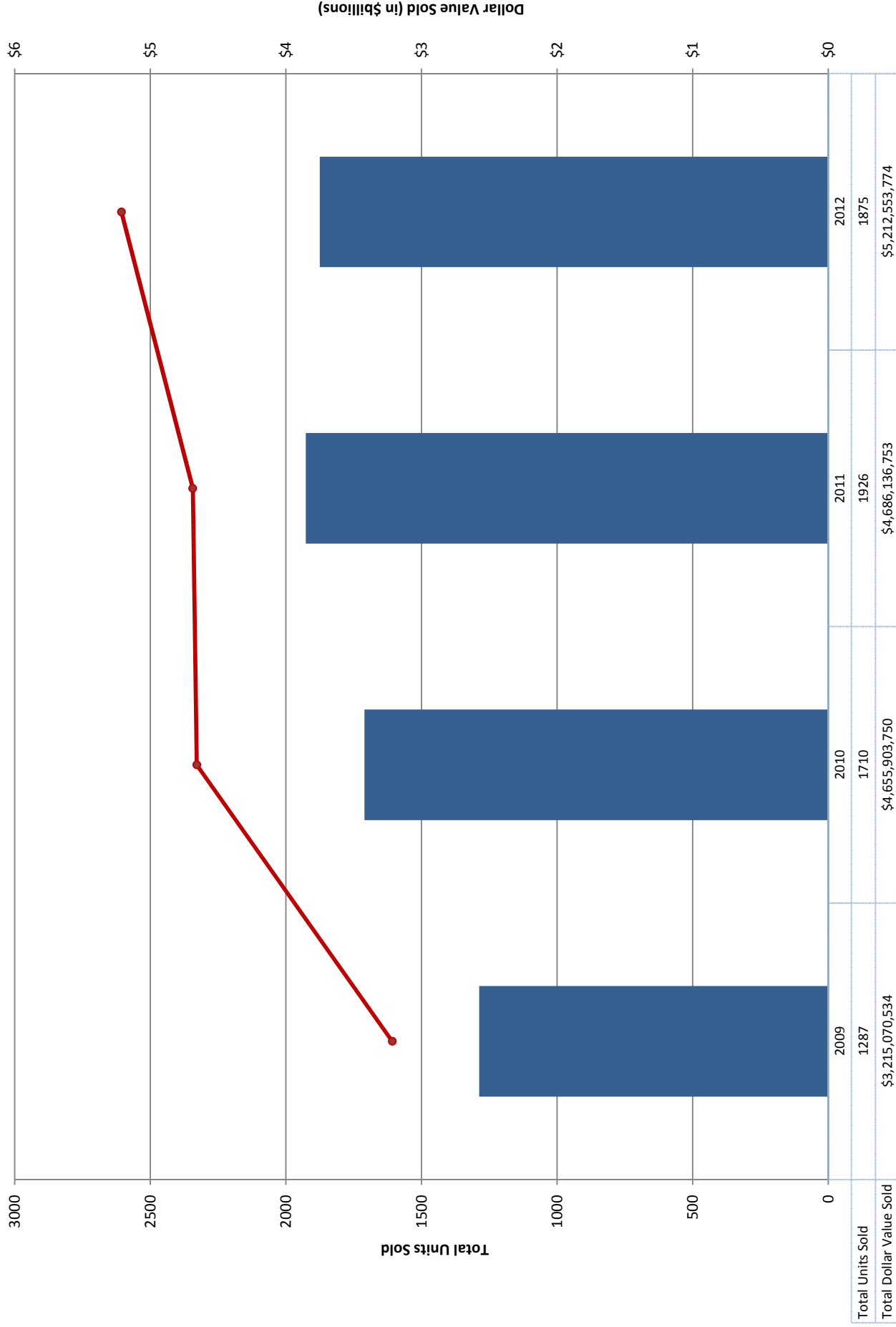
**COMMERCIAL SALES ACTIVITY by Area**

	Abbotsford	Burnaby	Coquitlam	Delta	Langley	Maple Ridge	Mission	New Westminster	North Vancouver	Port Coquitlam	Port Moody	Richmond	Surrey	Vancouver	West Vancouver	White Rock	TOTALS by Category	GRAND TOTALS
<b>2012 Q4</b>	Office & Retail	4	18	8	3	5	1	4	6	0	1	23	33	37	0	2	145	393
	Industrial	6	10	1	4	8	4	0	2	5	1	10	31	16	0	0	99	
	Multi-Family	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	22	
	Land	6	7	8	3	19	2	3	4	1	0	8	49	11	0	0	127	
<b>2012 Q3</b>	Office & Retail	\$4,758,500	\$27,959,008	\$5,572,000	\$5,632,000	\$2,565,200	\$190,000	\$3,847,000	\$2,620,200	n/a	\$610,000	\$23,617,680	\$70,198,346	\$153,572,100	n/a	\$1,065,000	\$302,207,034	\$1,011,804,974
	Industrial	\$4,422,500	\$33,967,000	\$287,000	\$12,454,200	\$34,003,000	\$2,575,000	n/a	\$2,660,000	\$3,737,000	\$1,035,000	\$45,139,600	\$61,482,204	\$31,671,432	n/a	n/a	\$233,754,936	
	Multi-Family	\$4,700,000	\$24,523,000	n/a	n/a	\$3,584,999	\$3,584,999	\$1,700,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$51,394,000	n/a	n/a	\$85,901,999	
	Land	\$10,195,000	\$43,023,110	\$26,807,814	\$3,411,400	\$52,251,400	\$9,752,000	\$13,700,000	\$27,842,783	\$1,125,000	\$1,235,000	\$26,518,000	\$135,511,331	\$31,255,142	\$8,558,025	n/a	\$389,941,005	
<b>2012 Q4</b>	Office & Retail	4	11	6	7	2	3	3	11	3	0	31	25	56	2	0	166	473
	Industrial	4	9	3	10	11	3	0	0	6	0	27	28	31	0	0	132	
	Multi-Family	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	15	0	1	30	
	Land	7	13	8	8	19	4	4	3	3	3	7	52	16	0	1	145	
<b>2012 Q3</b>	Office & Retail	\$4,159,000	\$47,230,433	\$6,109,000	\$6,735,394	\$3,345,000	\$2,542,600	\$4,033,000	\$26,692,055	\$3,061,500	\$1,908,000	\$30,623,938	\$33,544,118	\$86,655,014	\$7,119,111	n/a	\$265,453,163	\$1,136,677,566
	Industrial	\$1,915,000	\$13,083,080	\$5,534,300	\$19,671,619	\$24,820,500	\$901,000	n/a	n/a	\$3,881,000	n/a	\$81,407,355	\$27,013,737	\$33,428,377	n/a	n/a	\$211,555,968	
	Multi-Family	n/a	\$17,283,450	n/a	\$3,750,000	n/a	\$1,960,000	\$10,887,000	\$19,235,000	n/a	\$3,920,000	n/a	\$1,000,011	\$41,186,300	n/a	\$2,100,000	\$104,321,761	
	Land	\$13,591,000	\$77,049,215	\$79,179,000	\$22,525,600	\$46,904,000	\$6,687,550	n/a	\$11,165,000	\$1,165,000	\$3,295,000	\$78,821,808	\$124,153,356	\$78,341,520	n/a	\$7,700,000	\$555,346,674	
<b>2011 Q4</b>	Office & Retail	5	11	8	2	7	1	10	17	1	0	21	34	56	1	3	179	493
	Industrial	7	31	3	6	6	7	0	6	4	0	21	34	15	0	0	142	
	Multi-Family	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	16	0	0	25	
	Land	5	7	8	17	17	3	1	3	6	1	22	47	22	0	1	147	
<b>2011 Q4</b>	Commercial	\$16,257,000	\$11,002,900	\$5,562,473	\$3,025,000	\$132,210,650	\$740,000	\$105,608,000	\$17,555,325	\$1,550,000	n/a	\$30,423,700	\$44,262,766	\$124,496,956	\$24,10,000	\$2,880,000	\$499,300,290	\$1,452,188,524
	Industrial	\$4,651,500	\$54,813,304	\$4,551,000	\$26,443,000	\$7,294,424	\$14,350,800	n/a	\$6,519,835	\$2,815,000	n/a	\$24,705,862	\$24,727,304	\$30,503,000	n/a	n/a	\$201,734,829	
	Multi-Family	n/a	\$19,373,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$16,810,000	\$1,300,000	\$793,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$66,941,000	n/a	n/a	\$105,217,000	
	Vacant Land	\$14,594,000	\$157,675,000	\$23,759,316	\$22,048,205	\$46,471,000	\$8,534,000	n/a	\$10,625,000	\$11,907,500	\$907,754	\$72,354,900	\$97,690,850	\$178,256,700	n/a	\$562,500	\$645,936,705	
<b>2012 YTD Q1-Q4</b>	Office & Retail	16	55	21	17	19	9	14	35	7	5	98	122	219	5	9	655	1875
	Industrial	26	72	14	27	37	17	3	13	20	3	83	127	72	0	0	519	
	Multi-Family	3	17	1	2	2	4	7	2	0	3	1	3	53	1	2	102	
	Land	28	47	40	17	78	26	2	13	10	7	50	199	72	3	2	599	
<b>2012 YTD Q1-Q4</b>	Office & Retail	\$25,202,500	\$94,845,892	\$23,751,000	\$22,235,474	\$27,126,671	\$11,062,600	\$12,188,300	\$68,639,440	\$12,743,500	\$6,518,000	\$96,673,618	\$164,613,713	\$1,222,545,750	\$11,569,111	\$10,212,200	\$1,813,317,769	\$5,212,553,774
	Industrial	\$19,820,500	\$94,617,161	\$23,895,300	\$67,135,162	\$103,805,520	\$4,291,000	\$5,804,200	\$27,026,915	\$18,500,500	\$2,556,000	\$78,224,275	\$133,870,095	\$113,742,609	n/a	n/a	\$803,817,737	
	Multi-Family	\$40,400,000	\$89,096,450	\$2,950,000	\$4,880,000	\$6,050,000	\$7,264,999	\$15,572,000	\$19,235,000	\$21,808,000	n/a	\$3,728,400	\$5,109,911	\$281,099,802	\$15,657,000	\$3,150,000	\$544,001,562	
	Land	\$52,794,980	\$233,082,657	\$190,643,239	\$40,320,249	\$185,103,026	\$37,870,050	\$20,812,500	\$75,507,783	\$7,507,783	\$37,478,724	\$7,130,500	\$484,105,872	\$407,700,726	\$19,688,025	\$9,415,000	\$2,051,416,706	
<b>2011 YTD Q1-Q4</b>	Office & Retail	29	52	18	15	38	10	33	46	5	5	105	127	248	7	13	757	1926
	Industrial	30	66	17	23	28	16	3	16	30	1	103	145	43	0	0	532	
	Multi-Family	4	12	1	0	1	0	16	9	2	0	1	2	66	0	1	116	
	Land	14	38	26	19	45	12	5	11	12	8	87	166	66	3	1	521	
<b>2011 YTD Q1-Q4</b>	Office & Retail	\$43,195,688	\$105,258,433	\$39,810,473	\$20,335,400	\$197,593,617	\$11,351,416	\$133,925,247	\$38,309,289	\$7,654,649	\$4,869,200	\$97,705,873	\$122,902,239	\$694,244,046	\$4,933,000	\$9,640,750	\$1,536,329,820	\$4,686,136,753
	Industrial	\$23,071,900	\$162,799,754	\$19,868,400	\$78,108,697	\$45,895,304	\$20,346,100	\$940,000	\$30,330,135	\$34,286,526	\$355,000	\$111,574,798	\$162,858,606	\$84,730,760	n/a	n/a	\$785,273,561	
	Multi-Family	\$15,299,999	\$48,279,600	\$5,900,000	\$1,237,500	\$2,958,000	\$1,237,500	\$59,046,015	\$37,865,000	\$2,193,000	n/a	\$44,000,000	\$23,150,000	\$253,291,924	n/a	\$1,278,000	\$494,499,038	
	Land	\$23,484,000	\$228,868,033	\$59,792,116	\$61,478,585	\$114,719,528	\$37,871,000	\$18,627,500	\$56,024,292	\$30,642,640	\$14,159,604	\$345,947,824	\$439,922,392	\$418,652,509	\$10,300,000	\$562,500	\$1,870,094,334	

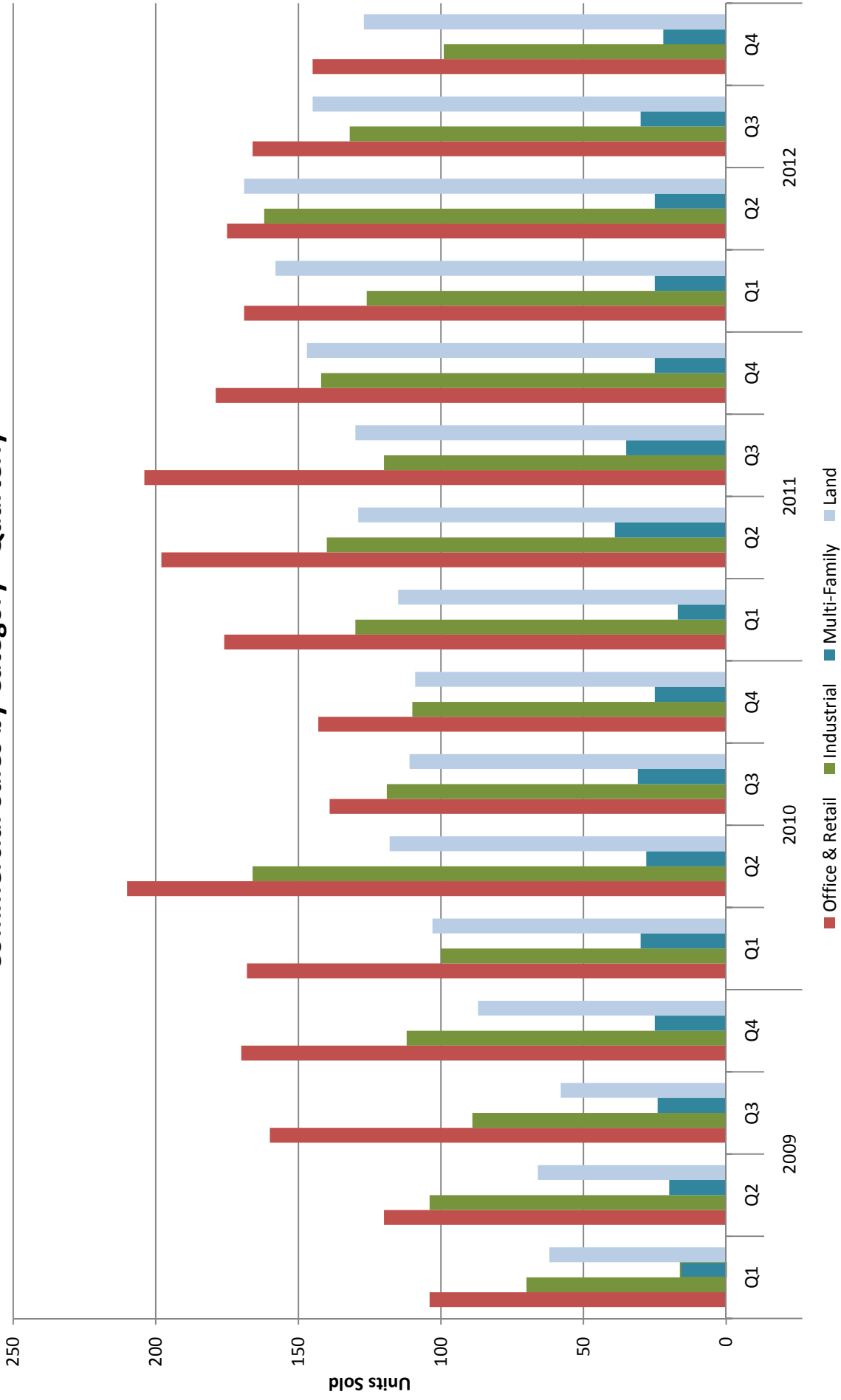
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# Lower Mainland Total Commercial Sales Activity by Year

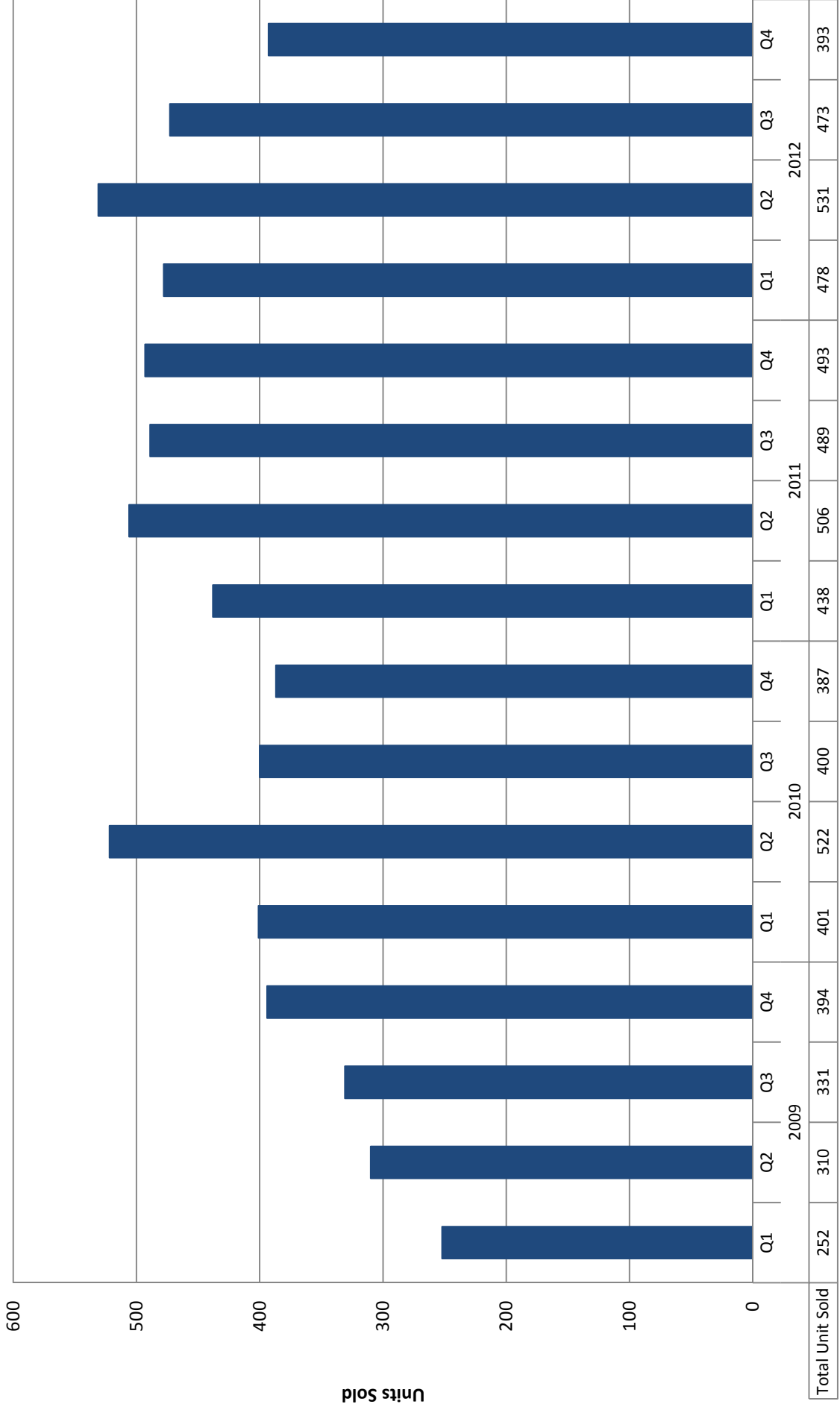
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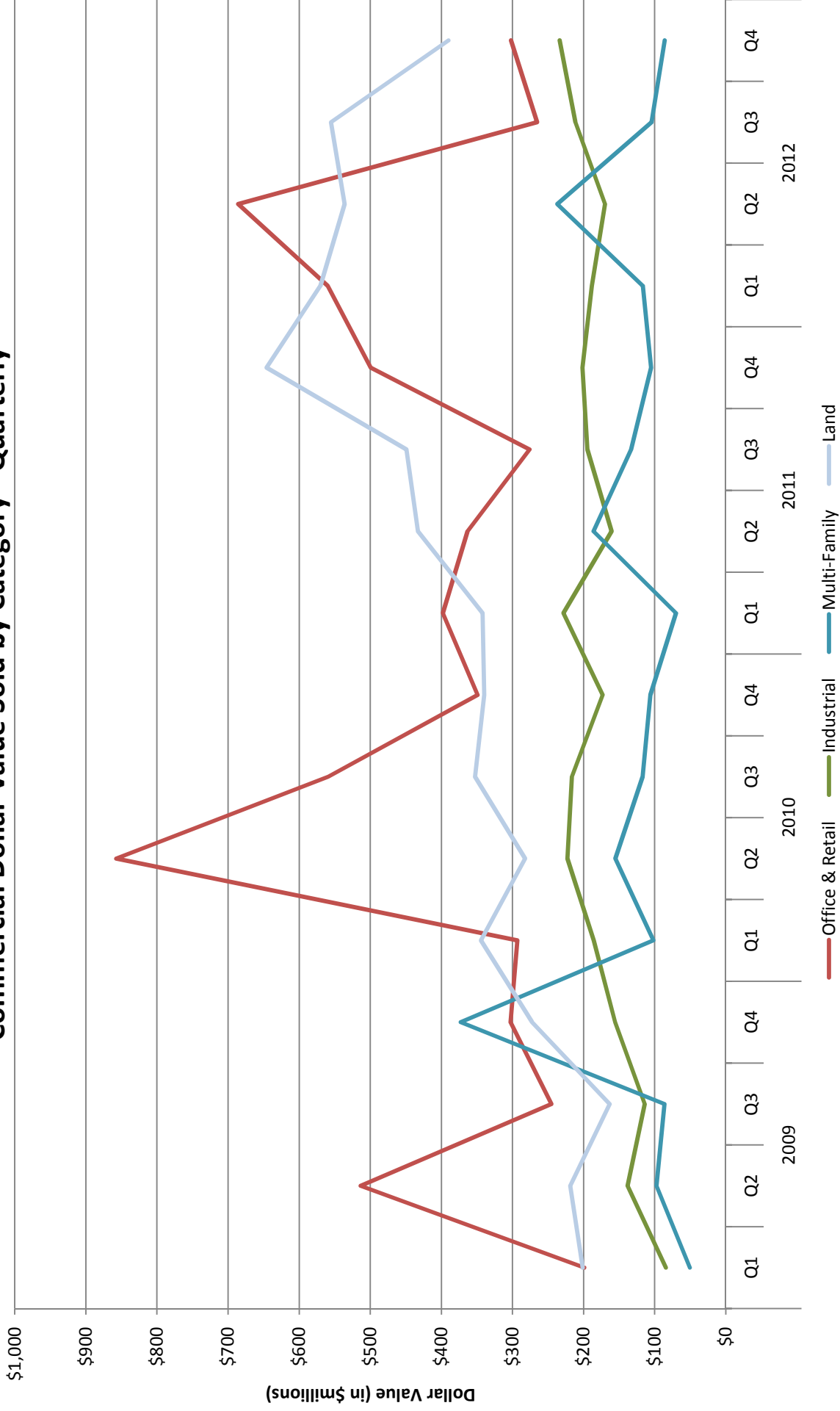
## Lower Mainland Commercial Sales by Category - Quarterly



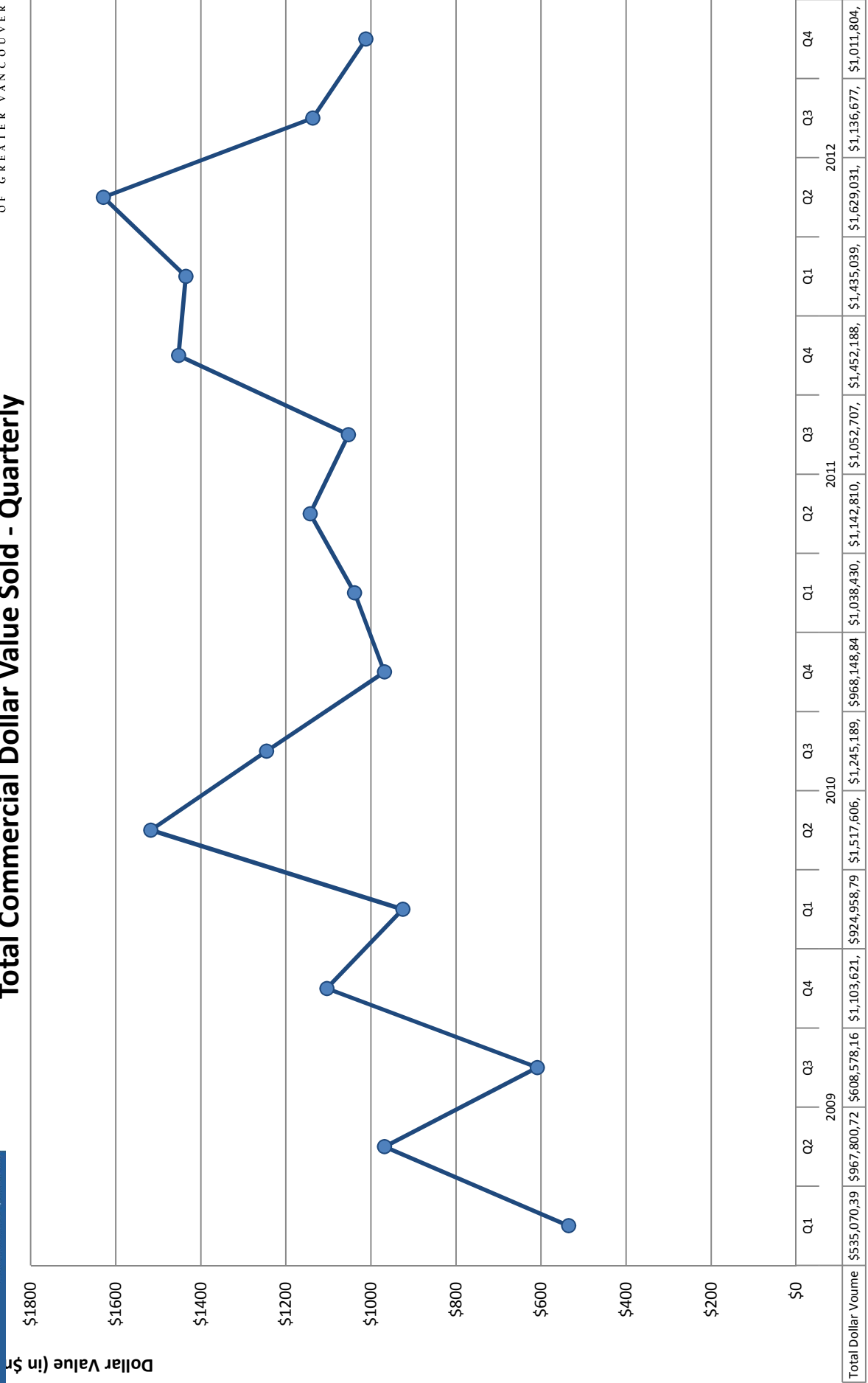
## Lower Mainland Total Commercial Sales - Quarterly



## Lower Mainland Commercial Dollar Value Sold by Category - Quarterly



## Lower Mainland Total Commercial Dollar Value Sold - Quarterly





**Lower Mainland  
Total Commercial Sales  
Price Range and Category  
2012 Q4**



Price Range	Office & Retail	Industrial	Multi-Family	Land	Totals by Price Range
Under \$1,000,000	105	60	1	26	192
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	16	13	8	35	72
\$2,000,000 - \$2,999,999	7	7	3	24	41
\$3,000,000 - \$3,999,999	2	5	3	9	19
\$4,000,000 - \$4,999,999	2	4	2	12	20
\$5,000,000 - \$5,999,999	3	2	1	5	11
\$6,000,000 - \$6,999,999	3	0	1	6	10
\$7,000,000 - \$7,999,999	1	0	0	1	2
\$8,000,000 - \$8,999,999	0	2	1	3	6
\$9,000,000 - \$9,999,999	0	1	0	2	3
\$10,000,000 - \$10,999,999	0	0	0	1	1
\$11,000,000 - \$11,999,999	0	1	0	1	2
\$12,000,000 - \$12,999,999	0	0	2	0	2
\$13,000,000 - \$13,999,999	0	0	0	0	0
\$14,000,000 - \$14,999,999	0	1	0	0	1
\$15,000,000 - \$15,999,999	2	0	0	0	2
\$16,000,000 - \$16,999,999	0	0	0	0	0
\$17,000,000 - \$17,999,999	0	0	0	0	0
\$18,000,000 - \$18,999,999	0	0	0	0	0
\$19,000,000 - \$19,999,999	1	0	0	1	2
\$20,000,000 - \$20,999,999	0	1	0	0	1
\$21,000,000 - \$21,999,999	1	0	0	1	2
\$22,000,000 - \$22,999,999	0	0	0	0	0
\$23,000,000 - \$23,999,999	0	0	0	0	0
\$24,000,000 - \$24,999,999	0	0	0	0	0
At & Over \$25,000,000	2	2	0	0	4
<b>Totals by Category</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>393</b>