

The UK's most comprehensive property price report

This report is to help give everyone – industry and consumers – a quick five minute guide to what's happening in the property market, according to the property indices, along with property expert Kate Faulkner's comments.

Property price and market indices summary

- Most indices are reporting a strong market, but also report signs of weakening
- NAEA suggest there are 20 buyers for every property available for sale
- Country wise, Wales is the clear winner year on year from a house price growth perspective (Source: Land Registry)
- Regional variations alongside different mover types show a vast difference from one area to another, with first time buyers paying on average just over £137,000 in the North East through to those in London paying in excess of £430,000 (Source: Reallymoving)
- Top town performance this month goes to Liverpool, seeing nearly +19% growth year on year but beware, one Liverpool postcode is topping the charts for being one of the coldest markets, according to TheAdvisory service. The worst results are coming from Reading, which while still positive, only achieved +3.3% growth YoY.
- Hometrack continues to predict we'll hit 1.5mn transactions in 2021

Rightmove

2021 buyer frenzy reveals 225,000 shortfall in number of homes for sale

"Busiest ever first half of a year pushes average price of property coming to market to a new record high for fourth consecutive month, and £21,389 higher (+6.7%) in just six months."

RICS

New listings becoming increasingly scarce

"Nationally, +83% of respondents cited an increase in house prices over the survey period (compared to +82% in May). Comments submitted to the survey frequently highlight that this prices growth is being underpinned by the sheer lack of supply on the market at present. All parts of the UK continue to exhibit strong rates of house price inflation, led by exceptionally robust upward pressure in Yorkshire & the Humber, Northern Ireland and Wales."

Reallymoving

"General property prices are reported as rising year on year, inflation for upsizers is highest at 10% YoY and 4.9% for Q2 vs Q1, while first time buyers are paying just 2.5% more YoY and 1.9% more in Q2 vs Q1."

Nationwide

Annual house price growth cooled in July, but remained in double digits

"Annual house price growth slowed to 10.5% in July, from the 17-year high of 13.4% recorded the previous month. In month-on-month terms, house prices fell by 0.5%, after taking account of seasonal effects, following a 0.7% rise in June."

Halifax

House prices rose again in July – though slower annual growth points to a cooling market "House prices rose by 0.4% in July to add £1,122 to the cost of the average property, pulling back some of the ground lost during June (-0.6%, -£1,543). Annual price growth fell to +7.6%, its lowest level since March. This easing was somewhat expected given the strength of price inflation seen last summer, as the market began its recovery from the first lockdown, and with activity supported by the start of the stamp duty holiday."

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e.surv

Tentative signs of slowing prices in July

"Overall, we saw a continued positive movement in house prices with the average price of completed sales growing by 9.1% in July to £336,003. Continuing government support for the housing market and low interest rates continue to help with buyer affordability and offset the initial stage withdrawal of the stamp duty holiday and the complete withdrawal of the Land Transaction tax in Wales. If we exclude the smaller rates of growth in Greater London and the South East, the annual rate of growth remains over a remarkable 12%."

Hometrack

Search for space drives house price growth to 7.3%, above flats at 1.4%

"Average house prices rose by 1.3% in Q2, taking the annual rate of growth to 5.4%, up from 2.2% registered in June last year. Prices are being pushed upwards by particularly strong growth in Wales and the North West of England, which, at 8.4% and 7.3% respectively, are the highest rates of house price growth in these regions for 16 years. There is also strong price growth in Northern Ireland (8.6%)."

Summary of house price indices this month

The indices this month are still incredibly positive, despite the end of the Stamp Duty/Land Tax holiday. All are reporting the market is slowing versus the run up to the end of June, but versus previous years, demand is still incredibly strong, while the amount of stock coming onto the market is weak in most areas. In Scotland, Faisal Choudhry from Savills explains the end of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax holiday has made "no discernible impact on Scotland's housing market." According to Faisal "demand remains strong, with the number of Scottish Agreed Sales between April and July 12% higher compared to the market pre-pandemic between April and June 2019."

Perhaps the most exciting thing from a property price/home moving index perspective is the launch of two new fascinating indices. One from the portal OntheMarket and the other from reallymoving.com which compares costs for solicitors, surveyors and removals for home movers. Both of which give us a better understanding of the overall housing market with their different analysis.

House price averages range from £244,229 (Nationwide mortgage prices) to £338,447 (Rightmove asking prices), a variation of 38.5% between actual prices paid and the price of properties marketed.

| | High | Low | May-21 | Jun-21 | Jul-21 | Annual | Annual | | |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|---|-------|
| | 2007/08 | 2009 | | | | Change | Average | | |
| | | | | | | | (05 - 21) | | |
| Rightmove | £241,474 | £213,570 | £333,564 | £336,073 | £338,447 | 5.7% | 3.69% | Asking prices | E & W |
| Nationwide | £184,131 | £147,746 | £242,832 | £245,432 | £244,229 | 10.5% | 2.97% | Mortgaged only | UK |
| Halifax | £199,766 | £157,767 | £261,743 | £260,358 | £261,221 | 7.6% | 2.96% | Mortgaged only , seasonally adjusted | UK |
| e.surv | £231,829 | £197,145 | £343,658 | £336,247 | n/a | 10.7% | 3.73% | Actual prices, includes cash sales | E & W |
| UK HPI | £190,032 | £154,452 | £254,624 | n/a | n/a | 10.0% | 3.34% | Sold prices, includes cash sales and new builds | UK |

Reallymoving have launched a new index which gives average house prices for individual home movers and shows inflation by sector too. Their information is based on data from conveyancing quotes across the UK.

Table 1: Average House Price and Quarterly Growth by Buyer Type

| | 2021 Q1 | 2021 Q2 | quarterly change | annual change |
|------------------|----------|----------|---------------------|---------------|
| First Time Buyer | £246,000 | £250,000 | 1.9% | 2.5% |
| Upsizer | £398,000 | £418,000 | 4.9% | 10.0% |
| Downsizer | £301,000 | £316,000 | 5.1% | 5.1% |
| Investor | £194,000 | £205,000 | 5.5% | 14.9% |

Source: <u>Reallymoving</u>

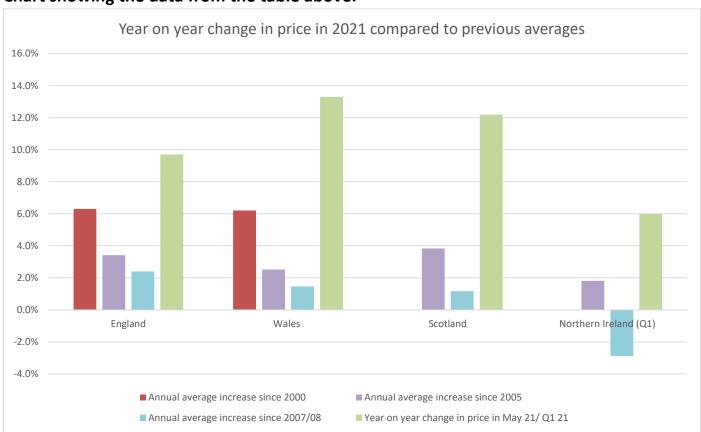
How does house price growth differ by country?

House price growth for each country is positive year on year, with Wales and Scotland, previously 'underperformers' versus England's growth. Historically, despite the year on year double digit increases in Wales, average inflation each year is 2.5% versus 3.4% in England, while in Scotland, historic annual growth has now surpassed this, achieving 3.8% each year. This is higher than the annual inflation increase of 2.9% per year, suggesting property in Scotland has delivered a good investment return as well as putting a roof over people's heads. Bear in mind though, different areas will have experienced different growth rates.

| Property Prices - Countries | Latest month's | How much higher/ | Year on year | Annual | Annual | Annual |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | data | lower are latest | change in price | average | average | average |
| | May 21/ | prices vs | in May 21/ | increase | increase | increase |
| | Q1 21 | height in 2007/8 | Q1 21 | since 2005 | since 2007/08 | since 2000 |
| England | £271,434 | 39% | 9.7% | 3.4% | 2.4% | 6.3% |
| Wales | £184,297 | 23% | 13.3% | 2.5% | 1.5% | 6.2% |
| Scotland | £171,448 | 18% | 12.2% | 3.8% | 1.2% | n/a |
| Northern Ireland (Q1) | £149,178 | -34% | 6.0% | 1.8% | -2.9% | n/a |

Source: **UK HPI**

Chart showing the data from the table above:



How does house price growth differ by region in England?

Growth rates in the regions differ substantially with London growing by 5.2% year on year, while the North West, on average, has seen triple this growth at 15.2%. The North East, Yorkshire and Humber and the East Midlands have grown at double this rate. However, unlike the different country inflation rates, the North East and Yorkshire and Humber property price rises, going back to 2005, show property prices are not rising in excess of inflation, while the North West, over time, is on a par ie those that own outright/invest with cash haven't seen a real increase. The East Midlands though has just edged ahead. Meanwhile, although London is 'bottom' of the annual price rise charts, it still tops the table for long term growth at 4.9%.

| Property Prices - Regions | Latest month's | Changes | Year on year | Annual | Annual | Annual |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | data | since | change in price | average | average | average |
| | May-21 | 2007 | in May 21 | increase | increase | increase |
| | | peak | | since 2005 | since 2007 | since 2000 |
| North East | £143,129 | 3% | 11.8% | 1.6% | 0.2% | 5.4% |
| North West | £189,245 | 24% | 15.2% | 2.9% | 1.6% | 6.4% |
| Yorkshire & The Humber | £181,856 | 21% | 10.2% | 2.7% | 1.4% | 6.3% |
| East Midlands | £216,077 | 35% | 11.0% | 3.0% | 2.2% | 6.5% |
| West Midlands | £219,793 | 33% | 9.8% | 2.9% | 2.0% | 6.1% |
| South West | £277,603 | 31% | 8.4% | 2.9% | 1.9% | 6.0% |
| East | £310,200 | 48% | 6.9% | 3.6% | 2.8% | 6.4% |
| South East | £350,016 | 47% | 9.1% | 3.7% | 2.8% | 5.9% |
| London | £497,948 | 67% | 5.2% | 4.9% | 3.7% | 6.6% |

Source: **UK HPI**

(See charts with different property price growth by region in the Appendix)

However, it's important to know that these average house prices don't apply to every property in each region. Reallymoving have created a new index which is more in depth and shows the average price for each individual home mover in each region.

In this month's report we've included the different prices FTBs pay across the UK versus the 'UK' average of £250,000 in Q2 2021. As you can see, in areas such as Scotland, Wales, West Midlands, Yorkshire, East Midlands, North East, North West and Northern Ireland, first time buyers can pay a lot less than the average, with the North East being the cheapest place to buy where FTBs pay just £137,000.

If you want to access regional and city data for upsizers, downsizers and investors, visit: reallymoving.com

Table 4: Average First Time Buyer Price by UK Region

| | East Midlands | East of England | London | North East | North West | Northern Ireland |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| 2019 | £171,000 | £254,000 | £403,000 | £131,000 | £161,000 | £143,000 |
| 2020 | £181,000 | £275,000 | £434,000 | £141,000 | £172,000 | £156,000 |
| 2021 Q1 | £185,000 | £273,000 | £433,000 | £139,000 | £171,000 | £173,000 |
| 2021 Q2 | £189,000 | £280,000 | £430,000 | £137,000 | £180,000 | £155,000 |
| | Scotland | South East | South West | Wales | West Midlands | Yorkshire |
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| 2019 | £151,000 | £270,000 | £212,000 | £156,000 | £179,000 | £152,000 |
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Which cities and towns are performing well or struggling?

Oxford makes a surprise entry into the year on year top performing charts, with a 16.1% rise year on year when back in January, price rises were just 7%, behind most other areas, but have over the last few months jumped up substantially, no doubt to beat the Stamp Duty holiday deadlines.

Overall, most of the high performers though have only risen over time in line with inflation, bar Oxford, which has exceed inflation of 2.9% by rising, on average, at 4.3%. Of the bottom performers, these are spread across England from London to Lincoln over to Reading, down to Southampton and up to Norwich. Apart from Southampton and Lincoln, the other areas, on an annual basis, have exceeded inflation over time.

| Five high growth | YoY | Annual | Exceeded Five low growth | | YoY | Annual | Exceeeded |
|------------------|-------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|------|------------|------------|
| areas YoY | % | average | annual | areas YoY | % | average | annual |
| towns/cities | | increase | inflation | towns/cities | | increase | inflation |
| | | since 2005 | since 2005 | | | since 2005 | since 2005 |
| Liverpool | 18.8% | 2.6% | No | Norwich | 4.2% | 3.2% | Yes |
| Oxford | 16.1% | 4.3% | Yes | Southampton | 4.5% | 2.6% | No |
| Glasgow | 15.3% | 2.9% | Yes | Reading | 4.8% | 3.5% | Yes |
| Bradford | 13.7% | 2.6% | No | London | 5.2% | 4.9% | Yes |
| Leeds | 13.6% | 2.8% | Yes | Lincoln | 5.7% | 2.8% | Yes |

Source: <u>UK HPI</u>

Although the average London house price growth is only showing as 5.2%, this varies from a whopping fall of -10.8% in Kensington and Chelsea through to 14-15% rises in Bromley and Hammersmith and Fulham. This huge difference shows how misleading average property price growth is for consumers.

| Three high growth | YoY | Annual | Annual Exceeded | | Three low growth | YoY | Annual | Exceeeded |
|------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|--|------------------------|--------|------------|------------|
| areas YoY | % | average | annual | | areas YoY | % | average | annual |
| London | | increase | se inflation | | London | | increase | inflation |
| | | since 2005 | since 2005 | | | | since 2005 | since 2005 |
| Hammersmith and Fulham | 14.9% | 5.4% | Yes | | Kensington and Chelsea | -10.8% | 6.0% | Yes |
| Bromley | 14.1% | 4.4% | Yes | | Hackney | -4.4% | 5.6% | Yes |
| Hounslow | 10.6% | 4.4% | Yes | | Camden | -3.3% | 5.7% | Yes |

Are properties in your area rising above or below inflation? See the last column

Annual house price changes always vary across the country. Currently, they tend to split into three growth rates:-

- 5-8% in areas such as London, Bournemouth, Peterborough and Belfast
- 8.1% to 10% in areas such as Edinburgh, Birmingham, Bristol and Newcastle upon Tyne
- 10.1% to 18.8% in areas such as Cardiff, Leeds, Oxford and Nottingham

However, it's important to know that these average annual rises don't apply to every property in the area – in fact, it's perfectly plausible for some properties to be rising and falling in areas where there is double digit growth and vice versa.

| Property Prices | Latest month's | Year on year | Annual | How much | Years | How much higher/ | Exceeeded |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| Towns/Cities | data | change in price | average | prices fell | property | lower are latest | annual |
| England, Wales, | May 21/ | in May 21/ | increase | during last | prices took | prices vs | inflation |
| Scotland & NI | Q1 21 | Q1 21 | since 2005 | recession | to recover | height in 2007/8 | since 2005 |
| Belfast (Q1) | £142,394 | 6.0% | 1.9% | -58.9% | N/A | -33.3% | No |
| Glasgow | £152,930 | 15.3% | 2.9% | -26.3% | 5 yrs 4 months | 15.3% | Yes |
| Edinburgh | £300,450 | 9.6% | 3.9% | -18.9% | 6 yrs 0 months | 26.6% | Yes |
| Cardiff | £233,402 | 10.5% | 2.8% | -18.1% | 5 yrs 3 months | 33.4% | Yes |
| Newcastle upon Tyne | £169,089 | 9.0% | 1.3% | -19.3% | 7 yrs 9 months | 5.5% | No |
| Bradford | £149,697 | 13.7% | 2.6% | -20.4% | 5 yrs 6 months | 10.6% | No |
| Liverpool | £158,173 | 18.8% | 2.6% | -20.4% | 5 yrs 3 months | 20.4% | No |
| Leeds | £210,358 | 13.6% | 2.8% | -19.4% | 7 yrs 1 months | 31.2% | Yes |
| Sheffield | £184,701 | 12.5% | 3.0% | -17.0% | 6 yrs 2 months | 32.3% | Yes |
| Manchester | £196,333 | 12.8% | 4.8% | -20.5% | 6 yrs 5 months | 50.3% | Yes |
| Lincoln | £165,677 | 5.7% | 2.8% | -17.6% | 5 yrs 6 months | 33.3% | Yes |
| Nottingham | £167,843 | 12.0% | 2.7% | -21.3% | 6 yrs 5 months | 35.8% | Same |
| Norwich | £211,337 | 4.2% | 3.2% | -25.7% | 5 yrs 4 months | 27.7% | Yes |
| Peterborough | £213,379 | 8.6% | 3.0% | -20.8% | 6 yrs 5 months | 30.5% | Yes |
| Birmingham | £205,615 | 8.9% | 2.8% | -17.4% | 6 yrs 1 months | 39.6% | Yes |
| Leicester | £204,529 | 12.1% | 3.5% | -18.7% | 6 yrs 6 months | 49.8% | Yes |
| Milton Keynes | £281,140 | 8.1% | 3.7% | -24.1% | 5 yrs 2 months | 41.2% | Yes |
| Oxford | £455,537 | 16.1% | 4.3% | -23.0% | 3 yrs 5 months | 56.0% | Yes |
| Cambridge | £470,710 | 8.9% | 4.9% | -20.7% | 2 yrs 8 months | 63.1% | Yes |
| Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole | £299,301 | 7.7% | 3.3% | -20.5% | 5 yrs 9 months | 48.9% | Yes |
| Southampton | £221,411 | 4.5% | 2.6% | -20.2% | 5 yrs 5 months | 30.0% | No |
| Portsmouth | £222,279 | 5.8% | 2.8% | -22.9% | 5 yrs 10 months | 36.2% | Yes |
| Brighton and Hove | £394,956 | 8.7% | 4.3% | -21.4% | 4 yrs 2 months | 57.7% | Yes |
| Reading | £303,223 | 4.8% | 3.5% | -18.8% | 5 yrs 1 months | 41.3% | Yes |
| Tunbridge Wells | £413,519 | 8.4% | 3.7% | -22.2% | 4 yrs 2 months | 49.3% | Yes |
| Bristol | £312,325 | 8.9% | 4.5% | -21.3% | 5 yrs 0 months | 62.5% | Yes |
| London | £497,948 | 5.2% | 4.9% | -17.8% | 3 yrs 0 months | 67.6% | Yes |

Source: **UK HPI**

(See charts with different property price growth by town/city in the Appendix)

Hometrack

"On a city level, Rochdale, Bolton and Hastings are all registering growth of more than 9%, while Liverpool (8.9%) Belfast (7.7%) and Manchester (7.4%), are recording the highest levels of house price growth among the UK's larger cities. At the other end of the scale, prices continue to fall in Aberdeen (-2.3%) where the market is closely aligned with the oil industry. Average values are also falling on an annual basis in several local authorities in central London."

What are the current hottest and coldest postcodes?

The Advisory track current market conditions so buyers and sellers can gain an independent view of how easy it would be to buy and sell their home in their area. This makes it easier for good agents that are honest about market conditions to value and manage expectations. For example, in WV6 (Wolverhampton) 89% of the properties on the market are under offer and although Liverpool tops the charts for house price growth as a city, L2 is one of the worst performers according to this index, showing that 'average property prices' can mislead buyers and sellers.

From PropCast's perspective, the hot markets at postcode level don't necessarily track the overall increases and decreases seen even at town and city levels, with Wolverhampton, Hengoed and Poole having some of the busiest markets, and London/Liverpool having some of the slower ones.

To find out what's happening in your postcode visit the House Selling Weather Forecast here.

Top 10 hot markets - buyer demand

Top 10 cold markets - buyer demand

| Postcode | % | July 21 | Postcode | % | July 21 |
|----------|----|-------------------|----------|----|-----------|
| WV6 | 89 | Wolverhampton | SW10 | 11 | London |
| CF82 | 88 | Hengoed | L2 | 13 | Liverpool |
| BH17 | 87 | Poole | WC2 | 13 | London |
| BS7 | 87 | Bristol | NW8 | 13 | London |
| PL17 | 87 | Calllington | SW5 | 14 | London |
| S8 | 87 | Sheffield | SW7 | 14 | London |
| WA12 | 87 | Newton-Le-Willows | W2 | 15 | London |
| BS5 | 86 | Bournemouth | SW1 | 15 | London |
| TR27 | 85 | Hayle | EC2 | 16 | London |
| RM9 | 85 | Dagenham | SW3 | 16 | London |

Source: TheAdvisory

What's happening to property transactions, demand and supply?

Normally, once a stamp duty/land tax holiday ends, sales plummet and often prices tend to 'fall back'. However, all the indices currently are reporting how strong transactions are due to massive demand and a shortage of supply.

In addition, when a stamp duty/land tax change is due, the media usually run some big headlines about buyers that have lost out — especially when the last one came into force in 2016 when SDLT in England went up to 3%. However, the good news this time around is that these headlines haven't come forward. Partly due to the extension from March 21, but also due to the huge effort on behalf of the industry to alert people to the fact that their purchase might not go through on-time.

Moving forward all expectations are that the market will 'slow down' but no-one is predicting the normal cliff edge and demand is expected to stay higher than supply, supporting prices to the end of the year.

Hometrack

"Prices are still being supported by strong levels of demand in the market. While buyer demand has eased since the peak in April, when levels were unsustainably high, they are still running 80% higher at this time of year compared to more 'normal' market conditions between 2017 and 2019.

"At the same time, the supply of homes is not keeping pace. The flow of new supply has started to return to more usual levels for this time of year, but it is not enough to replenish stock levels, which are running 25% below average 2020 levels.

What's happening to property transactions, demand and supply? - cont'd

"Supply has been constrained by the rise in activity among first-time buyers (lending to first-time buyers is up 25% compared to 2020), who have nothing to sell, but also by the sheer levels of activity in the market which has eroded the total number of homes for sale. This, in turn, may be hampering some potential activity in the market.

"Even so, the number of sales agreed are still running 22% ahead of 2020 average levels, and will remain higher than previous years as homeowners continue to take advantage of the extended stamp duty holiday - with savings of up to £2,500 on offer until the end of September.

"We forecast there will be around 1.5 million completed transactions this year, up from 1 million last year, and the highest level since 2007."

Onthemarket

"In June 2021, as a UK average 28.5% of properties were SSTC within 30 days of first being advertised for sale, compared with 28% in May 2021, and 8% in June 2020.

"In June 2021, Scotland was the fastest selling region, with 33% of homes SSTC within 30 days of first being listed for sale. Greater London had the lowest number of properties which were SSTC within 30 days (20%).

"In June 2021, the region with the highest number of properties that had taken 120 days or more to be SSTC was Wales (48.5%) compared with the East Midlands which had the lowest number of properties that had taken 120 days or more to achieve an offer (35%)."

June 2021 Headlines

| Region | liste | f homes ed and S hin 30 d | STC | first l over but | ailable h listed for 30 days were St hin 60 d | r sale ago STC | first over but | ailable h listed for 30 days were St hin 90 d | r sale s ago STC | first over but | ailable h listed for 30 days were St nin 120 d | r sale s ago STC | first I over but | % available hom first listed for sa over 30 days ag but were SSTO within 150 days | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|---|------------|--|
| | June 21 | May 21 | June 20 | June 21 | May 21 | June 20 | June 21 | May 21 | June 20 | June 21 | May 21 | June 20 | June 21 | May 21 | June 20 | |
| UK average | 28.5 | 28 | 8 | 12.5 | 11.5 | 3 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 14.5 | 46 | 47.5 | 68 | |
| Greater London | 20 | 21.5 | 17.5 | 15 | 15 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 12.5 | 46.5 | 47 | 61 | |
| South East | 26.5 | 27 | 19.5 | 15.5 | 15 | 4 | 10.5 | 9.5 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 6 | 14.5 | 40 | 42.5 | 55.5 | |
| South West | 29 | 28 | 21.5 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 4.5 | 9 | 8.5 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 12.5 | 42.5 | 45 | 55.5 | |
| East of England | 29 | 28.5 | 21.5 | 15 | 15 | 4.5 | 10 | 9.5 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 6 | 14 | 39.5 | 41 | 54.5 | |
| West Midlands | 27.5 | 27.5 | 20.5 | 14 | 14 | 4 | 9.5 | 9 | 6 | 6.5 | 6 | 13.5 | 42.5 | 43.5 | 56 | |
| East Midlands | 31.5 | 31 | 20 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 4.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 6 | 14.5 | 35 | 37 | 54.5 | |
| Yorkshire & The Humberside | 27.5 | 27 | 18.5 | 13.5 | 12.5 | 4 | 8.5 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 12.5 | 44.5 | 47.5 | 59 | |
| North East | 24.5 | 24.5 | 15.5 | 13.5 | 12.5 | 4 | 8.5 | 9 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 12 | 47 | 47.5 | 63 | |
| North West | 29 | 28.5 | 18 | 14.5 | 13.5 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 6 | 13.5 | 40 | 42 | 58 | |
| Wales | 25 | 24.5 | 8.5 | 13 | 11.5 | 3.5 | 8 | 7.5 | 6 | 5.5 | 6 | 13 | 48.5 | 50.5 | 69 | |
| Scotland | 33 | 32 | 7 | 11.5 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 43.5 | 45 | 66 | |

Source: Onthemarket

Other indices commentary on transactions, buyer and seller demand:-

<u>Rightmove</u>

"Rightmove expects that the number of sales completed in the first six months of the year and due to be reported by HMRC later this week is on course to be around 800,000, which could just beat the previous record of 795,000 set in 2007. The 2007 record was set under very different circumstances, at a time when mortgage lending criteria were much less stringent than in today's more controlled market. Our analysis shows that the shortfall of 225,000 homes for sale comes from 140,000 more sales being agreed and 85,000 fewer new listings than the long-term (2014-2019) average for the first half of a year. The net result of this major imbalance between supply and demand is that the average number of available properties for sale per estate agency branch is at a new record low of 16 properties, compared with the previous low before 2021 of 25 properties and a longer-term average for this time of year of 31%."

NAEA Propertymark

"The average number of sales agreed per estate agent branch fell slightly to 11 in June, from May's figure of 12. Year-on-year, this figure is the highest for the month of June in 4 years, since 2017 when the number of sales per branch also stood at an average of 11 per month, and slightly higher than last year's figure of 10 during June 2020.

"The number of sales made to FTBs stood at 27 per cent in June, which has been the same since March this year."

RICS

"At the headline level, +14% of contributors reported an increase in new buyer enquiries during June. Although this is the fourth successive positive monthly reading, it does represent a noticeable moderation compared to the recent high of +43% posted back in April. What's more, this easing in momentum is visible across virtually all regions/countries of the UK covered by the survey. Nevertheless, the latest feedback continues to signal a clear excess of demand over supply. Indeed, new instructions came in at -34% (down from -24% previously) during June, consistent not only with a third consecutive monthly fall in new listings but also pointing to an accelerated rate of decline. While +17% of survey participants still note that the number of market appraisals being undertaken is running ahead of the comparable period last year, this gauge has turned slightly softer in each of the past two months (was +34% in April, +24% in May).

"Meanwhile, the number of agreed sales picked up once again in June, evidenced by +8% of respondents noting an increase. Again, although still positive, the net balance for this metric has eased over recent months, having hit +46% back in March."

Halifax

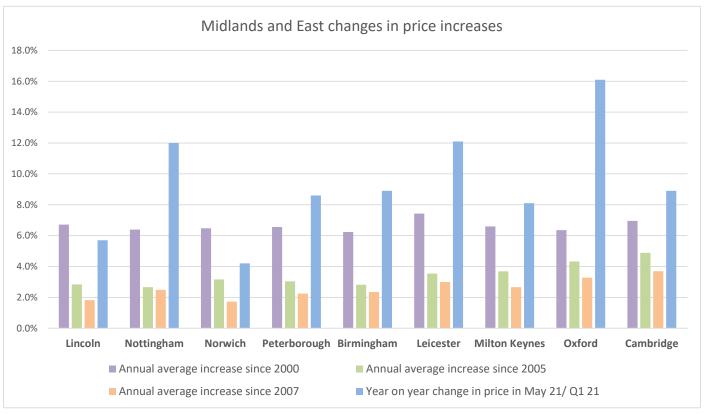
"Recent months have been characterised by historically high volumes of buyer activity, with June the busiest month for mortgage completions since 2008. This has been fuelled both by the 'race for space' and the time-limited stamp duty break. With the latter now entering its final stages (the zero percent rate only applies to the first £250,000 of the purchase price, before reverting back to standard rates from October), buyer activity should continue to ease over the coming months, and a steadier period for the market may lie ahead.

"Latest industry figures show instructions for sale are falling and estate agents are experiencing a drop in their available stock. This general lack of supply should help to support prices in the near-term, as will the exceptionally low cost of borrowing and continued strong customer demand."

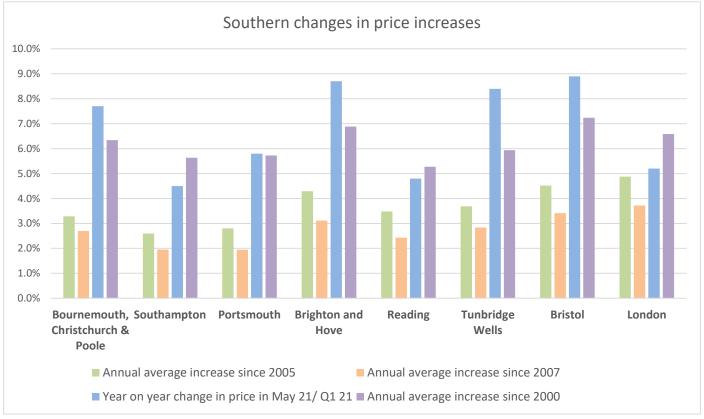
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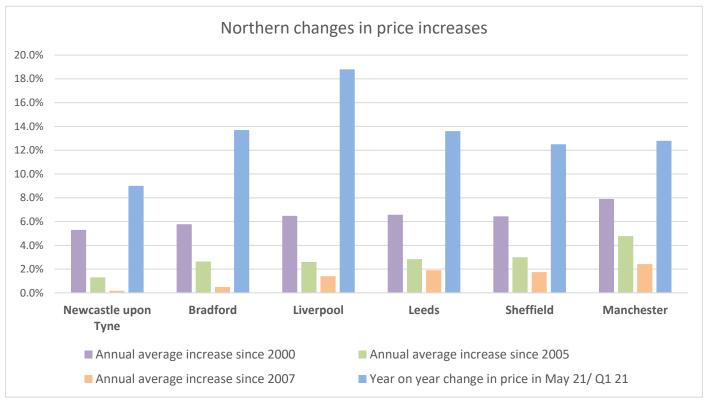
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