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# OUR HOUSING MARKET

Welcome to our housing market bulletin, produced to help you keep track of local housing market signals based on March 2022 data from Hometrack.

Apologies it is being released slightly later than usual. Due to time running out, just for this edition we have omitted the staircase of private rents, but will add it back in to the September bulletin.

In the bulletin we compare a number of signals; from number of sales to comparative affordability across our local area and with the region and the whole of England. Since April 2019, Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury have been working as one council, called 'West Suffolk'. For the time being Hometrack continues to use the old district boundaries, referred to as "formerly known as" (FKA) Forest Heath and FKA St Edmundsbury throughout - so that is mostly how the data is presented, except where we can combine them, for example adding up the total number of sales in the two former districts.

Stay well!

Sue Beecroft

# MARCH 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

You can see a summary of the latest highlights and quickly find the page you need to get the full story...

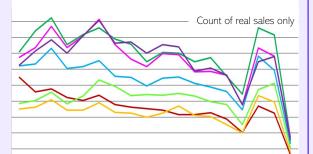
### HOMETRACK CITIES INDEX PAGE 2, 3 & 4

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#### NUMBER OF SALES

#### PAGE 5 & 7

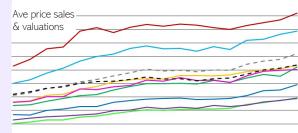
The number of sales and valuations on page 5 has varied over the past 6 months, while the number of 'real' sales again on page 7 fell. Graph 9 compares prices for the two datasets and highlights some differences over time.



### Price

#### Page 6, 8, 9 & 10

Prices based on sales reported by Land Registry (aka actual sales, page 8) can be compared to average prices including valuations data (page 6). Lower quartile prices are set out on page 9 and average price per square metre on page 10.



### MARKET HEAT

#### We are really delighted that two indicators of market heat have returned to the Hometrack system, these are time taken to sell, and sales to asking price. It's early days and the data still looks erratic, in this Edition.

#### PRIVATE RENTS

#### PAGE 13&14

Many private rents increased over the last 3 months, some have held steady, as shown on page 13.

The accompanying maps show median rents for 1, 2, 3 and 4 bed homes. LHA rates have been held at the same level for 2022/23 as in 2021/22; all set out on page 14.

### AFFORDABILITY

A number of affordability ratios are set out in this edition including median and lower quartile ratios of income to house price. We have compared the "usual" ratios to some additional ones to see how much they differ and why we report quarterly on the ones we do.





### WEEKLY COSTS

### COSTS PAGE 17 & 18

A table on page 17 sets out the weekly cost of 1, 2 and 3 beds of different tenures for each district

### LADDERS OF WEEKLY COST

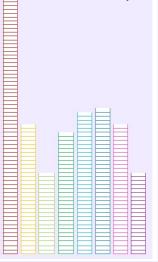
The data on page 17 is used for our 'ladders' tool on page 18 to help visualise and compare costs for different

#### housing types and sizes across our districts. A number of prices have risen since our last edition, and the ladder for Cambridge grows ever higher.

In Edition 53 we have not updated the staircase of rents, but that will be included in Edition 54 in case you have missed seeing it.

### Page 19

Contact information, background maps and information about Hometrack.



Ladders of weekly cost



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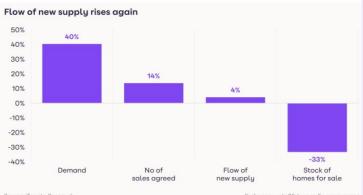
You can find out more about the Housing Board on the back page.

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# UK HOUSE PRICE INDEX MAY 2022

FROM HOMETRACK

- Rate of monthly house price growth falls to the lowest rate since December 2019, with average values up just +0.1% in May
- Average house prices are up +8.4% on the year, taking the average value to £251,550

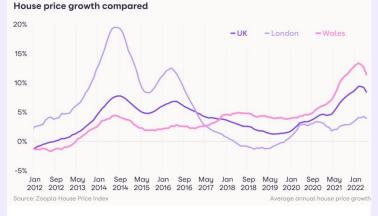


Source: Zoopla Research

- Wales continues to lead price growth, up +11.4% on the year while London lags at 3.9%
- Emerging signs of impetus in the market slowing, with activity receding from record highs with sales agreed down 13% yoy
- Buyers expected to become more price sensitive as mortgage rates rise, leading to a slowing in the rate of price growth in H2

## AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE GROWTH AT +8.4%

- Average house prices were broadly unchanged in May, rising by just 0.1%. This is the lowest rate of monthly price growth since December 2019. Growth on a quarterly basis, at 1.4%, is the slowest rate of in 15 months.
- In total average prices are up +8.4% on the year, down from +9.2% in April, and taking the average UK house price to £251,550.
- Wales registered the highest price growth again, up +11.4% on the year, down from 13.4% in February. Average values in the principality have risen by an average of £32,000 over the last 24 months, taking average home values to £192,500.
- In another continuation of recent trends, London registered the slowest price growth in May, with average prices up +3.9% on the year, taking the average home value up by almost £30,000 over the last 24 months to £516,100.
- Yet there is still a broad range of price growth within the capital. Homes in Barking and Dagenham have registered an average rise of +7.2% over the last 12 months, while those in Havering have risen by +6.9%. In contrast, average home values in Camden and Southwark are up just 1.8%.
- Of the UK's largest cities, Nottingham has highest



price growth at +10.4%, taking the average home value to  $\pm$ 190,300, followed by Bournemouth at +10.2% which has pipped Hastings as the south coastal city with the most rapid rate of house price growth.

#### Map showing house price index: country, region and city summary



Please note: The Zoopla house price index is repeat sales-based price index using sold prices, mortgage valuations and data for agreed sales. The index uses more input data than any other and is designed to accurately track the change in pricing for UK housing.

# UK HOUSE PRICE INDEX MAY 2022

FROM HOMETRACK... CONTINUED

• Aberdeen house prices, which are closely aligned to the North Sea Energy industry, are down 2% on the year, taking the average home value to £140,200. Average values in this city have fallen by around £6,400 over last 24 months

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HOUSE PRICES NEXT?

- There are several factors signalling that the impetus in the market seen over the last two years is starting to ease.
- 1. Buyer demand
- As can be seen from the chart below, the level of buyer demand in the market, while still high compared to the five-year average, is beginning to recede to more normal levels.
- As the pressure on supply from buyer demand starts to ease, it will put a brake on the intense upwards pressure on pricing.
- 2. Time to Sell
- Another signal from the market is coming from the speed at which home sales are proceeding. The average time to sell (listing to sale agreed) is rising - up to 22 days in May from 20 days in March.
- The fastest-moving market is in the South West, with the average length of time taken between listing and agreeing a sale less than three weeks (19 days). This reflects the high levels of demand in the South West since the start of the pandemic, as some buyers making a move prioritise access to rural and coastal settings. This is underlined by price growth in Bournemouth at



10.2%, putting it among the cities with the highest levels of growth in the year to May. We expect the slight slowdown to continue, with buyer demand for houses in the South West seeing the sharpest decline over the last month, down 14%, even as it remains 37% above the 5-year average.

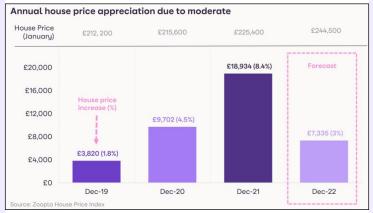
- Homes in London are staying on the market longest, with 35 days between listing and sale agreed although this is still a large reduction on the 5-year average of 50 days to agree a sale.
- The average time taken from searching for a home to exchange, at which point buyers can move in, is now averaging around 170 days - around five and a half months, according to Zoopla's recent buyer survey, signalling that those who want to move this year need to consider commencing their search, and their home sale.

### 3. Mortgage rates

- Mortgage rates are rising as the cost of money increases, driven by increases to the Bank of England base rate.
- While tracker mortgage rate and SVRs tend to move in line with the base rate, lenders have more control about how they price their fixed rate loans, based on how much funding they have presecured at certain rates, and how competitive they want to be in the market. So the rise in the cost of fixed-rate mortgages is less linear.
- Even so, buyers are now facing average rates of 3.37% for a 5year fixed-rate loan, according to Moneyfacts, compared to 2.64% in December. This increases the annual cost of a loan for an average priced home (£250,000) with a 25% deposit and 25-year term by £870.
- If interest rates continue to rise, the costs of paying for a mortgage will also continue to climb, meaning that for those looking to move home, taking action sooner rather than later will be beneficial.
- The stress-testing rules for mortgages introduced since the global financial crisis means that many existing homeowners have proved their income can withstand rising interest rates. This signals limited numbers of forced sales, which have a negative impact on pricing. The recent announcement that stress testing rules will be adjusted for borrowers, so they no longer have to prove they can afford repayments at the Standard Variable Rate +3%, will mean a some additional borrowers, especially first-time buyers, will be able to access loans, but it will not make a significant change to lending levels. The general rule for lending to be limited to 4.5 times income remains.
- The majority of homeowners are also locked into a fixed-rate mortgage, meaning they are protected from current interest rate moves. There is also a buoyant employment market, helping offset the more challenging inflation environment for now.

### OUTLOOK

• The factors outlined in this report signal that the rate of house price growth will slow through the rest of the year, but we are not anticipating price declines.



• House price growth remains strong by any measure. The levels of annual growth seen over the last couple of months are the highest since late 2007.

# UK HOUSE PRICE INDEX MAY 2022

FROM HOMETRACK... CONTINUED

- There are signals now however that the impetus in the market is beginning to ease, although this will take some time to be reflected in the rates of annual house price growth, which are more a reflection of sales being agreed several months earlier.
- Even so, we expect price growth to start to fall back, reflecting the fact that buyer demand is starting to normalise from record peaks, although it is crucial to highlight that demand levels are still more than 30% higher than the 5-year average.
- The market is still moving very quickly, but the time between listing a home for sale and agreeing a sale is starting to creep up, another signal that the market is moving back towards more normal conditions.
- The economic outlook, and multiple base rate rises, will act as a drag on sentiment and activity as we move through the rest of the year, but activity levels so far this year still indicate transactions at 1.2 million across the UK.
- But we do expect the rate of price growth to ease on a monthly basis price growth has already moderated. A continuation of this trend, with some monthly declines, will mean annual price growth will reach +3% by year end.
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Sales market conditions are strong by any measure, but there are signals that the impetus in the market is slowing, and more price sensitivity in the market will spell a slowdown in price growth during the remainder of 2022

Gráinne Gilmore, Head of Research

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	Average price	%yoy May-22	%yoy May-21	Monthly trend	Annual trend
ик	£251,600	8.4%	5.2%	-	
20 city index	£286,700	6.6%	4.4%		
Nottingham	£190,300	10.4%	7.2%		
Bournemouth	£333,400	10.2%	4.9%		_
Manchester	£209,100	9.6%	7.7%		_
Liverpool	£148,400	9.5%	9.3%	and the second sec	
Leeds	£199,900	9.3%	6.4%		_
Portsmouth	£275,800	9.2%	4.7%	the state of the s	
Bristol	£324,300	9.0%	5.0%		_
Leicester	£216,900	8.9%	6.4%	the state	_
Birmingham	£196,200	8.6%	5.5%		_
Sheffield	£163,900	8.4%	7.4%		
Cardiff	£245,500	8.2%	5.2%		
Belfast	£161,300	7.8%	7.0%	helling.	_
Southampton	£252,800	7.5%	4.2%		
Oxford	£442,000	6.7%	2.3%	State of the second sec	
Glasgow	£138,600	5.8%	4.8%	-	
Newcastle	£144,400	5.7%	4.6%		
Cambridge	£454,300	5.2%	3.9%	Includes.	
London	£516,100	3.9%	2.0%		
Edinburgh	£255,800	4.3%	3.3%		
Aberdeen	£140,200	-2.0%	-2.5%		

Source: Zoopla House Price Index. Sparklines show last 12 months trend in annual and monthly growth rates – red bars are a negative value – each series has its own axis settings providing a more granular view on price development.

### QUESTIONS?

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### SOURCE

Pages 2 to 4 are edited from: <u>https://www.hometrack.com/uk/insight/uk-house-price-index/may-2022-house-price-index/</u> Sign up for all the latest research from Zoopla at <u>https://advantage.zpg.co.uk/</u>

### Table showing Zoopla UK house price index and 20 city summary, May 2022

### MARKET ACTIVITY ....NUMBER OF SALES & VALUATIONS

### WHAT DOES THIS PAGE SHOW?

This page shows the number of sales and valuations, giving useful context to the rest of the Bulletin.

Sales data comes from the Land Registry and valuations data comes from the top twenty mortgage providers across the country. The data is presented in six month "chunks".

- Graph 1 shows the number of sales and valuations for England and graph 7 shows the same for the East of England.
- Graph 2 shows number of sales and valuations for each of the districts in our area, individually. Forest Heath and St Ed's are combined into one bright pink "West Suffolk" line.
- Table 2 shows the number of sales and valuations for each district, the East of England and for the whole of England. To the right, two columns show the change between June and December 2021 (the last 6 months), then December 2020 and December 2021 (the last 12 months).

### NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

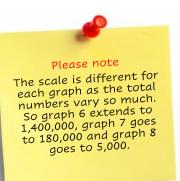
- All three graphs show a reasonably similar trend with a drop to June 2020 followed by a "kick up" which falls back, to Dec 2021.
- In past editions we have seen that the number of sales & valuations drops over the most recent 6 months. This pattern has repeated in Edition 53, however the level reached around September 2021 looks relatively healthy.
- Over the last 6 months (i.e. since June 2021) the number of sales and valuations has fallen in all areas listed in Table 2. The same can be seen over the past 12 months.
- Numbers usually rise once the Land Registry processes sales data and this is picked up by Hometrack, which can take 3 to 6 months. Due to Covid, the processing of the Land Registry data may have been more delayed than usual, explaining some of the drop in numbers.

#### 2. Table showing number of sales & valuations

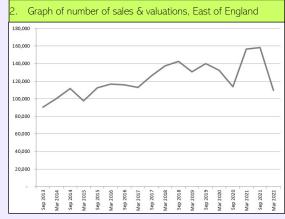
	Mar 2018	Sep 2018	Mar 2019	Sep 2019	Mar 2020	Sep 2020	Mar 2021	Sep 2021	Mar 2022	Change over last 6 months	Change over last 12 months
Cambridge	1,998	1,933	1,845	2,177	1,882	1,656	2,165	2,320	1,757	- 563	- 408
East Cambridgeshire	1,965	2,073	1,760	1,958	1,651	1,642	2,294	2,143	1,480	- 663	- 814
Fenland	2,470	2,597	2,420	2,489	2,335	1,983	2,742	2,930	2,026	- 904	- 716
Huntingdonshire	4,258	4,194	4,001	4,321	3,899	3,179	4,815	4,924	3,235	- 1,689	- 1,580
South Cambridgeshire	3,323	3,412	3,098	3,280	3,077	2,729	3,654	3,632	2,623	- 1,009	- 1,031
FKA Forest Heath	1,572	1,730	1,451	1,425	1,471	1,194	1,507	1,613	1,315	- 298	- 192
FKA St Ed's	2,279	2,420	2,230	2,256	2,360	1,847	2,322	2,426	1,671	- 755	- 651
West Suffolk	3,851	4,150	3,681	3,681	3,831	3,041	3,829	4,039	2,986	- 1,053	- 843
Peterborough	4,702	4,609	4,143	4,472	4,196	3,624	4,734	5,279	3,922	- 1,357	- 812
East of England	137,672	142,738	130,871	140,172	132,461	113,792	156,369	158,252	109,506	- 48,746	- 46,863
England	1,111,608	1,163,490	1,087,393	1,159,169	1,090,323	934,464	1,252,854	1,302,862	929,485	- 373,377	- 323,369

#### About the number of sales and valuations

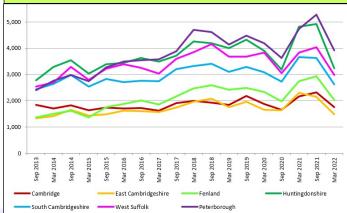
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Graph of number of sales & valuations, districts



# AVERAGE PRICE

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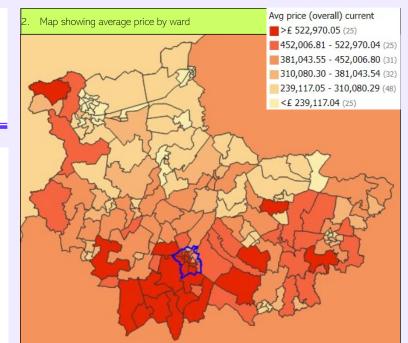
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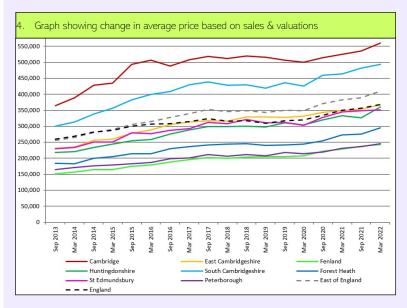
Average price on this page is based on sales and valuation data, providing an average price over the previous six month period.

- Map 2 shows average price achieved for homes across our whole area, at ward level.
- Graph 4 shows the average price trend for each district (solid lines) the region (grey dots) and England (black dots).
- Table 3 shows average property prices every 6 months and the change in average price over the last 6 and 12 months.

### NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

- Map 2 shows the usual pattern of prices; higher in the south and west of our area, and generally lower in the north and east, with hotspots around larger settlements.
- Graph 4 shows average prices are noticeably higher for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire than all other areas; these two average lines now appear to be running parallel. Peterborough and Fenland are now running extremely close, with their lines virtually converging. East Cambs, St Edmundsbury and Huntingdonshire are all running at near to the England average.
- It's not possible to combine values for Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury to give a West Suffolk average, so these are reported separately for the time being as a dark blue and a bright pink line.
- Average prices have risen in all areas over the last 6 and 12 months. St Edmundsbury saw the lowest rise (+£6,150) and Cambridge the greatest (+36,234).
- Pages 7 and 8 explore "actual sales" to shed more light on the difference between the averages when using sales and valuations data, as opposed to "real sales only".





#### . Table showing average price based on sales & valuations $(\mathfrak{L})$

	Mar 2018	Sep 2018	Mar 2019	Sep 2019	Mar 2020	Sep 2020	Mar 2021	Sep 2021	Mar 2022	Change last 6 months	Change last 12 months
Cambridge	512,188	519,355	515,356	507,006	499,763	514,493	524,440	535,293	560,674	25,381	36,234
East Cambridgeshire	316,040	329,540	328,757	327,892	331,304	343,630	348,168	354,451	366,454	12,003	18,286
Fenland	199,290	203,636	204,963	205,484	208,101	221,626	228,737	237,754	242,460	4,706	13,723
Huntingdonshire	298,912	301,001	297,626	310,710	304,777	320,300	333,081	326,756	360,295	33,539	27,214
South Cambs	428,451	430,103	419,891	436,408	425,290	460,260	464,191	481,649	493,233	11,584	29,042
FKA Forest Heath	244,157	245,199	240,467	242,162	244,653	254,298	273,454	275,932	294,967	19,035	21,513
FKA St Ed's	307,783	320,878	310,509	311,861	303,438	327,568	345,312	348,395	351,462	3,067	6,150
Peterborough	206,575	211,316	207,774	217,793	214,861	219,646	231,553	235,820	245,195	9,375	13,642
East of England	345,665	348,953	343,585	350,141	348,924	370,739	382,813	389,484	409,525	20,041	26,712
England	315,513	317,444	309,612	317,189	320,502	334,504	350,152	356,601	368,141	11,540	17,989

About the average price	e, based on sales & valuations			
Source	Timespan	Last updated	Data level	Time interval
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MARKET ACTIVITY ...NUMBER OF "ACTUAL" SALES ONLY

### WHAT DOES THIS PAGE SHOW?

This page shows the number of sales completing, the data coming from Land Registry, and excludes valuation data. The number of "actual" sales is useful

to understand turnover in our housing market excluding for example, valuations for re-mortgage purposes. Sales and valuation data is used elsewhere by Hometrack to secure a bigger sample, so more detailed

statistics can be reliably provided.

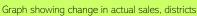
- Graphs 5, 6 and 7 show the total number of actual sales across England, the East of England and our seven districts. Please note the different scales on the left hand (vertical) axes.
- A bright pink line has been used in Graph 12 for West Suffolk, which replaces the two separate lines used in the past for Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury.
- Table 4 shows the number of sales completing in sixmonthly "chunks"; here, a total for West Suffolk has been provided.

### **NOTES & OBSERVATIONS**

The graphs show a more alarming trend than the data on page 5 with a more dramatic fall in numbers to March 2022. In Table 4, Huntingdonshire sees the largest number of actual sales completing (354). Only 129 completed in Cambridge. At December 2021 'real' sales represented between 7% and 12% of the sales and valuations count. A note on page 8 explains more. This compares to 10% across the East of England and 11% for England.



Graph showing change in actual sales, England



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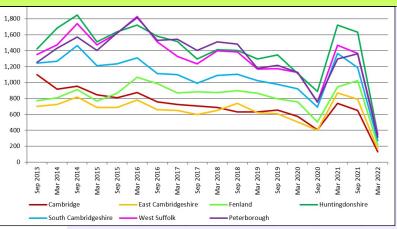
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re-mortgages and

for-like comparison.



#### Table showing number of actual sales

	Mar 2018	Sep 2018	Mar 2019	Sep 2019	Mar 2020	Sep 2020	Mar 2021	Sep 2021	Mar 2022	S as % S+V
Cambridge	687	630	631	653	573	408	736	650	129	7%
East Cambridgeshire	650	737	623	607	502	400	869	791	165	11%
Fenland	875	898	866	795	757	502	942	1,025	220	11%
Huntingdonshire	1,410	1,401	1,295	1,348	1,112	888	1,722	1,631	354	11%
South Cambs	1,091	1,103	1,025	978	920	690	1,363	1,187	270	10%
FKA Forest Heath	602	584	498	454	450	282	520	591	143	11%
FKA St Ed's	797	798	672	720	677	470	948	773	201	12%
West Suffolk	1,399	1,382	1,170	1,174	1,127	752	1,468	1,364	344	12%
Peterborough	1,509	1,480	1,177	1,214	1,128	759	1,295	1,360	311	8%
East of England	47,231	46,849	42,030	42,506	39,943	28,755	56,925	52,698	11,409	10%
England	396,286	395,691	357,123	359,451	336,475	243,348	451,717	429,307	101,395	11%

About the number of actual sales				
Source	Timespan	Last updated	Data level	Time interval
HM Land Registry, England & Wales	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	May 2022	Country, Region, District	Data points repeat semi-annually

Graph showing change in average price based on actual sales only

### AVERAGE PRICE ...USING "REAL" SALES ONLY

Please note

From May 2019 "real sales"

only includes standard price

paid data for residential

property selling at market value. It excludes 'below

market' transactions like

sales from repossessions or

non-standard property

types. So the count is

reduced but values should

be more robust.

### WHAT DOES THIS PAGE SHOW?

This page shows the average prices reached for "real" sales only i.e. excluding valuation data. Data comes from Land Registry, which can be slow to come through. Prices are averaged over the previous 6 months.

Graph 8 shows the trend in average price for each district (solid lines) the

region (grey dots) and England (black dots).

- Graph 9 sets out the average price based on sales only (dashed lines) compared to the average price based on sales and valuations (solid lines).
- Table 5 shows average property price based on actual sales, plus change over the past 6 and 12 months.

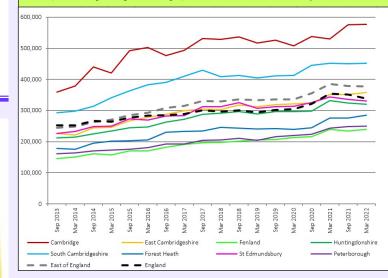
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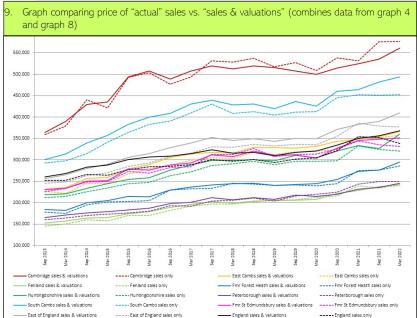
Graph 8 shows trends in 'real sale' prices. Many held steady, some rose very slightly, some fell very slightly.

Table 5 highlights the change over the past 6 months and 12 months. There is no clearly discernible pattern here.

Graph 9 highlights the difference in the two sets of price data. helping us to compare average price of "real sales" to that for sales and valuations.

The lines did not run parallel, they always vary a little from each other, but the past 6 months see quite some divergence between the data sets.





#### Table showing average price based on actual sales only $(\pounds)$

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	Mar 2018	Sep 2018	Mar 2019	Sep 2019	Mar 2020	Sep 2020	Mar 2021	Sep 2021	Mar 2022	Change last 6 months	Change last 12 months
Cambridge	528,229	536,810	516,989	526,882	508,469	537,624	530,803	575,955	576,940	985	46,137
East Cambridgeshire	303,702	317,923	312,410	318,998	321,225	323,861	351,142	351,564	358,134	6,570	6,992
Fenland	197,367	201,747	205,906	207,277	213,111	215,535	239,093	234,781	240,074	5,293	981
Huntingdonshire	291,036	296,574	288,863	296,388	296,681	297,633	331,910	324,272	320,699	-3,573	-11,211
South Cambs	408,482	412,975	404,810	411,224	412,767	445,606	452,334	451,189	452,006	817	-328
FKA Forest Heath	245,627	243,028	240,766	241,888	239,121	244,302	275,467	276,018	285,531	9,513	10,064
FKA St Ed's	312,206	326,017	307,345	312,693	313,935	325,580	344,162	335,425	331,167	-4,258	-12,995
Peterborough	206,039	211,068	204,060	216,099	219,389	224,426	242,951	249,166	249,392	226	6,441
East of England	329,321	336,355	332,753	336,269	335,796	355,612	385,669	379,305	377,320	-1,985	-8,349
England	296,598	301,015	293,621	301,672	304,928	321,069	354,522	352,063	338,279	-13,784	-16,243

About the average price	based on sales only			
Source	Time span	Last updated	Data level	Time interval
Hometrack	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	May 2022	Country, region, district	Data points repeat semi-annually

### LOWER QUARTILE PRICE ... USING SALES & VALUATIONS

### WHAT DOES THIS PAGE SHOW?

This page sets out lower quartile prices. The lower quartile price reflects the cheapest 25% of the market. It is sometimes used as a guide to "entry level" prices. Lower quartile prices are based on a combination of sales prices and valuation data averaged over the past 6 months.



Let's say 200 homes were sold in a month and we make a list of the prices of all 200 homes, putting them in order from cheapest to most expensive. The first 50 homes on the list are called the lower quartile. The price of the home 50th from the bottom of the list is the "lower quartile" price. So the lower quartile price indicates that the cheapest quarter of homes sold for less than this price.

- Map 3 shows lower quartile prices for homes across each ward.
- Graph 10 shows lower quartile prices for each district (solid lines), the region (grey dashes) & England (black dashes).
- Table 6 shows lower quartile prices every 6 months and the change over the past 6 and 12 months.

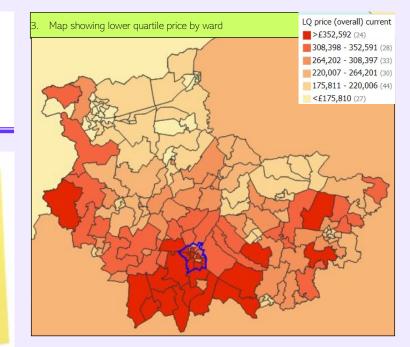
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Table 6 shows lower quartile prices ranging from  $\pounds170K$  in Peterborough and Fenland, to  $\pounds350K$  in Cambridge.

Lower quartile prices have risen across our area, in both the last 6 and the last 12 months; as it has across the region and the whole of England

When the LQ price increases, this means that the most affordable "end" of the market is becoming more expensive. This is explored further on pages 15 to 16 where we look at the ratio between incomes and prices, known as the affordability ratio.

### 5. Table showing lower quartile price based on sales & valuations $(\ensuremath{\mathfrak{L}})$





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	Mar 2018	Sep 2018	Mar 2019	Sep 2019	Mar 2020	Sep 2020	Mar 2021	Sep 2021	Mar 2022	Change in past 6 mths	Change in past 12 mths
Cambridge	336,000	330,000	340,000	335,000	335,000	330,000	345,000	345,000	350,000	5,000	5,000
East Cambridgeshire	220,000	225,000	221,000	225,000	230,000	234,000	240,000	240,000	250,000	10,000	10,000
Fenland	145,000	142,000	148,000	150,000	150,000	155,000	155,000	165,000	170,000	5,000	15,000
Huntingdonshire	205,000	205,000	208,000	215,000	210,000	215,000	223,739	218,000	236,500	18,500	12,761
South Cambridgeshire	290,000	295,000	292,000	290,000	287,500	300,000	307,000	310,000	325,122	15,122	18,122
FKA Forest Heath	170,000	179,000	178,000	180,000	180,000	190,000	196,000	200,000	205,500	5,500	9,500
FKA St Ed's	213,500	210,000	205,250	215,000	200,000	211,000	225,000	222,000	227,500	5,500	2,500
Peterborough	140,000	144,000	145,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	155,000	160,000	170,000	10,000	15,000
East of England	213,000	215,000	212,000	215,000	216,500	225,000	230,000	234,000	240,000	6,000	10,000
England	160,000	162,000	160,000	163,000	165,000	170,000	180,000	180,000	182,500	2,500	2,500

About lower quartile prices - based	d on sales and valuations			
Source	Timespan	Last updated	Data level	Time interval
Hometrack	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	May 2022	Country, region, district	Data points repeat semi-annually

### PRICE PER SQUARE METRE ...USING SALES & VALUATIONS

### WHAT DOES THIS PAGE SHOW?

Price per square metre is a measure used in housing development calculations.

 Map 4 shows average price per square metre of all homes at ward level, based on sales and valuation data. As there may not be a large number of transactions within these small areas, Price per square metre Price per square metre is used to help compare prices "per unit of floor

area". It gives an idea of price regardless of the number of bedrooms a home has, so it helps compare values on a like-for-like basis.

average price over the past 6 months is used to ensure the sample is big enough to be robust.

- Graph 11 shows the change in averages across the districts (solid lines), the region (grey dashes) and England (black dashes).
- Table 7 shows price per square metre values every 6 months and change over the past 6 and 12 months.

### **NOTES & OBSERVATIONS**

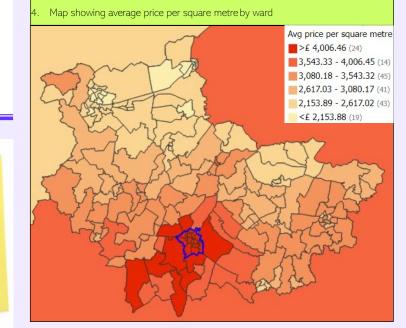
Map 4 emphasises the price "hotspot" around Cambridge City and into its surroundings, mainly South Cambridgeshire. The pale areas denote lower values to the north and east.

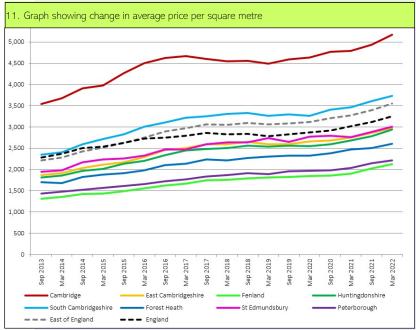
Graph 11 shows trends for all areas, which have increased in all districts since March 2020.

Table 7 shows the values for each district, ranging from  $\pounds 2,130$  in Fenland to  $\pounds 5,166$  in Cambridge, with small increases over the past 6 and 12 months in all areas covered.

An increase was also seen across the region (+278) and across England (+235).

#### 7. Table showing average price per square metre $(\pounds)$





	Mar 2018	Sep 2018	Mar 2019	Sep 2019	Mar 2020	Sep 2020	Mar 2021	Sep 2021	Mar 2022	Change past 6 mths	Change past 12 mths
Cambridge	4,549	4,560	4,494	4,592	4,636	4,770	4,788	4,933	5,166	233	378
East Cambridgeshire	2,593	2,648	2,596	2,593	2,665	2,678	2,749	2,859	2,970	111	221
Fenland	1,758	1,787	1,811	1,823	1,845	1,859	1,906	2,022	2,130	108	224
Huntingdonshire	2,504	2,561	2,537	2,565	2,552	2,594	2,684	2,778	2,943	165	259
South Cambs	3,303	3,326	3,260	3,295	3,266	3,405	3,458	3,607	3,734	127	276
FKA Forest Heath	2,214	2,272	2,298	2,321	2,321	2,376	2,474	2,503	2,606	103	132
FKA St Ed's	2,636	2,634	2,741	2,653	2,775	2,798	2,757	2,888	3,001	113	244
Peterborough	1,872	1,916	1,890	1,954	1,970	1,982	2,041	2,142	2,211	69	170
East of England	3,056	3,095	3,060	3,085	3,113	3,202	3,274	3,395	3,552	157	278
England	2,823	2,837	2,786	2,828	2,868	2,921	3,012	3,120	3,247	127	235

About the average property price per square metre, based on sales $\&$ valuations data						
Source	Timespan  Last updated  Data level  Time interval					
Hometrack	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	May 2022	Country, region, district	Data points repeat semi-annually		

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# AVERAGE TIME TO SELL

### WHAT DOES THIS PAGE SHOW?

We are very happy to see the return of "average time taken to sell" in the Hometrack data, though need a word of caution as the numbers are very erratic. Hopefully the market (and the data) will settle down as time passes.

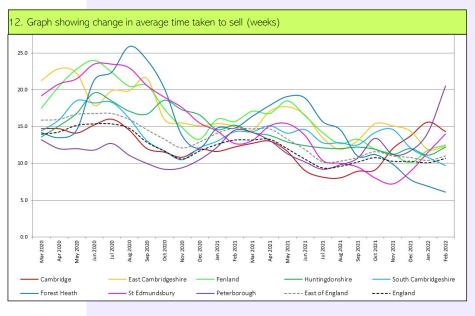
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Average time to sell This page sets out

average time to sell, in

weeks. The data is

5. Map showing average time to sell (weeks) Sorry? Missing map



- Unfortunately Map 5 failed to download so we are not presenting it here
- Graph 12 shows the change in average time taken to sell across the districts (solid lines), the region (grey dashes) and England (black dashes).
- Table 8 shows average time to sell every month between February 2021 and February 2022.

### **NOTES & OBSERVATIONS**

It's early days for this data set so we advise treating with caution. Graph 17 shows trends for all areas, which are really still too erratic to generalize about.

Table 8 shows the values for each district, ranging from 6.1 weeks in Forest Heath and 9.7 weeks in South Cambs; through 12 and 13 weeks in Cambridge, East Cambs, Fenland, HDC and St Edmundsbury - to 20.5 weeks in Peterborough.

East of England and England rates stand at around 11 weeks.

#### 3. Table showing average time taken to sell

	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22
Cambridge	12.2	12.7	13.0	11.6	9.0	8.1	8.0	8.9	9.1	12.0	13.7	15.6	14.3
East Cambs	15.1	14.5	17.1	17.7	16.6	13.5	11.9	13.1	15.4	15.1	14.4	11.9	12.3
Fenland	15.7	17.1	16.8	18.5	16.5	14.2	12.7	13.3	11.9	11.3	10.1	11.8	12.5
Huntingdonshire	15.2	14.2	13.8	12.9	12.4	12.1	12.0	12.2	11.9	11.2	12.0	11.1	12.2
South Cambs	14.3	14.3	15.1	14.1	14.6	12.8	12.8	12.5	14.2	14.6	12.1	10.8	9.7
FKA Forest Heath	14.8	16.4	17.9	19.1	18.9	15.7	14.6	11.0	11.2	9.9	7.8	6.9	6.1
FKA St Ed's	12.7	13.1	15.1	15.4	13.8	10.4	10.0	9.5	8.0	7.2	8.9	11.5	14.0
Peterborough	14.5	14.2	13.1	11.3	10.2	9.2	9.8	10.7	13.4	11.2	11.7	14.2	20.5
East of England	14.8	14.7	14.7	13.3	11.9	10.2	10.3	10.8	11.6	11.0	10.8	10.4	11.0
England	13.2	13.2	13.3	12.0	10.6	9.4	9.6	10.2	10.8	10.3	10.3	10.1	10.7

About the average time taken to sell						
Source	Timespan	Last updated	Data level	Time interval		
Hometrack analysis of ZPG data	Mar 2020 to Feb 2022	May 2022	Country, region, district	Data points repeat semi-annually		

### SALES PRICE TO ASKING PRICE ....USING SALES & VALUATIONS

### WHAT DOES THIS PAGE SHOW?

We are also very happy to see the return of "sales to asking price" in the Hometrack data, though need a word of caution as the numbers are fairly erratic. Hopefully the market (and the data) will settle down as time passes.

- Unfortunately Map 6 also
  failed to download so we are
  not presenting it here
- Graph 18 shows the change in sales price to asking price across the districts (solid lines), the region (grey dashes) and England (black dashes).
- Table 9 shows sales price to asking price as a percentage, every month form November 2020 to November 2021.

### NOTES & OBSERVATIONS

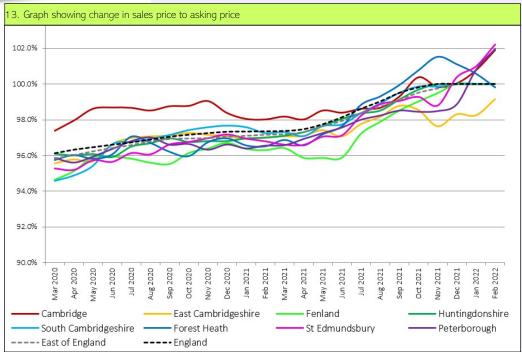
Graph 18 shows trends for all areas, which are too erratic to comment on.

Table 9 shows the percentage for each district, ranging from 99.1% in East Cambs to 102.2% in St Edmundsbury.

The East of England and England saw a ratio of 100%.







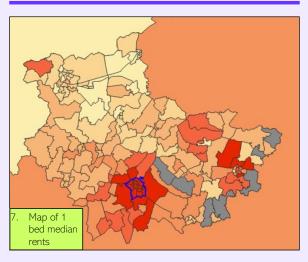
#### 9. Table showing sales price to asking price

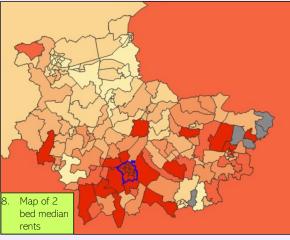
	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22
Cambridge	98.0%	98.2%	98.0%	98.5%	98.4%	98.6%	98.7%	99.3%	100.4%	99.8%	100.0%	100.8%	101.9%
East Cambs	97.0%	97.1%	97.1%	97.4%	97.1%	97.8%	98.2%	98.8%	98.5%	97.6%	98.3%	98.2%	99.1%
Fenland	96.3%	96.4%	95.9%	95.9%	95.9%	97.2%	97.9%	98.5%	99.0%	99.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Huntingdonshire	97.0%	97.1%	97.3%	97.7%	98.1%	98.4%	98.5%	99.1%	99.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
South Cambs	97.2%	97.3%	97.1%	97.6%	97.7%	98.4%	98.9%	99.5%	99.9%	99.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
FKA Forest Heath	96.5%	96.9%	96.6%	97.2%	97.6%	98.8%	99.3%	100.0%	100.8%	101.5%	101.1%	100.6%	99.8%
FKA St Ed's	96.8%	96.6%	96.6%	97.1%	97.1%	98.2%	98.9%	99.0%	99.3%	98.8%	100.4%	101.0%	102.2%
Peterborough	96.6%	96.6%	96.9%	97.3%	97.6%	98.0%	98.2%	98.5%	98.4%	98.5%	98.9%	100.8%	102.0%
East of England	97.2%	97.2%	97.3%	97.7%	97.9%	98.4%	98.7%	99.1%	99.5%	99.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
England	97.3%	97.4%	97.5%	97.7%	98.1%	98.6%	99.0%	99.5%	99.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

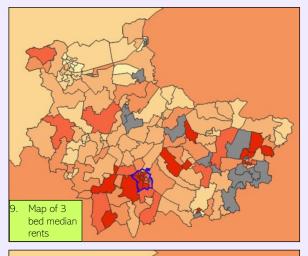
About the average sales price to asking price						
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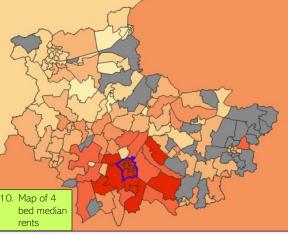
10. Table	showing v	veekly me	edian priva	ate rents d	§ "main" L	_HA rate f	or 2022/	23 (see p	14 for no	tes)
	Mar-20	Jul-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	LHA
Cambridge	:			Last	column =	= Cambrid	ge LHA ra	ate 2022/	23 (round	ded)
1 bed	219	225	225	226	229	226	229	231	241	178
2 bed	294	298	295	298	300	300	300	311	312	196
3 bed	334	334	334	340	343	345	345	346	357	219
4 bed	437	438	437	437	438	450	461	461	461	299
East Camb	oridgeshire			Last	column =	Cambrid	ge LHA ra	ate 2022/	23 (round	ded)
1 bed	144	144	145	145	150	150	150	150	150	178
2 bed	173	173	173	173	178	178	183	184	189	196
3 bed	207	218	219	219	219	225	226	228	229	219
4 bed	312	312	311	311	311	322	323	339	346	299
Fenland							J	ate 2022/	,	· ·
1 bed	114	114	114	114	114	115	117	120	121	110
2 bed	144	144	144	146	150	150	155	155	158	137
3 bed	173	173	173	177	178	183	184	184	190	160
4 bed	231	230	242	236	253	259 Huntingdo	265	288	294	207
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2 bed	138	138	138	178	178	183	184	184	150	161
2 bed 3 bed	207	207	207	207	213	219	219	225	190 229	190
4 bed	276	288	288	298	300	300	311	312	323	253
	nbridgeshir		200					ate 2022/		
1 bed	178	178	178	178	178	178	184	184	184	178
2 bed	213	219	219	219	225	225	229	230	231	196
3 bed	264	265	265	273	276	276	282	288	298	219
4 bed	345	345	345	345	345	346	363	369	380	299
Former Fo	rest Heath	L	La	ast columr	n = Bury S	St Edmun	ds LHA ra	ate 2022/3	23 (round	led)
1 bed	144	144	144	150	150	150	150	153	150	121
2 bed	183	184	189	190	207	219	219	229	229	150
3 bed	233	233	249	242	248	253	253	259	264	184
4 bed	321	323	323	323	323	334	334	334	334	276
Former St	Edmundsb	oury	La	ast columr	n = Bury S	St Edmuno	ds LHA ra	te 2022/2	23 (round	led)
1 bed	150	150	150	151	155	155	156	159	160	121
2 bed	178	182	183	184	193	196	196	196	201	150
3 bed	219	225	228	232	253	253	253	253	253	184
4 bed	345	334	345	346	346	346	357	369	369	276
Peterborou	ıgh			Last co	lumn = P	eterborou	gh LHA ra	ate 2022/	23 (round	ded)
1 bed	126	126	126	126	126	132	132	136	137	110
2 bed	159	160	160	161	162	166	167	171	172	137
3 bed	183	184	184	188	190	196	196	196	201	160
4 bed	253	241	248	253	264	275	276	276	282	207
East of Eng	gland									
1 bed	161	162	162	165	167	172	173	173	178	-
2 bed	196	201	201	206	207	213	219	219	225	-
3 bed	242	248	253	253	253	265	276	276	288	-
4 bed	334	345	345	346	346	357	369	369	380	-
England										
England 1 bed	189	196	201	207	219	225	225	219	219	-
-	189 207	196 219	201 219	207 231	219 253	225 253	225 261	219 253	219 253	-
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### PRIVATE RENT AND









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# LOCAL HOUSING ALLOWANCE

Maps 7 to 10 show median private rents for 1, 2, 3 and 4 beds highlighting hotspots in red, and "insufficient data" in grey.

Table 10 sets out weekly median rents alongside the "main" local housing allowance (LHA) rate for each district. It's a rough comparison as districts and broad rental market areas (BRMAs) are different - here we are just aiming to give a rough idea of how rents and LHAs compare. To help with that thought, map 12 shows our local BRMA boundaries and their labels (in the table below the map). You can find an on-line version of the map here <a href="https://">https://</a>

cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/local-housing-knowledge/our-housingmarket/brma-map/

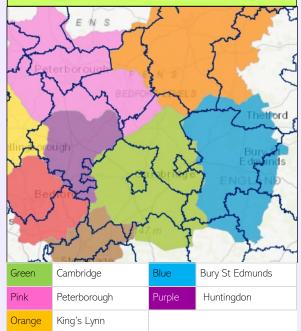
Map 11 shows the % of homes privately rented, from the 2011 Census, for context.

Table 11 sets out local LHA rates. These are set by the Valuation Office Agency based on a survey of their own (not Hometrack data).

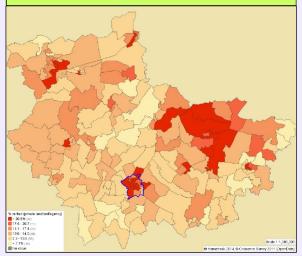
The rates are shown for the last 6 years plus the current rates for April 2021 to March 2022, which have stayed the same as last year.

11. Table sho	wing weekly l	Local Housing	g Allowance r	ates over time	e (see Map 1	1 for BRMA b	ooundaries)
	Apr-16 to Mar-17	Apr-17 to Mar-18	Apr-18 to Mar-19	Apr-19 to Mar-20	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-22 to Mar-23
Cambridge B	RMA						
Room	£80.52	£80.52	£80.52	£80.52	£97.00	£97.00	£97.00
1 bed	£126.05	£126.05	£129.83	£133.72	£178.36	£178.36	£178.36
2 bed	£140.74	£144.96	£149.31	£153.79	£195.62	£195.62	£195.62
3 bed	£168.45	£168.45	£173.50	£178.71	£218.63	£218.63	£218.63
4 bed	£218.16	£224.70	£231.44	£238.38	£299.18	£299.18	£299.18
Bury St Edmi	unds BRMA						
Room	£64.14	£66.06	£68.04	£68.04	£82.85	£82.85	£82.85
1 bed	£102.25	£102.25	£105.32	£105.32	£120.82	£120.82	£120.82
2 bed	£126.31	£126.31	£130.10	£134.00	£149.59	£149.59	£149.59
3 bed	£150.36	£150.36	£154.87	£159.52	£184.11	£184.11	£184.11
4 bed	£216.00	£216.00	£222.48	£222.48	£276.16	£276.16	£276.16
Peterborough	n BRMA						
Room	£57.15	£57.15	£57.15	£57.15	£65.59	£65.59	£65.59
1 bed	£92.05	£92.05	£92.05	£94.81	£110.47	£110.47	£110.47
2 bed	£115.07	£115.07	£115.07	£118.52	£136.93	£136.93	£136.93
3 bed	£132.32	£132.32	£132.32	£136.29	£159.95	£159.95	£159.95
4 bed	£168.41	£168.41	£168.41	£173.46	£207.12	£207.12	£207.12
King's Lynn E	BRMA						
Room	£53.67	£55.28	£55.28	£55.28	£65.59	£65.59	£65.59
1 bed	£90.64	£90.64	£90.64	£90.64	£103.56	£103.56	£103.56
2 bed	£112.21	£112.21	£112.21	£115.58	£132.33	£132.33	£132.33
3 bed	£129.47	£129.47	£129.47	£133.35	£155.34	£155.34	£155.34
4 bed	£163.16	£163.16	£163.16	£168.05	£195.62	£195.62	£195.62
Huntingdon E	BRMA						
Room	£63.50	£63.50	£63.50	£63.50	£65.59	£65.59	£65.59
1 bed	£104.89	£104.89	£108.04	£111.28	£130.03	£130.03	£130.03
2 bed	£126.00	£126.00	£129.78	£133.67	£161.10	£161.10	£161.10
3 bed	£150.40	£150.40	£154.91	£159.56	£189.86	£189.86	£189.86
4 bed	£198.11	£198.11	£198.11	£204.05	£253.15	£253.15	£253.15

I. Map showing Broad Rental Market Area (BRMA) boundaries



12. Map showing % renting from private landlord or letting agency by ward, Census 2011



For more detail on local housing allowances and broad rental market areas, please visit www.voa.gov.uk

A table setting out the LHAs across England can be found here <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/</u> <u>collections/local-housing-allowance-lha-rates</u> No change is planned for LHA rates in 2022/23, see <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-</u> <u>housing-allowance-lha-rates-applicable-from-april-</u> 2022-to-march-2023

About median private rents and local housing allowances						
Source	Timespan	Timespan Last Data level Tim updated inte				
Median private rents by bed count						
Hometrack	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	May 2022	*Country *Region *District *Ward	Data points repeat annually		
Weekly local	housing allow	ance rate (£)				
Valuation Office Agency (VOA)	April 2021 to Mar 2022	Came into action from April 2021.	Broad rental market areas (BRMAs)	Annual. Next due Jan 2022.		

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### AFFORDABILITY RATIOS ....USING SALES & VALUATIONS

### WHAT DO THESE PAGES SHOW?

In this edition, we are looking at affordability ratios in depth. We are presenting our "usual" ratios: Hometrack's measures of median house price to median income (table 13 and map 14; and lower quartile housing price to lower quartile income (table 12 and map 13). These are based on Hometrack's house price data (using sales and valuations) and CACI data on household incomes.

13.

Cambridge

East Cambs

South Cambs

FKA St Ed's

Peterborouah

East of England

East Midlands

FKA Forest Heath

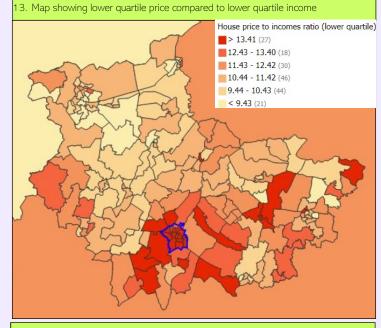
Fenland

HDC

What's the difference between income & earnings? Earnings refers to money earned from employment, whereas income is total money received, including from earnings, benefits and pensions, and so on.<sup>1</sup>

On page 16 we've added new data showing...

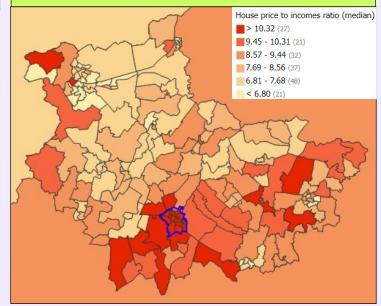
- Mean house price to mean income ratios, using the same data sources from Hometrack and CACI
- The ONS housing affordability ratio which is published around March for each district. The 2021 has now been added in this bulletin, adding to a table of annual values from ONS. This data uses median price paid for residential property and earnings data, meaning the median workplace-based gross annual earnings for full-time workers provided by ASHE (the **a**nnual **s**urvey of **h**ousehold **e**arnings).



12. Table showing lower quartile price to income ratio (rounded)

	Mar-20	Jul-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jul-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22
Cambridge	13.3	13.1	13.1	13.3	13.5	13.9	13.4	13.9	14.0
East Cambs	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.3	10.7	10.6	10.7	11.0
Fenland	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.1	9.4	7.9	9.6	9.9
HDC	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.9	9.2	9.9	10.1
South Cambs	10.6	10.6	10.8	11.0	11.0	11.7	12.1	11.8	12.1
FKA Forest Heath	9.7	10.0	10.0	10.3	10.4	10.6	9.6	10.9	10.9
FKA St Ed's	9.7	9.4	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.6	10.8	10.7	10.7
Peterborough	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.3	7.1	9.6	9.9
East of England	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.6	11.1	10.2	11.3	11.4
East Midlands	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.6	8.9	7.2	9.1	9.2

14. Map showing median price compared to median income



#### About median and lower quartile house price to income ratios

Source	Timespan	Last updated	Data level	Time interval
Hometrack price	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	May 2022	Region & district	Data points repeat annually
Incomes: CACI	Jan 2020 to Dec 2020		Region, district, ward	Data points repeat annually

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Table showing median house price to income ratio (rounded)	
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Sept-20

9.9

7.6

6.5

68

81

7.3

71

65

8.0

6.2

Dec-20

10.0

7.6

6.5

69

83

7.4

7.2

6.5

8.0

6.4

Mar-2-

10.3

7.7

6.7

7.1

8.6

7.6

75

65

8.3

6.4

Sep-21

12.7

10.4

7.3

94

11.0

9.0

10.7

7.1

10.4

7.1

Jul-2-

10.6

8.2

6.9

75

91

7.6

7.9

69

8.7

6.8

Mar-22

10.6

8.3

7.2

7.6

94

7.8

80

7.1

8.9

7.1

Dec-2-

10.6

8.2

7.0

75

93

7.8

79

7.0

8.8

6.9

Mar-20

9.9

7.4

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67

78

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72

65

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Jul-20

9.9

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67

80

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63

7.9

6.1

The ratios show how many "times" income local house prices
represent.

# "OTHER" **AFFORDABILITY** RATIOS

### NOTES & **OBSERVATIONS**

- Hometrack ratios using CACI data are presented for each ward, giving a detailed picture of affordability at local level.
- For both income (CACI) and ASHE (earnings) ratios, Hometrack house price data is updated regularly while income / earnings data is updated annual.
- ASHE data is available at district-wide level, not

ward level. So the ONS ratio, released annually, is based on median property price for the year, across a whole district, which is compared to ASHE earnings data.

Mean vs Median

large or small values, so it

skewed.

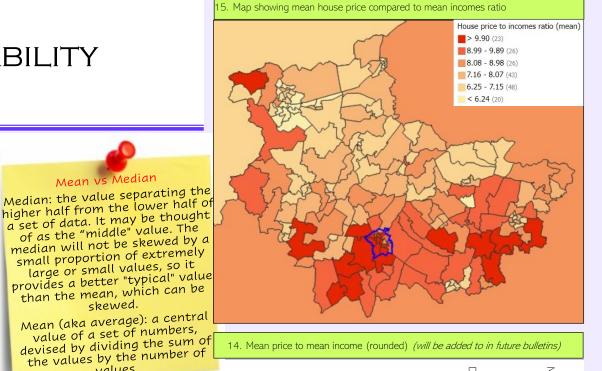
values.

### 15. Table comparing some alternative affordability ratios

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	LQ price to LQ income	Median price to median income	Mean price to mean income	ONS median ratio (2021)
Cambridge	13.9	10.6	10.6	12.6
East Cambs	10.7	8.2	7.6	10.7
Fenland	9.6	7.0	6.6	8.9
HDC	9.9	7.5	7.2	9.6
South Cambs	11.8	9.3	9.0	10.6
FKA Forest Heath	10.9	7.8	7.2	8.5
FKA St Ed's	10.7	7.9	8.0	0.0
Peterborough	9.6	7.0	6.6	7.3
East of England	11.3	8.8	8.9	-
East Midlands	9.1	6.9	6.7	-
See table	12	13	14	16

A visual check on the maps provided shows some similarity between measures. For more detail, Table 14 sets out the latest values for all 6 measures side by side. It's difficult to see a "right" or a "wrong" approach to affordability measures. ONS data tends to hit the headlines because it's a very reliable national data source which shows tidal changes in affordability across the country, year by year.

For a local more detailed picture which is more frequently updated, we continue to use Hometrack's median and lower quartile measures, and are adding in their mean data for further context. We will share the ONS affordability measure here too.



14. Mean price to mean income (rounded) (will be added to in future bulletins)

	Dec- 21	Mar- 22
Cambridge	10.6	10.9
East Cambs	7.6	7.8
Fenland	6.6	6.7
HDC	7.2	7.4
South Cambs	9.0	9.2
FKA Forest Heath	7.2	7.4
FKA St Ed's	8.0	8.0
Peterborough	6.6	6.7
East of England	8.9	9.0
East Midlands	6.7	6.8

16. Table showing ONS median price to earnings rat	tio over time
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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cambridge	11.4	12.6	13.0	13.5	12.9	12.7	12.3	12.6
East Cambridgeshire	8.5	8.9	9.5	9.8	10.7	10.3	11.3	10.7
Fenland	5.8	6.1	6.5	7.1	8.5	8.2	7.3	8.9
Huntingdonshire	7.1	8.1	8.2	8.8	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.6
South Cambs	7.8	9.2	10.2	11.0	10.3	9.8	10.3	10.6
West Suffolk	7.9	8.8	8.8	9.2	9.3	9.1	8.7	9.5
Peterborough	5.5	5.8	5.9	6.7	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.3

Notes

1 https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/

earningsandworkinghours/methodologies/

explainingincomeearningsandthegenderpaygap

2 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median

- 3 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/
- 4 https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/housing/bulletins/ housingaffordabilityinenglandandwales/2020

About affordability ratios								
Source	Timespan	Last updated	Data level	Time interval				
Earnings: ASHE	"2021"	Released March 2022	District	Annual				
ONS median affordability ratio <sup>4</sup>	"2021"	Released March 2022	District	Annual				

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### WEEKLY COST ....COMPARING SIZE & TENURE

Table 12 compares housing cost by size and tenure. Most data covers a 12 month period.

NA means values are not available due to small sample sizes.

For each row the highest weekly cost is highlighted in green and the lowest in lilac. Please note

The table reflects weekly cost of each size and tenure home, not the cost associated with raising a deposit, accessing a mortgage and excludes ground rent & service charges.

#### About the cross-tenure weekly cost comparison

About the cross-tenure week	kiy cost companson							
Source	Timespan	Last updated						
Average Local Authority social and 'affordable' rents								
Local authority rent: only available in Cambridge and South Cambs. Data used in Mar 2022 bulletin comes from Cambridge and SCDC LADR forms which report (a) low cost rental general needs stock, ave weekly <u>net</u> rent; and (b) affordable rent general needs stock with ave weekly <u>gross</u> rent. Supported, LCHO and homes excepted in the (rent) policy statement are excluded.								
LADR 2020-21	April 2020 to March 2021	Feb 2022						
Average Housing Association	n social and 'affordable' rents							
Average rent reported in Homes England's PRPR data return using social rent and affordable rent here, available here <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/</u> <u>statistics/local-authority-registered-provider-social-housing-stock-and-rents-in- england-2020-to-2021</u> . General needs housing only, no service charges included. As above, for social rent the net rent figure used. For Affordable Rent, the gross rent figure is used . Data from "geographic look-up" tool. West Suffolk data replaces separate Forest Heath and St Ed's in the SDR.								
HCA PRPR 2020-21	April 2020 to March 2021	Feb 2022						
Intermediate rent and media	an private rent							
The weekly cost of private renting is the median rent for advertised properties in local area. The weekly cost of Intermediate Rent represents 80% of the median rent for advertised private properties in the local area.								
Hometrack	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	May 2022						
Buying a lower quartile new	build / resale							
The cost of buying with a mortgage is based on the capital and interest cost of servicing a mortgage for 85% of the median value of a property in the area, based on a 25 year mortgage term and the average prevailing mortgage rate. Values are based on Hometrack lower quartile and median values.								
Hometrack Apr 2021 to Mar 2022 May 2022								
Median cost of buying a 40% new build HomeBuy								

The weekly cost is derived from Hometrack's median house price data. The cost excludes ground rent and service charges. The rent element is assumed at 2.75% and mortgages payments derived from average building society rates (currently 7.2%). Loan-to-value is assumed at 90% i.e. the buyer makes a 10% deposit on the portion of the property they are buying and it is a 25 year mortgage term.

Hometrack	Oct 2017 to Sep 2018	May 2022

Median cost of buying a new build / resale

Hometrack

"New build" sales are counted when a property was sold in the same year it was built. Values are based on Hometrack data - only where the surveyor provides "year built" date to Land Registry. This may not always happen, and there are sometimes delays so new build values are reported late.

Apr 2021 to Mar 2022

May 2022

	Local Authority social rent	Local Authority affordable rent	Housing Association social rent	Housing Association affordable rent	Intermediate rent	Median private rent	Buying a lower quartile resale	Buying an average resale	Buying 40% share through HomeBuy	Buying a lower quartile new build	Buying an average new build
Cambrid	ge										
1 bed	86	136	95	130	193	241	232	277	235	304	332
2bed	101	157	112	147	250	312	307	371	341	371	393
3bed	114	184	123	168	286	357	459	537	443	659	725
East Car	nbridge	shire									
1 bed	-	-	86	112	120	150	121	141	133	277	277
2bed	-	-	101	127	151	189	165	183	212	314	324
3bed	-	-	112	143	183	229	279	332	277	354	383
Fenland											
1 bed	-	-	80	87	97	121	82	96	98	78	78
2bed	-	-	89	108	126	158	95	108	152	96	96
3bed	-	-	98	123	152	190	199	238	198	219	263
Hunting	donshire	е									
1 bed	-	-	81	112	120	150	129	149	130	255	257
2bed	-	-	94	133	152	190	168	193	194	257	257
3bed	-	-	103	157	183	229	270	310	258	300	360
South Ca	ambridg	geshire	:								
1 bed	88	129	91	130	147	184	166	198	180	216	217
2bed	104	151	109	152	185	231	216	243	258	258	368
3bed	110	179	123	174	238	298	360	418	348	332	387
FKA For	est Hea	ith (We	est Suffe	olk)							
1 bed	-	-	79	110	120	150	136	144	124	NA	NA
2bed	-	-	91	129	183	229	177	188	184	360	360
3bed	-	-	100	149	211	264	243	279	232	315	421
FKA St E	Edmund	lsbury									
1 bed	-	-	79	110	128	160	149	165	148	212	217
2bed	-	-	91	129	161	201	177	188	207	261	282
3bed	-	-	100	149	202	253	260	310	258	344	385
Peterbor	ough		75		110	407	0.5		07		
1 bed	-	-	75	90	110	137	95	111	97	NA	NA
2bed	-	-	88	112	138	172	127	141	148	136	136
3bed	-	-	94	122	160	201	196	232	194	243	261
East of E	Ingland		05	445	1 4 2	170	140	105	101	240	250
1 bed 2 bed	-	-	85 98	115 140	142 180	178 225	149 188	185 243	161 226	210 232	259 299
2bed 3bed	-	-	98 110	140	230	225	288	243 360	300	321	299 404
England	-	-	110	109	230	200	200	500	500	521	404
1 bed			83	123	175	219	144	215	NA	194	274
2bed	-	-	95	131	202	253	174	215	NA	252	360
LUCU	-	-	55	1.01	202	200	177	200	1 1/ 1	232	500

7. Table comparing weekly cost by district tenure & size (rounded)

3bed

105

140

240

NA

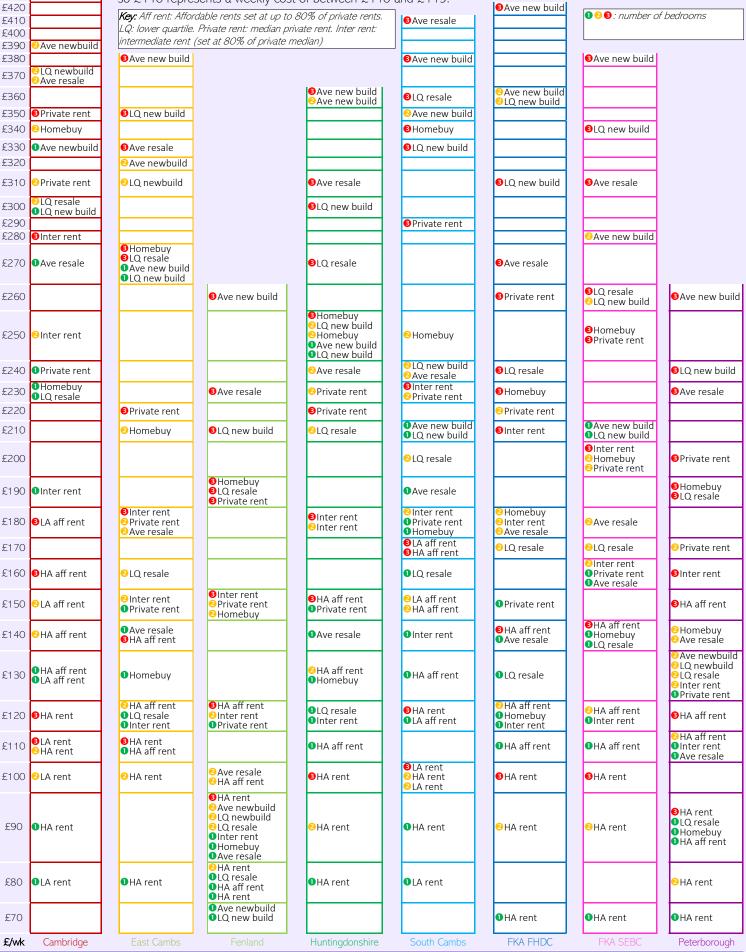
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# ADDERS OF HOUSING COST

Weekly housing costs from page 17 are presented here as "ladders". The aim is to help compare the cost of different size and tenure homes, between districts. The 'price' scale on the left represents £10 chunks of weekly housing cost, so £440 represents a weekly cost of between £440 and £449.



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£720 SAve newbuild

LQ newbuild

BAve resale

LQ resale

BHomebuy

£650

£530

£450

£440

£430

£420

£410

£400

£390

£380

£370

£360

£350

£340

£330

£320

£300

£290

£280

£270

£260

£250

£230

£220

£210

£200

£190

£180

£170

£160

£150

£140

£130

£120

£110

£100

£90

£80

£70

£/wk

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### MAPS

Map 16 shows the East of England in orange and the districts covered in this bulletin in green, which are:

- Cambridge
- East Cambridgeshire
- Fenland
- Huntingdonshire
- South Cambridgeshire
- Fmr. Forest Heath (now West Suffolk)
- Former St Edmundsbury (now West Suffolk)
- Peterborough.

Map 17 highlights the boundaries of the districts in the Bulletin in green with grey boundary lines (shows West Suffolk). Orange shading highlights the region.

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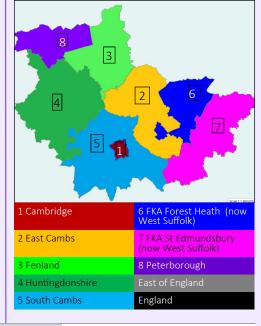
7. Map showing area covered by bulletin (in green)



18. Map showing geography of the area



19. Key to colours throughout bulletin



LICENCING FOR ALL MAPS

Hometrack 2020, 
 Ordnance Survey 2016 (OpenData)

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