

Our housing market

Welcome to our latest housing market bulletin, helping you keep track of local, regional and national housing market signals at December 2017. We continue to compare housing market indicators, from the number of sales completing to comparative affordability of different tenures for the eight districts covered. Your feedback is always welcome, as always.

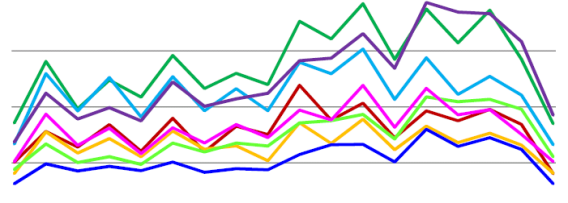
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December 2017 highlights

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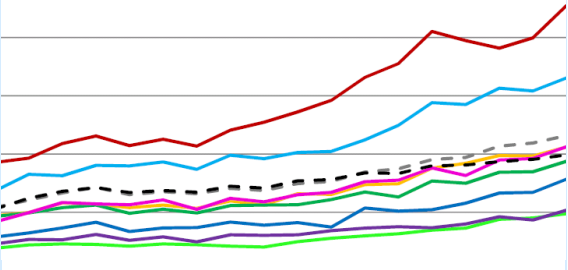
Hometrack cities index
On page 2 "City house price inflation was running at 5.2%. London house price growth is 1% per year with negative growth in 42% of postcodes. The coverage of markets with negative growth is rising as weak demand translates into price falls. Regional cities continue to register above average growth."

Number of sales
The number of sales & valuations on [page 3](#) and the number of "actual" sales on [page 5](#) both fell to December 2017.



Number of actual sales

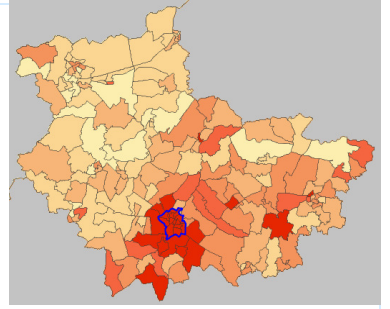
Price
Prices based on sales reported by Land Registry (actual sales) on [page 6](#) can be compared to average prices including valuations data, on [page 4](#). Lower quartile prices are set out on [page 7](#) and price per square metre on [page 8](#). Average prices based on sales and valuations rose, some more and some less, across the area.



Average price of actual sales

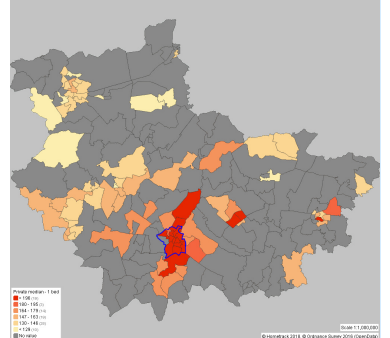
Market heat
Time taken to sell on [page 9](#) and the % of the asking price achieved on [page 10](#) give a view of the "heat" of our local market.

Affordability
Median and lower quartile ratios of income to house price are set out on [page 11](#). This shows a real hotspot round Cambridge especially.



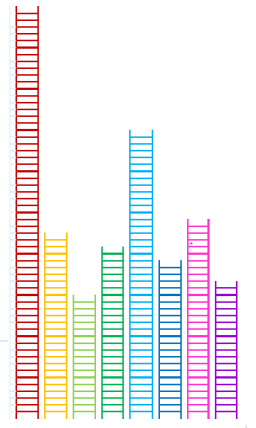
Lower quartile affordability ratios

Private rent
Many private rents increased as seen on [page 12](#). Many areas have few 1 beds to rent (grey on map). Some LHA rates changed in 2017. [Page 13](#) sets out our local rates.



1 bed median rent

Weekly costs
A table on [page 14](#) sets out weekly cost of 1, 2 and 3 beds of different tenures, for each district, the East of England region and England.



Our ladders tool on [page 15](#) helps visualise these weekly costs and compare costs between district, tenure and size of homes.

Our ladders graphic

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UK cities house price index

from Hometrack, February 2018

At 26 March 2018;

- UK city house price inflation running at 5.2%.
- London house price growth is 1% per year with negative growth in 42% of postcodes. The coverage of markets with negative growth is rising as weak demand translates into price falls.
- Regional cities continue to register above average growth with five cities registering price inflation over 7%.

The divergence in house price growth between southern England and regional cities continues with overall HPI at 5.2%. London growth remains slow at +1%, and the greatest downward pressure on prices is being registered in inner London.

City house price growth running at 5.2%

UK city house price inflation was 5.2% in the 12 months to February 2018 compared to 4.0% a year ago. The divergence in house price growth between southern England and regional cities continues.

Half of the 20 cities covered by the index are registering higher annual growth than a year ago (graph 1). Five cities are registering growth of more than 7% per year: Edinburgh, Liverpool, Leicester, Birmingham and Manchester.

Ten cities are growing at a slower rate than a year ago with the greatest slowdown in Bristol, Southampton and London as affordability pressures impact market activity and the upward pressure on house prices.

Annual London growth rate slows to +1%

The headline rate of growth across London has slowed to just 1%, down from 4.3% a year ago. This is the lowest annual rate of growth since August 2011. Over the last 3 months average prices have increased by just 0.4%, well down on 5% growth recorded per quarter in 2014 (graph 2).

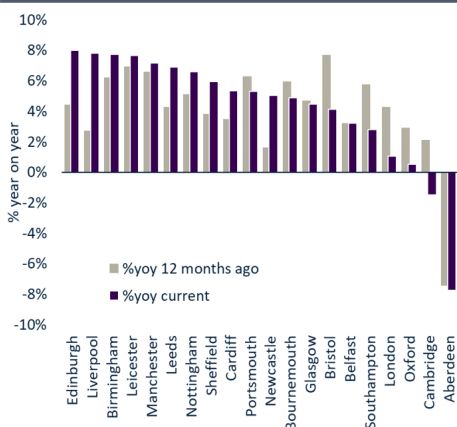
Prices falling across 42% of London postcodes

House price indices report the trend in prices for the average property while the reality is there is a distribution of growth around this average. Using Hometrack's more granular house price indices at postcode district level we find that 42% of London postcodes are registering year on year price falls. The remaining 58% are still registering positive growth.

Table 1: 20 City Index headline results

| | 3 month change | % yoy | Average price |
|---------|----------------|-------|---------------|
| Sept-17 | 0.2% | 3.5% | £244,600 |
| Oct-17 | 0.1% | 3.3% | £245,000 |
| Nov-17 | 0.7% | 4.0% | £246,200 |
| Dec-17 | 1.4% | 4.3% | £247,900 |
| Jan-18 | 2.0% | 5.3% | £249,900 |
| Feb-18 | 2.0% | 5.2% | £251,200 |

Graph 1: UK City house price growth



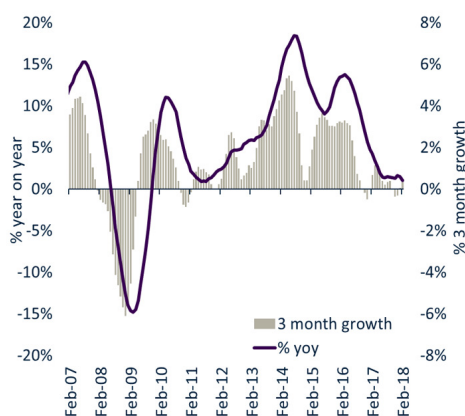
The highest coverage of price falls since 2008

Graph 3 shows the proportion of London city postcodes registering positive and negative growth since 1996. The current coverage of markets registering negative growth is the highest since the global financial crisis. There have been other periods when parts of London have registered falling prices and these are explained by economic and other external factors.

Growth in falling markets a drag on headline rate

The coverage of postcodes with negative growth has risen sharply since 2015. This is a result of tax changes impacting overseas and domestic investors and stretched affordability levels for owner occupiers that have been compounded by Brexit uncertainty. Sales volumes are first to be hit when demand weakens and housing turnover across London is down 17% since 2014. Prices are next to follow but the scale of current price falls remains modest. Most markets registering negative growth are experiencing annual price falls of between 0% and -5%.

Graph 2: London city house price growth



Edited from: <https://www.hometrack.com/uk/insight/uk-cities-house-price-index/february-2018-cities-index/>

Table 2: City level summary

| | Current price | % yoy Feb-18 | % yoy Feb-17 |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Aberdeen | £160,600 | -7.7% | -7.4% |
| Belfast | £132,600 | 3.2% | 3.2% |
| Birmingham | £155,600 | 7.7% | 6.2% |
| Bournemouth | £283,100 | 4.9% | 5.9% |
| Bristol | £272,000 | 4.1% | 7.7% |
| Cambridge | £429,200 | -1.5% | 2.1% |
| Cardiff | £197,600 | 5.3% | 3.5% |
| Edinburgh | £227,300 | 8.0% | 4.4% |
| Glasgow | £119,700 | 4.5% | 4.7% |
| Leeds | £161,000 | 6.9% | 4.3% |
| Leicester | £171,800 | 7.7% | 6.9% |
| Liverpool | £115,700 | 7.8% | 2.7% |
| London | £487,900 | 1.0% | 4.3% |
| Manchester | £160,000 | 7.1% | 6.6% |
| Newcastle | £126,500 | 5.0% | 1.6% |
| Nottingham | £145,600 | 6.6% | 5.1% |
| Oxford | £409,400 | 0.5% | 2.9% |
| Portsmouth | £233,300 | 5.3% | 6.3% |
| Sheffield | £133,700 | 6.0% | 3.8% |
| Southampton | £224,300 | 2.8% | 5.8% |
| 20 city index | £251,200 | 5.2% | 4.0% |
| UK | £212,500 | 4.6% | 4.3% |

Coverage of price falls set to expand over 2018

We expect the number of markets with falling house prices to grow further in the coming months as buyers accept lower prices to achieve sales. The net result will be a negative rate of headline price growth for London by the middle of 2018.

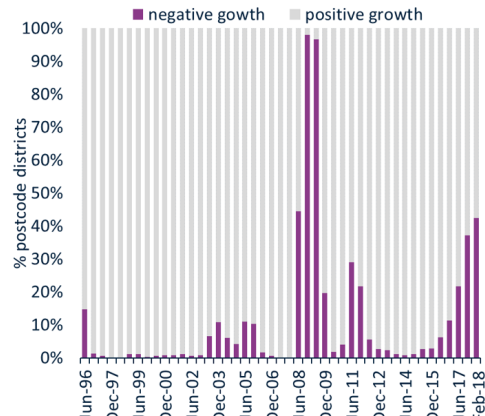
Inner London the focal point for lower prices

The greatest downward pressure on prices is being registered in inner London areas where prices are highest, yields lowest and with a greater share of discretionary buyers.

No signs of price weakness in large regional cities

The latest results confirm our view that house prices in London are set to drift lower in the next 2-3 years. In contrast, house price growth remains robust in the largest regional cities where similar analysis on rising and falling markets reveals no evidence of localised price falls.

Graph 3: % London postcodes with +ve or -ve growth



Market activity

...number of sales & valuations

What does this page show?

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

Sales data comes from the Land Registry and valuations data comes from the top 20 mortgage providers across the country.

The data is presented in six month "chunks".

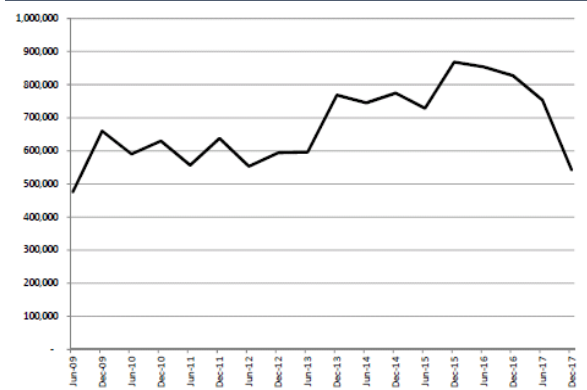
- Graph 4 shows the number of sales and valuations for England, graph 5 shows the same for the East of England.
- Graph 6 shows number of sales and valuations for each of our eight districts.
- Table 3 shows the number of sales and valuations for each district, the East of England and for the whole of England.

Notes & observations

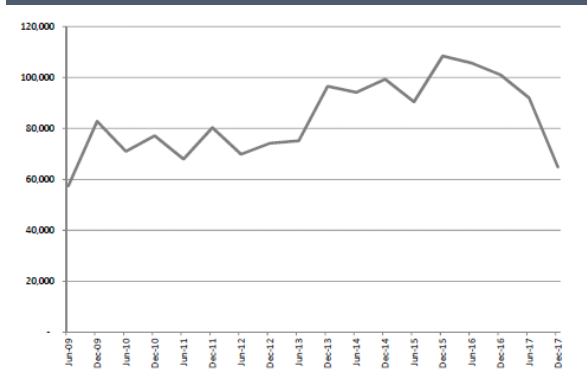
- Graphs 4 and 5 show a similar trend line for the country and the region. There were a lower level of sales and valuations overall between June 2009 and June 2013, rising to a higher level from June 2013 to December 2016, then falling away.
- Graph 6 and table 3 show Peterborough and Huntingdonshire with the highest number of sales and valuations (2,103 and 1,916) and Forest Heath the lowest (700) at December 2017. *Don't forget, the number of sales will reflect the number of homes in a district.*
- The eight district total fell from 16,524 in Dec 2016 to 10,539 in Dec 2017.
- In the previous edition we looked at how the number of sales reported changes, from one Bulletin to the next. This confirmed that the most recent 2 columns in table 3 often look rather low, but once further numbers have come in over the following 6 months, the final count increases. You can find the article in Edition 35, here <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/hmb-edition-35-final.pdf>
- Please see [page 5](#) for the number of "actual" sales.

Please note
The scale is different for each graph as the total numbers vary so much. So graph 5 extends to 1,000,000, while graph 6 goes to 120,000 and graph 7 reaches 4,000.

Graph 4 Number of sales & valuations, England



Graph 5 Number of sales & valuations, East of England



Graph 6 Number of sales and valuations, districts

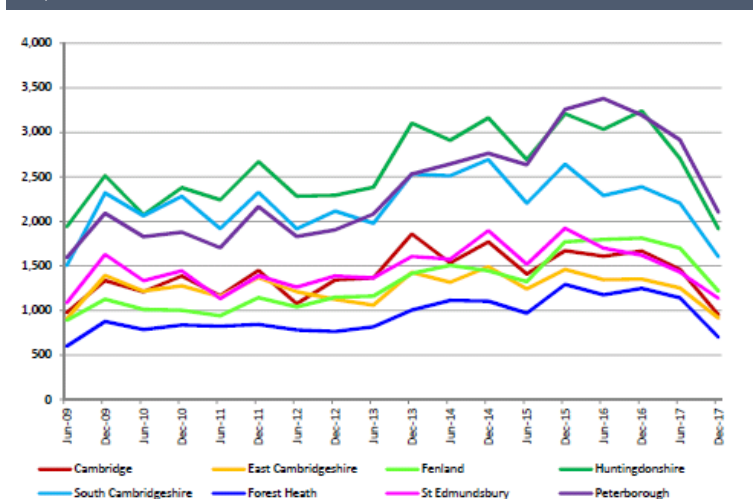


Table 3 Number of sales and valuations

| | Dec-13 | Jun-14 | Dec-14 | Jun-15 | Dec-15 | Jun-16 | Dec-16 | Jun-17 | Dec-17 | Change last 12 months |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Cambridge | 1,859 | 1,534 | 1,771 | 1,411 | 1,671 | 1,609 | 1,667 | 1,462 | 950 | - 717 |
| East Cambridgeshire | 1,428 | 1,318 | 1,493 | 1,243 | 1,460 | 1,345 | 1,352 | 1,252 | 915 | - 437 |
| Fenland | 1,417 | 1,507 | 1,445 | 1,324 | 1,771 | 1,798 | 1,813 | 1,701 | 1,217 | - 596 |
| Huntingdonshire | 3,103 | 2,911 | 3,163 | 2,693 | 3,209 | 3,035 | 3,241 | 2,705 | 1,916 | - 1,325 |
| South Cambridgeshire | 2,531 | 2,513 | 2,694 | 2,204 | 2,642 | 2,291 | 2,388 | 2,204 | 1,603 | - 785 |
| Forest Heath | 1,005 | 1,114 | 1,105 | 969 | 1,292 | 1,175 | 1,248 | 1,143 | 700 | - 548 |
| St Edmundsbury | 1,606 | 1,575 | 1,898 | 1,519 | 1,923 | 1,699 | 1,621 | 1,431 | 1,135 | - 486 |
| Peterborough | 2,533 | 2,645 | 2,764 | 2,636 | 3,259 | 3,379 | 3,194 | 2,916 | 2,103 | - 1,091 |
| East of England | 96,577 | 94,200 | 99,352 | 90,456 | 108,487 | 105,680 | 101,112 | 92,046 | 64,763 | - 36,349 |
| England | 768,660 | 744,935 | 774,700 | 728,476 | 868,221 | 853,439 | 827,167 | 753,623 | 542,172 | - 284,995 |

Count of sales and valuations

| Source | Timespan | Last updated | Data level | Time interval |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
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Average price

...using sales & valuations data

What does this page show?

Average price on this page is based on sales and valuation data and averages price data from the previous six month period.

- Map 1 shows average price achieved for homes across our whole area, at ward level.
- Graph 7 shows the average price trend for each district (solid lines) the region (grey dotted line) and England (black dotted line) from June 2009 to December 2017.
- Table 4 shows average property prices between December 2013 and December 2017 and the change in average price over the past 12 months.

Notes & observations

Map 1 shows a familiar pattern of prices higher in the south and the west of our area, and generally lower to the north and east, with local hotspots around some of the larger towns.

Graph 7 shows average price change with values in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire noticeably higher than other districts. In the past 6 months averages have continued to rise in all areas, some more than others.

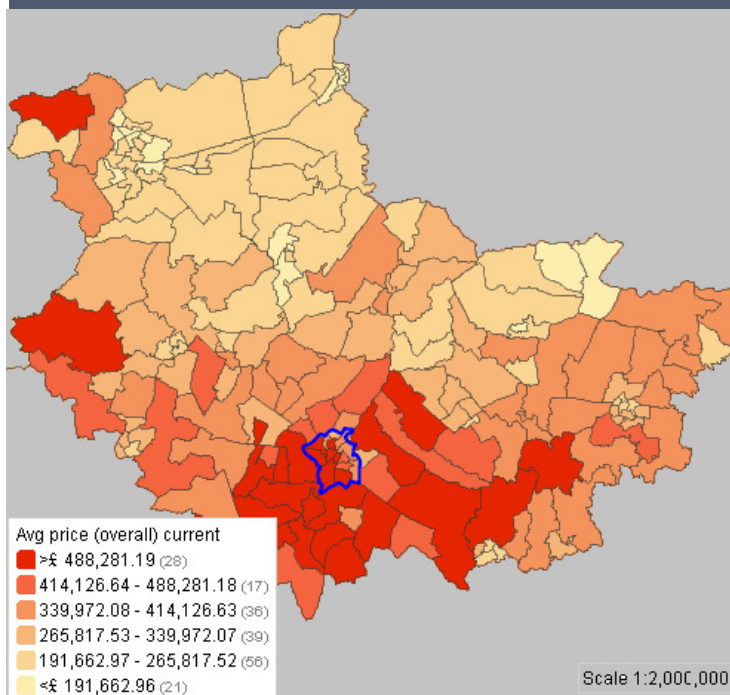
Table 4 shows that average prices are higher in all areas than 12 months ago.

The biggest rise is seen in Cambridge with a rise of £31,585. The lowest increase was in Forest Heath at £10,504.

The average rose by £23,330 across the East of England region and by £17,987 across England in the past 12 months.

On page 6 we set out prices based on “real sales” only, reported through the Land Registry, excluding prices from property valuations —so this page has a bigger sample size while page 6 reflects real sales only.

Map 1: Average price by ward



Graph 7: Average price

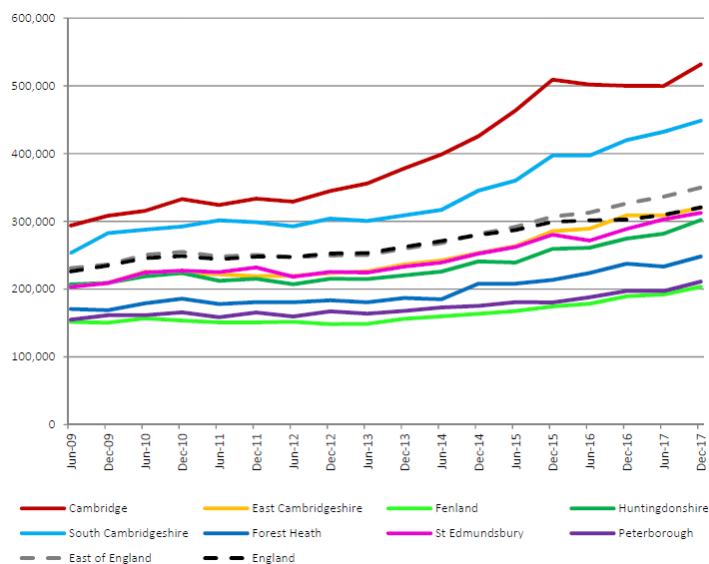


Table 4: Average price based on sales and valuations (£)

| | Dec-13 | Jun-14 | Dec-14 | Jun-15 | Dec-15 | Jun-16 | Dec-16 | Jun-17 | Dec-17 | Change last 12 months |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Cambridge | 378,294 | 398,811 | 425,605 | 463,668 | 509,217 | 501,878 | 499,952 | 499,801 | 531,537 | + 31,585 |
| East Cambridgeshire | 236,447 | 242,267 | 253,310 | 263,517 | 285,357 | 289,171 | 308,974 | 308,934 | 320,125 | + 11,151 |
| Fenland | 156,151 | 159,591 | 163,577 | 167,619 | 174,243 | 178,398 | 189,440 | 192,137 | 203,422 | + 13,982 |
| Huntingdonshire | 220,289 | 225,777 | 240,869 | 239,166 | 259,399 | 261,040 | 274,546 | 281,784 | 301,900 | + 27,354 |
| South Cambs | 308,964 | 316,859 | 345,285 | 360,245 | 397,117 | 397,003 | 419,843 | 432,219 | 448,457 | + 28,614 |
| Forest Heath | 186,829 | 184,899 | 207,937 | 207,975 | 213,482 | 223,623 | 237,480 | 233,183 | 247,984 | + 10,504 |
| St Edmundsbury | 233,157 | 239,072 | 252,385 | 262,137 | 280,238 | 271,580 | 288,702 | 302,856 | 312,395 | + 23,693 |
| Peterborough | 167,673 | 172,803 | 175,098 | 180,604 | 180,251 | 187,980 | 197,128 | 196,922 | 210,993 | + 13,865 |
| East of England | 259,759 | 267,991 | 281,141 | 291,693 | 307,040 | 312,969 | 326,396 | 336,450 | 349,726 | + 23,330 |
| England | 262,274 | 270,968 | 279,889 | 287,029 | 299,237 | 301,468 | 302,555 | 309,626 | 320,542 | + 17,987 |

Average price based on sales & valuations

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Market activity

...number of “real” sales only

What does this page show?

This page shows the number of sales completing, the data coming from Land Registry. This excludes valuation data. The number of “actual” sales is useful to understand real turnover in our housing market (excluding for example, valuations for re-mortgage purposes), although sales and valuation data is used by Hometrack to ensure a robust enough sample when creating more detailed statistics.

- Graphs 8, 9 and 10 show the total number of actual sales across England, the East of England and our eight individual districts. Please note the different scales on the left hand (vertical) axis.
- Table 5 shows the number of sales completing in six-monthly “chunks” and compares the count of sales to the count of sales & valuations from page 3.

Please note

When comparing actual sales on this page to sales & valuations on the previous page, that valuation data includes re-mortgages and mortgage valuations for homes that never make it to sale, so it's not a like-for-like comparison.

Notes & observations

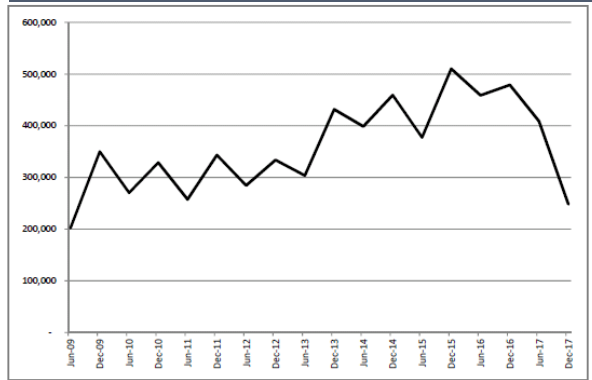
The graphs show similar trends as page 3 for England, the region and districts with a drop in actuals sales turnover from June 2016 to December 2017.

In table 5, Peterborough saw the largest number of sales to June 2017 (926). Forest Heath saw the smallest number at 314. The total for each district has dropped significantly.

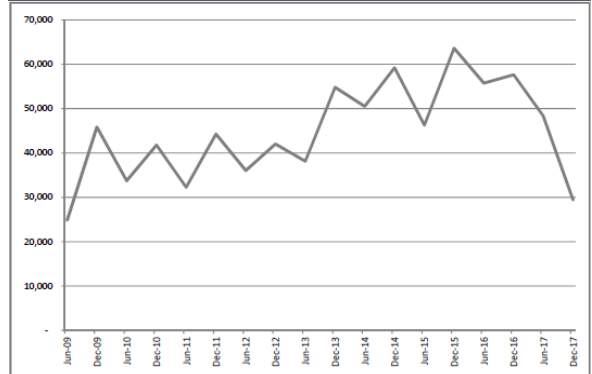
The final column in Table 5 compares the number of “actual” sales to the number of sales and valuations, to see what proportion of market activity relates to the sale of a home rather than something like a mortgage re-valuation.

The “real” sales tend to represent just less than half the sample which includes valuation data, so it’s clear that both data sets are helpful; and understanding the difference is also very useful.

Graph 8: Actual sales, England



Graph 9: Actual sales, East of England



Graph 10: Actual sales, districts

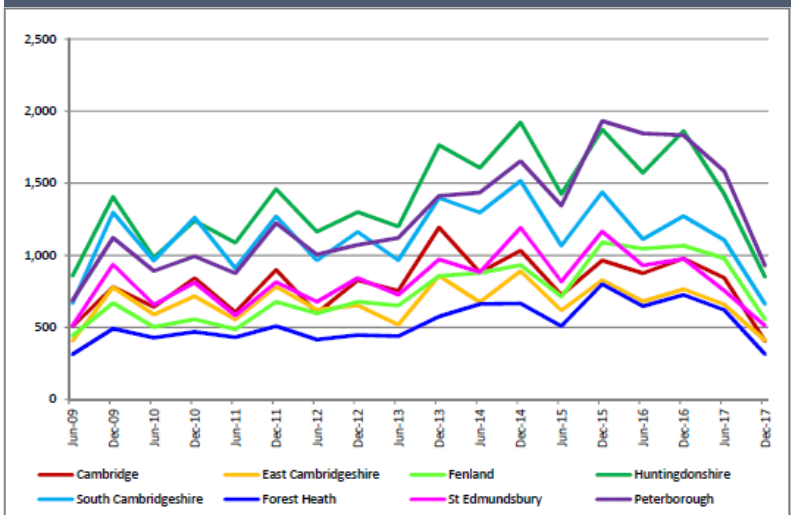


Table 5: Number of actual sales

| | Dec-13 | Jun-14 | Dec-14 | Jun-15 | Dec-15 | Jun-16 | Dec-16 | Jun-17 | Dec-17 | % of S+V |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Cambridge | 1,193 | 882 | 1,033 | 724 | 964 | 876 | 977 | 843 | 404 | 43% |
| East Cambridgeshire | 858 | 674 | 890 | 618 | 828 | 681 | 765 | 659 | 408 | 45% |
| Fenland | 857 | 877 | 933 | 714 | 1,089 | 1,046 | 1,067 | 979 | 555 | 46% |
| Huntingdonshire | 1,764 | 1,607 | 1,921 | 1,424 | 1,874 | 1,572 | 1,862 | 1,425 | 849 | 44% |
| South Cambs | 1,398 | 1,296 | 1,516 | 1,066 | 1,438 | 1,112 | 1,272 | 1,105 | 662 | 41% |
| Forest Heath | 575 | 662 | 666 | 509 | 800 | 647 | 725 | 620 | 314 | 45% |
| St Edmundsbury | 971 | 883 | 1,192 | 818 | 1,166 | 929 | 976 | 755 | 512 | 45% |
| Peterborough | 1,412 | 1,435 | 1,654 | 1,345 | 1,931 | 1,846 | 1,832 | 1,583 | 926 | 44% |
| East of England | 54,800 | 50,506 | 59,195 | 46,252 | 63,636 | 55,738 | 57,628 | 48,279 | 29,408 | 45% |
| England | 431,638 | 398,625 | 459,155 | 377,412 | 510,147 | 458,726 | 478,928 | 408,441 | 248,105 | 46% |

Count of actual sales

| Source | Timespan | Last updated | Data level | Time interval |
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Average price

...using "real" sales only

What does this page show?

This page shows the average prices reached for "real sales" only i.e. excluding valuation data. The data comes from Land Registry. Prices are averaged over the previous six month period. Page 5 sets out the number of sales involved.

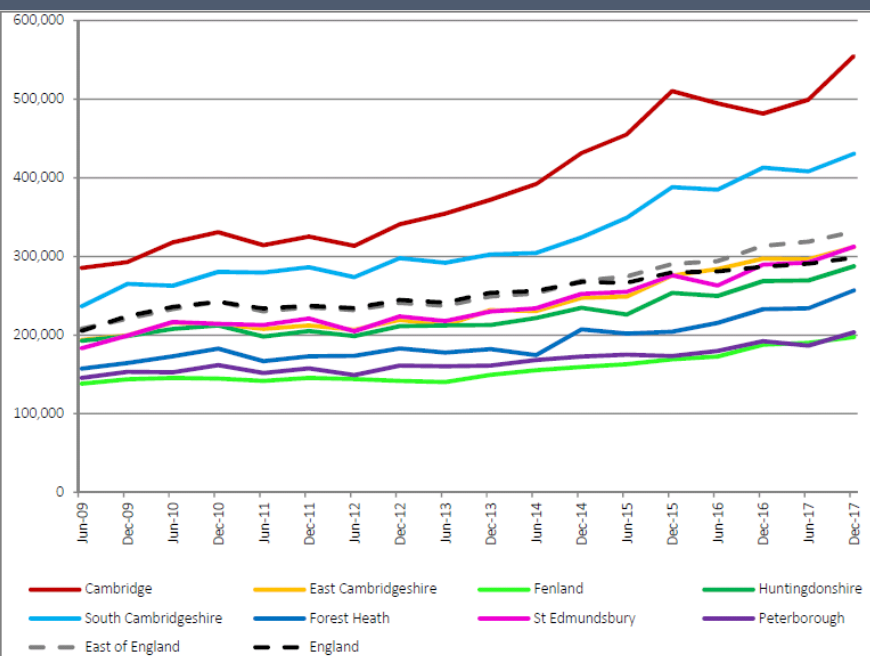
- Graph 11 shows the trend in average price for each district (solid lines) the region (grey dotted) and England (black dotted) from June 2009 to December 2017.
- Graph 12 looks at the number of real sales over time, comparing the curves provided in eight recent Bulletins to see whether time passing and more data being added, has an effect after each quarter.
- Table 6 shows average property price based on actual sales, between Dec 2013 and Dec 2017 and the change over the past 12 months.

Notes & observations

Graph 11 shows average sales prices increasing for all districts, but the increase varies a great deal. Table 6 provides the price data, with the increase over the past year varying from a £9K increase in Fenland to more than £73K in Cambridge. These are significantly higher increases than shown in Edition 35.

Graph 12 shows the average prices of sales & valuations (solid lines) alongside average prices based on sales only (dashed). There is some difference the two lines for each area, however you can see they stay fairly close overall.

Graph 11: Ave price based on sales only



Graph 12: Comparing average price based on sales and valuations, vs. "real sales" only

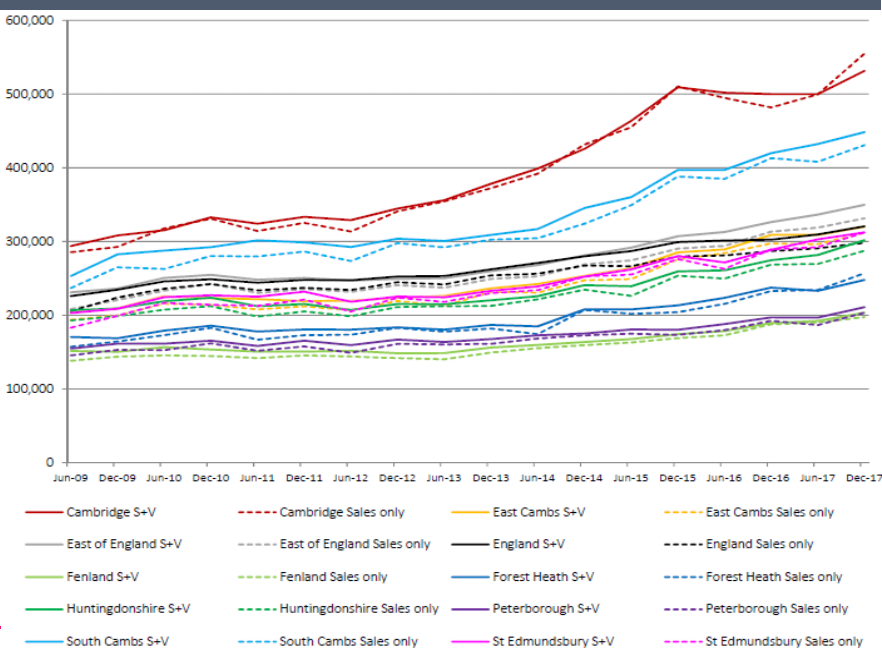


Table 6 Average price based on sales only (£)

| | Dec-13 | Jun-14 | Dec-14 | Jun-15 | Dec-15 | Jun-16 | Dec-16 | Jun-17 | Dec-17 | Change last 12 months |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Cambridge | 372,233 | 392,066 | 431,550 | 455,105 | 510,361 | 494,868 | 481,660 | 499,571 | 555,027 | + 73,367 |
| East Cambridgeshire | 231,689 | 230,623 | 247,367 | 248,899 | 275,717 | 284,047 | 297,362 | 296,409 | 311,995 | + 14,633 |
| Fenland | 149,374 | 155,300 | 159,473 | 163,059 | 169,070 | 172,695 | 187,730 | 190,114 | 197,421 | + 9,691 |
| Huntingdonshire | 212,826 | 221,598 | 234,665 | 226,156 | 253,677 | 249,739 | 268,630 | 269,524 | 287,432 | + 18,802 |
| South Cambs | 302,590 | 304,476 | 324,127 | 349,153 | 388,264 | 384,969 | 412,927 | 408,242 | 430,714 | + 17,787 |
| Forest Heath | 182,071 | 174,366 | 207,238 | 202,019 | 204,218 | 215,491 | 232,943 | 234,142 | 256,968 | + 24,025 |
| St Edmundsbury | 229,948 | 233,968 | 252,509 | 255,095 | 276,157 | 262,894 | 289,492 | 292,395 | 312,397 | + 22,905 |
| Peterborough | 161,152 | 168,360 | 172,812 | 174,947 | 173,372 | 179,788 | 192,306 | 186,676 | 203,508 | + 11,202 |
| East of England | 249,268 | 252,861 | 268,857 | 274,470 | 290,435 | 294,016 | 313,375 | 318,791 | 331,434 | + 18,059 |
| England | 254,015 | 256,195 | 267,338 | 266,537 | 279,819 | 281,056 | 287,021 | 290,834 | 298,314 | + 11,293 |

Average price, sales only

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Lower quartile price

...using sales & valuations data

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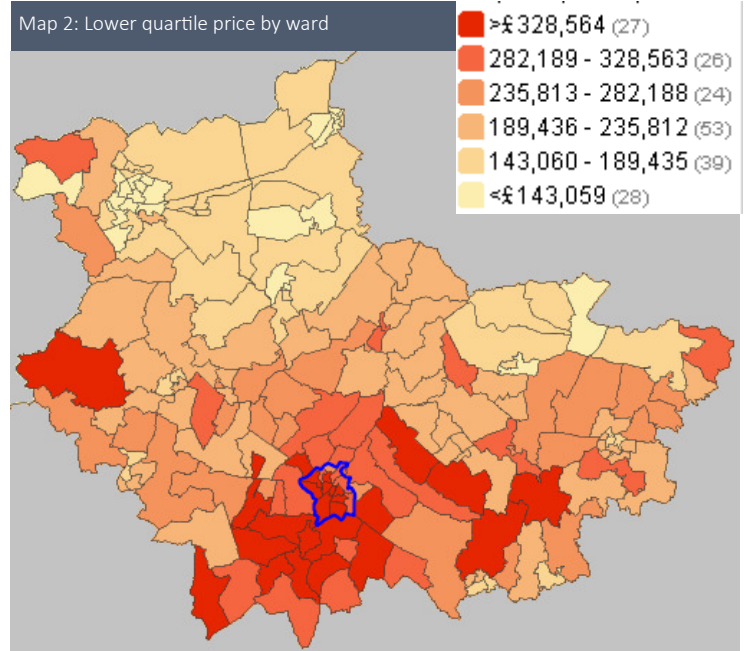
This page sets out lower quartile prices. The lower quartile price reflects the cheapest 25% of the market. It is sometimes used as a guide to “entry level” prices.

- Map 2 shows lower quartile prices for homes across our area at ward level.

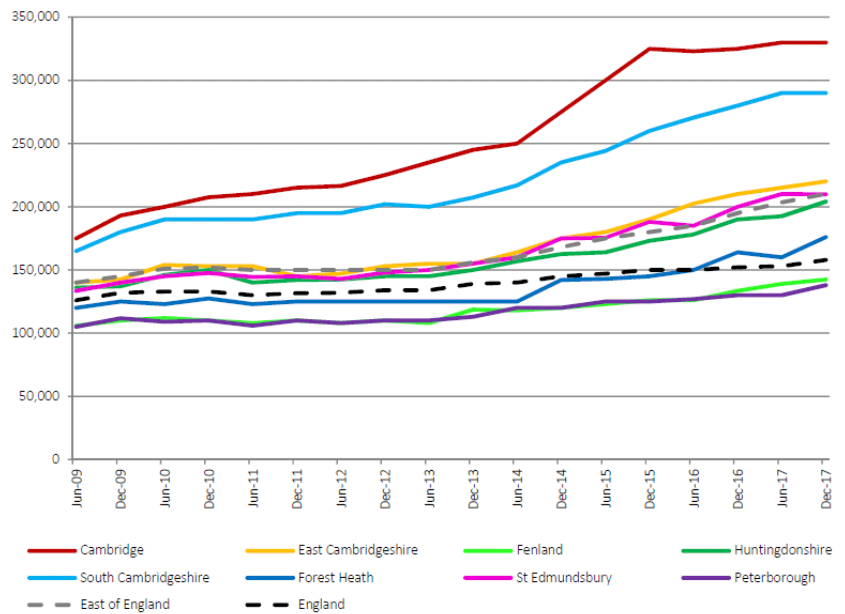
Why look at lower quartiles?

Let's say 200 homes were sold in a month and we make a list of all 200 homes, putting them in order from cheapest to most expensive. The first 50 homes (quarter) on the list are called the lower quartile. The price of the 50th home on the list is the “lower quartile” price. This is used to show that the cheapest quarter of homes sold for less than that price.

Map 2: Lower quartile price by ward



Graph 13: Lower quartile price



Lower quartile prices are based on a combination of sales prices and valuation data averaged over the past 6 months.

- Graph 13 shows lower quartile prices for each district, the region & England from June 2009 to Dec 2017.
- Table 7 shows lower quartile prices between Dec 2013 and Dec 2017 and gives the change in lower quartile price over the past 12 months.

Notes & observations

Lower quartile prices are rising everywhere compared to a year ago. Cambridge and South Cambs continue to see significantly higher lower quartile prices than the other six districts covered, as shown by Graph 13.

Table 7 shows lower quartile prices ranging from £138K in Peterborough to £330K in Cambridge. Change over the past 12 months ranges from £5K (Cambridge) to £14K (Huntingdonshire).

Table 7: Lower quartile price, based on sales and valuations (£)

| | Dec-13 | Jun-14 | Dec-14 | Jun-15 | Dec-15 | Jun-16 | Dec-16 | Jun-17 | Dec-17 | Change last 12 months |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Cambridge | 245,000 | 250,000 | 275,000 | 300,000 | 325,000 | 323,000 | 325,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 | + 5,000 |
| East Cambridgeshire | 155,000 | 164,000 | 175,000 | 180,000 | 190,000 | 202,500 | 210,000 | 215,000 | 220,000 | + 10,000 |
| Fenland | 118,695 | 118,000 | 120,000 | 123,000 | 126,000 | 126,000 | 133,500 | 139,000 | 142,500 | + 9,000 |
| Huntingdonshire | 150,000 | 156,950 | 162,500 | 163,995 | 173,000 | 178,000 | 190,000 | 192,500 | 204,000 | + 14,000 |
| South Cambridgeshire | 207,251 | 217,000 | 235,000 | 244,200 | 260,000 | 270,500 | 280,000 | 290,000 | 290,000 | + 10,000 |
| Forest Heath | 125,000 | 125,000 | 142,000 | 143,000 | 145,000 | 150,000 | 164,000 | 160,000 | 176,000 | + 12,000 |
| St Edmundsbury | 155,000 | 160,000 | 175,000 | 175,500 | 188,000 | 185,000 | 200,000 | 210,000 | 209,950 | + 9,950 |
| Peterborough | 113,000 | 119,995 | 120,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 | 127,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 138,000 | + 8,000 |
| East of England | 156,000 | 160,000 | 168,000 | 175,000 | 180,000 | 185,000 | 195,000 | 203,500 | 210,000 | + 15,000 |
| England | 139,000 | 140,000 | 145,000 | 147,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 152,000 | 153,000 | 158,000 | + 6,000 |

Lower quartile price, based on sales and valuations

| Source | Timespan | Last updated | Data level | Time interval |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Hometrack | Jan 2009 to Dec 2017 | Feb 2018 | Country, region, district | Data points repeat semi-annually |

Price per square metre

...using sales & valuations data

What does this page show?

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

- Map 3 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, average prices achieved over the past 6 months are used to make sure the sample is big enough to be robust.
- Graph 14 shows the change in the average across the districts (solid lines), the region (grey dashed line) and England (black dashed line) from June 2009 to Dec 2017.
- Table 8 shows values from Dec 2013 to Dec 2017.

Notes & observations

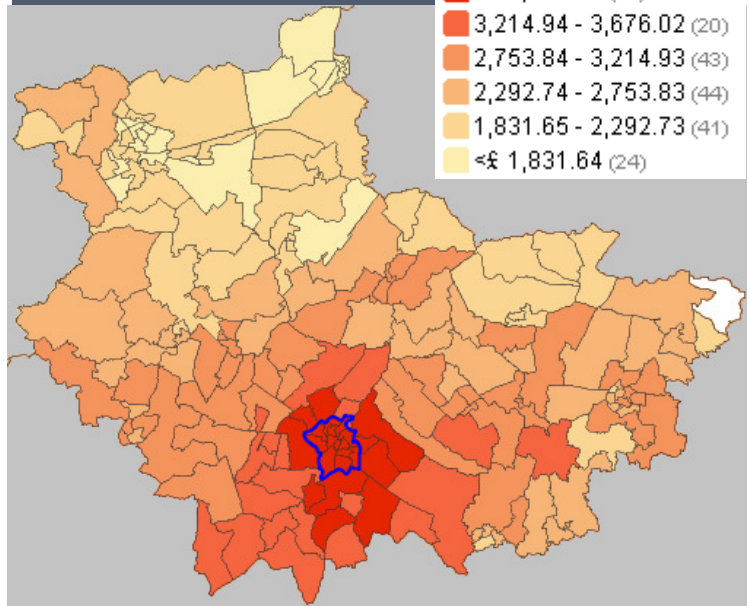
Map 3 emphasises the intense price “hotspot” around Cambridge to the south of the city and into South Cambridgeshire. The pale areas denote lower values to the north, especially in the north of Fenland.

Graph 14 shows trends for all eight districts. Average price per square meter has been rising steadily until Dec 2016, with two trend lines falling to Dec 2017 (Cambridge and South Cambs while the others have steadied or increased a little.

Table 8 shows the prices per sqm ranging from £1,782 in Fenland to £4,816 in Cambridge. The Cambridge value is now lower than it was in Dec 2016, though the average per square metre is still much higher than in other districts.

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 in a home, so it can help compare sales values.

Map 3: Average price per square metre by ward



Graph 14: Average price per square metre

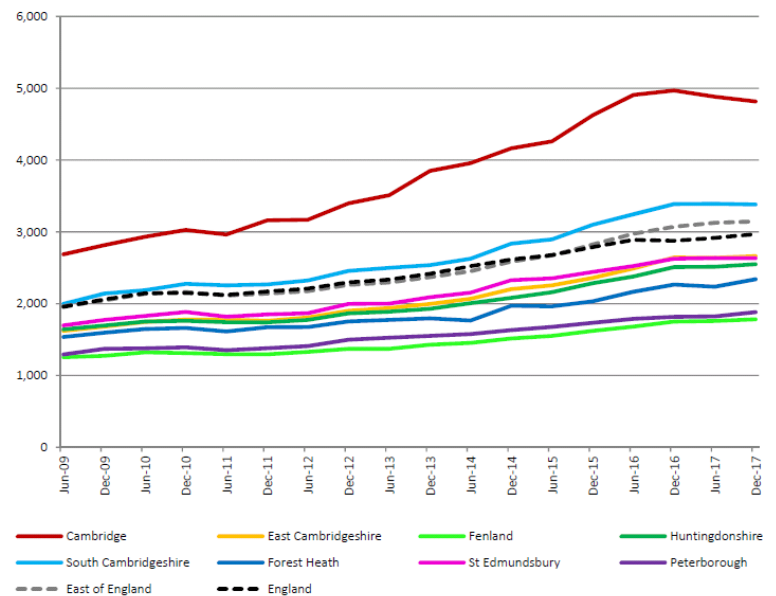


Table 8 Average price per square metre (£)

| | Dec-13 | Jun-14 | Dec-14 | Jun-15 | Dec-15 | Jun-16 | Dec-16 | Jun-17 | Dec-17 | Change last |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Cambridge | 3,850 | 3,958 | 4,164 | 4,260 | 4,622 | 4,907 | 4,969 | 4,881 | 4,816 | - 153 |
| East Cambridgeshire | 1,997 | 2,068 | 2,203 | 2,254 | 2,358 | 2,490 | 2,643 | 2,639 | 2,663 | + 20 |
| Fenland | 1,428 | 1,453 | 1,515 | 1,551 | 1,621 | 1,681 | 1,751 | 1,758 | 1,782 | + 31 |
| Huntingdonshire | 1,929 | 2,008 | 2,082 | 2,159 | 2,284 | 2,377 | 2,509 | 2,514 | 2,550 | + 41 |
| South Cambridgeshire | 2,538 | 2,626 | 2,836 | 2,895 | 3,099 | 3,244 | 3,388 | 3,391 | 3,381 | - 7 |
| Forest Heath | 1,794 | 1,765 | 1,970 | 1,963 | 2,033 | 2,165 | 2,265 | 2,235 | 2,340 | + 75 |
| St Edmundsbury | 2,090 | 2,153 | 2,327 | 2,352 | 2,441 | 2,524 | 2,626 | 2,634 | 2,633 | + 7 |
| Peterborough | 1,552 | 1,576 | 1,631 | 1,676 | 1,734 | 1,788 | 1,816 | 1,822 | 1,882 | + 66 |
| East of England | 2,370 | 2,452 | 2,586 | 2,673 | 2,823 | 2,973 | 3,071 | 3,126 | 3,145 | + 74 |
| England | 2,416 | 2,523 | 2,615 | 2,677 | 2,788 | 2,888 | 2,877 | 2,917 | 2,967 | + 90 |

Average property price per square metre, based on sales & valuations data

| Source | Timespan | Last updated | Data level | Time interval |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
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Average time to sell

...using sales data

What does this page show?

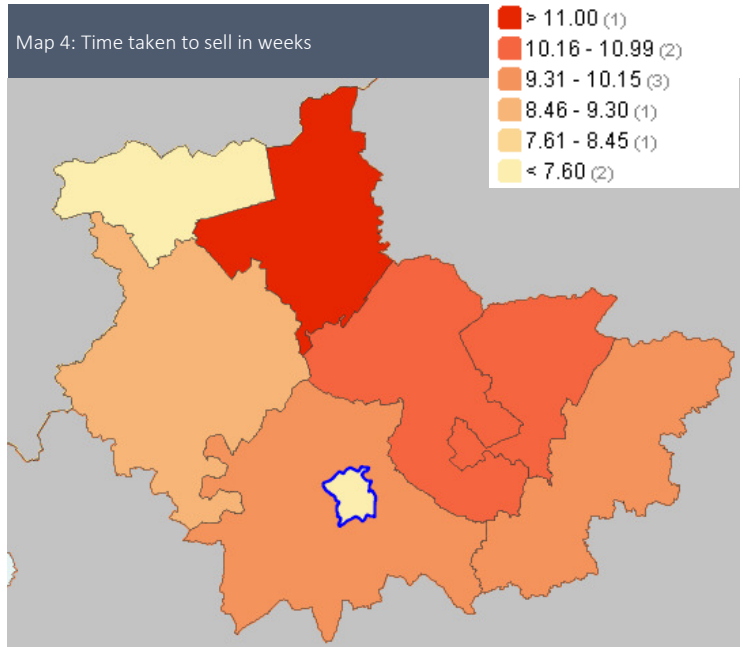
This page sets out the average time taken to sell a property, calculated using the time when a property is first listed on the market via Zoopla to the date it was sold based on Land Registry data. This page only reports on completed sales reported by Land Registry. Homes which take a long time to sell will be reported only once the sale completes.

Because the data looks at the Land Registry for the completion date, the figures can jump around, with some large spikes when “slower” properties finally sell. There can be a time lag on data coming in from the Land Registry which we suspect is causing some of these spikes, not necessarily a general slow-down in the sales completing.

- Map 4 shows the average time to sell in weeks at November 2017 (the data is slightly slower to process than other pages in the Bulletin, so please note it’s not December 2017 data).
- Graph 15 shows the trend in time taken to sell for each of our 8 districts, for the East of England and England (dashed lines) between Dec-2015 and Nov-2017.
- Table 9 shows the average time taken to sell each month from November 2016 to November 2017.

Notes & observations

Graph 15 helps compare districts, the region and England trends, and shows an erratic trend for each area covered. Table 9 shows that nationally, it took 9.4 weeks to sell, on average. The regional average was similar. Cambridge (as usual) saw the quickest turnaround at 6.9 weeks in November 2017. Homes took longest to sell in Fenland (12.7 weeks) followed by East Cambs (10.4 weeks) and Forest Heath (10.3 weeks).



Graph 15: Time taken to sell (weeks)

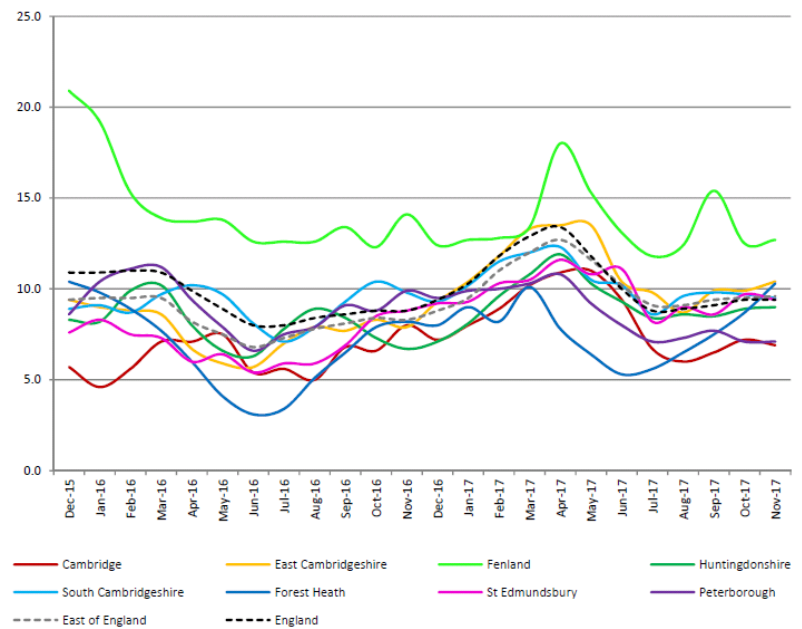


Table 9 Average time taken to sell (weeks)

| | Nov-16 | Dec-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 | Mar-17 | Apr-17 | May-17 | Jun-17 | Jul-17 | Aug-17 | Sep-17 | Oct-17 | Nov-17 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Cambridge | 8.0 | 7.2 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 10.2 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 9.4 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 6.9 |
| East Cambs | 7.9 | 9.3 | 10.4 | 11.8 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 10.4 | 9.8 | 8.7 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 10.4 |
| Fenland | 14.1 | 12.4 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 13.4 | 18.0 | 15.3 | 13.1 | 11.8 | 12.4 | 15.4 | 12.5 | 12.7 |
| Huntingdonshire | 6.7 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 9.6 | 10.8 | 11.9 | 10.3 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 9.0 |
| South Cambs | 9.8 | 9.3 | 10.2 | 11.5 | 12.0 | 12.3 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 8.6 | 9.6 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.5 |
| Forest Heath | 8.2 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 10.1 | 7.8 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 10.3 |
| St Edmundsbury | 8.8 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 10.3 | 10.5 | 11.6 | 10.8 | 11.1 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 9.4 |
| Peterborough | 9.9 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 10.8 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
| East of England | 8.3 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 11.0 | 12.0 | 12.7 | 11.6 | 10.2 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.6 |
| England | 8.8 | 9.4 | 10.3 | 11.8 | 12.9 | 13.4 | 11.8 | 10.0 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.4 |

Average time to sell, in weeks

| Source | Timespan | Last updated | Data level | Time interval |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
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Price asked and achieved

...using sales data

What does this page show?

The data shows the typical proportion of the asking price that is achieved for all sales agreed over that specific month. It's important to remember when comparing the asking price to the actual price achieved, that some differences may result from sellers reducing the asking price to encourage interest.

Data is calculated using property listings on Zoopla taking the advertised asking price compared to the final sold price registered with Land Registry. The price achieved relies on Land Registry data coming through which can take some time, so the most recent 6 months of data is subject to change as data filters through.

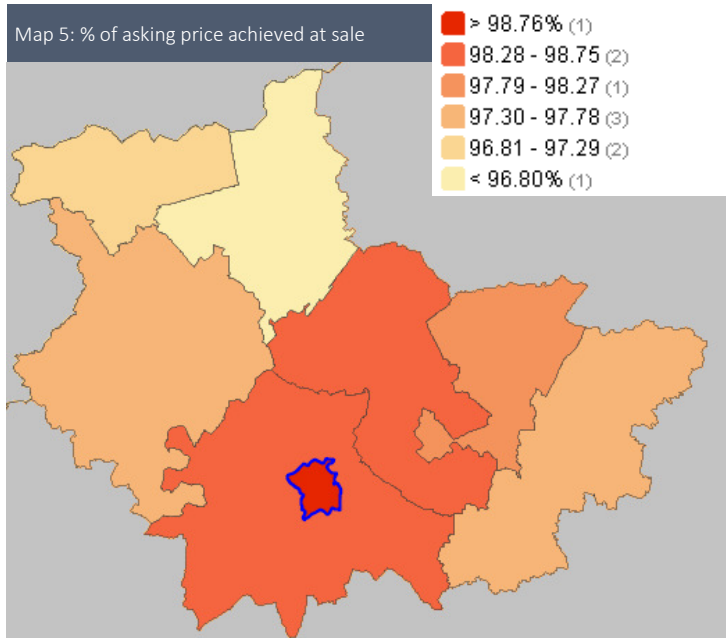
- Map 5 shows the percentage of asking price actually achieved when the sale completes. This gives a measure of the “heat” of the housing market.
- Graph 16 shows the percentage achieved in each district, between Dec 2015 and Nov 2017. It includes the trend for England and the East of England (black and grey dashed lines).
- Table 10 shows the average percentage for each district, the region and England from November 2016 to November 2017.

Notes & observations

In November 2017 all the districts in our area were achieving more than 96% of the asking price. The lowest percentage in our area was Fenland at 96.3% and the highest was 99.8% in Cambridge.

The proportion for the region was 97.5%. For England the proportion was 96.9%.

Graph 16 highlights some big variations over time, each district showing a different trend, some rising and some falling to November 2017.



Graph 16: % of asking price achieved at sale

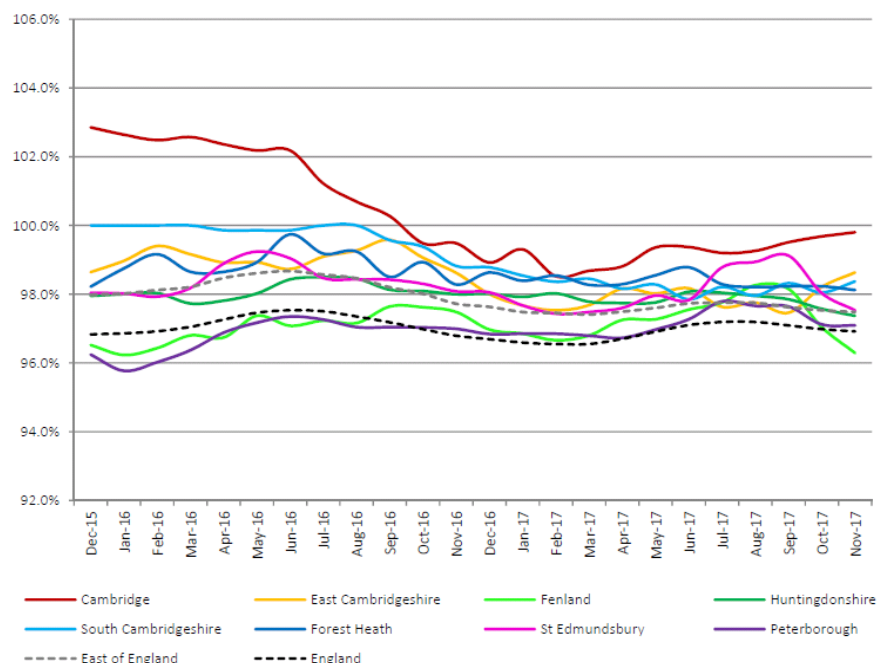


Table 10: Percentage of asking price achieved at sale

| | Nov-16 | Dec-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 | Mar-17 | Apr-17 | May-17 | Jun-17 | Jul-17 | Aug-17 | Sep-17 | Oct-17 | Nov-17 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Cambridge | 99.5% | 98.9% | 99.3% | 98.5% | 98.7% | 98.8% | 99.4% | 99.4% | 99.2% | 99.3% | 99.5% | 99.7% | 99.8% |
| East Cambs | 98.6% | 98.0% | 97.7% | 97.5% | 97.7% | 98.2% | 98.0% | 98.2% | 97.6% | 97.8% | 97.5% | 98.2% | 98.6% |
| Fenland | 97.5% | 97.0% | 96.9% | 96.7% | 96.8% | 97.3% | 97.3% | 97.6% | 97.8% | 98.3% | 98.2% | 97.0% | 96.3% |
| Huntingdonshire | 98.0% | 98.0% | 97.9% | 98.0% | 97.8% | 97.7% | 97.8% | 98.1% | 98.0% | 98.0% | 97.9% | 97.6% | 97.4% |
| South Cambs | 98.8% | 98.8% | 98.5% | 98.4% | 98.5% | 98.2% | 98.3% | 97.9% | 98.2% | 98.0% | 98.3% | 98.1% | 98.4% |
| Forest Heath | 98.3% | 98.6% | 98.4% | 98.5% | 98.3% | 98.3% | 98.6% | 98.8% | 98.3% | 98.2% | 98.2% | 98.2% | 98.1% |
| St Edmundsbury | 98.1% | 98.1% | 97.7% | 97.4% | 97.5% | 97.6% | 98.0% | 97.8% | 98.8% | 98.9% | 99.1% | 98.0% | 97.5% |
| Peterborough | 97.0% | 96.8% | 96.9% | 96.9% | 96.8% | 96.7% | 97.0% | 97.3% | 97.8% | 97.7% | 97.6% | 97.1% | 97.1% |
| East of England | 97.7% | 97.6% | 97.5% | 97.5% | 97.4% | 97.5% | 97.6% | 97.7% | 97.8% | 97.8% | 97.6% | 97.5% | 97.5% |
| England | 96.8% | 96.7% | 96.6% | 96.6% | 96.6% | 96.7% | 96.9% | 97.1% | 97.2% | 97.2% | 97.1% | 97.0% | 96.9% |

Average sales price as a % of asking price

| Source | Timespan | Last updated | Data level | Time interval |
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| Hometrack analysis of Zoopla data | Dec 2015 to Nov 2017 | Feb 2018 | Country, region, district | Data points repeat monthly |

Affordability ratios

...using sales & valuations data

What does this page show?

This page is based on Hometrack's house price data (sales and valuations) and CACI data on household incomes. The ratios show how many "times" income the local house prices represent. One common rule of thumb is that house prices of 3 to 3.5 times income are considered affordable.

- On maps 13 and 14, the higher the ratio the darker the shading, the less affordable housing is in that area. With the ward level maps, the two tables help us compare affordability ratios over time for each district and the region.
- Values are calculated using the previous 12 months data, so for example in the tables, the June 2016 column relies on data gathered between July 2015 and June 2016.
- Map 13 shows affordability using the ratio of lower quartile house prices to lower quartile incomes; an indicator of the affordability of 'entry-level' prices in that ward.
- Table 13 shows the lower quartile house price to lower quartile income ratio changing between Dec 2015 and Dec 2017.
- Map 14 shows affordability using the ratio of median house prices to median income.
- Table 14 shows the median house price to median income ratio for our eight districts between Dec 2015 and Dec 2017.

Notes & observations

Affordability improved a bit to June, mainly due to new income data being released recently. But there have been increases in the last 3 months.

Both maps show that, in general, homes are less affordable in the south of our area. There is a wide variation across the eight districts but the stand-out ratio is still in Cambridge where the lower quartile ratio is now 15.7.

Table 14: Median house price to income ratio (rounded)

| | Dec-15 | Mar-16 | Jun-16 | Sept-16 | Dec-16 | Mar-17 | Jun-17 | Sept-17 | Dec-17 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Cambridge | 12.8 | 12.8 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 11.6 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 11.4 |
| East Cambs | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.7 |
| Fenland | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.6 |
| HDC | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.9 |
| South Cambs | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.6 |
| Forest Heath | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.1 |
| St Ed's | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.7 |
| Peterborough | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.1 |
| East of England | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| East Midlands | - | - | - | - | - | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 |

Median and lower quartile house price to income ratio

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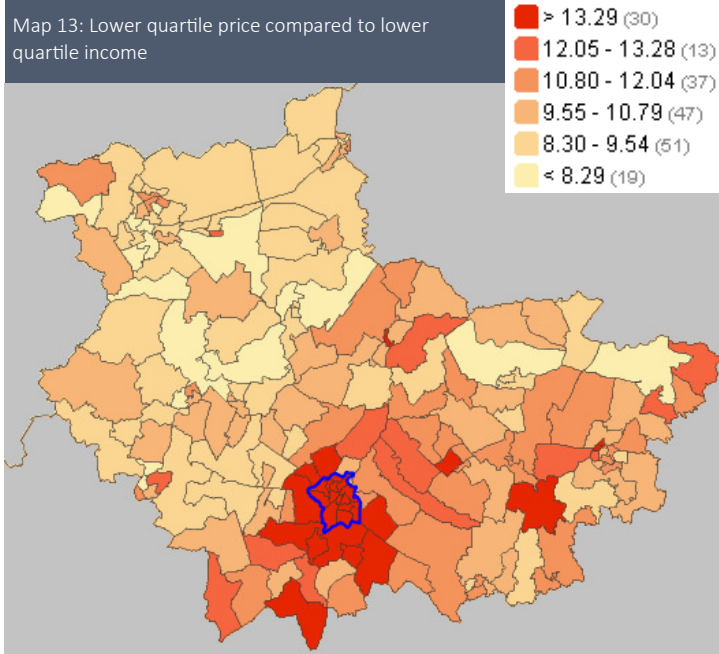


Table 13: Lower quartile price to income ratio (rounded)

| | Dec-15 | Mar-16 | Jun-16 | Sept-16 | Dec-16 | Mar-17 | Jun-17 | Sept-17 | Dec-17 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Cambridge | 18.7 | 18.8 | 19.3 | 19.3 | 19.3 | 16.4 | 15.5 | 15.6 | 15.7 |
| East Cambs | 10.4 | 10.6 | 10.9 | 11.2 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.4 |
| Fenland | 9.0 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 9.2 |
| HDC | 8.9 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.1 |
| South Cambs | 11.9 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 11.8 | 11.1 | 11.4 | 11.5 |
| Forest Heath | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.7 |
| St Ed's | 10.9 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 10.2 | 10.5 | 10.8 |
| Peterborough | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.7 |
| East of England | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 11.2 | 10.9 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.7 |
| East Midlands | - | - | - | - | - | 8.5 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.2 |

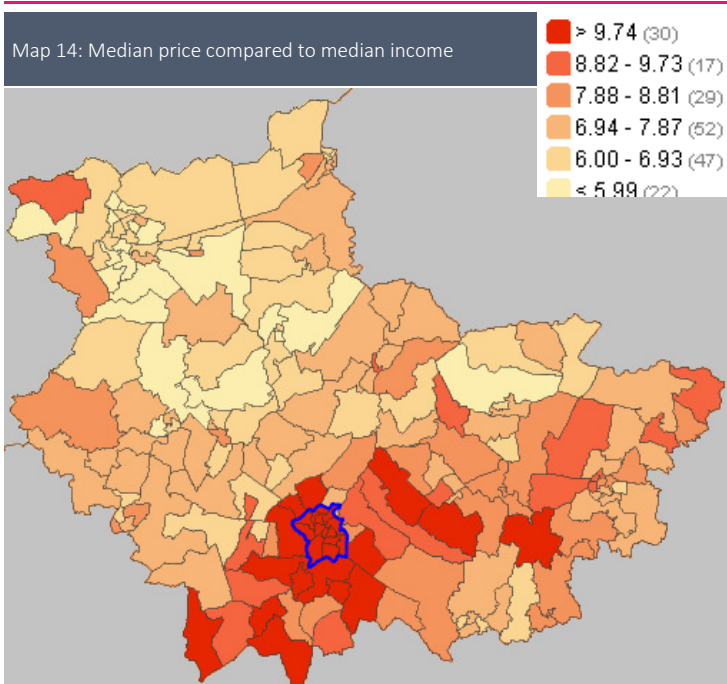
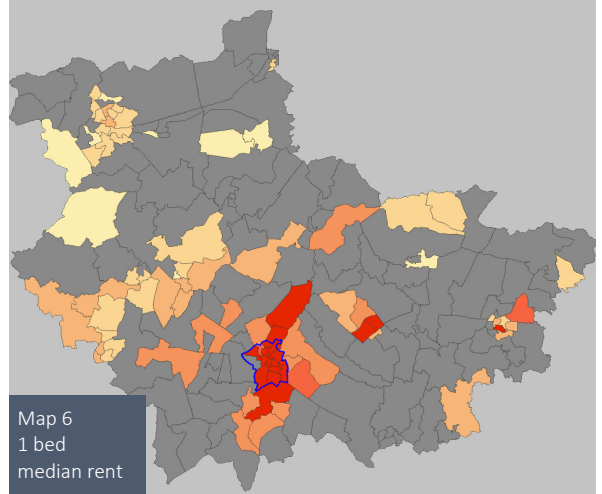


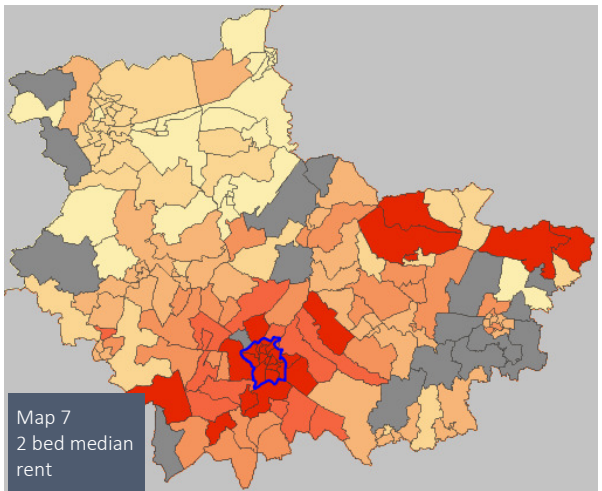
Table 11 Weekly median private rents & “main” LHA rate

| | Dec-15 | Mar-16 | Jun-16 | Sep-16 | Dec-16 | Mar-17 | Jun-17 | Sep-17 | Dec-17 | LHA |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Cambridge Last column = Cambridge LHA rate (rounded) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 bed | 195 | 196 | 201 | 206 | 206 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 126 |
| 2 bed | 265 | 265 | 265 | 265 | 268 | 265 | 268 | 267 | 267 | 145 |
| 3 bed | 294 | 298 | 298 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 311 | 311 | 311 | 168 |
| 4 bed | 392 | 392 | 392 | 403 | 403 | 398 | 403 | 414 | 402 | 225 |
| East Cambridgeshire Last column = Cambridge LHA rate (rounded) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 bed | 125 | 115 | 138 | 158 | 173 | 173 | 173 | 175 | 174 | 126 |
| 2 bed | 160 | 166 | 168 | 173 | 173 | 173 | 173 | 178 | 173 | 145 |
| 3 bed | 196 | 196 | 196 | 201 | 201 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 168 |
| 4 bed | 276 | 265 | 276 | 282 | 299 | 303 | 317 | 323 | 323 | 225 |
| Fenland Last column = Peterborough LHA rate (rounded) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 bed | 103 | 103 | 109 | 121 | 121 | 131 | 131 | 132 | 129 | 92 |
| 2 bed | 132 | 132 | 137 | 137 | 137 | 137 | 138 | 144 | 140 | 115 |
| 3 bed | 155 | 155 | 155 | 160 | 160 | 161 | 166 | 167 | 167 | 132 |
| 4 bed | 207 | 206 | 206 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 207 | 184 | 187 | 168 |
| Huntingdonshire Last column = Huntingdon LHA rate (rounded) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 bed | 121 | 126 | 130 | 132 | 133 | 137 | 138 | 138 | 138 | 105 |
| 2 bed | 150 | 155 | 160 | 161 | 167 | 167 | 167 | 167 | 167 | 126 |
| 3 bed | 184 | 190 | 196 | 196 | 196 | 196 | 196 | 196 | 196 | 150 |
| 4 bed | 253 | 253 | 253 | 252 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 265 | 265 | 198 |
| South Cambridgeshire Last column = Cambridge LHA rate (rounded) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 bed | 160 | 160 | 167 | 173 | 178 | 176 | 173 | 173 | 176 | 126 |
| 2 bed | 200 | 201 | 201 | 206 | 206 | 207 | 206 | 206 | 207 | 145 |
| 3 bed | 225 | 225 | 229 | 233 | 242 | 253 | 253 | - | 253 | 168 |
| 4 bed | 311 | 311 | 323 | 311 | 323 | 321 | 340 | 323 | 323 | 225 |
| Forest Heath Last column = Bury St Edmunds LHA rate (rounded) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 bed | 115 | 124 | 132 | 158 | 155 | 150 | 153 | 155 | 153 | 102 |
| 2 bed | 160 | 161 | 173 | 173 | 177 | 173 | 173 | 173 | 173 | 126 |
| 3 bed | 213 | 213 | 219 | 219 | 219 | 218 | 218 | - | 219 | 150 |
| 4 bed | 300 | 306 | 306 | 309 | 309 | 297 | 311 | 309 | 288 | 216 |
| St Edmundsbury Last column = Bury St Edmunds LHA rate (rounded) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 bed | 132 | 137 | 141 | 144 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 102 |
| 2 bed | 160 | 163 | 167 | 167 | 167 | 167 | 173 | 173 | 173 | 126 |
| 3 bed | 183 | 190 | 190 | 196 | 201 | 201 | 206 | 206 | 206 | 150 |
| 4 bed | 306 | 300 | 300 | 276 | 276 | 276 | 276 | 276 | 288 | 216 |
| Peterborough Last column = Peterborough LHA rate (rounded) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 bed | 109 | 114 | 121 | 126 | 126 | 128 | 132 | 132 | 134 | 92 |
| 2 bed | 137 | 137 | 144 | 144 | 144 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 115 |
| 3 bed | 160 | 160 | 160 | 167 | 167 | 173 | 173 | 173 | 173 | 132 |
| 4 bed | 219 | 219 | 213 | 219 | 225 | 229 | 230 | 229 | 225 | 168 |
| East of England | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 bed | 138 | 145 | 155 | 173 | 178 | 183 | 184 | 183 | 184 | - |
| 2 bed | 173 | 178 | 183 | 190 | 196 | 196 | 196 | 196 | 196 | - |
| 3 bed | 206 | 207 | 213 | 219 | 219 | 225 | 229 | 230 | 230 | - |
| 4 bed | 294 | 298 | 298 | 298 | 298 | 299 | 300 | 300 | 311 | - |
| England | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 bed | 155 | 167 | 178 | 206 | 207 | 210 | 213 | 207 | 207 | - |
| 2 bed | 160 | 161 | 167 | 173 | 173 | 176 | 178 | 178 | 178 | - |
| 3 bed | 183 | 190 | 196 | 196 | 204 | 206 | 206 | 207 | 207 | - |
| 4 bed | 311 | 311 | 311 | 311 | 314 | 320 | 323 | 323 | 323 | - |

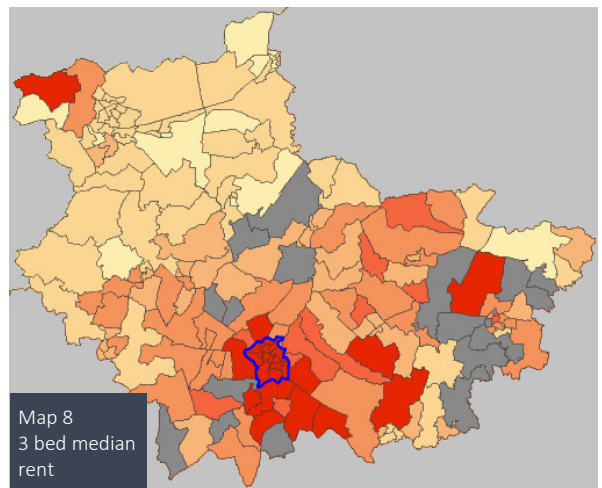
Private rents & local



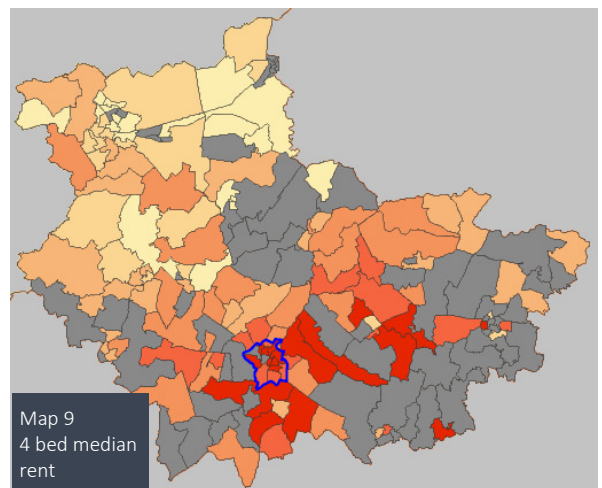
Map 6
1 bed
median rent



Map 7
2 bed median
rent



Map 8
3 bed median
rent



Map 9
4 bed median
rent

housing allowance

Maps 6 to 9 show median private rents for 1, 2, 3 and 4 beds highlighting hotspots in red, and “insufficient data” in grey.

Table 11 sets out median rents alongside the “main” local housing allowance (LHA) rate for that area. It’s a rough comparison, as the areas covered by districts and by BRMAs are different but hopefully it gives an idea of how local average rents and housing allowances compare.

Map 10 shows the % of homes privately rented, according to the 2011 Census. Map 11 shows BRMA boundaries and label the “main” BRMAs covering the eight districts areas.

Local Housing Allowance rates are set out in Table 12. These are set based on a 6-monthly survey undertaken by the Valuation Office Agency, using lower quartile private rents from the survey.

From 2016/17 to 2020/21 local housing allowances were frozen to help reduce the national welfare bill. However from April 2017 some new rates were announced in specific locations.

Map 10: % renting from private landlord or letting agency by ward, Census 2011

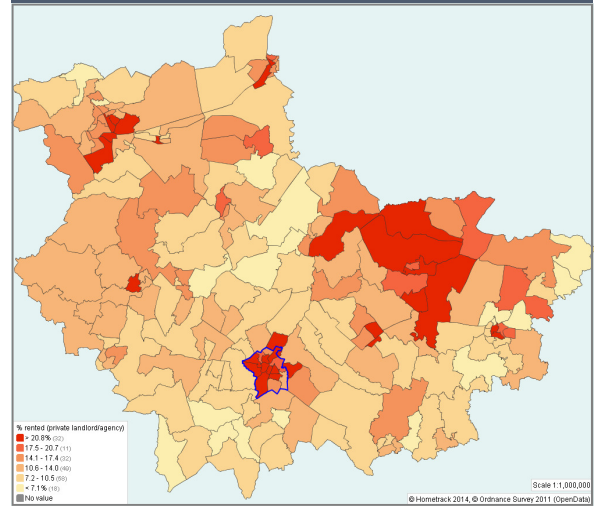
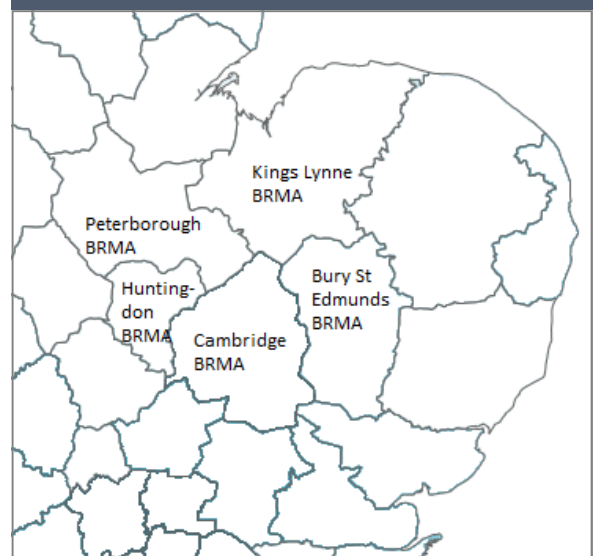


Table 12: Weekly Local Housing Allowance rates (see Map 11 for boundaries)

| | Apr-14 to Mar-15 | Apr-15 to Mar-16 | Apr-16 to Mar-17 | Apr-17 to Mar-18 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cambridge BRMA | | | | |
| Room | £79.72 | £80.52 | £80.52 | £80.52 |
| 1 bed | £124.80 | £126.05 | £126.05 | £126.05 |
| 2 bed | £139.35 | £140.74 | £140.74 | £144.96 |
| 3 bed | £166.78 | £168.45 | £168.45 | £168.45 |
| 4 bed | £216.00 | £218.16 | £218.16 | £224.70 |
| Bury St Edmunds BRMA | | | | |
| Room | £63.50 | £64.14 | £64.14 | £66.06 |
| 1 bed | £101.24 | £102.25 | £102.25 | £102.25 |
| 2 bed | £125.06 | £126.31 | £126.31 | £126.31 |
| 3 bed | £148.87 | £150.36 | £150.36 | £150.36 |
| 4 bed | £207.69 | £216.00 | £216.00 | £216.00 |
| Peterborough BRMA | | | | |
| Room | £56.58 | £57.15 | £57.15 | £57.15 |
| 1 bed | £91.15 | £92.05 | £92.05 | £92.05 |
| 2 bed | £114.23 | £115.07 | £115.07 | £115.07 |
| 3 bed | £131.01 | £132.32 | £132.32 | £132.32 |
| 4 bed | £166.74 | £168.41 | £168.41 | £168.41 |
| Kings Lynn BRMA | | | | |
| Room | £51.61 | £53.67 | £53.67 | £55.28 |
| 1 bed | £89.74 | £90.64 | £90.64 | £90.64 |
| 2 bed | £111.10 | £112.21 | £112.21 | £112.21 |
| 3 bed | £128.19 | £129.47 | £129.47 | £129.47 |
| 4 bed | £161.54 | £163.16 | £163.16 | £163.16 |
| Huntingdon BRMA | | | | |
| Room | £64.14 | £63.50 | £63.50 | £63.50 |
| 1 bed | £103.85 | £104.89 | £104.89 | £104.89 |
| 2 bed | £121.15 | £126.00 | £126.00 | £126.00 |
| 3 bed | £144.62 | £150.40 | £150.40 | £150.40 |
| 4 bed | £196.15 | £198.11 | £198.11 | £198.11 |

Map 11: Broad Rental Market Area (BRMA) boundaries



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 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-housing-allowance-lha-rates-applicable-from-april-2017-march-2018>

| Source | Timespan | Last updated | Data level | Time interval |
|--|------------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Median private rents by bed count | | | | |
| Home-track | Jan 2009 to Dec 2017 | Feb 2018 | *Country *Region *District *Ward | Data points repeat annually |
| Weekly local housing allowance rate (£) | | | | |
| Valuation Office Agency (VOA) | April 2017 to Mar 2018 | Jan 2017 | Broad rental market areas (BRMA) | Annual |

Weekly cost

...comparing size & tenure

Table 15 compares housing cost by size 7 tenure. Most covers a 12 month period. Values may not always be available due to sample sizes. For each row the highest weekly cost is highlighted in pink; the lowest in blue.

*query raised with Hometrack on the England 3 bed values.

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.

| Source | Timespan | Last updated |
|--------|----------|--------------|
|--------|----------|--------------|

Average rent (Local Authority)

Local authority rent only available in Cambridge and South Cambs. New source used in December 2017 update: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/674338/Local_Authority_Housing_Statistics_data_returns_2016_to_2017.xlsx

| MoHoCoLoG housing statistics return 2016-17: ave social rents only | End of Mar 2017 | June 2017 |
|--|-----------------|-----------|
|--|-----------------|-----------|

Average Housing Association rent

Average rent calculated using Homes and Communities Agency's statistical data return (SDR), using 'low cost rent' and 'affordable rent' based on the HCA return here <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statistical-data-return-2016-to-2017>. General needs housing only, no service charges included. The district-wide average is calculated based on averages reported by RPs. Region and England averages provided by Hometrack.

| HCA SDR 2017 | End of Mar 2017 | September 2017 |
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Intermediate rent and median 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 | Jan 2009 to Dec 2017 | Feb 2018 |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|
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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 | Jan 2009 to Dec 2017 | Feb 2018 |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|
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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. Loan-to-value is assumed at 85% i.e. the buyer makes a 15% deposit on the portion of the property they are buying.

| Hometrack | Jan 2009 to Dec 2017 | Feb 2018 |
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Median cost of buying a new build / resale

"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.

| Hometrack | Jan 2009 to Dec 2017 | Feb 2018 |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|
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Table 15: Comparing weekly cost by district tenure and size (rounded)

| | Local Authority rent | Housing Association 'low cost' 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 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cambridge | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1bed | 85 | 95 | 114 | 166 | 207 | 248 | 311 | 212 | 345 | 356 |
| 2bed | 100 | 111 | 128 | 213 | 267 | 311 | 352 | 255 | 421 | 478 |
| 3bed | 114 | 123 | 162 | 249 | 311 | 440 | 517 | 350 | 599 | 645 |
| East Cambridgeshire | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1bed | - | 86 | 96 | 139 | 174 | 138 | 157 | 106 | NA | NA |
| 2bed | - | 101 | 113 | 138 | 173 | 176 | 193 | 130 | 220 | 239 |
| 3bed | - | 112 | 135 | 166 | 207 | 263 | 311 | 208 | 311 | 314 |
| Fenland | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1bed | - | 81 | 89 | 103 | 129 | 80 | 89 | 59 | NA | NA |
| 2bed | - | 90 | 107 | 112 | 140 | 96 | 105 | 71 | NA | NA |
| 3bed | - | 99 | 125 | 134 | 167 | 176 | 205 | 139 | 201 | 221 |
| Huntingdonshire | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1bed | - | 81 | 98 | 110 | 138 | 128 | 149 | 101 | 170 | 182 |
| 2bed | - | 95 | 120 | 134 | 167 | 158 | 188 | 132 | 226 | 246 |
| 3bed | - | 104 | 140 | 157 | 196 | 252 | 291 | 195 | 214 | 264 |
| South Cambridgeshire | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1bed | 90 | 91 | 113 | 141 | 176 | 158 | 199 | 134 | NA | NA |
| 2bed | 104 | 109 | 131 | 166 | 207 | 207 | 264 | 184 | 440 | 466 |
| 3bed | 109 | 124 | 159 | 202 | 253 | 352 | 393 | 267 | 406 | 432 |
| Forest Heath | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1bed | - | 78 | 100 | 122 | 153 | 138 | 148 | 99 | 96 | 96 |
| 2bed | - | 90 | 119 | 138 | 173 | 151 | 181 | 121 | 111 | 111 |
| 3bed | - | 102 | 149 | 175 | 219 | 217 | 258 | 175 | 226 | 275 |
| St Edmundsbury | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1bed | - | 79 | 102 | 120 | 150 | 130 | 158 | 106 | NA | NA |
| 2bed | - | 91 | 122 | 138 | 173 | 178 | 208 | 140 | NA | NA |
| 3bed | - | 100 | 139 | 165 | 206 | 251 | 293 | 197 | 299 | 334 |
| Peterborough | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1bed | - | 75 | 83 | 107 | 134 | 88 | 95 | 64 | 142 | 142 |
| 2bed | - | 88 | 106 | 120 | 150 | 113 | 138 | 94 | 146 | 149 |
| 3bed | - | 95 | 115 | 138 | 173 | 164 | 199 | 135 | 227 | 244 |
| East of England | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1bed | - | 84 | | 147 | 184 | 147 | 188 | 126 | 184 | 227 |
| 2bed | - | 100 | | 157 | 196 | 188 | 244 | 165 | 234 | 291 |
| 3bed | - | 111 | | 184 | 230 | 258 | 328 | 220 | 289 | 352 |
| England * | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1bed | - | 81 | | 166 | 207 | 152 | 234 | 161 | 229 | 352 |
| 2bed | - | 96 | | 142 | 178 | 182 | 287 | 197 | 260 | 410 |
| 3bed | - | 106 | | 166 | 207 | 180 | 258 | 173 | 219 | 287 |

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Maps

Map 15 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*
- Forest Heath*
- St Edmundsbury*
- Peterborough.

Map 16 highlights the 7 districts in the Cambridge housing sub-region with stars.

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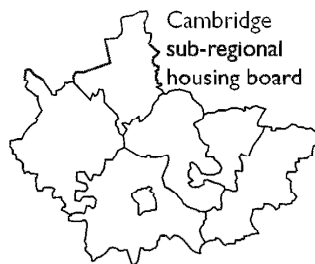
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