

Residential Property Indices

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National Inflation





Annual vs. Monthly

Market Review

As at the end of December 2017 the national house price inflation index was at 4.1 %.

Over the past couple of months the majority of market activity has stabilized in the 3%-8% range following a slowdown in recent months as shown by the provincial indices. This is true for most of our indices except for the two top-tiers, the Western Cape and Northern Cape province, which are currently growing at 11.0% and 20.7% respectively.

The inland municipalities Ekurhuleni, City of Tshwane and City of Johannesburg metros are growing stably at rates between 2% and 5% whereas the coastal municipalities are generally performing above this range. This relationship extends to all coastal and inland properties as shown by their respective indices.

Both the Low value and Mid value wealth segments continue to buck the trend by growing at more than 6% annually whilst the High and Luxury wealth segments are inflating at rates below 4%.



Provincial Inflation

The Lightstone Provincial Index tracks annual inflation of all provinces in South Africa.



Annual Inflation: Provinces

Latest/Current Provincial Inflation Status



Municipal Inflation

The Lightstone Municipal Index tracks annual inflation at a municipal level, with coastal and inland based municipalities reviewed independently.



Annual Inflation: Inland Municipalities

Annual Inflation: Coastal Municipalities



Property Inflation: Coast vs Non-Coast

The Lightstone Coast vs Non-Coast Index compares property located within enumerator areas 500m of the coastline to those located further inland.



Coast: Annual vs Monthly Inflation



Non-Coast: Annual vs Monthly Inflation





Property Inflation: Free Hold vs Sectional



Freehold Property: Annual vs Monthly Inflation



Sectional Title: Annual vs Monthly Inflation



Property Inflation: Value Bands

The Lightstone Area Value Bands Index reviews inflationary rates for property based on the following values. Luxury: > R1.5mil High Value: R700k to R1.5mil Mid Value: R250k to R700k Low Value: <R250k



Annual Inflation: Area Value Bands

Annual vs Monthly Inflation: Luxury Property



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Annual vs Monthly Inflation: High Value Property





Annual vs Monthly Inflation: Low Value Property



Inflation Table

The Annual Inflation Table (below) provides a long term view of annual rates of inflation for various geographical areas and property types. Please note that historic inflation rates can change as transactions occur that imply price inflation for those periods.

		2013	2013 2014 2015 2016 2017								
						Q01	Q02	Q03	Oct	Nov	Dec
	National	5.0 %	5.4 %	4.9 %	4.2 %	4.2 %	4.2 %	4.1 %	4.1 %	4.1 %	4.1 %
Province	Eastern Cape	3.5 %	3.9 %	3.8 %	8.2 %	9.0 %	8.5 %	7.2 %			
	Free State	3.8 %	5.7 %	3.0 %	4.2 %	3.9 %	3.0 %	2.5 %			
	Gauteng	5.1 %	5.2 %	4.0 %	2.8 %	2.7 %	3.0 %	3.9 %			
	Kwazulu Natal	4.4 %	5.2 %	5.3 %	4.5 %	4.2 %	4.0 %	4.3 %			
	Limpopo	5.8 %	6.3 %	5.0 %	3.4 %	4.7 %	6.6 %	8.4 %			
	Mpumalanga	7.7 %	2.6 %	3.2 %	2.1 %	2.0 %	2.9 %	5.3 %			
	North West	6.0 %	3.3 %	1.9 %	1.8 %	3.1 %	4.1 %	4.2 %			
	Northern Cape	16.9 %	14.4 %	16.8 %	13.0 %	14.8 %	18.3 %	20.7 %			
	Western Cape	6.5 %	7.9 %	9.3 %	8.7 %	9.2 %	10.1 %	11.0 %			
Municipality	City Of Cape Town	7.0 %	8.9 %	10.5 %	10.4 %	10.8 %	11.6 %	12.4 %			
	City Of Johannesburg	5.1 %	5.4 %	3.9 %	3.1 %	2.8 %	2.6 %	2.7 %			
	City Of Tshwane	6.0 %	5.8 %	4.9 %	2.9 %	2.8 %	3.1 %	3.7 %			
	Ekurhuleni	4.6 %	4.1 %	4.4 %	2.7 %	2.7 %	3.2 %	4.3 %			
	Ethekwini	4.8 %	5.1 %	5.6 %	5.5 %	4.8 %	4.1 %	4.3 %			
	Nelson Mandela Bay	4.2 %	3.9 %	7.3 %	20.2 %	17.1 %	10.8 %	3.9 %			
Coastal	Coast	5.3 %	6.1 %	7.5 %	6.2 %	6.5 %	7.2 %	7.7 %			
	Non-Coast	5.3 %	5.4 %	4.8 %	4.1 %	4.0 %	4.2 %	4.8 %			
ST / FH	Free Hold	5.5 %	5.9 %	5.3 %	4.5 %	4.6 %	4.6 %	4.3 %	4.2 %	4.0 %	3.8 %
	Sectional Title	4.9 %	5.2 %	4.7 %	4.0 %	3.9 %	3.7 %	3.6 %	3.6 %	3.6 %	3.7 %
Area Value Bands	High Value	5.3 %	5.5 %	5.2 %	4.0 %	4.0 %	3.8 %	3.4 %	3.2 %	3.2 %	3.1 %
	Low Value	7.5 %	14.2 %	9.2 %	17.5 %	22.2 %	25.9 %	29.4 %	30.4 %	31.0 %	31.5 %
	Luxury	7.0 %	7.3 %	6.0 %	4.3 %	3.2 %	2.1 %	1.5 %	1.5 %	1.6 %	1.7 %
	Mid Value	4.1 %	4.3 %	4.4 %	4.4 %	4.7 %	5.3 %	6.1 %	6.4 %	6.6 %	6.9 %



Shining A Light On Our Approach...

Methodology:

Lightstone applies the repeat sales methodology when reviewing and reporting on property data. In contrast to 'average house price' indices, repeat sales indices provide a measure of the actual price inflation of houses that have transacted twice within a particular period of time. The main benefit of this is that it is less influenced by the mix of transacting properties. The repeat sales methodology is recognised as the premier methodology for indexing house prices and is used by many international residential property price indexers including the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) in the United States.

Data:

All property transactions in South Africa are registered in the Deeds Office and each record contains the legal details of both the property and the transaction. For the purposes of the Repeat Sales Index for residential properties, the following transactions have been excluded: farms; any transactions which may be of a development, commercial or community services nature; new developments; sales made in execution of a judgement; non-arms-length transactions; transactions where the inflation is extremely different to the norm of the statistical distribution of inflation rates; and township transactions.

Caution:

Lightstone presents both annual and monthly inflation rates. Monthly inflation emphasises recent market performance (i.e. month on month) and is more volatile than annual inflation trends. Conclusions about the future trend of annual inflation, based on monthly inflationary rates, must be made with caution.

Disclaimer:

The Lightstone Repeat Sales Index system applies advanced statistical methods to a comprehensive property database - compiled from the Deeds Office, the Surveyor General and other sources - to generate repeat sales inflation data for individual residential properties. Despite the statistical and actuarial rigour applied, Lightstone cannot guarantee the accuracy and reliability of the data. Furthermore, the index is a statistical tool and does not amount to advice and may not be applicable in some cases. Lightstone does not take responsibility for any losses incurred as a result of any person acting or omitting to act as a result of the publication of this index.

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