

Statistical bulletin

House Price Index: Sept 2016

Monthly house price inflation, calculated using data from Land Registry, Registers of Scotland and Land and Property Services Northern Ireland.

Contact:
Rhys Lewis
hpi@ons.gsi.gov.uk

Release date:
15 November 2016

Next release:
13 December 2016

Table of contents

1. [Introduction](#)
2. [UK all dwellings](#)
3. [House price index, by UK country](#)
4. [House price index, by English region](#)
5. [House price index, by UK local authority district](#)
6. [Quality and methodology](#)
7. [Background information](#)

1 . Introduction

This is a high-level summary of the UK House Price Index (HPI), which replaces the previous house price indices separately published by the Land Registry and the Office for National Statistics. For full details, including commentary, historical data tables and analytical tools please see the [main publication of the new House Price Index](#), published today on the GOV.UK website.

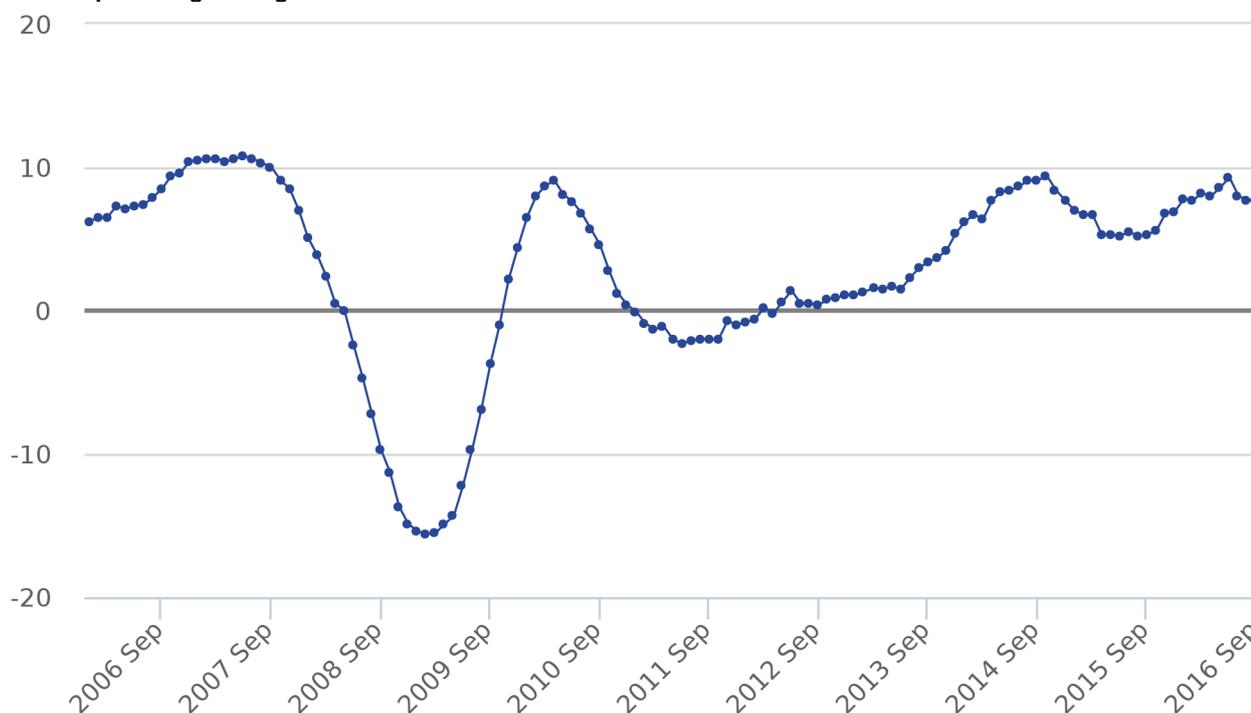
The UK HPI is a joint production by Land Registry, Land and Property Services Northern Ireland, Office for National Statistics and Registers of Scotland.

2 . UK all dwellings

Average house prices in the UK have increased by 7.7% in the year to September 2016 (unchanged from 7.7% in the year to August 2016), continuing the strong growth seen since the end of 2013.

Figure 1: Annual house price rates of change, UK all dwellings from January 2006 to September 2016

12-month percentage change



Source: Land Registry, Registers of Scotland, Land and Property Services Northern Ireland and Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. Not seasonally adjusted.
2. The [full House Price](#) index release is available to download from Land Registry at GOV.UK.

The average UK house price was £218,000 in September 2016. This is £16,000 higher than in September 2015 and unchanged from last month.

Figure 2: Average UK house price, January 2005 to September 2016



Source: Land Registry, Registers of Scotland, Land and Property Services Northern Ireland and Office for National Statistics

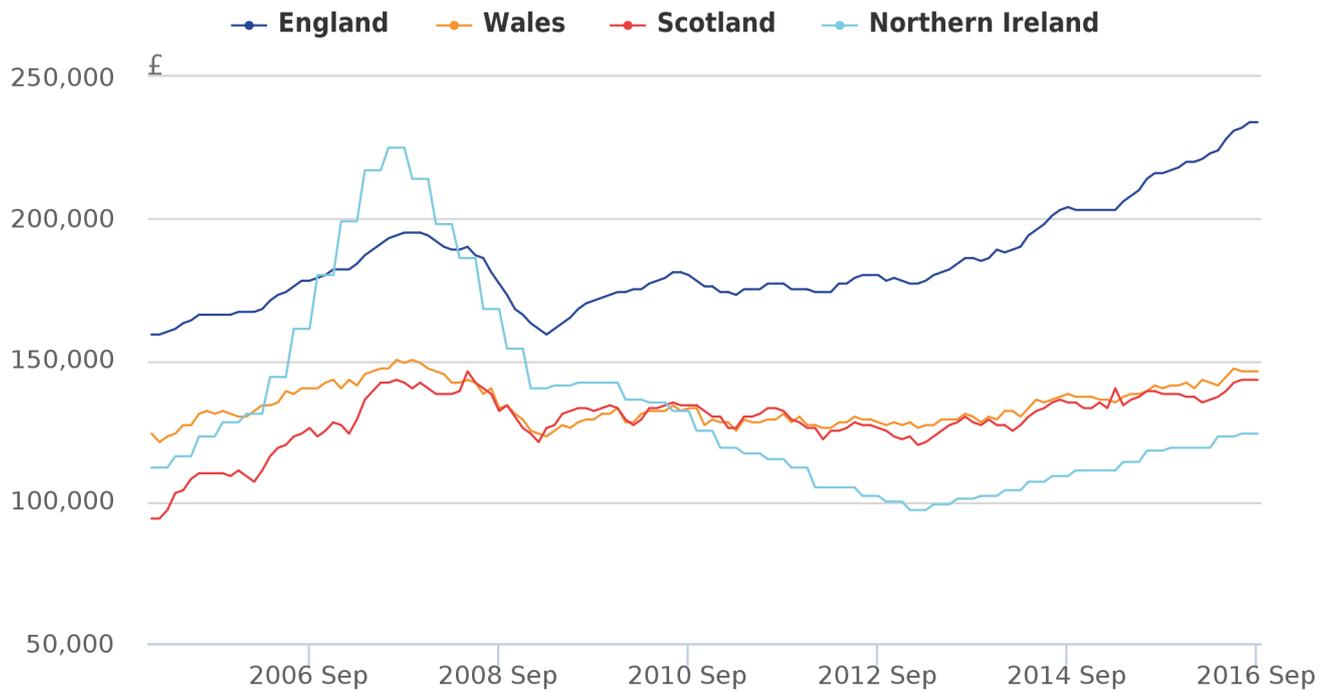
Notes:

1. Not seasonally adjusted.
2. The [full House Price](#) index release is available to download from Land Registry at GOV.UK.

3 . House price index, by UK country

The main contribution to the increase in UK house prices came from England, where house prices increased by 8.3% over the year to September 2016, with the average price in England now £234,000. Wales saw house prices increase by 4.4% over the last 12 months to stand at £146,000. In Scotland, the average price increased by 3.4% over the year to stand at £143,000. The average price in Northern Ireland increased by 5.4% over the year and currently stands at £124,000.

Figure 3: Average house price, by UK country, January 2005 to September 2016



Source: Land Registry, Registers of Scotland, Land and Property Services Northern Ireland and Office for National Statistics

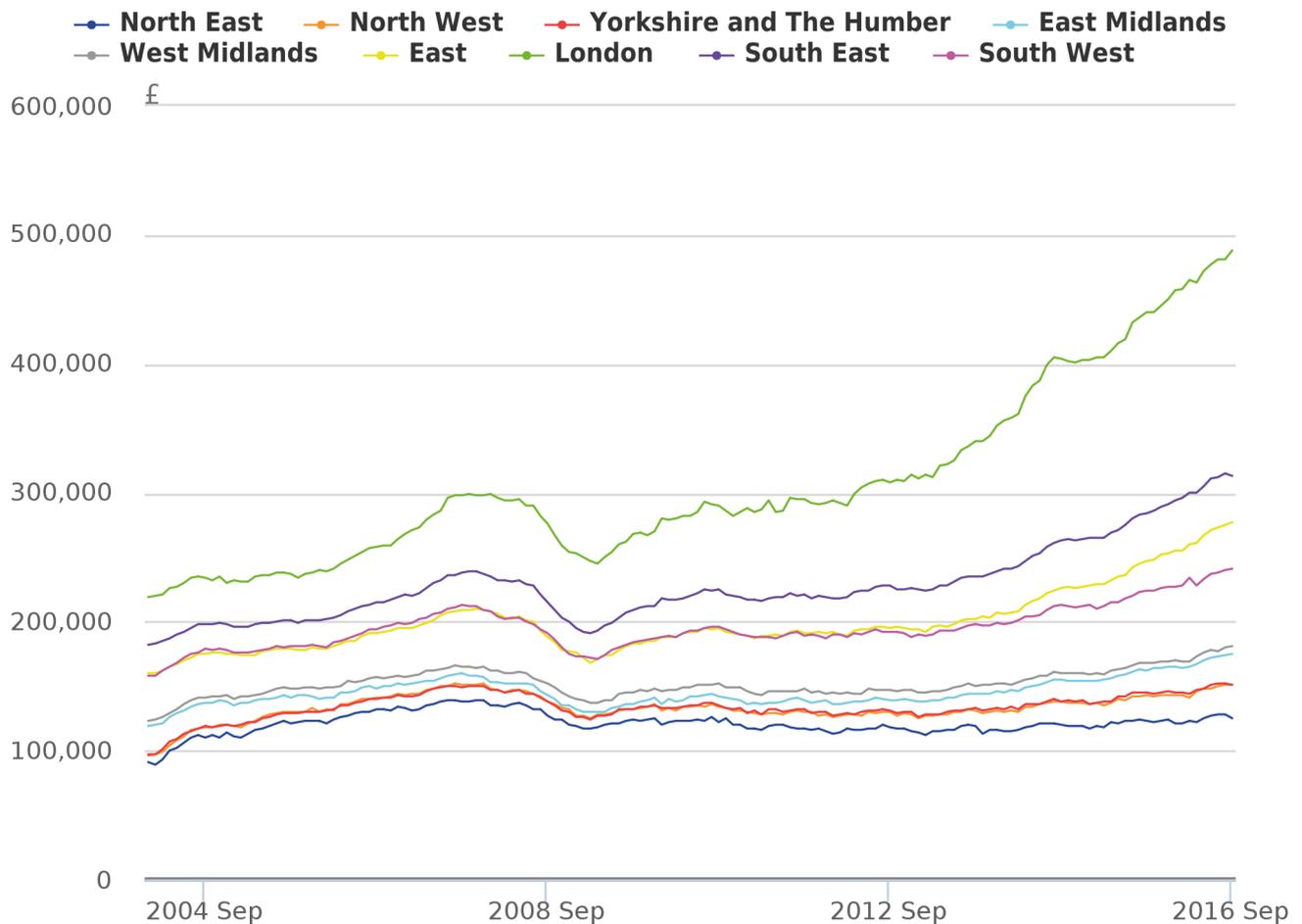
Notes:

1. Not seasonally adjusted.
2. The [full House Price](#) index release is available to download from Land Registry at GOV.UK.

4 . House price index, by English region

On a regional basis, London continues to be the region with the highest average house price at £488,000, followed by the South East and the East of England, which stand at £313,000 and £277,000 respectively. The lowest average price continues to be in the North East at £125,000.

Figure 4: Average house price, by English region, January 2004 to September 2016



Source: Land Registry and Office for National Statistics

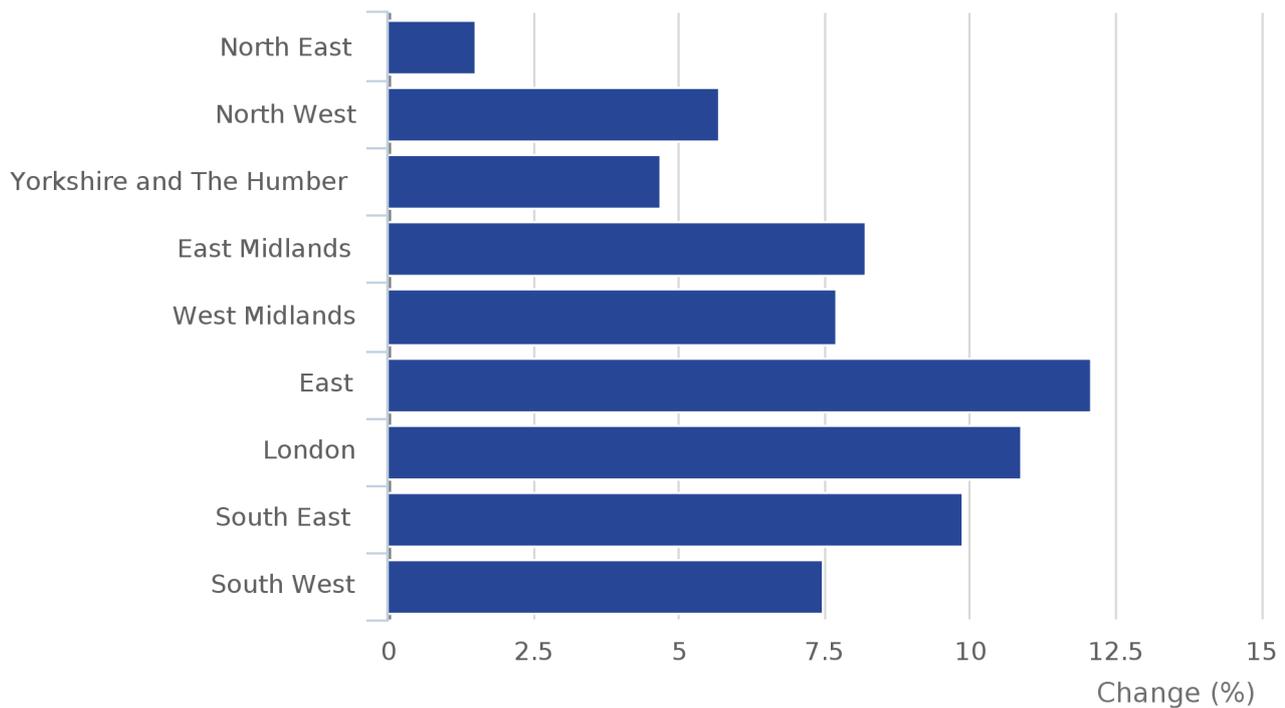
Notes:

1. Not seasonally adjusted.
2. The [full House Price](#) index release is available to download from Land Registry at GOV.UK.

The East of England is the region which showed the highest annual growth, with prices increasing by 12.1% in the year to September 2016. Growth in London was second highest at 10.9%, followed by the South East at 9.9%. The lowest annual growth was in the North East, where prices increased by 1.5% over the year.

Figure 5: All dwellings annual house price rates of change, year to September 2016: by English region

12 month percentage change



Source: Land Registry and Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. Not seasonally adjusted.
2. The [full House Price](#) index release is available to download from Land Registry at GOV.UK.

5 . House price index, by UK local authority district

The local authority showing the largest annual growth in the year to September 2016 was the Orkney Islands, where prices increased by 20.6% to stand at £144,000. Low number of sales transactions in some local authorities, such as the Orkney Islands, can lead to volatility in the series. The lowest annual growth was recorded in the City of Aberdeen, where prices fell by 10.3% to stand at £172,000.

In September 2016, the most expensive borough to live in was Kensington and Chelsea, where the cost of an average house was £1.4 million. In contrast, the cheapest area to purchase a property was Blaenau Gwent, where an average house cost £76,000.

Table 1: Top and bottom 5 UK Local Authorities, by annual growth in the year to September 2016

Top 5 local authorities	% change	average price (£)
Orkney Islands	20.6	143,839
Newham	20.3	371,139
Barking and Dagenham	19.3	290,583
Reading	19.2	316,825
Brentwood	18.9	420,111

Bottom 5 local authorities	% change	average price (£)
City of Aberdeen	-10.3	171,955
Ceredigion	-4.4	163,125
Gwynedd	-4.4	140,254
Middlesbrough	-3.3	104,067
Hammersmith and Fulham	-2.9	757,131

Source: Land Registry, Registers of Scotland and Land and Property Services Northern Ireland.

6 . Quality and methodology

The [UK House Price Index \(HPI\) Quality and Methodology Information document](#) contains important information on:

- the strengths and limitations of the data
- the quality of the output: including the accuracy of the data, how it compares with related data
- uses and users
- how the output was created.

7. Background information

The UK House Price Index (HPI) has been published initially as an [experimental official statistic](#) to allow for users to acclimatise to the format of the new HPI, to evaluate user reaction to the new data, to continue evolution of data publication to meet user requirements and to further develop the data sources used in the production. While the methodology for the new UK HPI has been finalised, further work is taking place to secure additional property attributes data (such as from Scottish Assessors) that will supplement and provide additional assurance to the future production process.

It is expected that we will seek to remove the experimental status at the beginning of 2017, once the above points have been implemented and then progress with the assessment of the new [UK HPI as a National Statistic](#).

Please note that the Northern Ireland Residential Property Price Index, used as a component source in the production of the new UK HPI, remains an official statistic (that is, it is not classified as experimental).

Further information on how the new UK HPI compares with the previous Office for National Statistics and Land Registry House Price Indices can be found in the article [Explaining the impact of the new UK HPI](#).