Lettings Index Prime Central London Q1 2022





- The LonRes Prime Central London Rental Index for all properties rose to 127.6 in the first quarter of 2022. This is 20.7% higher than the first quarter of 2021 and 7.2% higher than Q4 2021.
- Prime London rose 25.2%, with Prime London Fringe up 17.6% compared with Q1 2021.

LonRes Prime Central London Lettings Index (2007 whole year = 100) – All property





Annual change in LonRes Prime Central London Lettings Index – All property

LonRes Prime Central London Lettings Table

	All Property			Flats			Houses		
Date	Index	Q-Q %	Y-Y %	Index	Q-Q %	Y-Y %	Index	Q-Q %	Y-Y %
2022 Q1	127.6	7.2%	20.7%	131.9	8.8%	24.9%	103.8	0.1%	-1.0%
2021 Q4	119.1	11.5%	8.9%	121.3	14.1%	12.4%	103.8	-2.1%	-3.1%
2021 Q3	106.8	4.8%	1.6%	106.3	4.6%	0.4%	106.0	2.9%	1.0%
2021 Q2	101.9	-3.6%	-13.7%	101.6	-3.8%	-14.4%	103.1	-1.7%	-6.5%
2021 Q1	105.7	-3.3%	-11.1%	105.6	-2.2%	-11.6%	104.9	-2.0%	-3.7%
2020 Q4	109.3	4.0%	-6.4%	107.9	1.9%	-9.0%	107.1	2.0%	-0.5%
2020 Q3	105.1	-11.0%	-8.7%	105.9	-10.8%	-7.9%	105.0	-4.8%	-2.3%
2020 Q2	118.1	-0.7%	2.6%	118.8	-0.6%	2.3%	110.3	1.2%	1.6%
2020 Q1	119.0	1.8%	4.8%	119.5	0.7%	4.3%	109.0	1.3%	0.4%
2019 Q4	116.8	1.5%	2.6%	118.6	3.1%	3.0%	107.6	0.2%	1.8%
2019 Q3	115.1	0.0%	4.0%	115.0	-0.9%	5.3%	107.4	-1.0%	1.9%
2019 Q2	115.1	1.4%	2.1%	116.1	1.4%	2.5%	108.5	-0.1%	6.8%
2019 Q1	113.5	-0.3%	3.0%	114.5	-0.5%	1.3%	108.6	2.7%	9.8%
2018 Q4	113.9	2.9%	-0.5%	115.1	5.4%	-0.4%	105.7	0.3%	4.1%
2018 Q3	110.7	-1.8%	3.3%	109.2	-3.6%	1.6%	105.4	3.7%	4.6%
2018 Q2	112.7	2.3%	4.9%	113.2	0.2%	3.2%	101.6	2.8%	-0.3%
2018 Q1	110.2	-3.7%	3.0%	113.0	-2.2%	6.2%	98.8	-2.7%	-4.9%
2017 Q4	114.4	6.8%	3.3%	115.6	7.5%	3.1%	101.6	0.8%	-2.9%
2017 Q3	107.1	-0.3%	-2.1%	107.5	-2.1%	-1.7%	100.8	-1.2%	-4.1%
2017 Q2	107.5	0.5%	-5.0%	109.8	3.2%	-4.3%	102.0	-1.9%	-2.2%
2017 Q1	107.0	-3.3%	-7.6%	106.4	-5.1%	-8.8%	103.9	-0.7%	-3.7%
2016 Q4	110.7	1.1%	-3.2%	112.1	2.5%	-3.6%	104.7	-0.4%	-2.1%
2016 Q3	109.4	-3.3%	-3.4%	109.3	-4.7%	-4.5%	105.0	0.8%	-1.6%
2016 Q2	113.1	-2.3%	-6.3%	114.7	-1.7%	-5.0%	104.2	-3.4%	-2.1%
2016 Q1	115.8	1.3%	2.4%	116.7	0.4%	1.9%	107.9	1.0%	4.7%
2015 Q4	114.4	0.9%	-1.7%	116.3	1.6%	-2.0%	106.9	0.2%	3.1%
2015 Q3	113.3	-6.2%	5.6%	114.4	-5.2%	6.4%	106.7	0.3%	2.3%
2015 Q2	120.8	6.8%	11.1%	120.8	5.4%	10.7%	106.4	3.3%	3.5%
2015 Q1	113.1	-2.8%	1.1%	114.5	-3.5%	2.0%	103.1	-0.6%	0.6%
2014 Q4	116.3	8.3%	6.8%	118.7	10.3%	8.7%	103.7	-0.6%	4.6%
2014 Q3	107.3	-1.3%	4.5%	107.5	-1.4%	4.5%	104.3	1.5%	6.2%
2014 Q2	108.8	-2.7%	1.3%	109.0	-2.9%	1.2%	102.8	0.3%	4.2%
2014 Q1	111.8	2.7%	8.1%	112.3	2.9%	6.7%	102.5	3.4%	3.0%
2013 Q4	108.9	5.9%	3.8%	109.1	6.1%	3.6%	99.1	0.9%	-1.5%
2013 Q3	102.8	-4.3%	-1.3%	102.9	-4.5%	-1.2%	98.2	-0.4%	-2.5%

LonRes Prime Central London Lettings Table (continued...)

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	Index	Q-Q %	Y-Y %	Index	Q-Q %	Y-Y %	Index	Q-Q %	Y-Y %
2013 Q2	107.3	3.8%	-1.7%	107.8	2.4%	-1.1%	98.7	-0.9%	-0.5%
2013 Q1	103.4	-1.4%	0.2%	105.3	0.0%	0.7%	99.5	-1.1%	4.2%
2012 Q4	104.9	0.7%	-0.7%	105.3	1.1%	-0.7%	100.6	-0.1%	4.6%
2012 Q3	104.2	-4.6%	3.6%	104.2	-4.4%	3.1%	100.7	1.6%	5.7%
2012 Q2	109.2	5.9%	3.3%	108.9	4.2%	0.8%	99.2	3.8%	4.4%
2012 Q1	103.2	-2.3%	2.2%	104.6	-1.4%	3.3%	95.5	-0.7%	1.2%
2011 Q4	105.6	5.0%	4.5%	106.1	5.0%	4.8%	96.2	0.9%	4.1%
2011 Q3	100.6	-4.9%	4.7%	101.0	-6.5%	5.5%	95.3	0.3%	8.3%
2011 Q2	105.7	4.7%	10.7%	108.1	6.7%	12.4%	95.0	0.7%	13.3%
2011 Q1	101.0	0.0%	3.9%	101.3	0.0%	2.4%	94.4	2.1%	18.7%
2010 Q4	101.0	5.1%	15.0%	101.2	5.7%	12.7%	92.4	5.0%	20.5%
2010 Q3	96.1	0.6%	18.6%	95.7	-0.4%	19.4%	88.0	5.0%	12.6%
2010 Q2	95.5	-1.8%	15.7%	96.1	-2.7%	14.4%	83.9	5.5%	2.5%
2010 Q1	97.2	10.7%	15.9%	98.9	10.1%	15.6%	79.5	3.7%	-7.8%
2009 Q4	87.8	8.4%	-7.3%	89.8	11.9%	-7.3%	76.7	-1.9%	-15.6%
2009 Q3	81.0	-1.9%	-13.7%	80.2	-4.5%	-14.0%	78.2	-4.4%	-16.4%
2009 Q2	82.6	-1.6%	-17.9%	84.0	-1.8%	-17.7%	81.8	-5.2%	-14.5%
2009 Q1	83.9	-11.4%	-19.2%	85.5	-11.7%	-19.1%	86.3	-5.0%	
2008 Q4	94.7	0.9%	-7.4%	96.8	3.9%	-5.7%	90.8	-2.9%	
2008 Q3	93.8	-6.7%	-8.2%	93.2	-8.7%	-8.4%	93.5	-2.2%	
2008 Q2	100.6	-3.1%	0.3%	102.1	-3.3%	1.8%	95.7		
2008 Q1	103.8	1.4%	11.2%	105.7	3.0%	12.7%	97.3		
2007 Q4	102.3	0.1%	18.1%	102.6	0.8%	16.2%			
2007 Q3	102.2	1.9%	20.9%	101.8	1.4%	19.6%			
2007 Q2	100.3	7.5%	19.1%	100.3	7.0%	19.3%			
2007 Q1	93.3	7.7%	14.2%	93.7	6.1%	12.6%			
2006 Q4	86.7	2.5%	16.4%	88.4	3.8%	15.2%			
2006 Q3	84.5	0.4%	13.7%	85.1	1.2%	12.4%			
2006 Q2	84.2	3.0%	10.4%	84.1	1.0%	7.5%			
2006 Q1	81.7	9.8%		83.3	8.5%				
2005 Q4	74.4	0.1%		76.7	1.4%				
2005 Q3	74.4	-2.5%		75.7	-3.3%				
2005 Q2	76.3			78.3					
2005 Q1	77.2			77.8					

Methodology

The index utilises the extensive LonRes database of over 600,000 private residential properties let across central, prime and the prime fringe areas of London.

LonRes has produced three separate indices, for houses, flats and 'all properties', all based on the mix-adjusted methodology. This method controls for the variation in the mix of properties let each quarter. It can therefore report changes in rental prices that are attributed to market movements rather than being influenced by the change in characteristics of properties let.

The LonRes lettings index is based on new tenancies being agreed and included on the LonRes database. It therefore does not include renewals. Exceptions are also made for properties at the very top and bottom of the price thresholds so that outliers do not have an unrepresentative skew on the results of the index. There is no seasonal adjustment to the index.

Please note that in order to have a stable index we have used the whole of 2007 as the base period in this index. Previous publications used only 2007 Q1 as the base, giving them index values 100.0, whereas here the index start compares the 2007 average to each quarter starting in 2005.

Flats and all property

The prime London flats and 'all property' indexes are based on properties let over the previous quarter. The data series is weighted by granularity of properties let at a local level within each market area. For instance, if flats in Chelsea represent 10% of the total flats for the base period, a 10% weighting for the entire series has been maintained.

Houses

The private rental market of central London is dominated by apartments. House make up just 10% of lets across our entire catchment area. So, to produce a comprehensive house index requires a slightly different methodology. In this case, lets agreed over the previous 12 month period have been used (rather than the last three months). Therefore, the change reported in the most recent quarter compares the period in the year to the end of the stated quarter with the year to the end of the previous quarter/ same 12 months a year earlier.

The catchment areas have been carefully compiled to consider the different markets within prime London.

 Prime Central London:
 SW1X, SW1W, SW3, SW10, SW7, W1K, W1J, W8, SW1A

 Prime London:
 NW1, NW3, NW8, SW1P, SW1V, W1T, W1W, W2, W11, W14, W1H, W1U, W1G

 Prime London Fringe:
 SE1, SE11, SW4, SW5, SW6, SW11, W4, W6, W9, W10

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