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NEW ZEALAND HOUSE PRICE INDEX REPORT

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## REINZ House Price Index (HPI)

As one of the country's foremost authorities on real estate data, we are proud to bring you the REINZ HPI (House Price Index). It provides a level of detail and understanding of the true movements of housing values over time to a higher standard than before. The REINZ HPI was developed in partnership with the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and provides a more complete picture of the New Zealand housing market.

#### **BENEFITS OF THE REINZ HPI**

Data on median and average house prices is open to being skewed by market composition changes. This means observed changes in these values could be almost entirely due to the changed nature in the underlying sample (e.g. an unusually large representation of high end housing sales) rather than changes in the true market value. The REINZ HPI takes many aspects of market composition into account resulting in greater accuracy.

#### **ABOUT REINZ HPI**

The REINZ HPI is based on the SPAR methodology and has been proven to be the most comprehensive tool to understand the housing market for four main reasons:

- **Timeliness** This is the number one advantage of REINZ HPI. REINZ data is based on sales as they occur (unconditional) so is the most up to date data source in NZ.
- Accuracy REINZ data is supplied by the actual sales prices supplied by its members so has a high level of accuracy.
- Stability REINZ has the most data available to it so can provide the most stable and complete one month indices.
- **Disaggregation** Indices can be disaggregated to a lower level than before. Disaggregation means you can focus on a smaller data set, allowing comparison of building typology and suburbs, i.e. Three bedroom houses in Manukau.

The number one advantage between REINZ data and other housing data on the market is that REINZ has access to sales data from the time the price is locked in (unconditional data) as opposed to when the house changes hands (settlement date) which can often be weeks/months later. Therefore, the REINZ HPI is the best and most timely measure of recent housing market activity.

#### EXPERT INDUSTRY FEEDBACK

"I have had the opportunity to utilise the REINZ HPI website, and have been involved in advising on the HPI's preparation. The new index fills a gap in providing reliable up to date information on house price developments across all of New Zealand's local authorities. It's wonderful to see REINZ providing this level of detailed data for wider public use. I am already planning to use this data in my own research."

Dr Arthur Grimes Senior Fellow, Motu Research; and Adjunct Professor, Victoria University of Wellington

"Accuracy and timeliness of information on house price movements is vital for home buyers, sellers, agents, and analysts such as myself. The data from REINZ meets both requirements and gives New Zealand a collection of house price series comparable with the best overseas."

#### Tony Alexander Independent Economist and Speaker

"The Real Estate Institute of New Zealand's Market Intelligence portal opens up to users the ability to interactively compare price trends amongst a wide range of local council regions. Users can pick and choose regions of interest and use the chart tools to instantly compare price performances. For those wanting to look at house prices in more depth there is the capability to download the data in spreadsheet format all the way back to 1992 when the Institute started recording sales price information."

Nick Tuffley Chief Economist, ASB

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# REINZ HOUSE PRICE INDEX MARCH 2024 RESULTS

#### The REINZ House Price Index was developed in partnership with the Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

Already being used by the Reserve Bank's forecasting and macro financial teams, plus the major banks, the REINZ HPI provides a level of detail and understanding of the true movements of housing values over time. It does this by analysing how prices in a market are influenced by a range of attributes such as land area, floor area, number of bedrooms etc. to create a single, more accurate measure of housing market activity and trends over time. Using the Reserve Bank's preferred Sale Price to Appraisal Ratio (SPAR) methodology, the REINZ HPI uses unconditional sales data (when the price is agreed) rather than at settlement, which can often be weeks later. It is therefore more accurate and timely.

Year-on-year, the HPI indicates that housing market value nationwide has risen 2.6%, up in Auckland by 2.2% and increasing outside Auckland by 2.9%. Looking at the REINZ HPI for March 2024, the 'gold standard' for New Zealand house price analysis, Jen Baird, Chief Executive at REINZ, says:

"The REINZ HPI takes many aspects of market composition into account and thus provides more accurate results. When applied to the March data, the HPI indicates that the housing market value nationwide has risen 2.6% year-on-year. In Auckland, the value increased by 2.2% and increased by 2.9% outside of Auckland. Otago retains the top spot for HPI percentage changes over the 12 months ending March 2024. Wellington and Canterbury came second and third, respectively, for annual percentage movement.

"The importance of the HPI is evident in the Southland region this month, where the median sale price tells a different story to the HPI.

"The median sale price in the region decreased 1.1% over the past year, the third worst return of all the regions. This suggests a market where performance is poor in the long term compared to other regions.

"However, the Southland region had the fourth strongest annual performance of all regions in HPI over the past year with an increase of 4.3%. Sample composition changes — such as the size of properties or the underlying value of properties sold — can change statistics, such as median, that are purely based on price. However, because the underlying value of each property sold is considered by the HPI, such sample changes have little effect on HPI results. In summary, long-term property value growth in Southland is increasing at a faster rate than many other regions, a fact that would have remained hidden from those monitoring statistics without access to the HPI."

## **NEW ZEALAND** HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



#### **UPPER NORTH ISLAND** REGIONAL HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



#### LOWER NORTH ISLAND REGIONAL HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



### SOUTH ISLAND REGIONAL HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



### SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS

House Price Index	Index level	One Month	Three Months	One Year	Five Years*
New Zealand	3,655	-1.2%	0.2%	2.6%	5.7%
NZ excl. Auckland	3,826	-0.8%	0.4%	2.9%	7.0%
Auckland	3,413	-1.9%	-0.3%	2.2%	3.8%
Rodney District	3,586	-3.1%	-0.6%	-0.5%	5.1%
North Shore City	3,470	-1.8%	-2.0%	4.0%	3.8%
Waitakere City	3,615	-2.8%	-1.6%	-1.4%	3.5%
Auckland City	3,171	-2.3%	1.7%	2.8%	3.4%
Manukau City	3,623	-0.8%	-2.1%	2.4%	4.1%
Papakura District	3,973	-0.1%	0.1%	3.1%	5.3%
Franklin District	4,010	1.8%	2.3%	0.1%	4.8%
Other North Island					
Whangarei District	3,847	-1.4%	-0.4%	-1.1%	5.3%
Hamilton City	3,926	-0.5%	0.1%	0.4%	5.9%
Tauranga City	3,657	0.1%	0.7%	2.2%	6.3%
Rotorua District	4,217	-2.6%	-3.3%	1.4%	5.6%
Hastings District	4,116	0.2%	2.4%	3.1%	8.9%
Napier City	3,510	0.3%	-2.4%	-0.5%	6.2%
New Plymouth District	4,348	-0.8%	-0.1%	1.2%	8.5%
Palmerston North City	3,809	-0.9%	-0.7%	2.0%	7.4%

House Price Index	Index level	One Month	Three Months	One Year	Five Years*
Wellington	3,410	-1.0%	-1.2%	4.7%	4.6%
Porirua City	3,515	1.2%	-1.9%	4.4%	5.8%
Upper Hutt City	4,042	-1.2%	-0.8%	4.6%	5.5%
Lower Hutt City	3,711	-2.0%	-0.2%	4.7%	5.1%
Wellington City	2,958	-2.2%	-3.0%	4.7%	3.2%
South Island					
Nelson City	2,854	1.0%	0.0%	-2.4%	4.3%
Christchurch City	3,596	-0.7%	1.7%	5.1%	8.6%
Queenstown-Lakes District	3,979	-1.3%	0.1%	12.2%	8.7%
Dunedin City	4,245	-1.0%	2.6%	4.0%	6.7%
Invercargill City	4,440	0.8%	4.7%	5.3%	9.7%

Source: REINZ \*=Compound Growth Rate

#### AUCKLAND COUNCILS HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



#### UPPER NORTH ISLAND (EX-AUCKLAND) COUNCIL HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



### LOWER NORTH ISLAND COUNCILS HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



#### SOUTH ISLAND COUNCIL HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



### UPPER NORTH ISLAND (EX-AUCKLAND) COUNCILS HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



#### MID NORTH ISLAND COUNCIL HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



#### LOWER NORTH ISLAND COUNCILS HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



#### UPPER SOUTH ISLAND COUNCIL HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



#### LOWER SOUTH ISLAND COUNCIL HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



### NORTH ISLAND COUNCILS HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



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#### SOUTH ISLAND COUNCIL HOUSE PRICE INDICIES



## **TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY HPI VALUES**

Council	Calculated	HPI
Ashburton District	3 month rolling	3,920
Auckland City	Actual Month	3,171
Buller District	6 month rolling	4,417
Carterton District	6 month rolling	4,451
Central Hawke's Bay District	6 month rolling	5,238
Central Otago District	3 month rolling	4,386
Christchurch City	Actual Month	3,596
Clutha District	6 month rolling	5,380
Dunedin City	Actual Month	4,245
Far North District	2 month rolling	3,920
Franklin District	2 month rolling	3,990
Gisborne District	2 month rolling	5,066
Gore District	6 month rolling	5,669
Grey District	6 month rolling	4,354
Hamilton City	Actual Month	3,926
Hastings District	Actual Month	4,116
Hauraki District	6 month rolling	4,989
Horowhenua District	2 month rolling	4,779
Hurunui District	6 month rolling	4,619
Invercargill City	Actual Month	4,440
Kaikoura District	3 month rolling	3,505
Kaipara District	2 month rolling	4,554
Kapiti Coast District	Actual Month	4,132
Kawerau District	3 month rolling	6,598
Lower Hutt City	Actual Month	3,711
Mackenzie District	6 month rolling	7,564
Manawatu District	3 month rolling	4,822
Manukau City	Actual Month	3,623
Marlborough District	2 month rolling	3,433
Masterton District	2 month rolling	3,976
Matamata-Piako District	2 month rolling	4,716
Napier City	Actual Month	3,510
Nelson City	2 month rolling	2,887
New Plymouth District	Actual Month	4,348
North Shore City	Actual Month	3,470

Council	Calculated	HPI
Otorohanga District	6 month rolling	4,936
Palmerston North City	Actual Month	3,809
Papakura District	2 month rolling	3,988
Porirua City	2 month rolling	3,520
Queenstown-Lakes District	2 month rolling	4,068
Rangitikei District	6 month rolling	6,239
Rodney District	Actual Month	3,586
Rotorua District	Actual Month	4,217
Ruapehu District	6 month rolling	5,724
Selwyn District	2 month rolling	4,048
South Taranaki District	3 month rolling	4,999
South Waikato District	3 month rolling	6,825
South Wairarapa District	6 month rolling	5,187
Southland District	3 month rolling	4,620
Stratford District	6 month rolling	6,239
Tararua District	6 month rolling	5,180
Tasman District	2 month rolling	3,065
Taupo District	2 month rolling	3,595
Tauranga City	Actual Month	3,657
Thames-Coromandel District	2 month rolling	4,093
Timaru District	2 month rolling	4,692
Upper Hutt City	2 month rolling	4,070
Waikato District	2 month rolling	4,902
Waimakariri District	2 month rolling	3,777
Waimate District	6 month rolling	6,172
Waipa District	2 month rolling	4,781
Wairoa District	6 month rolling	4,972
Waitakere City	Actual Month	3,615
Waitaki District	3 month rolling	4,381
Waitomo District	6 month rolling	5,244
Wellington City	Actual Month	2,958
Western Bay of Plenty District	2 month rolling	4,050
Westland District	6 month rolling	4,979
Whakatane District	3 month rolling	4,132
	2 month rolling	5,596
Whanganui District	2 month forming	0,070

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