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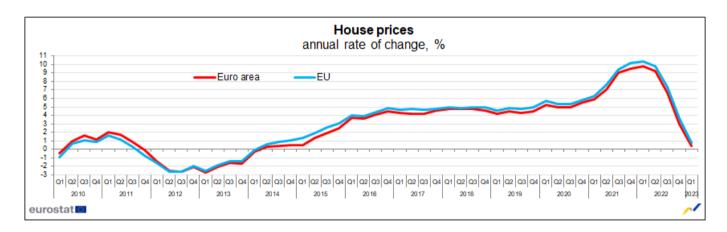
First quarter of 2023 compared with first quarter of 2022

# House prices up by 0.4% in the euro area

Up by 0.8% in the EU

In the first quarter of 2023, house prices, as measured by the House Price Index, rose by 0.4% in the **euro area** and by 0.8% in the **EU** compared with the same quarter of the previous year. In the fourth quarter of 2022, house prices rose by 3.0% and 3.6% in the **euro area** and **EU**, respectively. These figures come from **Eurostat**, the statistical office of the European Union.

Compared with the fourth quarter of 2022, house prices fell by 0.9% in the **euro area** and by 0.7% in the **EU** in the first quarter of 2023.



### House price developments in the EU Member States

Among the Member States for which data are available, six showed an annual decrease in house prices in the first quarter of 2023. The highest increases were recorded in **Croatia** (+14.0%), **Lithuania** (+13.1%) and **Bulgaria** (+9.5%), while prices fell in **Sweden** (-6.9%), **Germany** (-6.8%), **Denmark** (-6.2%), **Finland** (-5.1%), **Luxembourg** (-1.5%) and the **Netherlands** (-0.1%).

Compared with the previous quarter, prices decreased in eleven Member States. The highest increases were recorded in **Denmark** (+2.5%), **Hungary** (+2.2%) as well as in **Croatia** and **Cyprus** (both +2.0%). The largest falls were registered in **Luxembourg** (-4.1%), **Germany** (-3.1%) and **Finland** (-1.8%).

#### **Geographical information**

Euro area (EA20): Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

European Union (EU27): Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia. Finland and Sweden.

#### Methods and definitions

The House Price Index (HPI) measures the price changes of all residential properties purchased by households (flats, detached houses, terraced houses, etc.), both newly built and existing, independently of their final use and independently of their previous owners. The Member States' HPIs are compiled by the National Statistical Institutes. The euro area and the EU aggregate HPIs are compiled by Eurostat. HPIs are computed as annually chained indices with weights being updated each year. The European HPI aggregates are currently calculated as weighted averages of the national HPIs using as weights the GDP at market prices (expressed in millions Purchasing Power Standards - PPS) of the countries concerned.

The figures are not seasonally adjusted.

Missing country data is estimated by Eurostat using data from non-harmonised sources. These estimates are not published but are used to calculate euro area and EU aggregates.

#### Revisions and time table

Compared with €-indicators release 39/2023 of 4 April 2023, revisions for the euro area and the EU are highlighted in bold in the table below:

Quarters	Q2 2022		Q3 2	022	Q4 2022		
Quarterly changes (Q/Q-1)	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	
Euro area	2.2	2.2	0.8	0.8	-1.7	-1.7	
EU	2.3	2.3	0.7	0.7	-1.5	-1.4	
Annual changes (Q/Q-4)	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	
Euro area	9.2	9.2	6.7	6.7	3.0	3.0	
EU	9.8	9.8	7.3	7.3	3.6	3.6	

The next release with data (second quarter of 2023) is scheduled for 3 October 2023.

#### For more information

Eurostat website section on Housing Price and Sales Statistics

Eurostat database section on Housing Price and Sales Statistics

Eurostat What's new article on House Prices and Rents

Eurostat Statistics Explained article on housing price statistics

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## Quarterly and annual changes in house prices

	Change compared with the previous quarter, %				Change compared with the same quarter of the previous year, %			
		2022			2022			2023
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Euro area 20	2.2	0.8	-1.7	-0.9	9.2	6.7	3.0	0.4
Euro area 19	2.2	0.8	-1.7	-0.9	9.2	6.6	2.9	0.3
EU	2.3	0.7	-1.4	-0.7	9.8	7.3	3.6	0.8
Belgium	1.3	2.4	-0.4	1.5	5.9	5.3	4.8	4.8
Bulgaria	3.1	4.1	0.4	1.6	14.6	15.6	13.4	9.5
Czechia	3.4	1.0	-2.2	-1.1	22.3	15.6	6.9	1.0
Denmark	1.3	-3.5	-6.4	2.5	2.6	-2.1	-6.4	-6.2
Germany	2.1	-1.0	-4.9	-3.1	9.7	4.3	-3.4	-6.8
Estonia	8.0	0.8	0.2	0.0	27.4	24.2	16.9	9.2
Ireland	1.8	2.8	1.2	-0.8	14.3	11.9	8.6	5.1
Greece	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain	1.9	1.7	-0.8	0.7	8.1	7.6	5.5	3.5
France	1.7	2.7	-0.5	-1.0	7.1	6.5	4.9	2.9
Croatia	3.7	2.8	4.7	2.0	13.6	14.8	17.3	14.0
Italy	2.3	-1.1	-0.1	0.1	5.2	2.9	2.7	1.1
Cyprus	2.3	5.8	-4.0	2.0	2.0	5.3	4.4	6.0
Latvia	5.4	1.2	-0.6	0.0	16.3	13.6	8.6	6.0
Lithuania	5.9	3.0	1.9	1.8	22.1	19.3	16.0	13.1
Luxembourg	2.2	2.1	-1.5	-4.1	11.7	11.0	5.5	-1.5
Hungary	5.7	2.3	-1.8	2.2	24.9	23.2	16.6	8.6
Malta	3.5	1.1	0.7	1.1	7.6	6.3	5.9	6.6
Netherlands	2.9	0.5	-2.5	-1.0	18.1	12.1	5.3	-0.1
Austria	2.1	3.2	-1.2	-1.4	12.3	11.9	7.2	2.6
Poland	2.0	2.4	1.4	-0.1	12.4	12.1	9.3	5.8
Portugal	3.1	2.9	1.1	1.3	13.2	13.1	11.3	8.7
Romania	3.7	-1.2	2.5	-0.4	8.5	7.0	6.8	4.6
Slovenia	3.3	2.3	1.4	1.6	15.6	15.2	11.6	8.8
Slovakia	5.5	2.8	-0.8	0.0	16.6	14.6	9.7	7.6
Finland	1.4	-1.2	-3.5	-1.8	2.4	1.3	-2.3	-5.1
Sweden	0.5	-3.1	-3.6	-0.8	7.1	1.1	-3.7	-6.9
Iceland	7.7	6.3	1.4	-0.3	20.7	24.1	21.0	15.8
Norway	2.1	0.2	-3.6	3.1	6.7	6.1	3.0	1.7
Switzerland	2.7	1.2	1.2	-1.2	7.5	6.3	4.8	3.9

<sup>:</sup> data not available.

Source datasets:  $\underline{prc hpi q}$  (compared with the previous quarter) and  $\underline{prc hpi q}$  (compared with the same quarter of the previous year).