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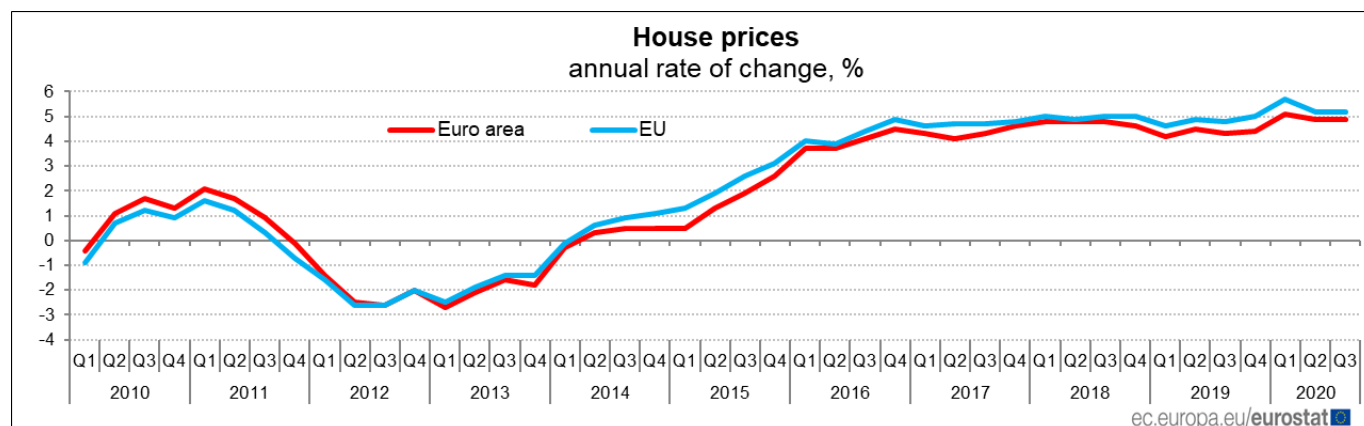
Third quarter of 2020 compared with third quarter of 2019

House prices up by 4.9% in the euro area

In the EU up by 5.2%

In the third quarter of 2020, house prices, as measured by the House Price Index, rose by 4.9% in the **euro area** and by 5.2% in the **EU** compared with the same quarter of the previous year. In the second quarter of 2020 house prices rose by the same annual rates, 4.9% and 5.2% respectively. These figures come from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

Compared with the second quarter of 2020, house prices rose by 1.3% in the **euro area** and 1.4% in the **EU** in the third quarter of 2020.



House price developments in the EU Member States

Among the Member States for which data are available, the highest annual increases in house prices in the third quarter of 2020 were recorded in **Luxembourg** (+13.6%), **Poland** (+10.9%) and **Austria** (+8.9%), while prices fell in **Cyprus** (-1.4%) and **Ireland** (-0.8%).

Compared with the previous quarter, the highest increases were recorded in **Hungary** (+5.2%, see note under the table), **Denmark** (+4.2%) and **Latvia** (+3.7%), while decreases were observed in **Cyprus** (-4.8%), **Romania** (-2.6%), **Italy** (-2.5%) and **Croatia** (-0.6%).

Geographical information

The **euro area** (EA19) consists of Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

The **European Union** (EU27) includes 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 News Release [149/2020](#) of 7 October 2020, revisions for the euro area and the EU are highlighted in bold in the table below:

Quarters	Q4 2019		Q1 2020		Q2 2020	
	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current
Quarterly changes (Q/Q-1)						
Euro area	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.6
EU	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.4
Annual changes (Q/Q-4)						
Euro area	4.5	4.4	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.9
EU	5.0	5.0	5.6	5.7	5.2	5.2

The next release with data for the fourth quarter of 2020 is scheduled for 8 April 2021.

For more information

Eurostat [website section](#) on Housing Price and Sales Statistics

Eurostat [database section](#) on Housing Price and Sales Statistics

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, %			
	2019	2020			2019	2020		
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Euro area	0.8	1.0	1.6	1.3	4.4	5.1	4.9	4.9
EU	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.4	5.0	5.7	5.2	5.2
Belgium	-0.3	-0.1	1.3	2.2	4.8	3.5	4.5	3.1
Bulgaria	1.5	1.2	-1.1	3.2	6.2	4.7	2.9	4.8
Czechia	2.1	1.8	1.7	2.6	8.9	8.6	7.8	8.4
Denmark	-2.1	1.7	1.7	4.2	2.5	2.0	1.4	5.5
Germany	2.4	0.6	1.7	2.9	6.5	7.1	6.3	7.8
Estonia	2.9	4.8	-5.8	2.3	8.2	11.5	4.0	3.9
Ireland	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.3	-0.8
Greece	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain	-0.6	1.2	0.0	1.2	3.7	3.3	2.2	1.8
France	0.3	1.1	1.6	2.0	3.8	4.9	5.4	5.0
Croatia	2.9	2.7	1.8	-0.6	10.0	9.1	8.3	6.9
Italy	-0.3	0.9	3.0	-2.5	0.2	1.7	3.3	1.0
Cyprus	0.8	2.5	0.3	-4.8	-0.5	1.1	-2.9	-1.4
Latvia	0.1	0.7	-2.4	3.7	8.8	8.8	1.5	2.1
Lithuania	1.1	2.6	2.2	0.4	6.5	6.2	7.0	6.4
Luxembourg	2.1	4.0	4.3	2.7	10.7	14.1	13.2	13.6
Hungary	-0.8	3.5	-3.8	5.2*	12.8	7.8	0.3	3.9*
Malta	3.5	-4.4	2.0	1.5	5.7	5.5	3.9	2.4
Netherlands	1.6	1.7	2.4	2.4	6.5	6.3	7.1	8.3
Austria	1.6	1.6	2.4	3.1	6.2	7.7	6.8	8.9
Poland	2.8	3.6	2.0	2.0	9.4	11.3	10.9	10.9
Portugal	0.7	4.9	0.8	0.5	8.9	10.3	7.8	7.1
Romania	1.6	3.3	0.1	-2.6	4.7	8.1	6.6	2.3
Slovenia	0.2	1.0	1.9	0.1	4.8	4.7	5.2	3.3
Slovakia	2.3	4.0	0.5	1.5	10.9	13.1	9.7	8.5
Finland	-0.7	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.4	0.7	1.7
Sweden	0.2	1.2	0.1	2.2	3.3	4.5	3.3	3.7
Iceland	2.3	0.9	2.1	1.8	4.4	4.7	6.2	7.4
Norway	-0.5	1.9	2.5	2.1	3.3	3.1	3.0	6.1
Switzerland	1.8	-0.8	1.4	0.2	:	1.6	2.5	2.6
United Kingdom	-0.4	0.0	0.1	3.0	0.8	2.0	1.4	2.7

: data not available

* provisional estimate with a high degree of uncertainty

Source datasets: [prc_hpi_q](#) (compared with the previous quarter) and [prc_hpi_q](#) (compared with the same quarter of the previous year)