

UK Housing Prices Constantly Rising

Property prices are rising at a worryingly constant rate and have been for decades. Seven years ago in 2010, the UK saw an anomaly and there was no rise in mortgages. An average household cost £219,544 as of December 2016. In 2016 the UK saw a 7.2% rise in price compared to the previous year.

Two decades ago, it took an average family nearly three years to save enough money for a deposit on a house. Now it takes an average of twenty years to save for a deposit.

Each year this gets worse. Soon, a family that starts saving for a house will not be able to buy it, but it will be the people a few generations after them who actually live in that house.

Now, less people can afford to buy family homes. For the past ten years, UK house prices have been rising and most forecast commentators predict that 2017 will be no exception, rising up to 4%. Since the 1970's, if grocery shopping had risen at the same rate as house prices a chicken would cost nearly £51.

Renting accommodation is also expensive. In London, an average of 43% of a person's income goes towards renting a flat so work is easy to get to without a long commute.

Most people's financial security, savings and pensions are wrapped up in their houses as most of their money goes towards paying their mortgage or maintaining it.



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