

# Latest Jersey House Price Index figures show a fall in property transactions, turnover and price

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The report on Jersey's House Price Index (HPI) for the third quarter of 2024 has been released today - along with the Bank of England announcing it is reducing the base rate by 0.25%.

Here Senior Conveyancer Anna Carter explores the newly released figures from Statistics Jersey.

## **Property prices**

We have seen a fall in the average property prices by 3% from that of the last quarter, with a fall of 12% from quarter three of 2023.

One-bedroom apartments have taken the biggest hit with a 9% decrease in price compared to last quarter. This is a trend that is set to continue, with this type of property hit the hardest by the increased levels of stamp duty payable by investment buyers in recent years.

# Average property prices for the quarter three 2024

- One-bedroom apartments at £306,000
- Two-bedroom apartments at £507,000
- Two-bedroom houses at £618,000
- Three-bedroom houses at £749.000
- Four-bedroom houses at £1.127.000

Two-bedroom houses have seen an increase in price of 2%, with all other property types seeing a decrease of between 9% to 20% in price from that of last quarter - and certainly the largest decrease since 2002.

#### **Property turnover**

Interestingly we see a reduction in property turnover of 12% from the last quarter (which one can often attribute to this quarter including the summer holiday period where historically seasonal trends show a small slowdown in the market.) However property turnover is 19% higher than quarter three of 2023.

### **New developments**

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There has been a fall in the purchase of properties in new developments – from 39% of transactions for the entirety of 2023 to only 3% within last quarter.

## First time buyers

Most of the first time buyer purchases this quarter have been related to phase one of the First Step Scheme implemented by the Government.

# **Rental prices**

Again, rental prices continue to decline and are noted at 2% lower quarter three of 2023.

#### Conclusion

In summary, we may attribute the fall in transactions to not only the recent holiday period, but also what appears to have been a hesitancy by buyers waiting for base rates of interest to fall. However with the combination of today's news that the Bank of England Base Rate has dropped to 4.75% and a visible reduction in property prices, there is a very positive outlook for our local property market for the forthcoming year ahead.

Collas Crill has one of the largest property teams in Jersey - see <a href="here">here</a>. Should you require any advice or guidance on buying or selling property in, please contact a member of the team.



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