



# DEFINING A PROPERTY MARKET CRASH

# BOOM AND CRASH



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## Britain's mini housing boom: Stamp duty cut adds £30,000 to average property asking price with sales up 20% as house-hunters battle to buy before six-month tax break ends

- Thousands more sales were made every week than before Covid-19 lockdown
- Bank of England data shows rise particularly affected north England and Wales
- But experts warned property market could crash towards the end of this year
- It follows Chancellor Rishi Sunak raising the threshold on stamp duty last month

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| Index       | Data source                                                                                                    | Number of transactions | Coverage                             | Stage of recording transaction |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| UK HPI      | Registration data from HM Land Registry, Registers of Scotland and Land and Property Services Northern Ireland | Around 100,000 a month | UK – all transactions                | Registration of sale           |
| Nationwide  | Nationwide mortgage lending                                                                                    | Around 12,000 a month  | UK – mortgage transactions           | Mortgage approval              |
| Halifax     | Halifax mortgage lending                                                                                       | Around 15,000 a month  | UK- mortgage transactions            | Mortgage approval              |
| LSL Acadata | HM Land Registry price paid data                                                                               | Around 80,000 a month  | England and Wales – all transactions | Registration of sale           |
| Rightmove   | Advertised properties on Rightmove portal                                                                      | Around 100,000 a month | England and Wales – all transactions | Advertised date                |

| Timeliness   | House Price Index | Time published after reference period | Stage of recording transaction |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Most Timely  | Rightmove         | Published during reference period     | Advertised price               |
|              | Nationwide        | 1 week                                | Mortgage Approval              |
|              | Halifax           | 1 week                                | Mortgage Approval              |
|              | LSL Acadata       | 2-3 weeks (forecast)                  | Registration of sale           |
| Least Timely | UK HPI            | 6 weeks                               | Registration of sale           |

**DEFINING A “CRASH”**

**WHAT DOES A CRASH MEAN?**

**BASED ON “AVERAGE HOUSE PRICES” ON A NATIONAL LEVEL**

**WHEN DOES IT MATTER?**

**IS IT REALLY AS DRAMATIC AS IT SOUNDS?**

# NATIONWIDE HPI



|        |          |       |       |       |        |       |                      |        |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Sep-07 | £184,723 | 368.5 | 367.0 | 0.5%  | 9.0%   | 1.4%  |                      |        |
| Oct-07 | £186,044 | 371.1 | 371.6 | 1.3%  | 9.7%   | 1.7%  |                      |        |
| Nov-07 | £184,099 | 367.3 | 368.0 | -1.0% | 6.9%   | 1.4%  | "CRASH BEGUN"        |        |
| Dec-07 | £182,080 | 363.2 | 366.9 | -0.3% | 4.8%   | 1.0%  |                      |        |
| Jan-08 | £180,473 | 360.0 | 365.0 | -0.5% | 4.2%   | -0.4% |                      |        |
| Feb-08 | £179,358 | 357.8 | 363.1 | -0.5% | 2.7%   | -1.1% |                      |        |
| Mar-08 | £179,110 | 357.3 | 358.7 | -1.2% | 1.1%   | -1.8% |                      |        |
| Apr-08 | £178,555 | 356.2 | 354.6 | -1.1% | -1.0%  | -2.1% |                      |        |
| May-08 | £173,583 | 346.3 | 343.6 | -3.1% | -4.4%  | -3.5% |                      |        |
| Jun-08 | £172,415 | 343.9 | 339.9 | -1.1% | -6.3%  | -4.5% |                      |        |
| Jul-08 | £169,316 | 337.8 | 333.6 | -1.9% | -8.1%  | -5.5% |                      |        |
| Aug-08 | £164,654 | 328.5 | 327.1 | -2.0% | -10.5% | -5.3% |                      |        |
| Sep-08 | £161,797 | 322.8 | 321.1 | -1.8% | -12.4% | -5.4% |                      |        |
| Oct-08 | £158,872 | 316.9 | 317.1 | -1.2% | -14.6% | -5.1% |                      |        |
| Nov-08 | £158,442 | 316.1 | 316.7 | -0.1% | -13.9% | -4.6% |                      |        |
| Dec-08 | £153,048 | 305.3 | 308.5 | -2.6% | -15.9% | -4.0% |                      |        |
| Jan-09 | £150,501 | 300.2 | 304.6 | -1.3% | -16.6% | -3.7% |                      |        |
| Feb-09 | £147,746 | 294.7 | 299.5 | -1.7% | -17.6% | -4.4% |                      |        |
| Mar-09 | £150,946 | 301.1 | 302.4 | 1.0%  | -15.7% | -3.8% |                      |        |
| Apr-09 | £151,861 | 302.9 | 301.9 | -0.2% | -15.0% | -2.8% | "CRASH BOTTOMED OUT" | -20.6% |
| May-09 | £154,016 | 307.2 | 304.7 | 0.9%  | -11.3% | -0.4% |                      |        |
| Jun-09 | £156,442 | 312.1 | 308.1 | 1.1%  | -9.3%  | 0.9%  |                      |        |
| Jul-09 | £158,871 | 316.9 | 312.9 | 1.6%  | -6.2%  | 2.4%  |                      |        |
| Aug-09 | £160,224 | 319.6 | 318.2 | 1.7%  | -2.7%  | 3.3%  |                      |        |
| Sep-09 | £161,816 | 322.8 | 321.0 | 0.9%  | 0.0%   | 4.1%  |                      |        |
| Oct-09 | £162,038 | 323.2 | 323.3 | 0.7%  | 2.0%   | 4.0%  |                      |        |
| Nov-09 | £162,764 | 324.7 | 325.3 | 0.6%  | 2.7%   | 3.2%  |                      |        |
| Dec-09 | £162,103 | 323.4 | 326.9 | 0.5%  | 5.9%   | 2.5%  |                      |        |
| Jan-10 | £163,481 | 326.1 | 331.1 | 1.3%  | 8.6%   | 2.2%  |                      | -11.3% |
| Feb-10 | £161,320 | 321.8 | 327.2 | -1.2% | 9.2%   | 1.6%  |                      |        |

**16 MONTHS TO  
REACH IT'S  
BOTTOM**

**HAD RECOVERED  
BY MORE THAN  
50% IN 9 MONTHS**

**FULLY  
RECOVERED BY  
MAY 2014**

**WORST MONTHLY  
CHANGE SINCE  
RECORDS BEGUN  
= -3.1%**

# CONCLUSION

A “CRASH” IS A MORE DRAMATIC TERM THAN IS APPROPRIATE – IT IS MORE A “GRADUAL DECLINE AND REALIGNMENT IN HOUSE PRICES.”



THE UK PROPERTY MARKET HAS BECOME MORE GEOGRAPHICAL, NOT EVERY AREA (AND EVERY PROPERTY TYPE) REACTS THE SAME WAY.

THE MARKET IS GROWING SLOWER NOW THAN IT USED TO. THE DOUBLING EVERY 7-10 YEARS (10% PA GROWTH) IS NO MORE

|        |          |       |       |      |       |      |       |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Mar-02 | £96,751  | 199.1 | 199.1 | 0.0% | 19.6% | 5.3% |       |
| Apr-02 | £100,473 | 200.4 | 199.8 | 3.3% | 16.5% | 4.2% |       |
| May-02 | £102,886 | 205.2 | 204.0 | 2.1% | 17.9% | 4.9% |       |
| Jun-02 | £106,693 | 212.8 | 209.9 | 2.9% | 19.8% | 6.8% |       |
| Jul-02 | £108,818 | 217.1 | 214.4 | 2.1% | 21.0% | 7.3% |       |
| Aug-02 | £110,890 | 221.2 | 219.6 | 2.4% | 22.7% | 7.8% |       |
| Sep-02 | £112,919 | 225.3 | 224.5 | 2.2% | 22.2% | 7.3% |       |
| Oct-02 | £113,665 | 226.7 | 227.4 | 1.3% | 24.0% | 6.9% |       |
| Nov-02 | £115,761 | 230.9 | 231.9 | 2.0% | 25.5% | 6.2% |       |
| Dec-02 | £117,206 | 233.8 | 235.5 | 1.5% | 25.3% | 5.5% |       |
| Jan-03 | £117,905 | 235.2 | 239.1 | 1.5% | 26.5% | 5.2% | 23.6% |
| Feb-03 | £118,521 | 236.4 | 239.8 | 0.3% | 24.8% | 4.5% |       |
| Mar-03 | £122,180 | 243.7 | 244.4 | 1.9% | 26.2% | 4.1% |       |
| Apr-03 | £122,748 | 244.0 | 244.1 | 0.1% | 23.2% | 3.1% |       |