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Stabilization of property prices continues

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Overview

Market as a whole

The **German property market** showed signs of a continuing stabilization in the third quarter of 2024. The **vdp property price index** rose by 1.0 % against the previous quarter to stand at 177.3 points. Compared with the third quarter one year earlier, the index was down by 1.0 %.

Residential property prices advanced by 1.1 % compared with the immediately preceding quarter, but fell slightly by 0.2 % against the third quarter of 2023. Prices for owner-occupied homes went up by 0.8 % quarter on quarter. Capital values for multi-family houses increased by 1.3 % compared with the second quarter of 2024. Over the same period, rents under new contracts rose by 0.7 %, while the vdp index for cap rates contracted by 0.6 %.

Indications that the market is stabilizing also continued in **Germany's top 7 cities**. Compared with the third quarter of the previous year, the index for the seven largest cities in Germany showed a marginal decline of 0.1 %, whereas it rose by 1.1 % quarter on quarter. Rents under new contracts in the top 7 cities continued on a strong upward trajectory in the third quarter, increasing by 4.6 % year on year. This trend is a reflection of the strong demand for rental housing, above all in cities with a limited housing supply. Rents under new contracts generated a particularly high rate of growth in Berlin and Frankfurt am Main.

-1.0 percent

Price change in the German property market Q3 2024 to Q3 2023

-0.2

Price change for residential property Q3 2024 to Q3 2023



Price change for commercial property Q3 2024 to Q3 2023 A tendency towards stabilization was also apparent in **commercial properties**, with prices rising by 0.7 % quarter on quarter, whereas they declined by 4.7 % year on year. Capital values for office properties increased by 0.8 % against the previous quarter, thereby rising somewhat more strongly than for retail properties (+0.3 %). Year on year, however, they fell rather more heavily (-4.8 %) than for retail properties (-4.5 %). Compared with the immediately preceding quarter, office rents under new contracts went up by 0.8 % while cap rates remained unchanged, suggesting a nascent recovery in this sector.

Price development	year-on-year Q3 2024 to Q3 2023	quarter-on-quarter Q3 2024 to Q2 2024
Property market as a whole	-1.0 %	+1.0 %
Housing in Germany	-0.2 %	+1.1 %
Owner-occupied housing in top 7 markets	-0.1%	+1.1 %
Commercial property market	-4.7 %	+0.7 %
Office properties	-4.8 %	+0.8 %
Retail properties	-4.5 %	+0.3 %

Market as a whole

Stabilization of property prices continues



-1.0 %
All properties

-0.2%

Residential properties

-4.7%

Commercial properties

Quarter	2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	188.9	0.8
Q1 2023	184.5	-3.3
Q2 2023	182.4	-6.4
Q3 2023	179.2	-7.1
Q4 2023	175.2	-7.2
Q1 2024	174.7	-5.3
Q2 2024	175.5	-3.8
Q3 2024	177.3	-1.0

Quarter	2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	202.2	2.1
Q1 2023	198.1	-2.1
Q2 2023	196.2	-5.4
Q3 2023	193.0	-6.3
Q4 2023	189.9	-6.1
Q1 2024	189.5	-4.3
Q2 2024	190.5	-2.9
Q3 2024	192.6	-0.2

Quarter	Index 2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	147.6	-4.4
Q1 2023	142.3	-8.3
Q2 2023	139.4	-10.3
Q3 2023	136.4	-10.3
Q4 2023	129.7	-12.1
Q1 2024	128.6	-9.6
Q2 2024	129.1	-7.4
Q3 2024	130.0	-4.7



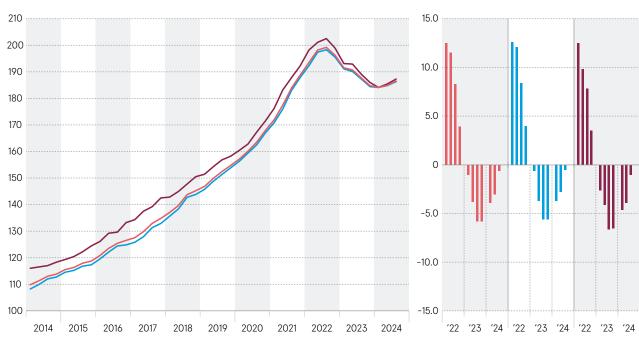
Housing Market

Prices for owner-occupied housing stabilizing

Owner-Occupied Housing

Index: 2010 = 100; Change to the previous year's quarter in %

vdp price index:
Owner-occupied Housing Single family houses Condominium



-0.6 %
Owner-occupied housing

-0.5 %

Single family houses

-1.0 %

Quarter	2010 = 100	change in %
Q4 2022	196.3	3.9
Q1 2023	191.6	-1.0
Q2 2023	190.8	-3.8
Q3 2023	187.8	-5.8
Q4 2023	184.9	-5.8
Q1 2024	184.2	-3.9
Q2 2024	185.0	-3.0
Q3 2024	186.6	-0.6

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Q3 2024 186.4 -0.5	-2.8	184.9	Q2 2024
	-0.5	186.4	Q3 2024

Quarter	Index 2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	199.0	3.5
Q1 2023	193.2	-2.6
Q2 2023	193.0	-4.1
Q3 2023	189.2	-6.6
Q4 2023	186.1	-6.5
Q1 2024	184.2	-4.6
Q2 2024	185.5	-3.9
Q3 2024	187.3	-1.0



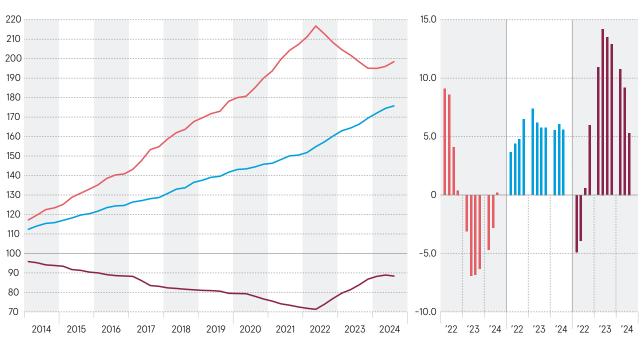
Housing Market

Multi-family houses see capital values pick up slightly

Multi-Family Houses

Index: 2010 = 100; Change to the previous year's quarter in %

Multi Family Houses: vdp capital value index vdp rent index vdp cap rate index



+0.2%
Capital value

+5.6 %
Residential rents

+5.3%

Quarter	2010 = 100	change in %
Q4 2022	208.3	0.4
Q1 2023	204.7	-3.1
Q2 2023	201.9	-6.9
Q3 2023	198.4	-6.8
Q4 2023	195.2	-6.3
Q1 2024	195.1	-4.7
Q2 2024	196.1	-2.8
Q3 2024	198.8	0.2

y-o-y change in %	2010 = 100	Quarter
6.5	160.4	Q4 2022
7.4	163.1	Q1 2023
6.2	164.5	Q2 2023
5.8	166.5	Q3 2023
5.8	169.6	Q4 2023
5.6	172.2	Q1 2024
6.1	174.6	Q2 2024
5.6	175.8	Q3 2024

Quarter	2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	77.0	6.0
Q1 2023	79.7	10.9
Q2 2023	81.5	14.2
Q3 2023	84.0	13.5
Q4 2023	86.9	12.9
Q1 2024	88.3	10.8
Q2 2024	89.0	9.2
Q3 2024	88.4	5.3

Housing Market - Top 7 Markets

Q3 2024 Top 7

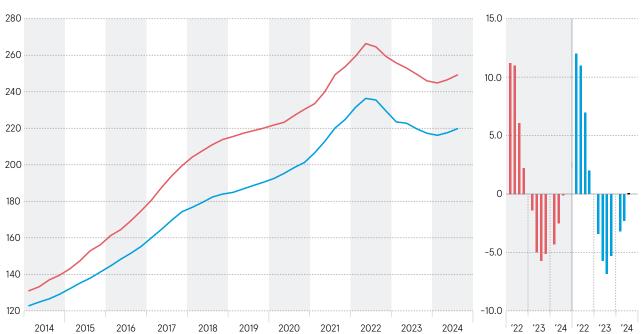
Residential properties: Top 7

Owner Occupied Housing: Top 7

Prices for owner-occupied housing at previous year's level

Owner-Occupied Housing

Index: 2010 = 100; Change to the previous year's quarter in %



-0.1%

Residential properties
Top 7

0.0%
Owner-occupied housing

Top 7

Quarter	2010 = 100	change in %
Q4 2022	259.4	2.2
Q1 2023	255.9	-1.4
Q2 2023	253.1	-5.0
Q3 2023	249.7	-5.7
Q4 2023	246.1	-5.1
Q1 2024	245.0	-4.3
Q2 2024	246.7	-2.5
Q3 2024	249.4	-0.1

change in %	2010 = 100	Quarter
2.0	229.5	Q4 2022
-3.4	223.6	Q1 2023
-5.7	222.9	Q2 2023
-6.7	219.8	Q3 2023
-5.3	217.4	Q4 2023
-3.2	216.4	Q1 2024
-2.3	217.7	Q2 2024
-0.0	219.8	Q3 2024

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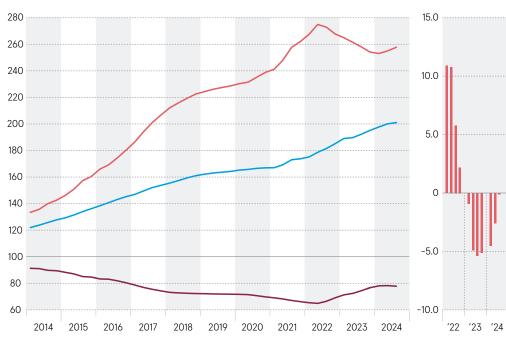
Housing Market – Top 7 Markets



Multi-family houses: rents and returns grow by just under 5 %

Multi-Family Houses

Index: 2010 = 100; Change to the previous year's quarter in %



Cap rate: Top 7

Capital value: Top 7
Residential rents: Top 7

-0.1%
Capital value
Top 7

+4.6 %
Residential rents
Top 7

+4.7 %
Cap rate
Top 7

'22 '23 '24 '22 '23 '24

Quarter	2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	267.9	2.2
Q1 2023	265.1	-0.9
Q2 2023	261.7	-4.9
Q3 2023	258.2	-5.4
Q4 2023	254.3	-5.1
Q1 2024	253.2	-4.5
Q2 2024	254.9	-2.6
Q3 2024	257.9	-0.1

Quarter	Index 2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	185.3	6.6
Q1 2023	189.2	7.9
Q2 2023	189.8	6.1
Q3 2023	192.4	5.9
Q4 2023	195.3	5.4
Q1 2024	197.7	4.5
Q2 2024	200.2	5.5
Q3 2024	201.2	4.6

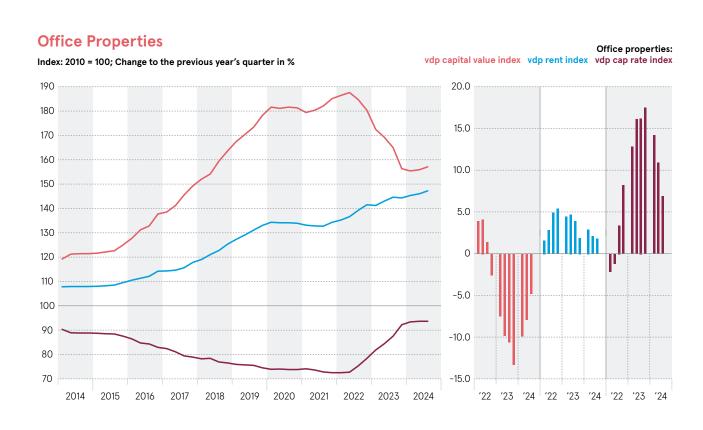
y-o-y change in %	Index 2010 = 100	Quarter
4.3	69.2	Q4 2022
8.9	71.4	Q1 2023
11.6	72.5	Q2 2023
11.9	74.5	Q3 2023
11.1	76.8	Q4 2023
9.4	78.1	Q1 2024
8.3	78.5	Q2 2024
4.7	78.0	Q3 2024

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Commercial Property Market

Office property prices enter sideways movement



-4.8 %
Capital value

+1.8 %
Office rents

+6.9 %
Cap rate

Quarter	2010 = 100	change in %
Q4 2022	180.4	-2.6
Q1 2023	172.6	-7.5
Q2 2023	169.3	-9.8
Q3 2023	165.1	-10.6
Q4 2023	156.4	-13.3
Q1 2024	155.5	-9.9
Q2 2024	155.9	-7.9
Q3 2024	157.2	-4.8

Quarter	2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	141.6	5.4
Q1 2023	141.3	4.4
Q2 2023	143.1	4.7
Q3 2023	144.7	3.9
Q4 2023	144.4	1.9
Q1 2024	145.4	2.9
Q2 2024	146.1	2.1
Q3 2024	147.3	1.8

y-o-y change in %	2010 = 100	Quarter
8.2	78.5	Q4 2022
12.8	81.9	Q1 2023
16.1	84.5	Q2 2023
16.2	87.6	Q3 2023
17.5	92.3	Q4 2023
14.2	93.5	Q1 2024
10.9	93.7	Q2 2024
6.9	93.7	Q3 2024



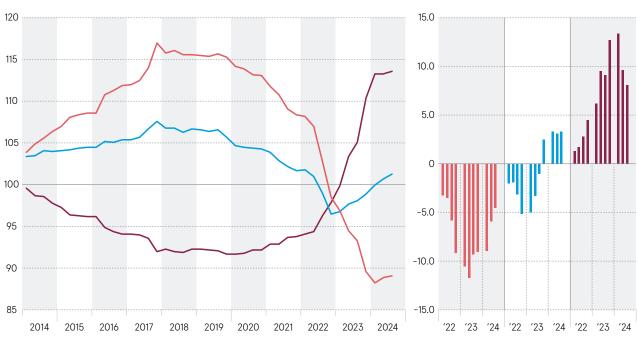
Commercial Property Market

Level of retail property rents on the rise

Retail Properties

Index: 2010 = 100; Change to the previous year's quarter in %

Retail properties: vdp capital value index vdp rent index vdp cap rate index



-4.5%
Capital value

+3.3 %
Office rents

+8.1%

Quarter	2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	98.5	-9.1
Q1 2023	96.9	-10.5
Q2 2023	94.5	-11.7
Q3 2023	93.3	-9.3
Q4 2023	89.6	-9.0
Q1 2024	88.3	-8.9
Q2 2024	88.9	-5.9
Q3 2024	89.1	-4.5

Quarter	2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	96.5	-5.1
Q1 2023	96.8	-5.0
Q2 2023	97.7	-3.3
Q3 2023	98.1	-1.0
Q4 2023	98.9	2.5
Q1 2024	100.0	3.3
Q2 2024	100.7	3.1
Q3 2024	101.3	3.3

Quarter	Index 2010 = 100	y-o-y change in %
Q4 2022	97.9	4.5
Q1 2023	99.9	6.2
Q2 2023	103.4	9.5
Q3 2023	105.1	9.1
Q4 2023	110.4	12.7
Q1 2024	113.3	13.4
Q2 2024	113.3	9.6
Q3 2024	113.6	8.1

Real Estate Market as a Whole



Market as a whole

All propertie	s	
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	115.9	4.7
2015	121.7	5.0
2016	129.5	6.4
2017	138.3	6.8
2018	149.4	8.0
2019	159.0	6.4
2020	168.4	5.9
2021	181.6	7.8
2022	191.8	5.6
2023	180.3	-6.0

All residential properties		
Index	y-o-y change in %	
116.4	5.0	
123.3	5.9	
131.4	6.5	
140.5	6.9	
152.2	8.3	
162.0	6.5	
173.0	6.8	
190.8	10.3	
204.5	7.2	
194.3	-5.0	
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All commercial properties		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	114.6	3.8
2015	117.0	2.1
2016	123.7	5.8
2017	131.8	6.5
2018	140.7	6.8
2019	149.7	6.4
2020	154.3	3.1
2021	153.1	-0.8
2022	152.6	-0.4
2023	136.9	-10.2



Housing Market

Owner-Occupied Housing

Index: 2010 = 100

Owner-Occupied Housing		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	112.1	3.1
2015	117.2	4.6
2016	124.2	6.0
2017	131.4	5.8
2018	141.5	7.7
2019	151.0	6.8
2020	162.2	7.4
2021	180.6	11.3
2022	196.8	9.0
2023	188.8	-4.1

Single family houses		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	110.8	3.1
2015	116.0	4.7
2016	122.8	5.8
2017	129.6	5.5
2018	140.2	8.2
2019	150.0	7.0
2020	161.4	7.6
2021	179.5	11.2
2022	196.0	9.2
2023	188.3	-3.9

Condominiums		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	117.0	3.0
2015	121.7	4.0
2016	129.6	6.5
2017	138.5	6.8
2018	146.6	5.8
2019	155.2	5.9
2020	165.6	6.7
2021	185.0	11.7
2022	200.3	8.3
2023	190.4	-4.9

Multi-Family houses

Capital value		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	120.8	6.8
2015	129.5	7.3
2016	138.7	7.1
2017	149.7	7.9
2018	163.2	9.0
2019	173.2	6.2
2020	184.0	6.2
2021	201.3	9.4
2022	212.3	5.5
2023	200.0	-5.8

Residential rents		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	114.5	4.8
2015	118.9	3.9
2016	123.7	4.0
2017	127.7	3.2
2018	133.6	4.6
2019	139.6	4.5
2020	144.3	3.3
2021	148.9	3.2
2022	156.1	4.9
2023	165.9	6.3

Cap rate		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	94.8	-1.9
2015	91.8	-3.2
2016	89.1	-2.9
2017	85.3	-4.3
2018	81.9	-4.0
2019	80.6	-1.6
2020	78.4	-2.7
2021	74.0	-5.7
2022	73.6	-0.6
2023	83.0	12.9

Housing Market



Owner-Occupied Housing

Index: 2010 = 100

Residential properties Top 7		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	135.3	8.7
2015	150.0	10.9
2016	167.6	11.7
2017	190.5	13.7
2018	209.3	9.9
2019	218.0	4.2
2020	225.7	3.5
2021	244.3	8.2
2022	262.6	7.5
2023	251.2	-4.3

Owner Occupied Housing Top 7		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	125.9	6.3
2015	136.7	8.6
2016	150.0	9.7
2017	167.3	11.5
2018	180.7	8.0
2019	187.8	3.9
2020	197.0	4.9
2021	216.3	9.8
2022	233.3	7.9
2023	220.9	-5.3

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Multi-Family houses

Capital value Top 7		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	138.0	9.4
2015	153.8	11.4
2016	172.6	12.3
2017	197.1	14.2
2018	217.6	10.4
2019	226.8	4.2
2020	234.1	3.2
2021	252.3	7.8
2022	270.9	7.4
2023	259.7	-4.1

Residential rents Top 7		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	125.0	6.2
2015	132.8	6.3
2016	142.0	6.9
2017	150.7	6.1
2018	158.4	5.1
2019	163.4	3.1
2020	166.3	1.8
2021	170.9	2.8
2022	180.3	5.5
2023	191.7	6.3

Cap rate Top 7		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	90.5	-2.9
2015	86.4	-4.6
2016	82.3	-4.8
2017	76.5	-7.1
2018	72.8	-4.8
2019	72.1	-1.0
2020	71.0	-1.4
2021	67.8	-4.6
2022	66.6	-1.8
2023	73.8	10.9



Commercial Property Market

Office Properties

Index: 2010 = 100

Capital value		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	120.9	3.9
2015	122.9	1.7
2016	132.4	7.7
2017	143.6	8.4
2018	157.4	9.6
2019	172.5	9.6
2020	181.5	5.2
2021	181.8	0.2
2022	184.8	1.7
2023	165.9	-10.3

Office rents		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	108.0	1.5
2015	108.7	0.6
2016	112.1	3.2
2017	115.7	3.2
2018	122.1	5.5
2019	130.2	6.7
2020	134.2	3.1
2021	133.3	-0.7
2022	138.2	3.7
2023	143.4	3.7

Cap rate		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	89.3	-2.3
2015	88.4	-1.1
2016	84.7	-4.2
2017	80.6	-4.9
2018	77.6	-3.7
2019	75.5	-2.7
2020	74.0	-2.1
2021	73.3	-0.8
2022	74.8	2.0
2023	86.6	15.7

Retail Properties

Capital value		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	105.2	3.8
2015	108.0	2.7
2016	110.6	2.5
2017	113.9	2.9
2018	115.8	1.7
2019	115.5	-0.2
2020	113.6	-1.7
2021	110.0	-3.1
2022	104.1	-5.4
2023	93.6	-10.2

Retail rents		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	103.7	0.9
2015	104.3	0.5
2016	105.0	0.7
2017	106.4	1.3
2018	106.7	0.3
2019	106.3	-0.3
2020	104.5	-1.8
2021	102.7	-1.7
2022	99.6	-3.0
2023	97.9	-1.7

Cap rate		
Year	Index	y-o-y change in %
2014	98.6	-2.8
2015	96.6	-2.1
2016	94.9	-1.7
2017	93.4	-1.6
2018	92.1	-1.3
2019	92.1	-0.1
2020	92.0	-0.1
2021	93.3	1.5
2022	95.7	2.6
2023	104.7	9.4



Appendix

Methodology

Data basis

German financial institutions participating in the transaction database provide transaction details from their real estate financing business for input into the database. The database has been maintained since 2004 and provides statistically evaluable information on actual real estate transactions. Data are captured by the participating institutions in the form of appraisals of market and mortgage lending values that are prepared in the course of their mortgage lending activities. Property valuations are determined within each financial institution by certified property valuers or specially trained bank personnel. In addition to purchase price and

date of purchase, the appraisal includes information about the property's macro and micro location, its age, layout and other price-influencing variables. In the case of certain types of property, information is also collected with regard to rental agreements and the date they were concluded. Information used to derive market and mortgage lending values is ascertained partly from submitted documentation and partly by valuers working in accordance with codified procedures. The following table provides an overview of the variables most frequently applied in the specification of individual indices for various market segments.

Variables from the vdp's transaction database

Variable	Scaling	Änderungen	
Macro location	Nominal	Districts of Germany	
Micro location	Ordinal	Very good — good — average — moderate — poor — catastrophic	
Living/usable space	Metric	Living or usable space m ²	
Plot size	Metric	Plot size of property in m ²	
Year built	Metric	Year property built	
Layout	Ordinal	Very good — good — average — moderate — poor — catastrophic	
Condition	Ordinal	Very good — good — average — moderate — poor — catastrophic	
Saleability	Ordinal	Very good — good — average — moderate — poor — catastrophic	
Sub-property type	Nominal	Division of market segment into sub-segments	
Purchase price	Metric	Purchase price of property in Euros	
Rent	Metric	Monthly contractual rent in Euros per m ²	

Substantive definitions of individual variables are coordinated with financial institutions via the contractual relationship between them and the vdp. In addition, property valuation in Germany is subject to strict regulations, which ensure that the valuation processes of individual institutions are harmonised to the greatest extent possible, especially as a result of the Verordnung über die Grundsätze für die Ermittlung der Verkehrswerte von Grundstücken (Regulation on the Principles for Determining the Market Value of Property – abbreviated to

ImmoWertV) and the Beleihungswertermittlungsverordnung (Regulation on the Determination of the Mortgage Lending Value – abbreviated to BelWertV). Because the purchase prices and significant price-influencing characteristics of individual properties are determined in a uniform manner and because they are input into a uniform database structure, it is possible to analyse the data with the help of complex statistical procedures.

Calculation

As a result of the distinct heterogeneity of real estate properties and in order to be able to measure pure price changes, it is necessary to take account of the varying quality of the properties concerned when measuring prices. Various procedures exist which take explicit account of the differences in the quality of individual properties in order to be able to measure pure price changes.

All vdp real estate indices are calculated by making use of so-called hedonic models. The hedonic model is based on the idea that heterogeneous commodities can be described by reference to their characteristics. In other words, a commodity can be represented as the sum of its characteristics. With regard to real estate, this means that this set of attributes might include, for example, details of physical characteristics such as plot size, living area, year built and details as to the property's location. Each of these named attributes has a specific influence on the price of the property, but there is no market for the attributes themselves; they cannot be sold separately and therefore cannot be viewed in isolation. It is possible, nonetheless, implicitly to determine the proportion of the overall price of the property which each individual attribute makes up by examining real estate supply and demand. Multivariate regression models are used for this purpose, helping to provide a statistical estimate of the marginal contribution of each attribute. It is assumed that the model incorporates all relevant attributes and that deviations occur simply by coincidence and are not indicative of any systematic structures.

Weighting

The overall index is the weighted arithmetical average of the various price indices for residential and commercial real estate. The weightings used correspond to the share of monetary turnover in the German real estate market constituted respectively by residential and commercial real estate. Based on details provided by valuer committees (Gutachterausschüsse), these averaged 75.6 % and 24.4 %, respectively, between 2007 and 2012.

The weights used correspond with the percentage share of households in Germany living in their own home. For the year 2011 this share stood at 50.7 %. Accordingly, 49.3 % lived in a rented dwelling. The weights were derived on the basis of the building and housing census conducted by the Federal Statistical Office in 2011. The price index for owner-occupied housing is calculated as a weighted arithmetic mean of the percentage of households living in their own single-family house or condominium. In 2011 these shares amounted to 79.7 % for single-family houses and 20.3 % for condominiums.

For the commercial property price index, the weightings attributable to the office property capital value index and the retail property capital value index correspond to the proportion of loans in the accounts of Pfandbrief Banks that were granted to these two categories. The figures for office property and retail property amount to 60 % and 40 %, respectively.

Top 7 residential properties

The top 7 residential property indices are calculated analogously to the calculation for the vdp's nationwide property price indices. The indices are estimated separately for each of the cities on the basis of the transaction database. Then, the seven individual indices of the relevant market segment are aggregated according to the respective shares to form a top 7 index. For more information, please visit the website of vdpResearch.



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