

HomeLet Rental Index

Key headlines

- In the three months to November 2014, average rental values for new tenancies in the UK were 7.9% higher than the same period last year
- The annual growth in average rental values for the three months to November 2014 (7.9%) was higher than 2013 (4.4%), 2012 (3%) and 2011 (4.4%)
- In the three months to November 2014, average tenant incomes were 7.3% higher than in 2013
- Average rents for new tenancies in London have reduced by 0.2% since last month but are still 11% higher than the same period last year
- Average rental values for new tenancies in London (£1,408pcm) were £140 more expensive per month when compared to average rental values in November 2013 (£1,268pcm)
- When London is excluded, the average UK rental value was £702pcm this is 4.1% higher than last year (£674pcm)



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HomeLet Rental Index provides a comprehensive and up to date data on new tenancies in the UK. As part of the referencing process for around 350,000 prospective tenants each year, HomeLet processes information including the rental amounts agreed, the number of tenants moving into the property together with the employment status, income and age of all tenants. The trends reported within the HomeLet Rental Index are brand new tenancies which were arranged in the most recent period, giving the most relevant insight into changes in the Private Rented Sector.



Change in UK average rental prices

2012 2013 2014 950 900 Monthly rental amount (£) 850 800 750 700 lan Feb Mar May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Apr Time (month)

Monthly change in UK rental prices for new tenancies

The figures also show...

- The average UK rent for tenancies starting in November 2014 was £874pcm, this is 8.3% higher than November 2013 (£807pcm)
- When London is excluded, the average UK rental value was £702pcm this is 4.1% higher than last year (£674pcm)
- Most regions saw an increase in average rental values, compared to last year, particularly Scotland (11.7%), which has also seen a significant increase between October and November this year
- Greater London (11%) and West Midlands (8.7%) have also seen an increase compared to last year, both have seen continuing increase in rental values over the last year
- Average rents dropped by 3.6% in North West, when compared to last year; this is the first time in 8 months. Other regions to see reductions when compared to last year are the North East by 2.5% and Wales by 2%

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In detail...

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Rental values and tenant incomes in the three months to November

Average UK rental amounts over the last three months, with annual comparisons



Annual UK tenant income over the last three months, with annual comparisons



The figures also show...

- In the three months to November, average rental values for new tenancies were 7.9% higher than the same period last year (£890pcm compared to £825pcm)
- The annual growth in average rental values for the three months to November 2014 (7.9%) was higher than 2013 (4.4%), 2012 (3%) and 2011 (4.4%)
- In the three months to November 2014, average tenant incomes were 7.3% higher than 2013



Greater London v. the rest of the UK

Difference between Greater London and UK rents



Monthly variation between Greater London rental prices and the UK average (excluding Greater London)



The figures also show...

- From October to November, average rental values in the capital have decreased by 0.1%, this is a typical seasonal reduction
- Rents in London were 11% higher in November 2014, compared to last year
- Average rental values for new tenancies in London (£1,408pcm) were £140 more expensive per month, when compared to average rental values in November 2013 (£1,268pcm)

UK Regional breakdown

Average rent increased

on previous year

Average rent decreased from previous year

| Scotland | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Average rent Nov 2014 | £638 |
| Average rent Oct 2014 | £587 |
| Monthly variance | 8.7% |
| Average rent Nov 2013 | £571 |
| Annual variance | 11.7% |
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North West

| Average rent Nov 2014 | £635 |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Average rent Oct 2014 | £671 |
| Monthly variance | -5.4% |
| Average rent Nov 2013 | £659 |
| Annual variance | -3.6% |

West Midlands

| Average rent Nov 2014 | £651 |
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| Average rent Oct 2014 | £660 |
| Monthly variance | -1.4% |
| Average rent Nov 2013 | £599 |
| Annual variance | 8.7% |

| Wales | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Average rent Nov 2014 | £581 |
| Average rent Oct 2014 | £597 |
| Monthly variance | -2.7% |
| Average rent Nov 2013 | £593 |
| Annual variance | -2% |

| Northern Ireland | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Average rent Nov 2014 | £570 |
| Average rent Oct 2014 | £578 |
| Monthly variance | -1.4% |
| Average rent Nov 2013 | £550 |
| Annual variance | 3.6% |

| North East | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Average rent Nov 2014 | £506 |
| Average rent Oct 2014 | £524 |
| Monthly variance | -3.4% |
| Average rent Nov 2013 | £519 |
| Annual variance | -2.5% |

| Yorkshire and Humber | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--|
| Average rent Nov 2014 | £603 | |
| Average rent Oct 2014 | £608 | |
| Monthly variance | -0.8% | |
| Average rent Nov 2013 | £574 | |
| Annual variance | 5.1% | |

| | East Midlands | |
|---|-----------------------|------|
| | Average rent Nov 2014 | £614 |
| | Average rent Oct 2014 | £605 |
| | Monthly variance | 1.5% |
| • | Average rent Nov 2013 | £576 |
| | Annual variance | 6.6% |

| East Anglia | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Average rent Nov 2014 | £748 |
| Average rent Oct 2014 | £781 |
| Monthly variance | -4.2% |
| Average rent Nov 2013 | £739 |
| Annual variance | 1.2% |

| | Greater London | |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| | Average rent Nov 2014 | £1,408 |
| • | Average rent Oct 2014 | £1,411 |
| | Monthly variance | -0.2% |
| | Average rent Nov 2013 | £1,268 |
| | Annual variance | 11% |

| South West | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Average rent Nov 2014 | £798 |
| Average rent Oct 2014 | £787 |
| Monthly variance | 1.4% |
| Average rent Nov 2013 | £754 |
| Annual variance | 5.8% |

| South East | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Average rent Nov 2014 | £865 |
| Average rent Oct 2014 | £880 |
| Monthly variance | -1.7% |
| Average rent Nov 2013 | £810 |
| Annual variance | 6.8% |

-3.4% £519 -2.5%





Greater London by area

| North West London | | |
|-------------------|--|--|
| £1,645 | | |
| £1,611 | | |
| 2.1% | | |
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| Harrow | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,324 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,205 |
| Annual variation | 9.8% |
| Rank | 8 |

| West London | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,752 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,509 |
| Annual variation | 16.1% |
| Rank | 2 |

| Uxbridge | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,138 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,184 |
| Annual variation | 5% |
| Rank | 12 |

| Twickenham | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,247 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,165 |
| Annual variation | 7% |
| Rank | 11 |

| Kingston Upon Thames | | |
|----------------------|--------|--|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,363 | |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,146 | |
| Annual variation | 19% | |
| Rank | 7 | |

| Greater London | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Average rent (Nov-14) | £1,448 |
| Average rent (Nov-13) | £1,313 |
| Annual variation | 10.3% |
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| Enfield | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,104 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,019 |
| Annual variation | 8.4% |
| Rank | 14 |
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|-------------------|--------|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,544 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,433 |
| Annual variation | 7.7% |
| Rank | 4 |

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| Ilford | |
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| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,290 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,150 |
| Annual variation | 12.1% |
| Rank | 9 |

| | East London | |
|---|-------------------|--------|
| | Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,427 |
| | Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,351 |
| • | Annual variation | 5.6% |
| | Rank | 6 |

| Romford | |
|-------------------|------|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £965 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £869 |
| Annual variation | 11% |
| Rank | 16 |

| Dartford | |
|-------------------|------|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £887 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £809 |
| Annual variation | 9.7% |
| Rank | 17 |

| | South East London | | |
|---|-------------------|--------|--|
| • | Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,471 | |
| | Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,406 | |
| | Annual variation | 4.6% | |
| | Rank | 5 | |
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| £1,289 |
|--------|
| £1,174 |
| 9.8% |
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| Croydon | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,109 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £968 |
| Annual variation | 14.6% |
| Rank | 13 |

All rental amounts are an average taken over the three months preceeding the date shown.

| South West Lo | ondon |
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| vg rent (Nov-14) | £1,784 |
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| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £1,577 |
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| Annual variation | 13.1% |
| Rank | 1 |

| Sutton | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Avg rent (Nov-14) | £1,074 |
| Avg rent (Nov-13) | £988 |
| Annual variation | 8.7% |

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About the HomeLet Rental Index

As well as information on rental amounts, the HomeLet Rental Index also provides information on tenant demographics, such as their average age, income, previous residential status and property type they're applying to live in.

In addition, we gather data on how many people share rented properties – so we're able to gain an insight into the lifestyle of tenants, and see how external factors, such the lack of mortgage availability, plus supply of, and demand for, rented homes are affecting how and where people live.

Data is gathered from our tenant referencing service, and our rental amounts are based on actual achieved rental prices with accurate tenancy start dates in a reported month, rather than advertised costs. We reference up to 1,700 applicants every day – so information in the report is comprehensive, accurate and up to date.

About HomeLet

With more than 20 years in the industry, HomeLet is one of the leading sources of support for the UK's vibrant private rented sector. Part of the Barbon Insurance Group, we're based in Lincoln, with more than 300 members of staff working hard every day to support letting agents, landlords and tenants.

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