

Press release

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Swiss residential property price index in the 1st quarter 2022

Residential property prices fell by 0.4% in 1st quarter 2022

The Swiss residential property price index (IMPI) fell in the 1st quarter 2022 compared with the previous quarter by 0.4% and reached 110.3 points (4th quarter 2019 = 100). Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, inflation was 7.0%. These are some of the results from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

The decline in the IMPI in comparison with the previous quarter is the result of contrasting developments in the market for single-family houses (+0.6%) and for condominiums (−1.2%). The increase in prices for single-family houses was greatest in urban municipalities of a large agglomeration (+4.9%), whereas prices in urban municipalities of a small or outside agglomeration fell the most (−4.2%). The sharpest price drop for condominiums was seen in urban municipalities of a medium-sized agglomeration (−3.3%). The only increase in prices for condominiums was recorded in the intermediate municipalities (+0.7%).

IMPI main results	Index level	Change as a % compared with	
	base Q4 2019 = 100	previous quarter	1 st quarter 2021
1st quarter 2022			
Total residential property	110.3	−0.4	+7.0
- Single-family houses	112.0	+0.6	+8.5
- Condominiums	108.7	−1.2	+5.6

IMPI - the FSO's residential property price index

The Federal Statistical Office (FSO) publishes the Swiss residential property price index IMPI on a quarterly basis starting from 3rd quarter 2020. It calculates the IMPI from an average of around 7000 transactions from all regions of Switzerland. The FSO obtains the data from Switzerland's 25 largest mortgage institutions. They cover a very large market share as the vast majority of real estate purchases are financed through a mortgage. The data collected enabled the FSO to show price changes since the beginning of 2019. Price trends are published for single-family houses and condominiums with sub-indices for five municipality types (see below).

The IMPI is an economic indicator that measures the development of market prices for residential property (single-family houses and condominiums) in Switzerland. The index completes Switzerland's price statistics system. These include the Swiss Consumer Price Index (CPI), the harmonised consumer price index (HCPI), the rental index (RPI), the producer and import price index (PPI), the construction price index (BAP) and the measurement of international purchasing power parities.

Publication of the results and documentation

The survey for the IMPI takes place immediately after the end of each calendar quarter. The results are published approx. 45 days after the end of the quarter, i.e. in the middle of the next quarter as a press release and on the internet: www.impi.bfs.admin.ch.

More detailed information on the survey and methodology is also available on the website.

Municipality types

The five municipality types for which the IMPI shows individual price developments are based on the FSO's [urban/rural typology and municipality typology 2012](#) (in German or French). They are derived from the municipality typology with nine categories. The differentiation is based on density, size and accessibility criteria (e.g. commuter movements). Of the 2148 municipalities in Switzerland, (municipality status as of 1.1.2022), 22% are urban, 52% rural and 26% intermediate. For the IMPI, three types of urban municipalities were retained, while the three types of intermediate and the three types of rural municipalities were further aggregated into two categories:

1. Urban municipality of a large agglomeration
2. Urban municipality of a medium-sized agglomeration
3. Urban municipality of a small or outside agglomeration
4. Intermediary municipality
5. Rural municipality

An interactive Swiss map with the IMPI change rates by municipality type can be found at: www.impi.bfs.admin.ch

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Access to results

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In compliance with current legislation and the exercise of its monetary mandate, the Swiss National Bank received the results of the IMPI three working days before its release. The press agencies received this press release with an embargo of 15 minutes.

Statistical key figures, 1st quarter 2022

Swiss Residential Property Price Index, IMPI

Total index and sub-indices	Weight in %	Index (Base: Q4 2019 = 100)	Change (in %) compared to		Contribution to the change compared to previous quarter
			previous quarter	Q1 2021	
Total	100,000	110,3	-0,4	7,0	-0,369
Type of municipality 1	29,183	111,6	2,0	7,8	0,585
Type of municipality 2	18,545	109,6	-2,5	6,1	-0,462
Type of municipality 3	9,128	106,7	-2,9	2,7	-0,268
Type of municipality 4	26,413	111,0	0,6	7,7	0,161
Type of municipality 5	16,731	109,5	-2,3	7,8	-0,385
SFH	47,104	112,0	0,6	8,5	0,262
Type of municipality 1	12,399	115,7	4,9	10,8	0,607
Type of municipality 2	7,812	111,6	-1,4	8,6	-0,108
Type of municipality 3	3,593	108,2	-4,2	3,5	-0,151
Type of municipality 4	13,713	111,2	0,6	7,2	0,076
Type of municipality 5	9,587	110,1	-1,7	9,1	-0,162
CONDO	52,896	108,7	-1,2	5,6	-0,631
Type of municipality 1	16,784	108,6	-0,1	5,6	-0,022
Type of municipality 2	10,733	108,1	-3,3	4,3	-0,354
Type of municipality 3	5,535	105,5	-2,1	2,0	-0,117
Type of municipality 4	12,700	110,9	0,7	8,3	0,085
Type of municipality 5	7,144	108,6	-3,1	6,0	-0,223

Legend:

Total - Residential property (SFH and CONDO)

SFH - Single-family houses

CONDO - Condominiums

Type of municipality 1 - Urban municipality of a large agglomeration

Type of municipality 2 - Urban municipality of a medium-sized agglomeration

Type of municipality 3 - Urban municipality of a small or outside agglomeration

Type of municipality 4 - Intermediate municipality

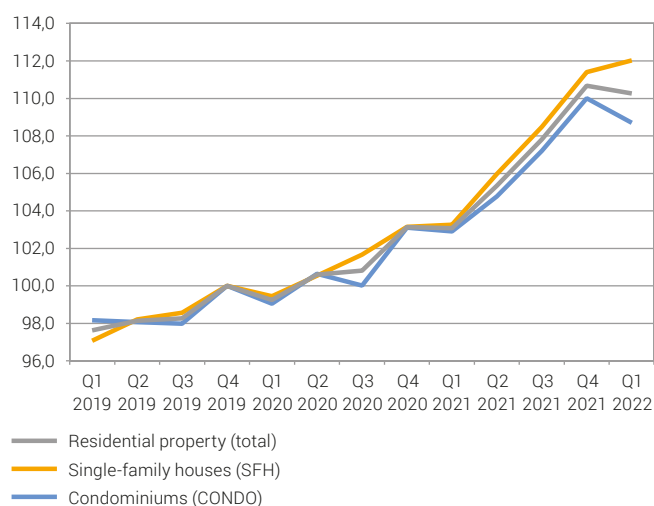
Type of municipality 5 - Rural municipality

Sources: FSO - Swiss Residential Property Price Index, IMPI

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Total index and sub-indices by object type (Base: Q4 2019=100)

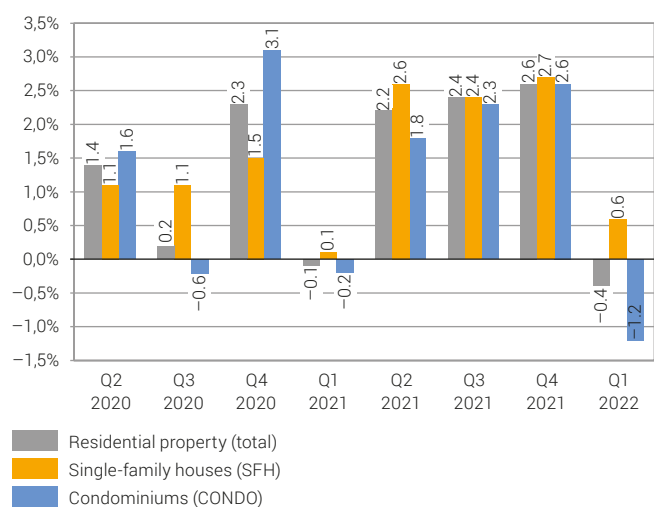


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Rate of change compared with the previous quarter

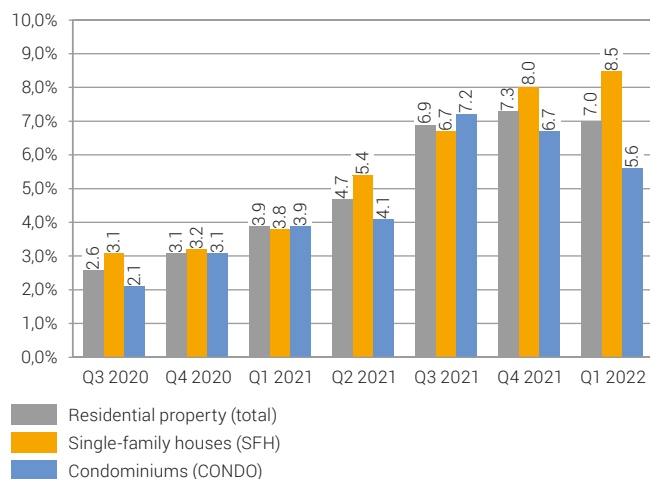


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Rate of change compared with the same quarter of the previous year

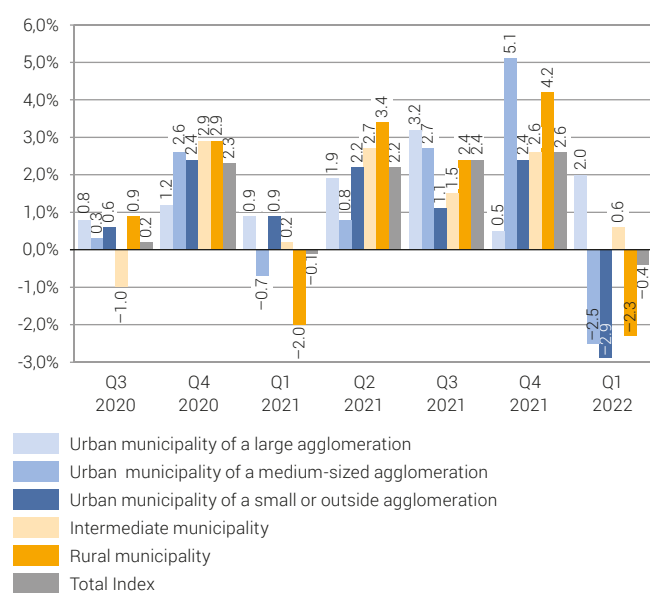


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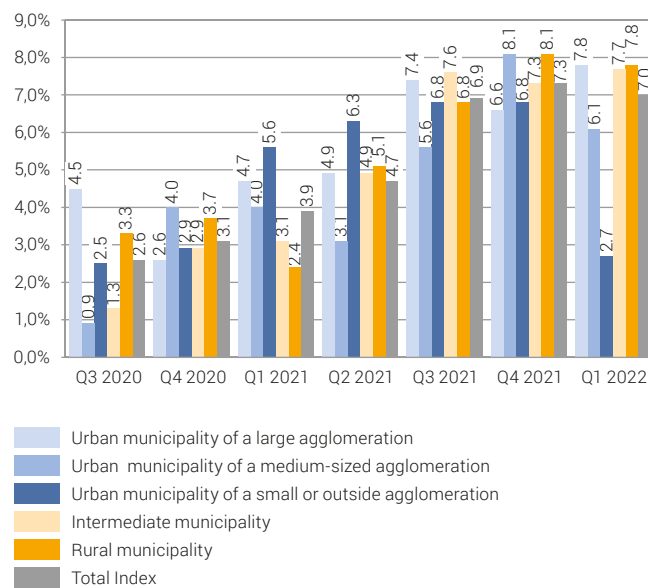


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