

Press release

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Swiss residential property price index in 1st quarter 2024

Residential property prices fell by 1.0% in 1st quarter 2024

The Swiss residential property price index (IMPI) fell in the 1st quarter 2024 compared with the previous quarter by 1.0% and reached 116.3 points (4th quarter 2019 = 100). Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, inflation was 1.5%. These are some of the results from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

In the 1st quarter 2024, in comparison with the previous quarter across Switzerland both the prices of single-family houses (-0.7%) and those of condominiums decreased (-1.3%). For single-family houses, prices fell the most in urban municipalities of a large agglomeration (-2.6%), while prices rose the most in urban municipalities of a small or outside agglomeration (+4.6%). For condominiums, the sharpest fall in prices was seen in the category of intermediary municipalities (-4.2%). The greatest price increase took place in urban municipalities of a medium-sized agglomeration (+0.5%).

IMPI main results	Index level	Change as a % compared with		
1st quarter 2024	base Q4 2019 = 100	previous quarter	1 st quarter 2023	
Total residential property	116.3	-1.0	+1.5	
- Single-family houses	117.2	-0.7	+0.5	
- Condominiums	115.5	-1.3	+2.4	

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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 28 largest mortgage institutions. They cover a very large market share as the vast majority of real estate purchases are financed through a mortgage. In a first step, the data collected enabled the FSO to show price changes since the beginning of 2019. By mid-2023, it was possible to extend the time series and trace it back to the 1st quarter of 2017. 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. one month after the end of the quarter in 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 <u>urban/rural typology</u> and <u>municipality typology</u>. 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 2131 municipalities in Switzerland, (municipality status as of 1.3.2024), 24% are urban, 49% rural and 27% 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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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 2024

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
			previous quarter	Q1 2023	change compared to previous quarter
Total	100.000	116.3	-1.0	1.5	-0.985
Type of municipality 1	28.871	117.6	-0.9	1.3	-0.274
Type of municipality 2	18.977	115.3	0.5	1.9	0.098
Type of municipality 3	9.606	117.0	1.0	3.8	0.095
Type of municipality 4	26.335	115.8	-2.1	1.3	-0.548
Type of municipality 5	16.211	115.1	-2.2	0.3	-0.356
SFH	48.179	117.2	-0.7	0.5	-0.324
Type of municipality 1	12.183	117.5	-2.6	-0.9	-0.321
Type of municipality 2	8.195	116.6	0.6	0.0	0.047
Type of municipality 3	4.039	120.0	4.6	3.7	0.184
Type of municipality 4	13.771	117.8	-0.2	1.9	-0.026
Type of municipality 5	9.991	114.2	-2.1	-1.0	-0.208
CONDO	51.821	115.5	-1.3	2.4	-0.661
Type of municipality 1	16.688	117.6	0.3	2.9	0.047
Type of municipality 2	10.782	114.4	0.5	3.2	0.051
Type of municipality 3	5.567	114.6	-1.6	3.7	-0.089
Type of municipality 4	12.564	113.6	-4.2	0.7	-0.522
Type of municipality 5	6.220	116.5	-2.4	2.0	-0.148

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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