Residential Pulse Check





"In Q2 2025, Australia's residential property market experienced a notable resurgence, with national home values rising by 1.4% and capital cities like Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, and Darwin reaching new price peaks. This is somewhat attributed to more affordable borrowing costs, as the RBA reduced rates from 4.35% to 3.85%, boosting both market confidence and buyer activity . However, this price acceleration, nearly twice the rate of wage growth, has exacerbated housing affordability issues, particularly in cities like Adelaide, where median house prices have surged by nearly 75% over five years, prompting many young buyers to delay starting families . On the luxury end, Sydney dominated high-end real estate transactions, capturing 17 of the nation's top 20 property sales totalling approximately \$1.12 billion, driven by its iconic waterfronts and luxury housing stock."

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Residential Pulse Reading	
SYD (ADL) (BNE) (PER) (DAR) (HOB) (CAN)	ELEVATED
MEL	RESTING
	SLOW

Capital	Quarterly Value Change	Supply	Demand	Commentary
Sydney	1.1%			The NSW property market is in a growth phase, driven by falling interest rates, strong buyer demand, and rising home prices.
Adelaide	1.1%			Adelaide's property market is nearing its peak with slowing growth in Metro but stronger growth in regional SA, driven by interstate buyers.
Brisbane	2.0%			The QLD residential market is characterised by low supply levels and in most areas strengthening demand.
Perth	0.8%			Perth's residential property market is currently experiencing good growth, with both house and unit values rising.
Melbourne	1.1%			The regional residential property market is currently experiencing moderate growth, with rising median house prices and increased activity.
Darwin	4.9%	-		The Darwin residential market is currently experiencing a period of growth and recovery, with strong rental yields and low vacancy rates.
Hobart	0.9%		_	Hobart activity has increased, with the number of sales activity increased. Devonport and Launceston are seeing an increase of growth and values, with increases sale transactions.
Canberra	1.3%			The ACT property market is in a very slight growth phase, driven by average demand and slightly lower supply levels.