

# Canberra Market Update 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2021



## INTRODUCTION

The *PRD Canberra Market Update 2nd Half 2021* is part of a report series that divides major cities into the inner, middle, and outer rings. This report provides an in-depth analysis of each specified market in an uncomplicated and simple manner, alongside a holistic picture of property conditions in each area.

The Canberra market has recorded strong price growth for houses and units in the past five years, with all rings recording double-digit median price growth. The price surge in Canberra's inner ring, for both property types, indicate high demand and not enough supply. This is evident in the large proportion of sales being within the premium price bracket. This is further translated into a swing towards average vendor premiums across both property types. Despite this Canberra remains a conducive major city for investment, with record low vacancy rates and increasing rental yields – due to low rental supply.



#2021 encapsulates sales transactions for 1H 2021 (01/01/2021 - 30/06/2021).





## CANBERRA HOUSE SALES 2017-21#



### 2021# Median Sale Price

- Inner: \$1,320,000
- Middle: \$935,000

### 2017-21 Price Growth

- Inner: +37.0% (+\$356,400)
- Middle: +27.2% (+\$200,000)

#### **Key Comments**

- In the past 5 years, both of Canberra's rings recorded double digit growth in median house prices.
- Canberra's middle ring has seen high growth in the past 12 months, inching extremely close to breaking \$1.0M.

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## CANBERRA UNIT SALES 2017-21#



### 2021# Median Sale Price

- Inner: \$577,000
- Middle: \$505,000

### 2017-21 Price Growth

- Inner: +19.0% (+\$92,000)
- Middle: +17.4% (+\$75,000)

#### **Key Comments**

- Canberra's inner ring continues to grow at a faster rate compared to the middle ring, for the last 12 months and 5 years.
- Those looking for affordable options will be able to access a higher amount of available stock in the middle ring.





## CANBERRA HOUSE PRICE BREAKDOWN 2021#



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## CANBERRA HOUSE AVERAGE VENDOR DISCOUNT



## CANBERRA UNIT AVERAGE VENDOR DISCOUNT



### Q2 2021 Overview

- Inner: +1.8%
- Middle: +1.8%

## What is Average Vendor Discount?

 A lower percentage difference (closer to 0.0%) suggests that buyers are willing to purchase closer to a property's initial asking price.

#### **Key Comments**

- A vendor premium in all rings indicates buyers are, on average, offering above the first list price
- Both inner and middle rings recorded an average vendor premium of 1.8% in Q2 2021, thus, neither buyers are particularly disadvantaged.





## CANBERRA HOUSE AVERAGE DAYS TO SELL



## Q2 2021 Overview

- Inner: 24 days
- · Middle: 30 days

### Why Average Days to Sell?

• The change in average days to sell a property is indicative of buyer demand.

#### **Key Comments**

- Both inner and middle rings continue to show a declining trend in average days to sell a house, currently the lowest figures in the past 18 months.
- Inner ring houses saw the sharpest decline in average days to sell, to a low 24 days in Q2 2021, despite a high increase in median house price.

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## CANBERRA UNIT AVERAGE DAYS TO SELL



## Q2 2021 Overview

- Inner: 53 days
- Middle: 50 days

### Why Average Days to Sell?

 A lower average number of days to sell a property reveals an increase in demand, as buyers are willing to purchase property more quickly.

### **Key Comments**

- Q2 2021 saw inner ring Canberra selling at the fastest rate recorded in the past 18 months, indicative of high buyer demand.
- Middle ring units continue to sell the fastest, however, the gap between the inner and middle ring is lessening.





## CANBERRA HOUSE RENTALS



### Q2 2021 Median Rental Price

- Inner: \$692 per week
- Middle: \$650 per week

## Annual Price Growth\*

- Inner: +7.8% (+\$50 per week)
- Middle: +10.2% (+\$60 per week)

#### **Key Comments**

- Middle ring median house rental price recorded the largest 12 month growth, of 10.2%.
- The inner ring continues to fetch the highest rental price, although the gap between the middle and inner ring has decreased.

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Q2 2021 Median Rental Price

Inner: \$540 per week Middle: \$480 per week

Annual Price Growth\*

Inner: +8.0% (+\$40 per week)

Middle: +6.7% (+\$30 per week)

## CANBERRA UNIT RENTALS



Key Comments

- The inner ring has seen an uptick in median unit rental in the past 12 months, of 8.0%.
- There is a reduced supply of unit rentals in both rings, which has driven up prices.
- The middle ring remains the more affordable option.







## CANBERRA HOUSE RENTAL PERFORMANCE 2020-21



#### 2021 Median Rental Prices

#### 2 Bedroom

- Inner: \$580 per week
- Middle: \$495 per week

#### 3 Bedroom

- Inner: \$650 per week
- Middle: \$580 per week

#### 4+ Bedroom

- Inner: \$900 per week
- Middle: \$720 per week

#### **Key Comments**

- Inner ring 2 bedroom houses saw the largest annual growth in median house rental price, of 17.2%.
- 4+ bedroom houses in the inner ring fetched the highest rental price.

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## CANBERRA UNIT RENTAL PERFORMANCE 2020-21



### **2021 Median Rental Prices**

1 Bedroom

- Inner: \$480 per week
- Middle: \$410 per week

#### 2 Bedroom

- Inner: \$590 per week
- Middle: \$495 per week

#### 3+ Bedroom

- Inner: \$750 per week
- Middle: \$600 per week

#### **Key Comments**

- Price growth is highly apparent in the inner ring, with 3+ bedroom units showing double digit growth, of 10.0%.
- 3+ bedroom units in the inner ring fetched the highest rental price.





## CANBERRA HOUSE AVERAGE RENTAL YIELD



### Jun-21 Overview

- Inner: 4.9%
- Middle: 4.7%

### Annual Change

- Inner: +0.8%
- Middle: +0.3%

#### **Key Comments**

- Canberra's inner ring recorded a superior average rental yield for houses, despite recording a higher median sale price.
- Continuously increasing rental yields is good news for investors, indicating that now is the time to enter the market.

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## CANBERRA UNIT AVERAGE RENTAL YIELD



### Jun-21 Overview

- Inner: 5.8%
- Middle: 5.4%

### Annual Change

- Inner: +0.4%
- Middle: 0.0%

### Key Comments

- Unit yields have started to embark on a recovery, heading towards pre-COVID-19 levels. This is an encouraging trend for investors to see, to ensure their return to the market.
- Units yields in Canberra's inner ring have strengthened by +0.4% annually.

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## CANBERRA VACANCY RATES



### Jun-21 Overview

- Inner: 1.0%
- Middle: 0.6%

### Annual Change

- Inner: -0.6%
- Middle: -0.3%

### **Key Comments**

- Vacancy rates in both inner and middle rings sit well below the Real Estate Institute of Australia's healthy benchmark of 3.0%, at a lower rate than pre-COVID.
- Middle ring vacancy rates is at a historical low, indicating an urgent need in supply. This is advantageous for astute investors.

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## REFERENCES

Inner ring market data encapsulates aggregate property conditions within following suburbs: Acton, Ainslie, Aranda, Barton, Braddon, Bruce, Campbell, Capital Hill, City, Deakin, Dickson, Downer, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Hackett, Kaleen, Kingston, Lyneham, O'Connor, Parkes, Red Hill, Reid, Russell, Turner, Watson, Yarralumla.

Middle ring market data encapsulates aggregate property conditions within following suburbs: Beard, Belconnen, Canberra Airport, Chifley, Cook, Coombs, Crace, Curtin, Denman Prospect, Duffy, Evatt, Florey, Franklin, Garran, Giralang, Gungahlin, Harrison, Hawker, Higgins, Holder, Hughes, Isaacs, Lawson, Lyons, Macquarie, Mawson, McKellar, Melba, Mitchell, Molonglo, Narrabundah, Nicholls, O'Malley, Page, Palmerston, Pearce, Phillip, Pialligo, Scullin, Spence, Stirling, Symonston, Throsby, Waramanga, Weetangera, Weston, Wright.

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