

Affordable & Liveable Property Guide Hobart Metro 2nd Half 2024

OVERVIEW

Median property prices in Hobart Metro have softened between Q3 2023 and Q4 2024, by -3.2% for houses to \$702,000 and by -5.4% to \$545,000 for units. Every quarter (Q2 2024-Q3 2024) these trends have continued, with prices softening by -1.2% (houses) and -8.4% (units). Interestingly, in the past 12 months to Q3 2024, the total sales increased by 5.5% for houses (to 401 sales in Q3 2024), however decreased for units by -17.4% (to 166 sales in Q3 2024). This suggests an increase in housing demand, leading to a slight recovery in house prices. Meanwhile, units are slightly saturated, but the more affordable price creates opportunities for first-home buyers. A total of \$1.7B of projects are planned in 2024, focusing on commercial developments. There is some ready-to-sell stock planned for construction; however, the emphasis is on constructing stand-alone dwellings (540), rather than units/apartments (199). These are more than the planned residential lots (48) and townhouses (42). Thus, now is the time for buyers to act; before the low housing supply pushes house prices up further.

RECENT TOP PERFORMING SUBURBS

Area	Suburb	Туре	Median Price 2023	Median Price 2024*	Price Growth	Projects 2024***
Inner	South Hobart	House	\$850,000	\$845,000	-0.1%	\$417.6K
IIIIei	Hobart	Unit	\$832,000	\$738,000	-11.0%	\$852.3M
North	Moonah	House	\$610,000	\$585,000	-0.4%	\$5.0M
North	Moonah	Unit	\$435,500	\$457,000	5.0%	\$5.0M
South	Taroona	House	\$917,000	\$885,000	-0.3%	\$100.0K
South	Kingston	Unit	\$607,500	\$585,000	-0.4%	\$31.3M
East	Risdon Vale	House	\$445,000	\$460,000	3.0%	\$1.8M
East	Rokeby	Unit	\$600,000	\$610,000	0.2%	\$16.0M

METHODOLOGY

This affordable and liveable property guide for Hobart Metro analyses all suburbs within a 10km radius of the Hobart CBD. The following criteria were considered:

- **Property trends criteria** all suburbs have a minimum of 10 sales transactions for statistical reliability purposes. Based on market conditions suburbs have either positive, or as close as possible, to neutral price growth between 2023 to 2024*.
- Investment criteria as of September 2024, suburbs considered will have an onpar or higher rental yield than Hobart Metro, and an on-par or lower vacancy rate.
- Affordability criteria identified affordable and liveable suburbs have a median price below the relevant capital city metro area, which in this report is Hobart Metro. We calculated the percentage premiums that needed to be added to the Tasmania (TAS) average home loan, which was \$459,775** as of the June quarter of 2024. Premiums of 28.1% for houses and 12.0% for units were needed to reach the median price of suburbs chosen in this report. This is below what is required to reach Hobart Metro's median prices (52.6% for houses and 18.5% for units). This makes the suburbs identified in this report more affordable to buyers, creating an opportunity for first-home buyers.
- **Development criteria** suburbs chosen have new developments commencing construction for 2024, with a high proportion of commercial and infrastructure projects. This ensures the suburbs show signs of sustainable economic growth. Suburbs chosen must also show a reasonable amount of new ready-to-sell stock planned for construction, to ensure buyers have access to some supply.
- Liveability criteria all identified suburbs have low crime rates, availability of amenities within a 5km radius (i.e. schools, green spaces, public transport, shopping centres and health care facilities), and an unemployment rate on-par or lower in comparison to the TAS average (as determined by the Department of Jobs and Small Business, June Quarter 2024 release).

*Median price quoted captures sale transactions from 1st January to 30th September 2024, or Q1 – Q3 2024. **Average home loan figure is derived from June Quarter 2024 Housing Affordability Report by the Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) and Adelaide Bank. ***Project development is based on aggregate of estimated construction value for residential, commercial, industrial, mixed-use and infrastructure projects scheduled to commence construction in 2024 as stated by the relevant data authority. ^Annual Change is reflective of median price change from Q3 2023 to Q3 2024. Figures displayed in infographics are for the period Q3 2024. Source: APM Pricefinder, REIA, SQM Research, Cordell Connect, Department of Jobs and Small Business. © PRD 2024.



HOBART METRO

ANNUAL CHANGE^



SALE PRICE







MEDIAN Rental price



UNITS \$470

BENCHMARKS HOBART METRO



HOUSES **3.5%** UNITS 4.7%

0.8% VACANCY RATE

BENCHMARKS HOBART METRO



UNEMPLOYMENT AVERAGE RATE HOME LOAN 4.0% \$459,775

AVERAGE VENDOR DISCOUNT



Average vendor discounts between Q3 2023 and Q3 2024 tightened to -1.2% for houses and widened for units to -2.5%. The Hobart Metro market continues to favour buyers, as owners are still accepting just below the first list price. That said, a tighter discount for houses signals a shift towards a seller's market, thus, house buyers must act fast. Opportunities can be found in the unit market, with a higher discount.

The dominant proportion of houses sold in Hobart Metro across 2024[#] was **in the middle price bracket between \$650,000 to \$849,999 (32.0%).** Units tell a different story, **with most sold being in the premium price of \$700,000 and above (28.0%).** That said, affordable options are available, with 35.0% of houses sold below \$649,999 and 31.3% of units sold below \$499,999. This suggests there is a home for every budget in Hobart Metro, with ideal opportunities for first-home buyers.



\$200,000 10 \$299,99

- \$600,000 to \$699,999
- \$700,000 and above

#2024 encapsulates sales transactions for Q3 2024 – Q3 2024 (01/07/2023 – 30/09/2024) only. Source: APM Pricefinder. © Copyright PRD 2024.

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17.5%

23.2%

■ \$850,000 to \$1,049,999

■ \$1,050,000 and above

32.0%

HOBART METRO MEDIAN HOUSE PRICES 2024^{*} 10KM FROM CBD





HOBART AFFORDABLE & LIVEABLE SUBURBS RENTAL YIELD								
	Suburb	House			Suburb	Unit		
1	Berriedale	4.6%		2	Glenorchy	5.3%		
2	Glenorchy	4.7%		4	New Town	4.7%		
3	Rokeby	4.1%		5	Moonah	4.5%		

*House median price reflected in the heat-map captures sale transactions from 1st January 2024 to 30th September 2024. Source: APM Pricefinder, ESRI ArcGIS, SQM Research. © PRD 2024.

RENTAL GROWTH 2024°

House rental yields in Hobart Metro were 3.5% as of September 2024, which was higher than Sydney and Melbourne Metros (2.8% and 3.1% respectively). This was paired with a 1.8% increase in median house rental price in the past 12 months (to Q3 2024) at \$560 per week, and a -16.7% decline in the number of houses rented (to 543 rentals in Q3 2024). Similarly, the median price for unit rentals increased by 4.4% in the 12 months to Q3 2024, but the number of units rented declined by -26.7% (to 318 rentals in Q3 2024). Overall, this suggests an undersupplied rental market which is good news for investors looking to re-enter the market, especially with a more affordable entry price (currently).

3-bedroom houses and 2-bedroom units have provided investors with the **highest annual rental growth, of +1.8% and +4.8% at \$490 and \$390 per week**, respectively.

In September 2024, Hobart Metro recorded **a low vacancy rate of 0.8%** which was below Sydney Metro (1.6%) and Melbourne Metro (1.7%). Despite minor fluctuations in the past 12 months, **Hobart Metro's vacancy rates** have remained largely stable, and **consistently maintained vacancy rates that are well below the Real Estate Institute of Australia's healthy benchmark of 3.0%**. This indicates a tight rental market and quicker occupancy of rental properties in Hobart Metro; fostering a **continuously attractive and conducive environment** for investors.

HOUSES	2 bedrooms -0.4% \$480	3 bedrooms +1.8% \$560	4+ BEDROOMS +0.7% \$680	UNITS	1 bedroom +4.8% \$ 390	2 BEDROOMS +1.1% \$470	3+ bedrooms - <u>19.0%</u> \$470
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€ Annual rental growth is a comparison between Q3 2023 – Q3 2024 (01/07/2023 – 30/09/2023 vs 01/07/2024 – 30/09/2024) house median rent figures. § Rental yields shown are as reported in September 2024. Source: APM Pricefinder, SQM Research. © Copyright PRD 2024.



AFFORDABLE & LIVEABLE SUBURBS FOR HOUSES







AQuoted estimated values of projects are based on reported land/construction values as stated by the relevant data authority and do not signify their commercial/resale value. **Median price growth quoted captures sale transactions between Q3 2023 – Q3 2024, or 01/07/2023-30/09/2023 vs 01/07/2024-30/09/2024. Source: APM Pricefinder, SQM Research, Cordell Connect, Department of Small Jobs and Business, Google Maps. © PRD 2024.



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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MAP 2024



Location	Project [£]	Туре	Estimated Value ^µ	Suburb
1	UTAS Southern Campus Transformation - Hobart	Commercial	\$600,000,000	Hobart
2	Nyrstar Electrolysis Plant	Commercial	\$350,000,000	Lutana
3	Hobart Showgrounds Precinct - Stage 3 - Pavilion & Dwellings (State Government)	Infrastructure	\$200,000,000	Glenorchy
4	Hobart Waterfront Precinct (Local Government)	Infrastructure	\$100,000,000	Hobart
5	Hobart International Airport Terminal & Runway Upgrade Stage 2 (Federal Government)	Infrastructure	\$80,000,000	Cambridge
6	Royal Hobart Hospital Emergency Department Expansion (State Government)	Infrastructure	\$74,800,000	Hobart
7	1 Queens Walk Apartments (65 Apartments)	Residential	\$20,000,000	New Town
8	St Johns Park Mental Health Facility - New Town (State Government)	Infrastructure	\$20,000,000	New Town
9	Lot J Pardalote Parade (50 Apartments)	Residential	\$15,000,000	Kingston
10	47 Maning Avenue Apartments (11 Apartments)	Residential	\$15,000,000	Sandy Bay
11	Anglesea Barracks - Paterson Building Works (Federal Government)	Infrastructure	\$14,500,000	Hobart
12	Tasman Highway & Pittwater Road Civil Works (State Government)	Infrastructure	\$10,000,000	Cambridge
13	66 Droughty Point Road Warehouses & Bulky Goods Sales Development (Warehouse/Bulky Goods Premises)	Mixed-Use	\$9,200,000	Rokeby
14	37-59 Maranoa Road Townhouses (36 Townhouses)	Residential	\$9,000,000	Kingston
15	199 Macquarie Street & 49 Molle Street Hobart Dwellings (45 Dwellings/Office)	Mixed-Use	\$8,000,000	Hobart
16	North-west Region Pavement Resurfacing 2024-2025 (State Government)	Infrastructure	\$7,540,520	Hobart
17	North-east Region Pavement Resurfacing 2024-2025 (State Government)	Infrastructure	\$7,278,146	Hobart
18	South Region Pavement Resurfacing 2024-2025 (State Government)	Infrastructure	\$7,254,120	Hobart
19	39 Cambridge Road Apartments & Offices (10 Apartments/Office)	Mixed-Use	\$6,800,000	Bellerive
20	Greater Hobart Park & Ride - Rokeby Park & Ride (State Government)	Infrastructure	\$6,600,000	Rokeby

*Project development map showcases a sample of upcoming projects only, due to accuracy of addresses provided by the data provider for geocoding purposes. £ Top Projects are based on suburbs located within a 10km radial distance of the Hobart CBD. µ Estimated value is the value of construction costs provided by relevant data authority it does not reflect the project's sale/commercial value. Source: Cordell Connect database, ESRI ArcGIS. © PRD 2024.

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