

At 96.9, the Housing Pulse was down for a third month running in April 2019. House price expectations remained in positive territory in all regions though, as did rent expectations. The April data also show that nearly three in four think it is cheaper to buy than rent in their area when the typical monthly mortgage repayment and the typical monthly rent for similar properties are compared. Indeed, the cost of renting is one of the reasons cited by households planning on buying or building in the coming year, with factors like time of life playing a role too.



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