

The Housing Pulse continued on its downward trajectory in August 2019, coming in at 82.1. This was 10.4 lower than last month's reading. While house price inflation and expectations have been softening for some time amid increasing supply and stretched affordability in parts of the country (making the Central Bank's mortgage rules more binding), heightened uncertainty is also becoming a factor. Brexit and what it might mean for the economy is unsettling households and builders alike, with speculation about the future of the 'Help to Buy' incentive for first buyers rife as well.



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