Australian dwelling prices: Correction deepens, 'air pocket' risks intensify

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The Cotality home value index – covering all of Australia – fell 0.9%in August following downwardly-revised 1.2% and 0.9% declines in July and June. Annual growth slowed to 2.7%yr. Prices nationally are now 3.6% below their peak in March.

Declines continue to become more widespread with Cotality reporting 93% of capital city suburbs have recorded falls. Across the major cities, prices declined 1.4% in Sydney, 1.1% in Melbourne, 1% in Brisbane, with Perth and Adelaide both recording slightly milder 0.8% falls. Sydney and Melbourne continue to see more pronounced declines with prices now down 4.6%yr and 4.7%yr respectively.

Preliminary estimates show the number of sales, in rolling 3mth terms, down 6.3%qtr and 15.2%yr.

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