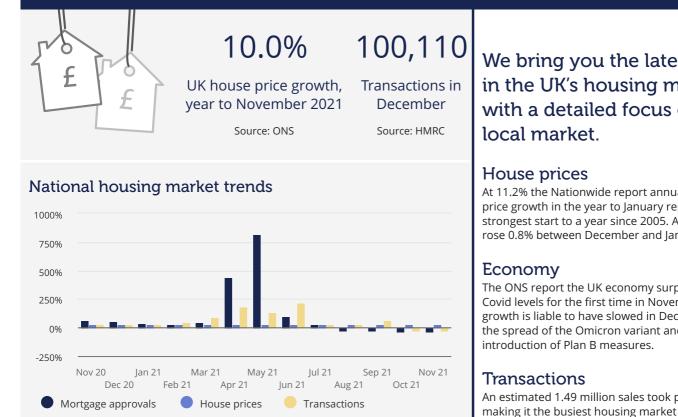
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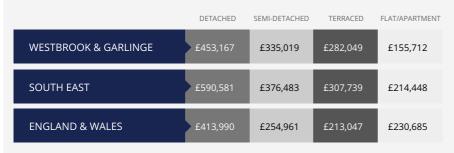
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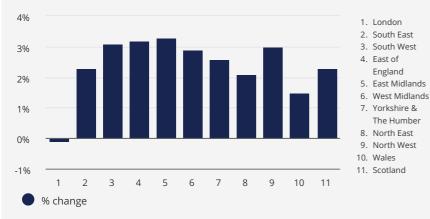
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#### Average property values over last 12 months



### Annual change in private rents to December 2021 by region



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At 11.2% the Nationwide report annual property price growth in the year to January represents the strongest start to a year since 2005. Average prices rose 0.8% between December and January.

The ONS report the UK economy surpassed pre-Covid levels for the first time in November. However, growth is liable to have slowed in December due to the spread of the Omicron variant and the

An estimated 1.49 million sales took place over 2021, making it the busiest housing market since 2007. Over 100,000 property sales took place in December 2021, except for 2020, the busiest December market since 2015 (HMRC).

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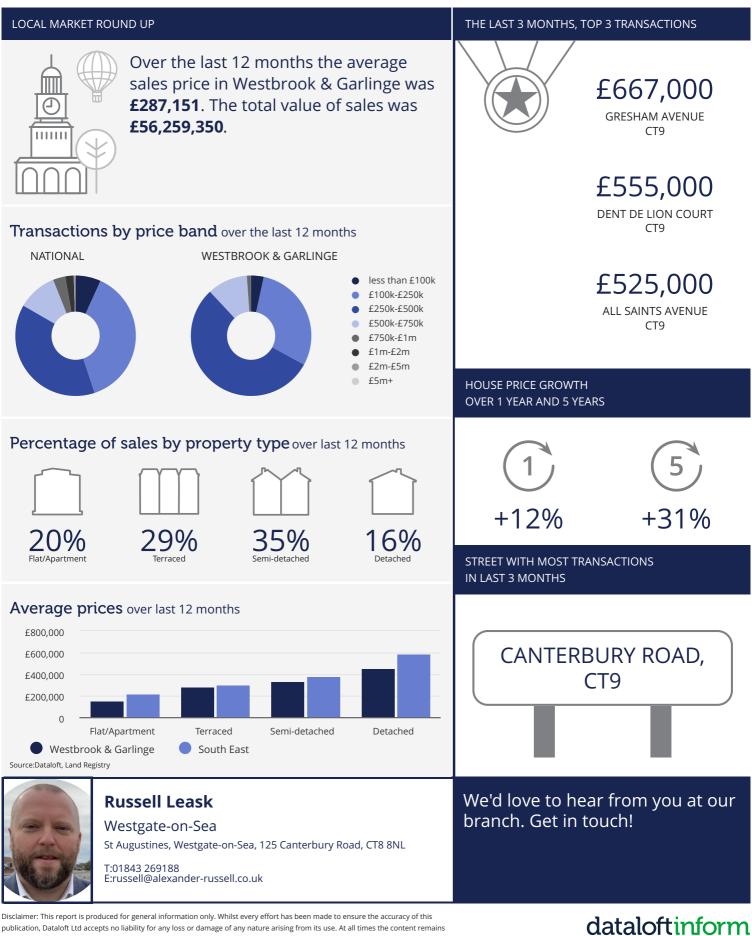
Close to 67,000 mortgages were approved in November, with the exception of 2020, this was the highest November total since 2016 (Bank of England). Mortgage approvals January - November are over 21% higher than the long term average (2013-2020).

#### Investment

At 2.7% the ONS report the annual increase in private rents in the UK (excluding London) is at its strongest since records began in 2016. Rental values continue to rise across many regions of the UK.



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