



A Home You Dream of Owning

The dream of buying your own home can be a reality in South Australia. Housing prices are affordable and well below those in the Australian mainland capital cities.

The news is just as good if you are renting. You'll get more for your dollar in South Australia; its capital Adelaide has the most affordable housing prices of any mainland capital in Australia.

Adelaide, the capital city and business centre of South Australia, is surrounded by spacious parklands that are used for sporting activities, recreation, picnics and cultural festivals. Suburbs stretch some 30 kilometres north and south of the Adelaide city centre. The western suburbs are bordered by St Vincent's Gulf and the eastern suburbs by the Adelaide Hills, which form a delightful backdrop to the city.

Dwellings include detached houses, semi-detached units as well as single and multiple level flats or apartments with one or more bedrooms as well as kitchen, laundry, bathroom, dining and lounge areas. Smaller dwellings might have shared laundry facilities. Some 78% of South Australian households live in three or more bedroom, detached houses on their own allotments.

The South Australian Advantage

South Australia has the advantage of possessing a lower cost of living than most other States and Territories in Australia, with median house prices in the December 2009 figures amongst the lowest growth rate of any capital city.

(Source: June 2010 figures, REIA)



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Private Ownership

70% of households in South Australia own or are buying their own homes. These homes may be bought privately, the most common form of sale is via a real estate agent or conveyancer, but may also be bought directly from the owner.

For more information visit the real estate pages at www.yellowpages.com.au, www.news.com.au, www.realestate.com.au and www.domain.com.au



Public Housing

Though less significant than in parts of Europe and South East Asia, public housing plays an important role in South Australia. Eligibility for public housing is based on income, assets and need.

Further information: www.housing.sa.gov.au

First Home Buyers

The South Australian Government provides a First Home Bonus Grant of AUD \$4,000 for first home purchases up to AUD \$400,000. The Commonwealth Government also provides a First Home Owners Grant of AUD \$7,000 in addition to the South Australian Government Grant.

Further information: www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au and www.firsthome.gov.au

HomeStart Finance

Since 1989, HomeStart Finance has provided affordable home ownership solutions to people earning low to moderate incomes.

HomeStart also has some unique options designed especially for skilled migrants who are looking to buy a home in South Australia.

HomeStart can be contacted on 1300 636 878 (in Australia). Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply. Fees and charges are payable. Further information: www.homestart.com.au



Median Mainland Prices

	AUD \$
Adelaide	458,900
Brisbane	556,200
Hobart	340,300
Melbourne	595,450
Sydney	620,600
Perth	553,400
Canberra	501,700

(Source: June 2010 figures, REIA)

Private Rental

Private rental is another major form of accommodation available in South Australia. Private tenants and landlords are protected by the Residential Tenancies Act, which sets out the rights and obligations of both parties.

For more information: www.ocba.sa.gov.au/tenancies/index.html

Real Estate Institute

The Real Estate Institute of South Australia (REISA) is the peak industry body representing more than 2,000 real estate professionals in South Australia. REISA operates an information service that provides responses to enquiries from the public. The REISA website outlines products and services, as well as other areas of interest such as handy hints for buyers and sellers. A membership directory on the website enables you to search for an REISA member agent or conveyancer. They also operate a State-based internet property listing. For more information: www.reisa.com.au or www.propertyview.com.au

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Please Note: The Government of South Australia is not responsible for processing visa applications. If you wish to migrate to South Australia, you will need to apply for a visa through the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.



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