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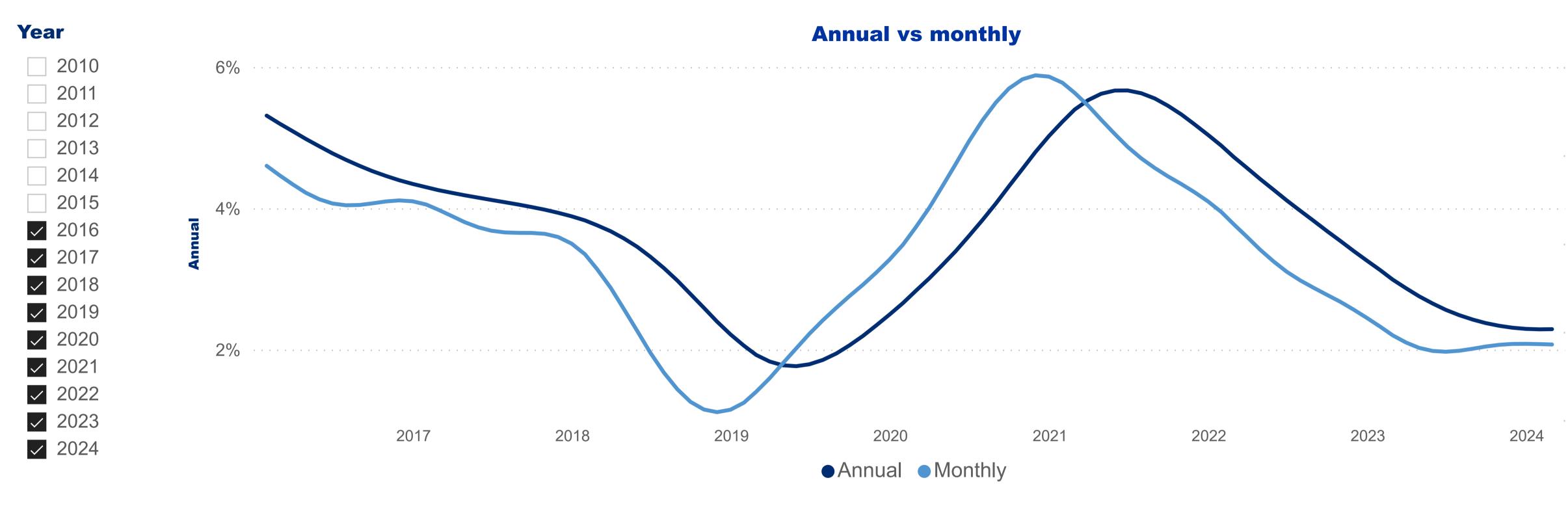
# **Residential Property Indices**

Data as at end February 2024



# **National property inflation**

Current annual property inflation rate is 2.29% and monthly is 0.19%



### **Market review**

"National year-on-year house price inflation currently stands at 2.29%, showing a slight decrease from the previous month.

On a provincial level, annual property inflation has remained steady in the Eastern Cape, Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. However, it has increased in the Northern Cape, while decreasing in the Free State, Limpopo, North West, Western Cape and Mpumalanga compared to the third quarter of 2023.

Annual property inflation for properties in the Low-Value segment has an adjusted increase of 9,0%, while there was a decrease rate of 1.6% for High-Value properties compared to the previous month. Mid-Value properties have experienced a decrease to 1,4%, while inflation for properties in the Luxury segment is higher at 2,8%."

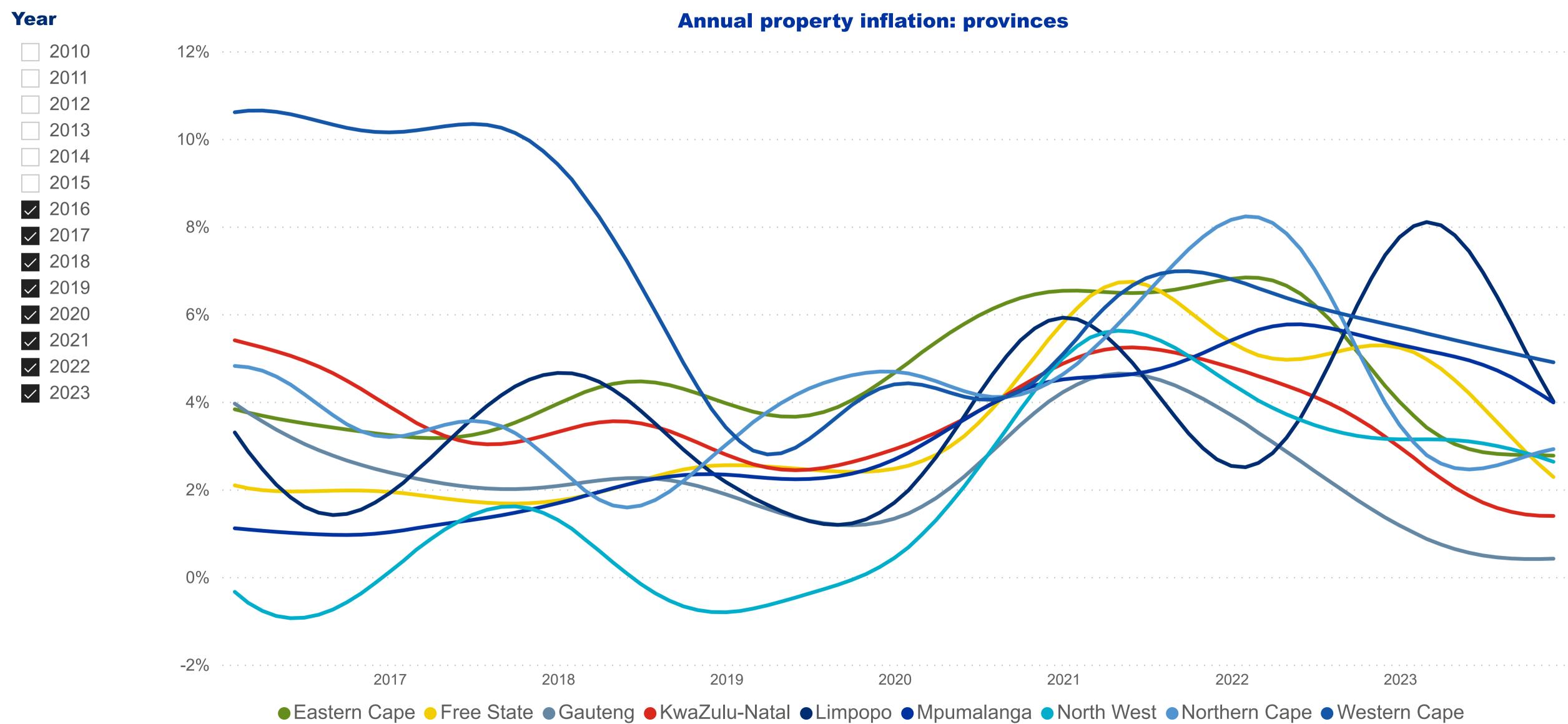




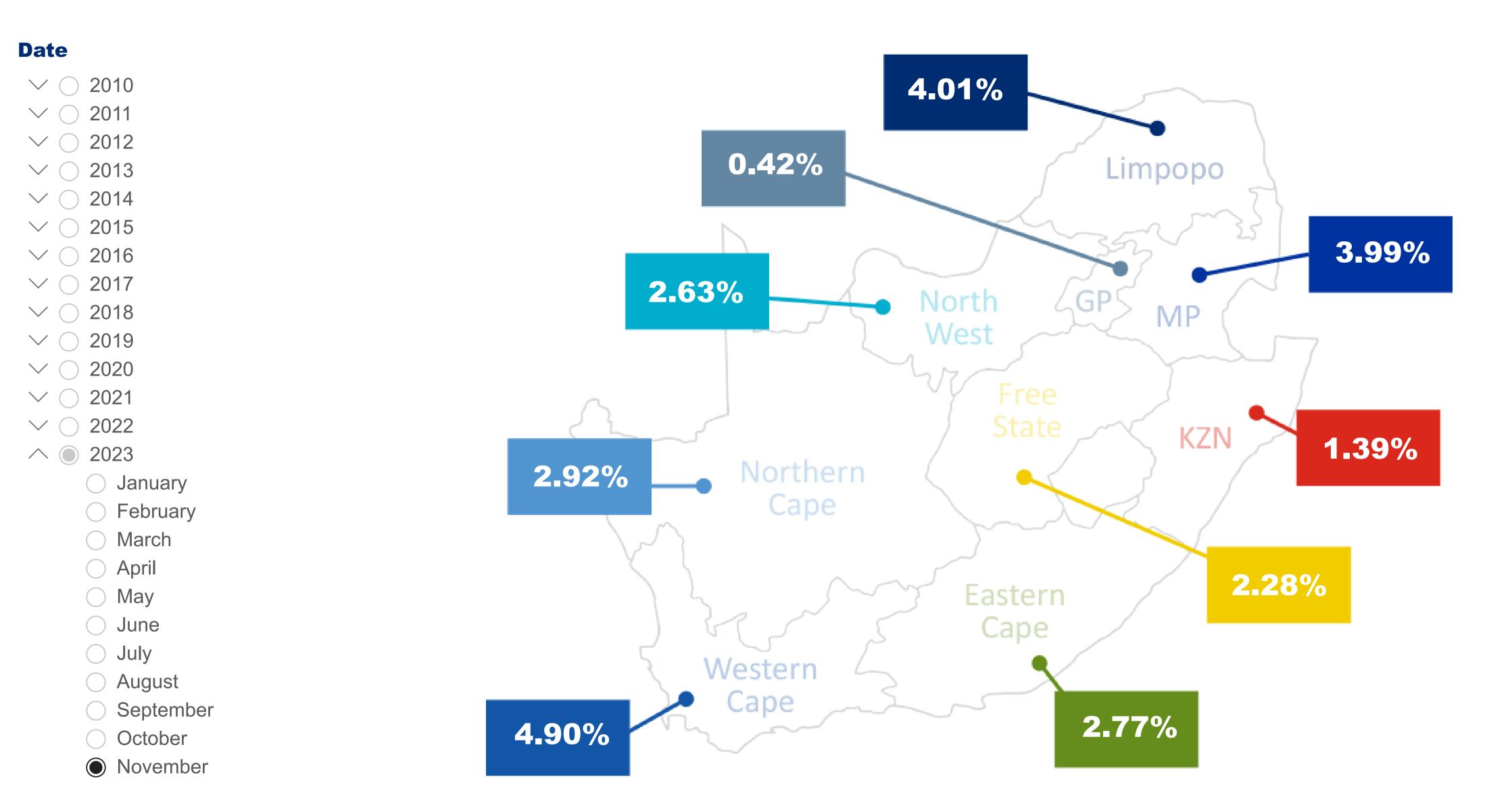
### 0.1%

# **Provincial property inflation**

The Lightstone Provincial Index tracks annual inflation of all provinces in South Africa.



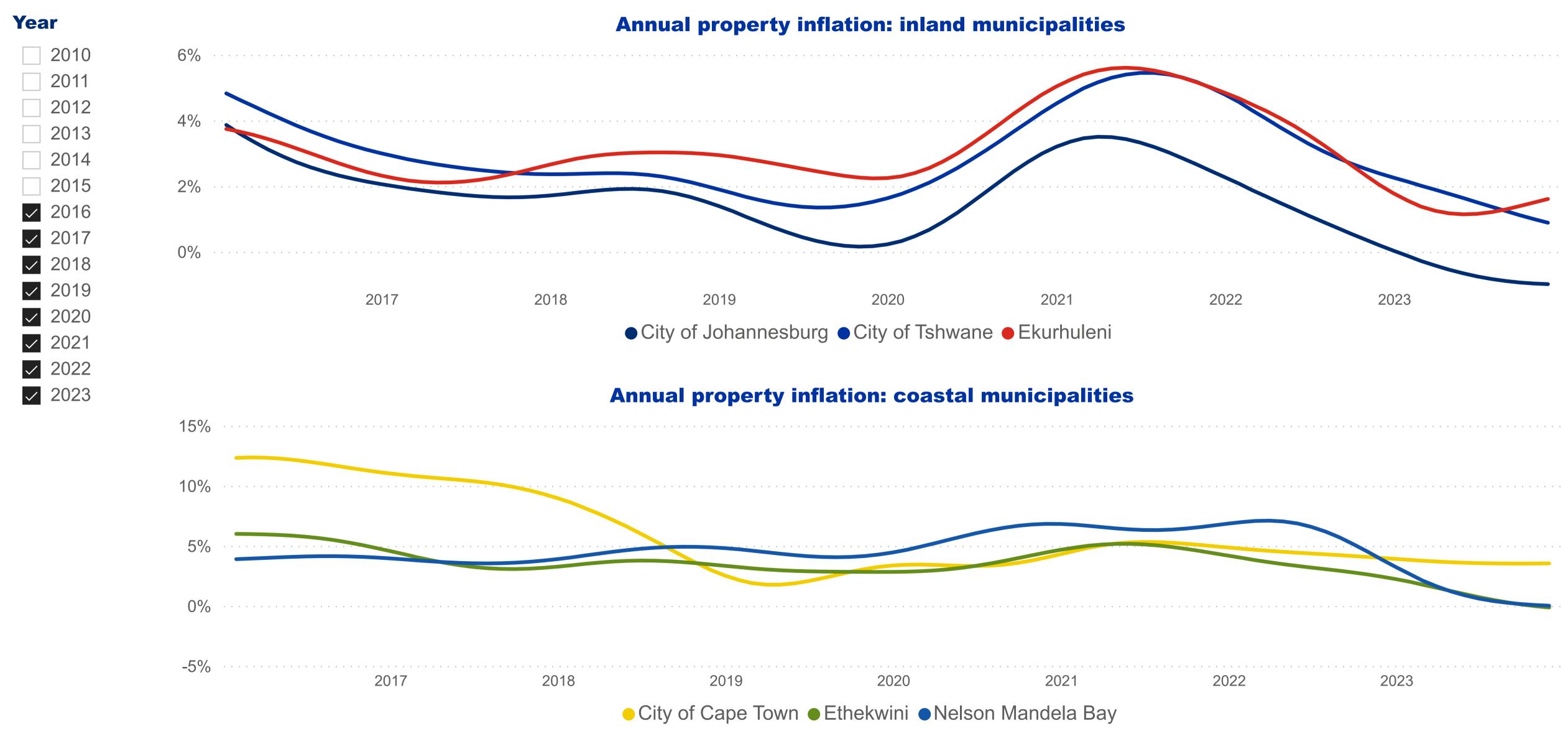
# Latest / current provincial property inflation status





# **Municipal property inflation**

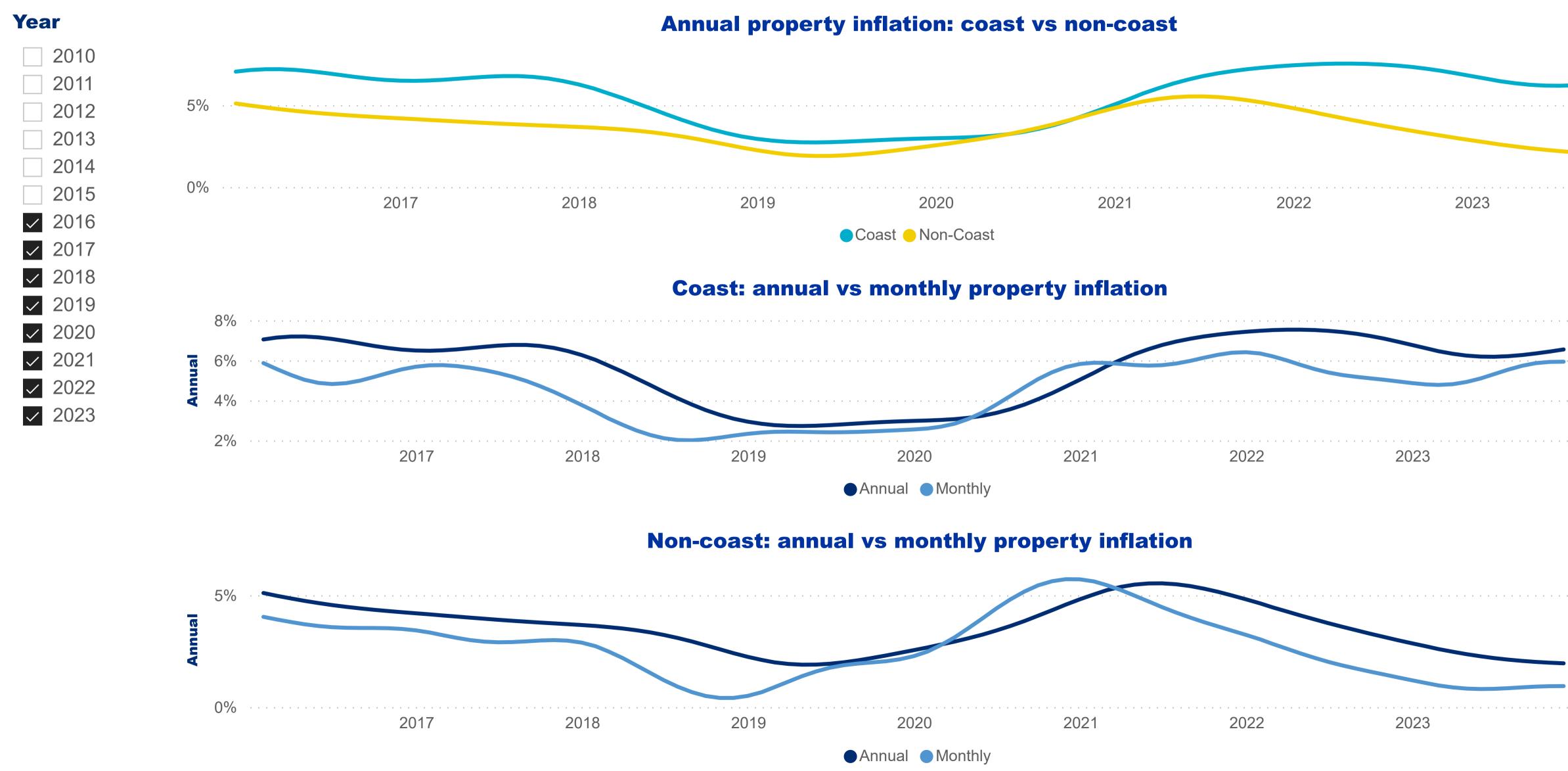
The Lightstone Municipal Index tracks annual inflation at a municipal level, with coastal and inland based municipalities reviewed independently.



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### **Property inflation: coast vs non-coast**

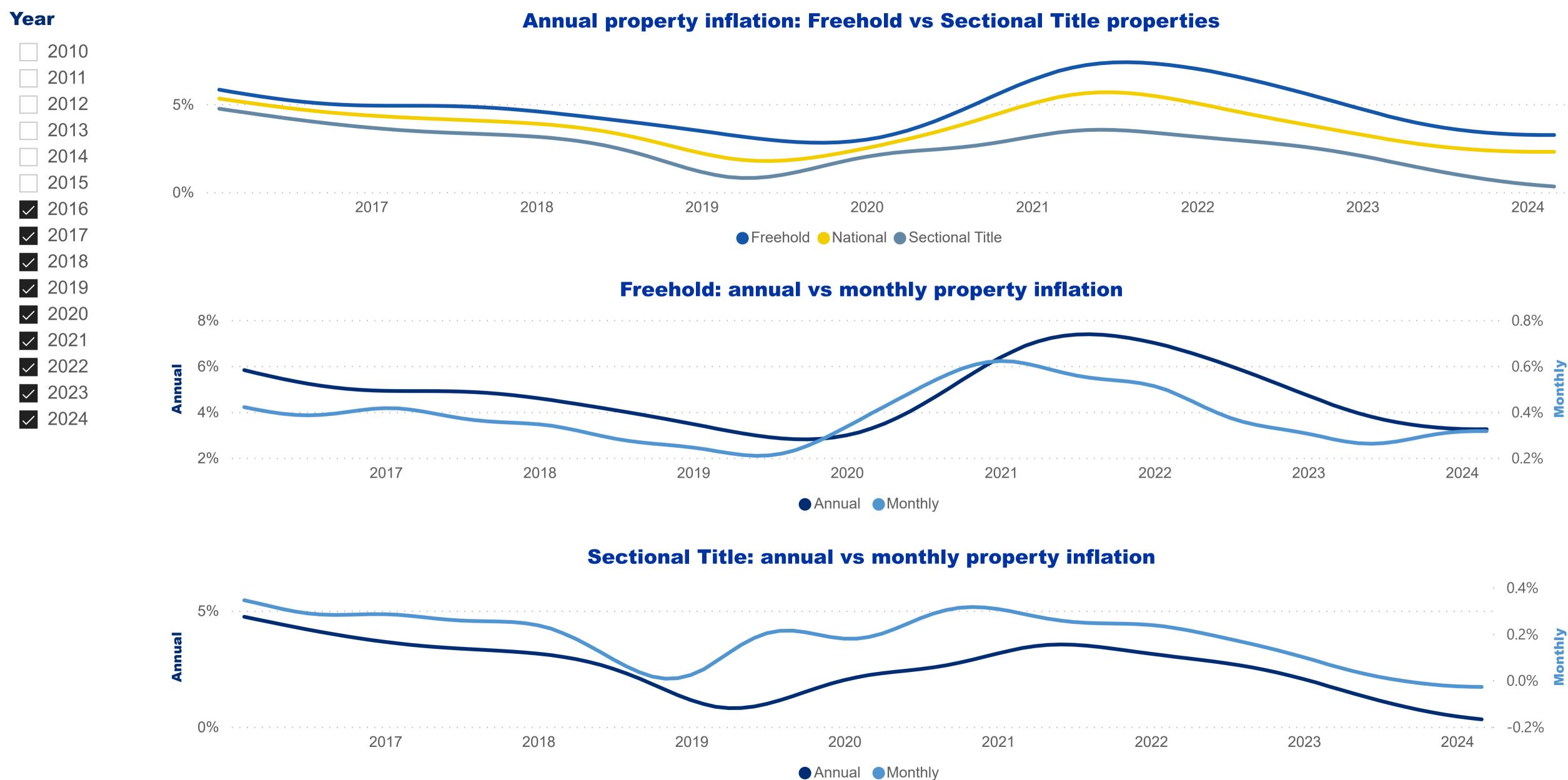
The Lightstone Coast vs Non-Coast Index compares property located within enumerator areas 500m from the coastline to those located further inland.





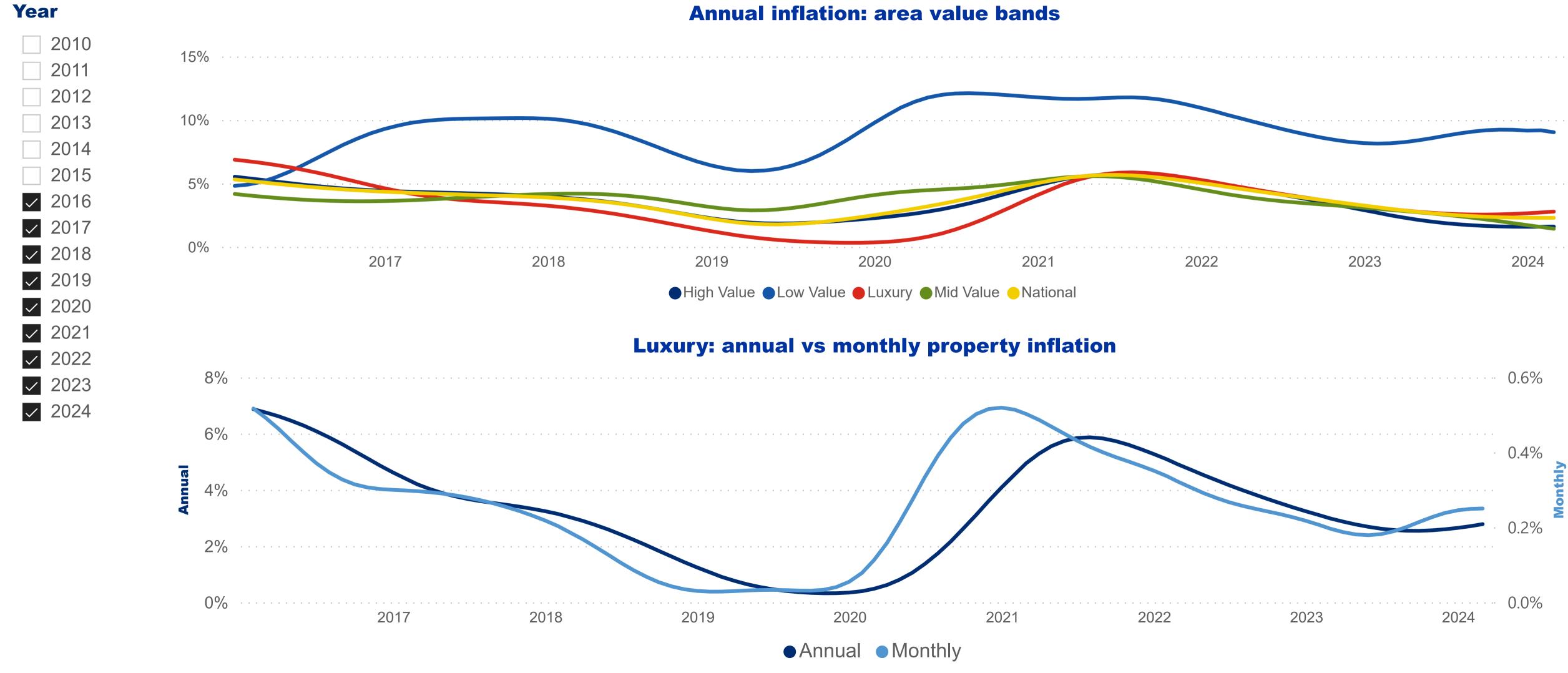


# **Property inflation: Freehold vs Sectional Title**



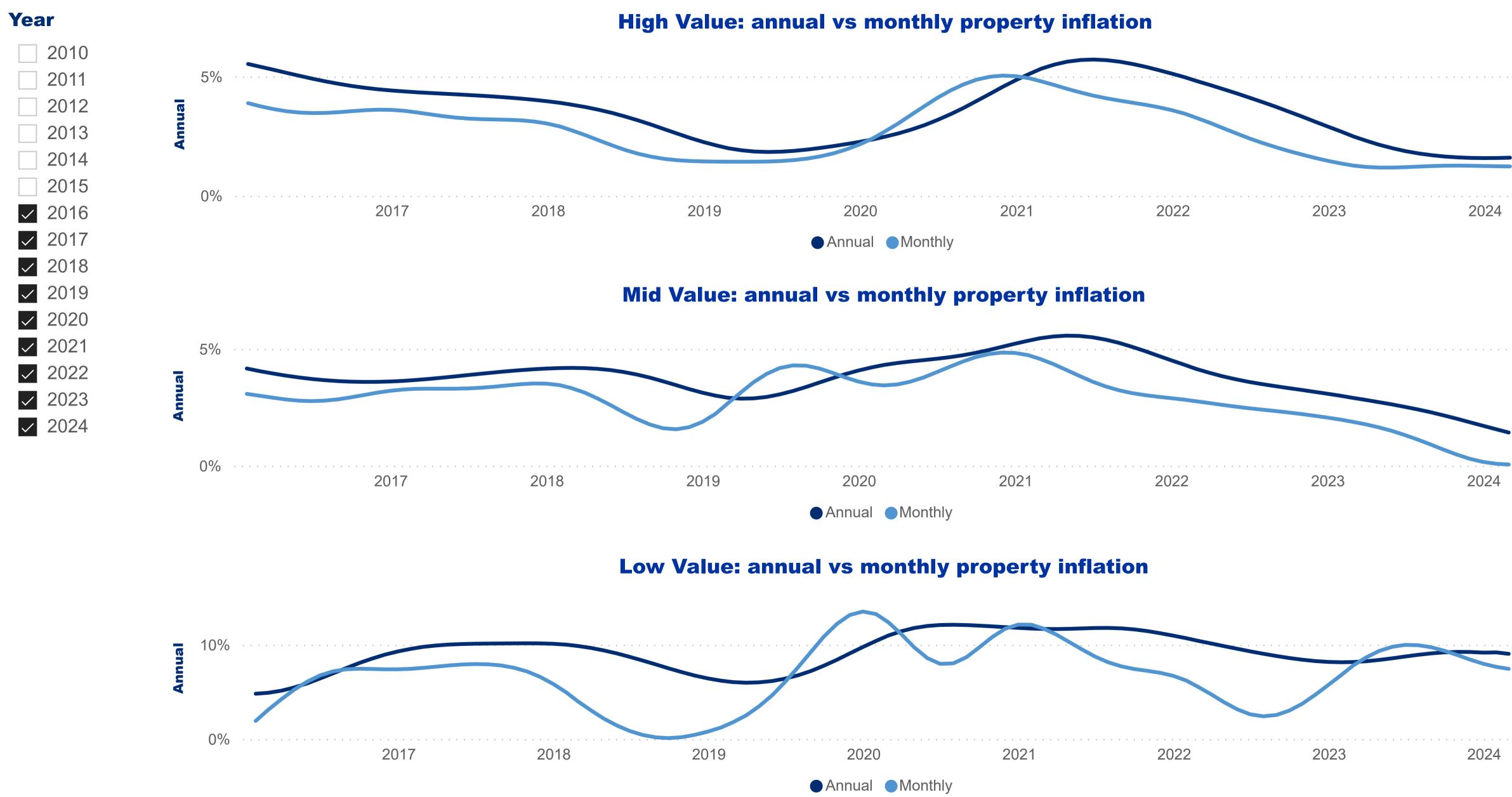
# **Property inflation: value bands**

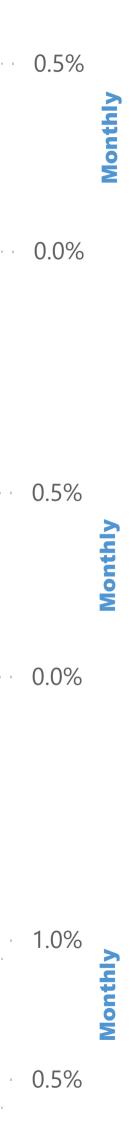
The Lightstone Area Value Bands Index reviews inflationary rates for property based on the following values. Luxury: > R1.5mil High Value: R700k to R1.5mil Mid Value: R250k to R700k Low Value: <R250k





# **Property inflation: value bands (continued)**





# **Property inflation table**

The Annual Inflation Table (below) provides a long term view of annual rates of inflation for various geographical areas and property types. Please note that historic inflation rates can change as transactions occur that imply price inflation for those periods.

Category	Sub-category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023-Q1	2023-Q2	2023-Q3	2023-Oct	2023-Nov	2023-Dec	2024-Jan	2024-Feb
	National	2.5%	5.0%	5.0%	3.3%	2.9%	2.6%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%
Area value bands	High Value	2.3%	4.9%	5.1%	2.9%	2.3%	1.9%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%
	Low Value	9.8%	11.8%	11.0%	8.2%	8.3%	8.7%	9.2%	9.2%	9.2%	9.2%	9.2%	9.0%
	Luxury	0.3%	4.1%	5.3%	3.2%	2.9%	2.6%	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%
	Mid Value	4.1%	5.2%	4.5%	3.1%	2.8%	2.5%	2.2%	2.0%	1.9%	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%
Coastal	Coast	3.0%	5.0%	7.4%	6.8%	6.3%	6.2%	6.3%	6.4%	6.5%			
	Non-Coast	2.5%	4.8%	4.8%	2.9%	2.5%	2.2%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%			
Municipality	City of Cape Town	3.4%	4.3%	4.9%	3.9%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%			
	City of Johannesburg	0.2%	3.2%	2.3%	0.0%	-0.4%	-0.7%	-0.9%	-1.0%	-1.0%			
	City of Tshwane	1.6%	4.5%	4.8%	2.3%	1.9%	1.5%	1.1%	1.0%	0.9%			
	Ekurhuleni	2.2%	5.0%	4.8%	1.8%	1.3%	1.2%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%			
	Ethekwini	2.8%	4.7%	4.2%	2.2%	1.5%	0.7%	0.1%	-0.0%	-0.1%			
	Nelson Mandela Bay	4.5%	6.8%	6.9%	3.2%	1.6%	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%			
Province	Eastern Cape	4.7%	6.5%	6.8%	4.0%	3.2%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%			
	Free State	2.5%	5.8%	5.4%	5.2%	4.8%	3.9%	2.9%	2.6%	2.3%			
	Gauteng	1.3%	4.2%	3.7%	1.2%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%			
	KwaZulu-Natal	2.9%	4.9%	4.8%	3.0%	2.3%	1.7%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%			
	Limpopo	1.7%	5.9%	2.5%	7.8%	8.0%	7.0%	5.2%	4.6%	4.0%			
	Mpumalanga	2.7%	4.5%	5.4%	5.3%	5.1%	4.8%	4.4%	4.2%	4.0%			
	North West	0.4%	5.0%	4.4%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	2.8%	2.7%	2.6%			
	Northern Cape	4.7%	4.6%	8.2%	3.5%	2.6%	2.5%	2.8%	2.8%	2.9%			
	Western Cape	4.4%	5.1%	6.8%	5.7%	5.5%	5.3%	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%			
⊟ ST / FH	Freehold	3.0%	6.4%	7.0%	4.7%	4.1%	3.7%	3.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.2%	3.2%
	Sectional Title	2.0%	3.2%	3.1%	2.1%	1.6%	1.1%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%





### Shining a light on our approach

### **Methodology:**

Lightstone applies the repeat sales methodology when reviewing and reporting on property data. In contrast to 'average house price' indices, repeat sales indices provide a measure of the actual price inflation of houses that have transacted twice within a particular period of time. The main benefit of this is that it is less influenced by the mix of transacting properties. The repeat sales methodology is recognized as the premier methodology for indexing house prices and is used by many international residential property price indexers including the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) in the United States.

### Data:

All property transactions in South Africa are registered in the Deeds Office and each record contains the legal details of both the property and the transaction. For the purposes of the Repeat Sales Index for residential properties, the following transactions have been excluded: farms; any transactions which may be of a development, commercial or community services nature; new developments; sales made in execution of a judgement; non-arms-length transactions; transactions where the inflation is extremely different to the norm of the statistical distribution of inflation rates; and township transactions.

### **Caution:**

Lightstone presents both annual and monthly inflation rates. Monthly inflation emphasises recent market performance (i.e., month-on-month) and is more volatile than annual inflation trends. Conclusions about the future trend of annual inflation, based on monthly inflationary rates, must be made with caution.

### **Disclaimer:**

The Lightstone Repeat Sales Index system applies advanced statistical methods to a comprehensive property database - compiled from the Deeds Office, the Surveyor General and other sources - to generate repeat sales inflation data for individual residential properties. Despite the statistical and actuarial rigour applied, Lightstone cannot guarantee the accuracy and reliability of the data. Furthermore, the index is a statistical tool and does not amount to advice and may not be applicable in some cases. Lightstone does not take responsibility for any losses incurred as a result of any person acting or omitting to act as a result of the publication of this index.

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