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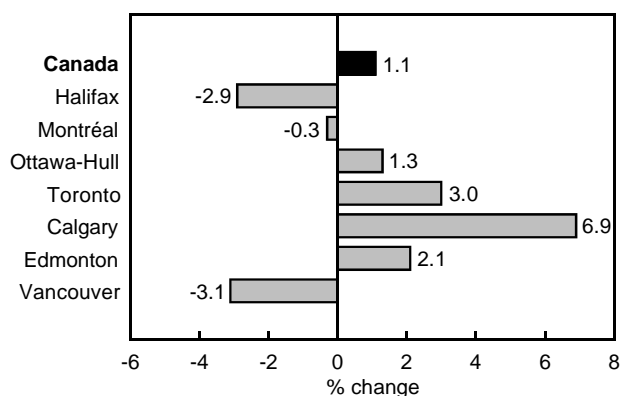
## MAJOR RELEASES

### New Housing Price Index

September 1997

The New Housing Price Index advanced 1.1% in September compared with the same period a year earlier. This is the seventh consecutive month that the index registered an annual increase after annual declines for 31 consecutive months (July 1994 to January 1997).

**New housing price indexes  
September 1996 to September 1997**



From August to September 1997, the composite index increased 0.1%, resuming the gradual upward movement which began in November 1996. September's increase of 0.1% is the 9th monthly advance in 11 months.

The general improvement in housing markets in recent months has been attributable to higher consumer confidence and favourable interest rates. Significant annual increases were noted in the Calgary (+6.9%), Hamilton (+5.1%), Windsor (+4.6%) and St. Catharines-Niagara (+4.5%) census metropolitan areas. However, despite the general feeling of optimism, the competitive nature of housing markets has moderated increases or has contributed to decreases in some cities.

Nevertheless, the outlook for future housing construction continues to be encouraging. Annual housing construction intentions, as measured by the value of residential building permits, were up 21.0% for the first nine months of 1997 compared with 1996. Despite a slowdown in September, the trend in housing starts has generally been upward since the the third quarter of 1995 (according to Canada Mortgage and

Housing Corporation). In addition, the resale market was up 13.9% between January and September 1997 compared with the same period last year (as reported by the Canadian Real Estate Association).

### New housing price indexes (1986=100)

	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997	Sept. 1996 to Sept. 1997	Aug. 1997 to Sept. 1997
<b>Canada</b>	<b>131.5</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>133.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
House only	121.1	123.2	123.2	1.7	-
Land only	165.2	165.5	165.5	0.2	-
St. John's	126.0	122.8	122.8	-2.5	-
Halifax	121.5	118.0	118.0	-2.9	-
Charlottetown	116.6	118.0	116.8	0.2	-1.0
Saint John- Moncton- Fredericton	113.8	108.8	108.7	-4.5	-0.1
Québec	133.2	132.7	132.7	-0.4	-
Montréal	137.7	137.2	137.3	-0.3	0.1
Ottawa-Hull	118.2	119.8	119.7	1.3	-0.1
Toronto	135.6	139.4	139.7	3.0	0.2
Hamilton	125.2	131.1	131.6	5.1	0.4
St. Catharines- Niagara	121.9	126.9	127.4	4.5	0.4
Kitchener- Waterloo	122.0	123.1	123.7	1.4	0.5
London	141.3	142.4	142.5	0.8	0.1
Windsor	128.3	134.1	134.2	4.6	0.1
Sudbury- Thunder Bay	137.1	136.5	135.4	-1.2	-0.8
Winnipeg	119.0	120.6	121.0	1.7	0.3
Regina	135.0	140.0	140.0	3.7	-
Saskatoon	116.5	118.4	118.4	1.6	-
Calgary	143.9	153.2	153.9	6.9	0.5
Edmonton	145.0	147.9	148.1	2.1	0.1
Vancouver	128.3	124.7	124.3	-3.1	-0.3
Victoria	109.6	107.7	106.6	-2.7	-1.0

- Nil or zero.

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The third quarter 1997 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$23/\$76) will be available in December. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Elvira Marinelli (613-951-3350; fax: 613-951-2848; Internet: [danipau@statcan.ca](mailto:danipau@statcan.ca)), Client Services Unit, Prices Division. ■

## OTHER RELEASES

### Apartment building construction price indexes

Third quarter 1997

The composite price index for apartment building construction rose 0.4% to 127.6 (1986=100) in the third quarter of 1997 over the previous quarter, and 2.1% over the third quarter of 1996.

Calgary registered the highest quarterly change (+1.0%), followed by Edmonton (+0.8%). Montréal and Vancouver (+0.4%), and Halifax, Ottawa and Toronto (+0.3%) also showed advances.

**Note:** The apartment building construction price indexes provide an indication of new construction cost changes in seven major urban areas across Canada (Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver). Besides the city indexes and seven city composites there are further breakdowns of cost changes by trade groups within the building index (structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical). These price indexes are derived from surveys of general and special trade group contractors who report on the categories of costs (material, labour, equipment, taxes, overhead and profits) relevant to the detailed construction specifications included in the surveys.

### Apartment building construction price indexes (1986=100)

	Q3 1997	Q3 1996 to Q3 1997	Q2 to Q3 1997
	% change		
<b>Composite</b>	<b>127.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Halifax	113.3	-2.3	0.3
Montréal	121.3	3.3	0.4
Ottawa	135.0	1.6	0.3
Toronto	131.4	1.9	0.3
Calgary	130.9	2.5	1.0
Edmonton	128.6	2.5	0.8
Vancouver	133.2	2.1	0.4

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### Oil pipeline transport

August 1997

Net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons totalled 13 440 432 cubic metres in August, up 11.2% from August 1996. Year-to-date receipts to the end of August 1997 (99 094 800 cubic metres) rose 7.3% over the same period in 1996. Net receipts of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products in August (6 661 398 cubic metres) increased 0.1% from August 1996. Year-to-date receipts decreased 0.7% to 50 382 954 cubic metres.

Pipeline exports of crude oil (6 270 722 cubic metres) advanced 18.8% from August 1996, and pipeline imports (1 564 688 cubic metres) jumped 34.6%. Year-to-date exports (44 899 210 cubic metres) were up 8.4% from 1996. Year-to-date imports (11 184 154 cubic metres) increased 28.5%. Canadian crude oil has found a ready market in the United States, where indigenous production has been declining in recent years.

August deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries totalled 6 096 654 cubic metres, up 5.2% from 1996. August deliveries of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products fell 34.4% to 464 971 cubic metres. Year-to-date deliveries of crude oil to refineries at the end of August 1997 totalled 44 858 492 cubic metres, up 4.4% from the same period in 1996.

### Available on CANSIM: matrices 181 and 591-595.

The August 1997 issue of *Oil pipeline transport* (55-001-XPB, \$12/\$114) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562; Internet: [oconger@statcan.ca](mailto:oconger@statcan.ca)), Energy Section, Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

## Particleboard, oriented strandboard and fibreboard

September 1997

Oriented strandboard production in September totalled 453 019 cubic metres, a 10.1% increase from 411 533 (revised) cubic metres in September 1996. Particleboard production reached 197 240 cubic metres, up 14.4% from 172 363 (revised) cubic metres in September 1996. Fibreboard production in September was 56 784 cubic metres, up 35.4% from 41 928 cubic metres in September 1996.

Year-to-date oriented strandboard production totalled 4 158 658 cubic metres, up 23.3% from 3 372 819 (revised) cubic metres produced a year earlier. Year-to-date particleboard production was 1 692 884 cubic metres, up 10.2% from the 1 535 882 (revised) cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date fibreboard production reached 475 132 cubic metres, a 40.1% increase from 339 042 cubic metres during the same period in 1996.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3, 5) and 122 (series 8).**

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For further information on this release, contact Gilles Simard (613-951-3516; internet: [simales@statcan.ca](mailto:simales@statcan.ca)), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

## Oils and fats

September 1997

Production of all types of deodorized oils in September totalled 117 126 tonnes, up 19.9% from 97 685 tonnes

in August 1997. Year-to-date production totalled 919 058 tonnes, an 8.8% increase from 844 670 tonnes a year earlier.

The domestic sales of deodorized margarine oil totalled 12 930 tonnes, deodorized shortening oil totalled 27 600 tonnes, and deodorized salad oil totalled 28 992 tonnes in September 1997.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 185.**

The September 1997 issue of *Oils and fats* (32-006-XPB, \$7/\$62) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

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## Dairy statistics

September and October 1997 (preliminary)

Dairy statistics for September and October are now available. These data will be included in the July-September 1997 issue of *The dairy review* (23-001QXPB, \$36/\$119), which will be released in November. See *How to order publications*.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 3428, 5632-5638, 5650-5661, 5664-5667 and 5673.**

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