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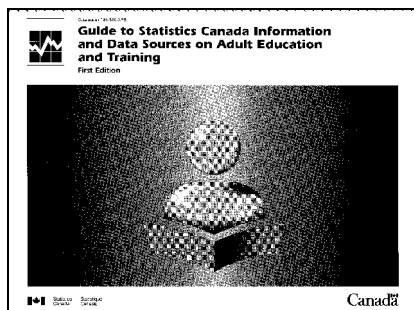
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Guide to adult education and training statistics

The *Guide to Statistics Canada information and data sources on adult education and training* reviews over 30 Statistics Canada surveys related to adult participation in education or training activities. It provides users with a summary of the data source, the surveyed population, the data collection method and the reference period for each survey, as well as a list of the most relevant variables. A grid and detailed index of the variables allows researchers to quickly identify data sources. Finally, a glossary and case studies help users interpret the data.

The *Guide to Statistics Canada information and data sources on adult education and training* is now available (81-580-XPB, \$10). An electronic version will be available shortly (see www.statcan.ca). This guide is the second in a series on education statistics. It follows the 1995 *Guide to data on elementary/secondary education in Canada* (81F0004GPB). A guide on postsecondary education is in preparation. See *How to order publications*.

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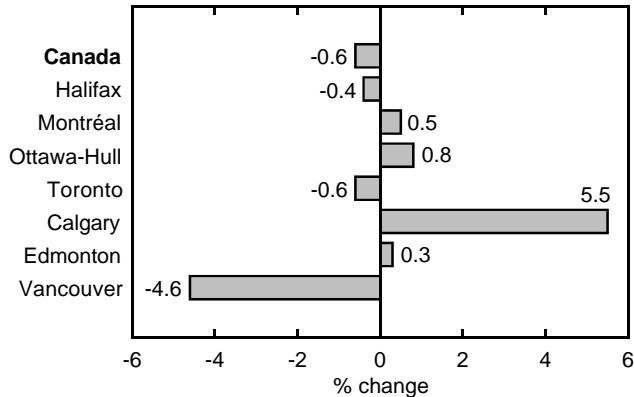
New Housing Price Index

January 1997

New housing prices have been falling over the past 2 1/2 years. The rate of decline, however has slowed, particularly since May 1996. In January 1997, the index decreased 0.6% from the same month a year earlier.

This rate of decline was less than the 1.6%, 1.0% and 0.9% annual declines reported in October, November and December of 1996. (The annual rate of change has been negative since July 1994.)

New housing price indexes
 January 1996 to January 1997



From December 1996 to January 1997, the index increased 0.2%. Prices rose in 11 of the 21 cities surveyed. Five cities recorded monthly decreases and the remaining five showed no monthly change in January.

Once again, in January, builders reported increases in construction costs. However, these increases were moderated by the improving but competitive markets in many of the surveyed cities.

New housing price indexes (1986=100)

	Jan. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Jan. 1996 to Jan. 1997	Dec. 1996 to Jan. 1997
	% change				
Canada	133.0	131.9	132.2	-0.6	0.2
House only	122.9	121.7	122.0	-0.7	0.2
Land only	166.0	165.4	165.4	-0.4	-
St. John's	127.1	125.7	125.7	-1.1	-
Halifax	121.2	121.4	120.7	-0.4	-0.6
Charlottetown	115.5	116.1	116.1	0.5	-
St John-Moncton- Fredericton	114.6	113.9	113.9	-0.6	-
Quebec City	135.1	132.9	133.0	-1.6	0.1
Montréal	137.1	138.0	137.8	0.5	-0.1
Ottawa-Hull	119.4	119.8	120.4	0.8	0.5
Toronto	137.6	136.2	136.8	-0.6	0.4
Hamilton	125.2	125.7	125.7	0.4	-
St. Catharines- Niagara	121.6	124.5	125.2	3.0	0.6
Kitchener- Waterloo	122.5	121.4	122.0	-0.4	0.5
London	141.3	140.7	141.7	0.3	0.7
Windsor	128.3	132.1	132.5	3.3	0.3
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	137.2	137.3	136.8	-0.3	-0.4
Winnipeg	118.0	120.2	120.1	1.8	-0.1
Regina	132.8	135.3	135.4	2.0	0.1
Saskatoon	114.2	116.5	116.5	2.0	-
Calgary	141.3	148.6	149.1	5.5	0.3
Edmonton	145.6	145.3	146.0	0.3	0.5
Vancouver	132.9	127.0	126.8	-4.6	-0.2
Victoria	113.0	107.7	107.9	-4.5	0.2

- Nil or zero.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

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

For further information on this release, contact Paul-Roméo Danis (613-951-3350; fax: 613-951-2848; Internet: danipau@statcan.ca), Client Services Unit, Prices Division. ■

Steel, primary forms

January 1997

Steel, primary forms, production for January 1997 totalled 1 181 137 tonnes, a decrease of 0.6% from 1 188 564 metric tonnes the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).

The January 1997 issue of *Primary iron and steel* (41-001-XPB, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827; Internet: milsomg@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Wage rates for hired agricultural labour

1996

Average rates paid to hired agricultural labour rose 3.3% in 1996 to \$9.18 per hour. Wage rates in agriculture were generally lower than hourly rates elsewhere in the economy, which averaged \$14.39 per hour in 1996.

Increases were recorded primarily for machinery operators and fruit and vegetable labour. The rates

increased in all regions except Quebec where rates were unchanged compared with 1995.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 160.

For further information, contact Rick Burroughs (613-951-2890, Internet: burric@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Electric lamps

November 1996

Light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 28.3 million light bulbs and tubes in November 1996, an increase of 1.4% from the 27.9 million a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales at the end of November 1996 totalled 275.4 million light bulbs and tubes, an increase of 7.2% from the 256.9 million a year earlier.

The November 1996 issue of *Electric lamps* (43-009-XPB, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523; Internet: vincwil@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

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Building permits, January 1997, microfiche version
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other countries: US\$35/US\$189).

Building permits, January 1997, paper version
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(Canada: \$24/\$240; United States: US\$29/US\$288;
other countries: US\$34/US\$336).

Exports by commodity, December 1996, microfiche
version
Catalogue number 65-004-XMB
(Canada: \$35/\$350; United States: US\$42/US\$420;
other countries: US\$49/US\$490).

Exports by commodity, December 1996, paper
version
Catalogue number 65-004-XPB
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other countries: US\$105/US\$1050).

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