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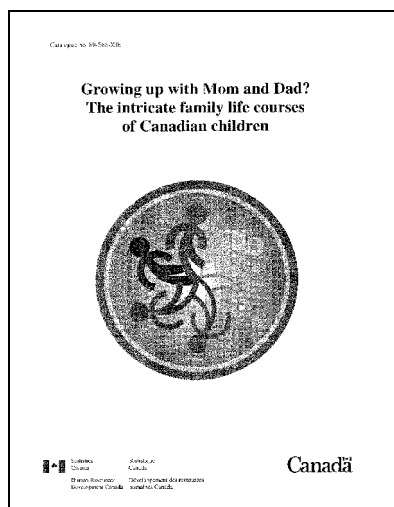
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Growing up with Mom and Dad? The intricate family life courses of Canadian children 1994-1995

This publication provides a detailed analysis of datasets from the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth, which focus on family history and the custody of children. Preliminary results were published in the June 2nd edition of *The Daily*.

The article, which was written by Nicole Marcil-Gratton (Centre interuniversitaire d'études démographiques, Department of Demography, University of Montreal), profiles the changing nature of family environments. Also examined are children who experience life in lone-parent families at younger and younger ages, the risk factors for children associated with different types of conjugal unions, and the frequency of parents re-establishing old, or establishing new, conjugal relationships.

Growing up with Mom and Dad? The intricate family life courses of Canadian children (89-566-XIE) is now available free on the Internet (www.statcan.ca).

For further further information, contact Yvan Clermont (613-951-3326), Special Surveys Division, or Susan McKellar (613-953-4230), Human Resources and Development Canada.



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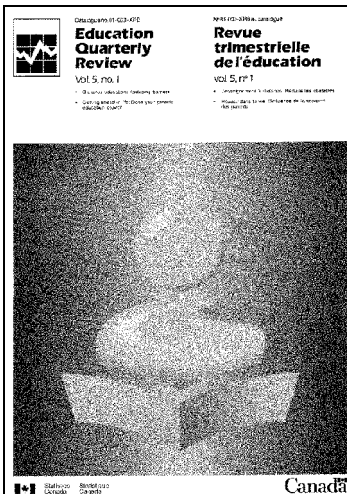
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Education quarterly review

Education quarterly review, released today, features the articles "Distance education: Reducing barriers" and "Getting ahead in life: Does your parents' education count?".

Each issue also includes a series of social, economic and education indicators for Canada, the provinces and territories, and the G-7 countries.

Education quarterly review, Vol. 5, no. 1, is now available (81-003-XPB, \$21/\$68, Internet version: 81-003-XIB, \$16/\$51). See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Jim Seidle (613-951-1500; fax: 613-951-9040; seidjim@statcan.ca), Centre for Education Statistics.

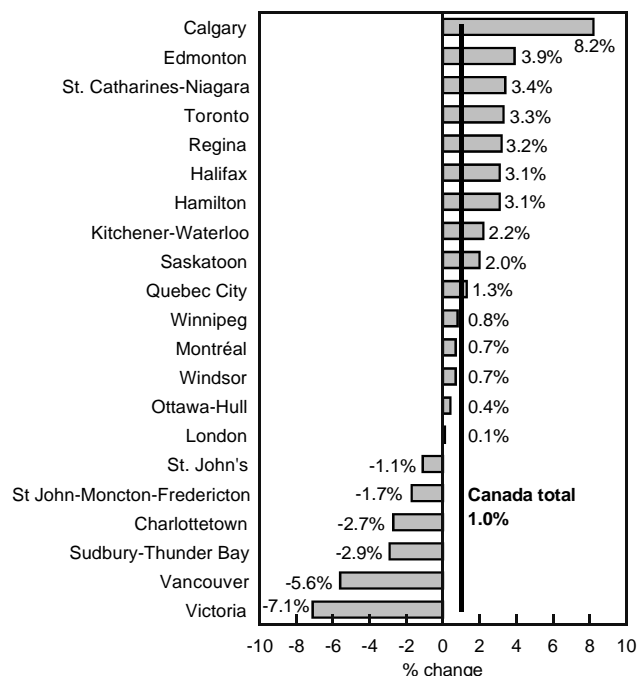
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New Housing Price Indexes (1992=100)
June 1997 to June 1998



Annual changes varied considerably among the cities surveyed. The largest annual increase was in the buoyant Calgary (+8.2%) market. The

largest annual decreases were in Victoria (-7.1%) and Vancouver (-5.6%), where market conditions remain very competitive. With Toronto's significant impact on the Canada level index, the annual increase of 3.3% in the active Toronto market was a major factor in the annual increase of 1.0% recorded for the Canada total index.

From May to June 1998, the composite index increased 0.1% — continuing the generally upward movement since November 1996. The June increase of 0.1% was the 15th increase in 20 months.

The recent general improvement in new housing markets is attributable to higher consumer confidence in Ontario and the Prairies, favourable mortgage interest rates and strong activity in the resale market. Despite the general feeling of optimism, the competitive nature of housing markets has moderated increases or has contributed to decreases in housing prices — especially in surveyed cities on the West Coast, where economies have been less dynamic and consumer confidence seems to be lower.

Generally, the outlook for future housing construction remains positive even if expectations are tempered compared with those at the beginning of the year. According to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the total number of housing starts are forecast to advance 6.3% in 1998 compared with 1997 — a slight decrease from forecasts made earlier this year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9921.

The second quarter 1998 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB,\$24/\$79) will be available in September. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Elvira Marinelli (613-951-3350, fax: 613-951-2848, infounit@statcan.ca), Client Services Unit, Prices Division. □

New Housing Price Indexes (1992=100)

	June 1997	May 1998	June 1998	June 1997 to June 1998	May to June 1998
				% change	
Canada	99.1	100.0	100.1	1.0	0.1
House only	99.0	100.4	100.5	1.5	0.1
Land only	101.4	101.7	101.8	0.4	0.1
St. John's	97.1	96.1	96.0	-1.1	-0.1
Halifax	105.7	109.0	109.0	3.1	-
Charlottetown	104.0	101.4	101.2	-2.7	-0.2
St John-Moncton-Fredericton	95.0	93.5	93.4	-1.7	-0.1
Québec	97.6	98.8	98.9	1.3	0.1
Montréal	101.6	102.3	102.3	0.7	-
Ottawa-Hull	97.0	97.3	97.4	0.4	0.1
Toronto	98.7	101.8	102.0	3.3	0.2
Hamilton	98.7	101.7	101.8	3.1	0.1
St. Catharines-Niagara	96.3	99.4	99.6	3.4	0.2
Kitchener-Waterloo	98.1	100.1	100.3	2.2	0.2
London	97.6	97.7	97.7	0.1	-
Windsor	104.7	105.3	105.4	0.7	0.1
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	103.3	100.3	100.3	-2.9	-
Winnipeg	111.3	111.9	112.2	0.8	0.3
Regina	119.9	123.7	123.7	3.2	-
Saskatoon	110.4	112.5	112.6	2.0	0.1
Calgary	114.2	122.3	123.6	8.2	1.1
Edmonton	103.8	107.6	107.8	3.9	0.2
Vancouver	93.0	88.2	87.8	-5.6	-0.5
Victoria	84.2	79.1	78.2	-7.1	-1.1

– Nil or zero.



OTHER RELEASES

Non-residential building construction price indexes

Second quarter 1998

The composite price index for non-residential building construction (1992=100) rose to 112.1 in the second quarter of 1998, an increase of 0.4% over the previous quarter and 2.0% higher than the same quarter one year ago.

Between the first and second quarters of 1998, the index increased in Edmonton (+0.5%), Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto and Calgary (+0.4%), Halifax (+0.3%) and Vancouver (+0.2%).

Non-residential building construction price indexes provide an indication of changes in construction costs in seven major urban areas across Canada (Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver). Three construction categories (industrial, commercial and institutional buildings) are represented by selected models (a light factory building, an office building, a warehouse, a shopping centre and a school).

Besides the city indexes and seven city composites, a further breakdown of the change in costs is available by trade group (structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical) within the building types. These price indexes are derived from surveys of general and special trade group contractors. They report data on various categories of costs (material, labour, equipment, taxes, overhead and profit) relevant to the detailed construction specifications included in the surveys.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9930 and 9931.

The second quarter 1998 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in September. See *How to order publications*.

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

Oils and fats

June 1998

Production of all types of deodorized oils totalled 93 646 metric tonnes in June, down 1.8% from 95 317 tonnes in May 1998. Year-to-date production at the end of June totalled 617 995 tonnes, a 1.7% increase from 607 840 tonnes produced a year earlier.

The domestic sales of deodorized margarine oil totalled 11 235 tonnes, deodorized shortening oil totalled 28 888 tonnes, and deodorized salad oil totalled 33 881 tonnes in June 1998.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 185.

The June 1998 issue of *Oils and fats* (32-006-XPB, \$7/\$62) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Daryl Keen (613-951-3588; keendar@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Dairy statistics

June and July 1998 (preliminary)

Dairy statistics for June and July 1998 are now available. These data will be included in the second quarter issue of *The dairy review* (23-001QXPB, \$36/\$119), which will be released in August. See *How to order publications*.

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

For further information, contact Anna Michalowska (1 800 465-1991; fax: 613-951-3868), Agriculture Division. ■

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Science statistics: Service bulletin, 1996, Vol. 22, no. 2
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Growing up with Mom and Dad? The intricate family life courses of Canadian children, 1994-1995
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