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## OTHER RELEASES

# Apartment building construction price indexes

Fourth quarter 1998

The composite price index for apartment building construction increased by 0.4% to 112.2 (1992=100) in the fourth quarter of 1998 compared with the previous quarter. The index rose 1.8% over the fourth quarter of 1997.

Toronto and Halifax registered the highest quarterly change (+0.7%), followed by Calgary and Edmonton (+0.6%), Ottawa (+0.5%), Montreal (+0.4%), and Vancouver (0.3%).

## Apartment building construction price indexes Fourth quarter 1998 (1992=100)

	Fourth	Fourth	Third
	quarter	quarter	quarter
	1998	1997	1998
		to	to
		fourth	fourth
		quarter	quarter
		1998	1998
		% change	
Composite	112.2	1.8	0.4
Halifax	106.4	2.2	0.7
Montreal	110.1	1.6	0.4
Ottawa	110.8	1.4	0.5
Toronto	113.0	2.2	0.7
Calgary	112.9	2.5	0.6
Edmonton	112.3	2.3	0.6
Vancouver	114.1	1.6	0.3

**Note:** The apartment building construction price indexes provide an indication of new construction cost changes in seven major urban areas across Canada (Halifax, Montreal, 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 - 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.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 9932.

The fourth quarter 1998 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in March 1999. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality of this release, contact Louise Chaîné (613-951-3350; fax: 613-951-1539; chailou@statcan.ca), Client Services Unit, Prices Division.

## **Dimensions series**

1996 Census

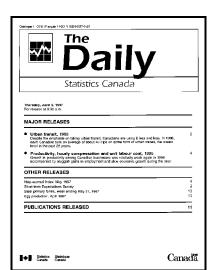
This series from the 1996 Census demonstrates the analytical potential of census information.

Tables in the *Dimensions series* are organized into 26 themes, each dealing with a specific topic or population group. Released today are two themes: *Profiles of ethnic groups* (94F0014XDB) and *Employment income of individuals* (94F0019XDB). Each theme is available on diskette at a cost of \$60.

As themes in the *Dimensions series* are progressively released, they will be collected by subject area and distributed on seven CD-ROMs. Each CD-ROM costs \$60.

The series is packaged with the software Beyond 20/20<sup>TM</sup>. With many powerful features, this browser allows the user to quickly and easily search and sort data, and to copy tables and charts to other Windows applications.

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