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A statistical profile of Canadian communities

The highly popular *Statistical profile of Canadian communities*, available on Statistics Canada's Web site, now has several new features.

A favourite of students and researchers, the profiles provide statistical information on more than 6,000 cities, towns, villages and Aboriginal communities, 137 metropolitan areas, and now 139 health regions across Canada. A mapping feature makes the site easy to use. Data can be retrieved on population, education, income and work, families and dwellings, and births and deaths. As well, the enhanced version offers population estimates for 1995, 1996 and 1997, as well as data from the 1996 Census for health regions. In December, even more data by health region will be added.

Refinements to the search results screen include a drop-down list, from which users can choose associated levels of geography. These levels include municipalities, metropolitan areas and, for the first time, health regions. There is also a drop-down list of the municipalities that make up the metropolitan areas.

Access to the original version will remain available for a limited time. A link to *A statistical profile of Canadian communities* can be found on Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca) on the *Census*, *Education resources*, or *Canadian statistics* pages.

For more information, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre.

OTHER RELEASES

New Housing Price Index

August 2000

The New Housing Price Index rose 0.3% from July to August. From August 1999 to August 2000, this index of contractors' selling prices increased 2.4%.

Ottawa–Hull registered the highest monthly rise; for the second consecutive month, continued increased demand, along with higher prices for building materials, labour and land, pushed prices up 1.9%. Charlottetown (+1.5%) and Montréal (+1.3%) also posted notable advances; in both cases higher prices for land, building materials and labour were passed on to new home buyers.

New Housing Price Index

(1992=100)

	Aug. 2000	Aug. 1999 to Aug. 2000	July to Aug. 2000
	% change		
Canada (total)	103.5	2.4	0.3
House only	105.4	3.2	0.4
Land only	102.9	0.9	0.2
St. John's	99.6	2.6	0.3
Halifax	115.5	2.8	-
Charlottetown	106.8	2.6	1.5
Saint John–Moncton– Fredericton	93.5	-0.4	-
Québec	102.6	2.1	0.2
Montréal	109.2	4.0	1.3
Ottawa–Hull	108.7	7.2	1.9
Toronto	106.8	3.1	0.1
Hamilton	105.8	2.1	0.2
St. Catharines–Niagara	106.7	3.4	-0.3
Kitchener–Waterloo	106.9	4.2	0.5
London	101.7	3.1	-
Windsor	106.5	0.9	-
Sudbury–Thunder Bay	98.0	-1.3	-0.5
Winnipeg	117.8	2.8	-
Regina	131.9	2.1	-
Saskatoon	116.2	1.8	-
Calgary	132.4	2.2	0.2
Edmonton	112.8	2.2	0.3
Vancouver	83.2	-1.0	-
Victoria	71.9	-4.4	-

- Nil or zero.

Sudbury–Thunder Bay and St. Catharines–Niagara registered small monthly decreases; nine urban centres showed no change.

On an annual basis, Ottawa–Hull led the way with a 7.2% increase, followed by Kitchener–Waterloo (+4.2%) and Montréal (+4.0%). Notable increases were also observed in St. Catharines–Niagara, Toronto and London. Four urban centres registered decreases on a year-over-year basis; the largest drop was in Victoria (-4.4%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9921.

The third quarter 2000 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in December. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Denise Potvin (613-951-3350; fax: 613-951-1539; infounit@statcan.ca), Prices Division. ■

Guide to health statistics

The *Guide to health statistics*, a guide to health information published by Statistics Canada, is now available. The products, services and surveys listed in this publication cover broad subject areas such as vital statistics, cancer statistics, health status, health determinants and health care. The guide will be updated periodically with information from the Health Statistics Division and other divisions of the Agency.

Guide to health statistics (82-573-GIE, free) is now available on Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca). On the *Products and services* page, choose *Downloadable publications (free)*, then *Health*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Josée Lazard (613-951-2412; josee.lazard@statcan.ca) or Anne Gervais (613-951-1779; anne.gervais@statcan.ca), Health Statistics Division. ■

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Gross domestic product by industry, July 2000
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