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New Housing Price Index

September 2000

The price of new homes continued to increase at a strong rate. The New Housing Price Index rose 2.4% in September compared with the same month in 1999.

It was the fifth consecutive month in which the year-over-year increase in the index was 2.4%, the highest annual rate of growth since May 1990, when the index rose 3.8%. The index is a measure of contractors' selling prices.

On a monthly basis, the index rose 0.2% from August to September.

New Housing Price Index

(1992=100)

	Sept. 2000	Sept. 1999 to Sept. 2000	Aug. to Sept. 2000
	% change		
Canada (total)	103.7	2.4	0.2
House only	105.7	3.1	0.3
Land only	103.0	0.9	0.1
St. John's	99.5	2.5	-0.1
Halifax	115.0	2.3	-0.4
Charlottetown	106.8	2.6	-
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	93.2	-1.2	-0.3
Québec	102.7	2.1	0.1
Montréal	109.9	4.6	0.6
Ottawa-Hull	111.1	9.1	2.2
Toronto	106.8	2.5	-
Hamilton	106.2	2.3	0.4
St. Catharines-Niagara	106.9	3.4	0.2
Kitchener-Waterloo	107.3	4.7	0.4
London	102.5	3.6	0.8
Windsor	106.5	0.5	-
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	97.2	-2.1	-0.8
Winnipeg	117.9	1.9	0.1
Regina	132.5	2.4	0.5
Saskatoon	117.4	2.4	1.0
Calgary	132.5	1.7	0.1
Edmonton	112.3	1.5	-0.4
Vancouver	83.2	-0.6	-
Victoria	72.0	-3.1	0.1

- Nil or zero.

In Ottawa-Hull, where the new home market is particularly strong, average prices were up 9.1% compared with September 1999. On a monthly basis in Ottawa-Hull, higher prices for building materials and labour as well as strong demand pushed the index up 2.2% from August. This was the third consecutive month in which Ottawa-Hull posted the highest monthly increase of the 21 urban centres surveyed.

Year-over-year increases were also strong in Kitchener-Waterloo, Montréal, London and St. Catharines-Niagara. Victoria registered the largest year-over-year decrease, -3.1%.

Monthly increases occurred in 12 of the 21 urban centres. Higher prices for land were responsible for a 1.0% increase in Saskatoon. Notable advances were also observed in London (+0.8%) and Montréal (+0.6%) owing, at least in part, to higher prices for building materials, labour and land. Monthly declines occurred in 5 of the 21 centres, the largest in Sudbury-Thunder Bay (-0.8%). Four urban centres registered no change.

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. ■

Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins

September 2000

Chemical firms produced 199 276 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in September, a 8.8% decrease from 218 452 tonnes in September 1999.

Year-to-date production at the end of September totalled 1 968 988 tonnes, up 6.5% from 1 848 686 tonnes produced in the same period of 1999.

Data are also available on production of 3 other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The September 2000 issue of *Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins* (46-002-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Huguette Montcalm (613-951-9827; monthug@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Industrial monitor on CD-ROM

November 2000

The *Industrial monitor on CD-ROM* offers up-to-date data on more than 150 manufacturing industries and 33 other industries covering construction, wholesale

trade and retail trade. This information is offered for 25 sectors, and can be purchased by individual sector or as a complete package.

For each industry, up to 50 variables are organized in the Table Viewer according to five table types: supply, demand, price, labour/employment, and investment/capital stock. The underlying database is also available via the Series Browser for more extensive time-series analysis and inter-industry comparisons.

The *Industrial monitor on CD-ROM* is linked to the Standard Industrial Classification manual, provides pop-up textual descriptions for every series and embodies consistent data conventions - all features designed to make analysis easy and accurate. State-of-the-art functions offer searching, graphing, viewing, exporting and transforming capabilities, providing you the information quickly and easily.

The November 2000 issue of the *Industrial monitor on CD-ROM* is now available. An annual subscription (one CD-ROM per month) to the full package (15F0015XCB) costs \$995, a savings of more than 80% off the annual subscription price of \$258 per individual sector.

For more information, or to request a free demonstration CD-ROM, contact Yolande Chantigny (1-800-887-IMAD [4623]; 613-951-IMAD [4623]; fax: 613-951-3688; imad@statcan.ca), Industry Measures and Analysis Division, or contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

Information and communications technologies and electronic commerce in Canadian industry 1999

This report analyzes in detail the results of the world's first economy-wide survey conducted by a national statistical agency that measured the magnitude of electronic commerce, or Internet-based commercial transactions. A summary of these results was released in *The Daily* of August 10.

This survey was conducted from October 1999 to March 2000, in conjunction with Industry Canada, and collected information for 1999. According to the data, the volume of Internet-based sales with or without online payment in 1999 was \$4.4 billion. Total private sector Internet-based sales were \$4.2 billion, and accounted for 0.2% of economic activity in terms of total operating revenue.

The survey also provided the first set of comprehensive data on the extent of computer use and Internet use, as well as the availability of Web sites in the public and private sectors.

Information and communications technologies and electronic commerce in Canadian industry (88F0006XIB, no. 04) is now available free of charge at www.statcan.ca. On the *Products and services* page, choose *Research papers (free)*, then *Science and Technology*, then *Science Innovation and Electronic Information Division, working papers*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Cathy Bakker (613-951-2929; fax: 613-951-9920; cathy.bakker@statcan.ca), Science, Innovation and Electronic Information Division. ■

Egg production

September 2000 (preliminary)

Egg production estimates for September are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

To order *Production of eggs* (23-003-XPB; \$110), contact Julie Gordon (613-951-5039), Agriculture Division.

For more information or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Sandy Giefeldt (613-951-2505) or Gilles Beaudry (613-951-6480), Agriculture Division. ■

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Infomat — A weekly review, November 10, 2000
Catalogue number 11-002-XIE (\$3/\$109).

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Production of eggs, September 2000
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Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins,
September 2000
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Despite the emphasis on taking urban transit, Canadians are getting it less and less. In 1995, about 10.5% of the population took an average of about 10 trips on some form of urban transit, the lowest level in the past 25 years.
- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1996** 4
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was relatively weak again in 1996 accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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17	Monthly Survey of Manufacturing	September 2000
17	Travel between Canada and other countries	September 2000
