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Apartment Building Construction Price Index

Fourth quarter 1999

The composite price index for apartment building construction (1992=100) increased 0.5% to 114.3 in the fourth quarter of 1999 over the previous quarter, and rose 1.9% compared with the fourth quarter of 1998.

Montreal registered the highest quarterly change (+1.9%), followed by Calgary (+0.6%), Toronto and Edmonton (both at +0.5%), Ottawa (+0.4%), and Halifax and Vancouver (both at +0.2%).

Montreal also had the highest year-over-year change (+3.4%) compared with the fourth quarter of 1998. Of the other urban areas surveyed, Toronto registered a +2.9% annual change, followed by Calgary (+2.8%), Ottawa (+2.5%), Edmonton (+2.4%) and Halifax (+2.1%). Vancouver registered the lowest year-over-year change (+1.0%).

Apartment Building Construction Price Index

Fourth quarter 1999 (1992=100)

	Fourth quarter 1999	Fourth quarter 1998 to fourth quarter 1999 % change	Third to fourth quarter 1999
Composite	114.3	1.9	0.5
Halifax	108.7	2.1	0.2
Montreal	113.9	3.4	1.9
Ottawa	113.6	2.5	0.4
Toronto	116.3	2.9	0.5
Calgary	116.1	2.8	0.6
Edmonton	115.1	2.4	0.5
Vancouver	115.2	1.0	0.2

Note: The Apartment Building Construction Price Index provides an indication of new construction cost changes in seven major urban areas across Canada (Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver). Besides each of the urban areas' indexes and the composite index, 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 1999 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in March. See *How to order publications*.

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Full-time enrolment in trade/vocational and preparatory training

1996/97

In 1996/97, 261,394 students were enrolled in programs and courses related to trade/vocational or preparatory training. This represents 40% of all enrolments in full-time college programs and courses during this period.

The majority (70%) of these students (181,913) were enrolled in the trade/vocational programs. These students are registered in one of four types of programs: pre-employment/pre-apprenticeship programs that provide a basic knowledge in a particular occupation and that lead to employment or entry into an apprenticeship program; registered apprentices taking in-class instructions as part of their overall apprenticeship training; skill-upgrading or up-dating courses, which help students to keep pace with new technology; and special or contract training courses which are designed for the particular needs of specific groups.

Trade/vocational enrolments for the first three program types decreased 11% from 1995/96, with the greatest decrease (-19%) for registered apprenticeship in-class training. Enrolments in special or contract training courses are not comparable over time due to incomplete reporting on the part of the colleges.

Enrolment in preparatory training-type programs and courses offered at community colleges totalled 79,481. These programs and courses prepare individuals for further training and employment. They include academic upgrading or basic training for skills development programs in areas such as science and math; language training in English or French, primarily aimed at new Canadians; job readiness training, which prepares students with job and life skills and the confidence to search for employment; and orientation courses which introduce participants to a range of occupations.

Total preparatory training decreased by 14,547 or almost 16% from 1995/96 to 1996/97. A majority of this decrease (-8,379) occurred in academic upgrading, while enrolments in job readiness training had the greatest percentage decline (-28%).

Full-time enrolment in trade/vocational and preparatory training

Program types	1995/96	1996/97	1995/96 to 1996/97 % change
Trade/Vocational			
Pre-employment/ Pre-apprenticeship	91,814	86,787	-5.5
Registered apprenticeship	52,290	42,449	-18.8
Skill-upgrading	8,329	6,874	-17.5
Sub-total	152,433	136,110	-10.7
Special or contract training ¹	22,677	45,803	...
Total	175,110	181,913	...
Preparatory training			
Academic upgrading	49,116	40,737	-17.1
Language training	32,228	27,152	-15.8
Job readiness training	3,484	2,505	-28.1
Orientation	9,200	9,087	-1.2
Total	94,028	79,481	15.5
Grand total	269,138	261,394	...

¹ Estimates of enrolments in special or contract training courses are unreliable due to incomplete reporting on the part of the colleges.

... Not appropriate or not applicable because data for special or contract training courses cannot be compared over time due to incomplete reporting.

A full database on enrolments in full-time trade/vocational and preparatory training programs and courses is available. To order, contact Sharon-Anne Borde (613-951-1503; fax: 613-951-9040; bordsha@statcan.ca), Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics.

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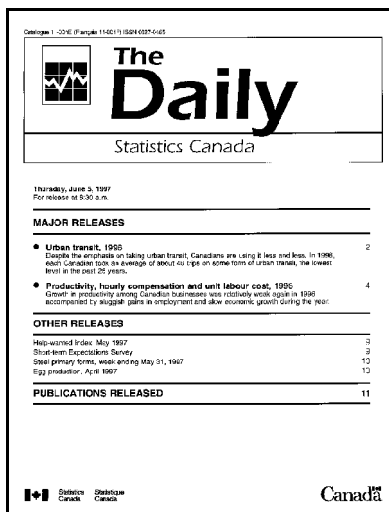
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