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New Housing Price Index

March 2000

The New Housing Price Index increased 0.1% between February and March. On an annual basis, this index of contractors' selling prices for new houses rose 2.0%.

The highest monthly increase was in Saskatoon (+1.1%) where higher prices for land, municipal levies and building materials, such as drywall and insulation, were passed on to new home buyers. Notable increases were also observed in Montréal (+0.5%), Hamilton (+0.3%), and Kitchener–Waterloo (+0.3%), mostly as a result of higher prices for materials and labour.

Monthly decreases were noted in 5 of the 21 urban centres, the largest being in the highly competitive Victoria market. Seven urban centres registered no change from February.

New Housing Price Index

(1992=100)

	March 2000	March 1999 to March 2000	February to March 2000
	% change		
Canada total	102.5	2.0	0.1
House only	104.2	3.0	0.1
Land only	102.4	0.4	0.1
St. John's	97.5	1.2	0.1
Halifax	113.7	3.3	-
Charlottetown	105.2	1.6	-
Saint John–Moncton– Fredericton	94.1	0.5	-0.2
Québec	102.3	1.9	0.1
Montréal	106.9	3.0	0.5
Ottawa–Hull	103.4	4.9	-
Toronto	106.1	2.7	0.2
Hamilton	105.4	2.8	0.3
St. Catharines–Niagara	106.2	5.5	-
Kitchener–Waterloo	105.0	4.1	0.3
London	100.8	2.2	-0.1
Windsor	106.5	1.2	-0.2
Sudbury–Thunder Bay	98.6	-1.2	-
Winnipeg	116.0	3.2	-
Regina	131.2	3.1	-
Saskatoon	115.9	2.5	1.1
Calgary	131.5	2.7	0.2
Edmonton	111.6	2.4	0.2
Vancouver	83.4	-1.3	-0.5
Victoria	72.2	-5.1	-0.6

- Nil or zero.

Annual increases were noted in 18 of the 21 urban centres surveyed. As was the case last month, the highest annual increases occurred in St. Catharines–Niagara (+5.5%) and Ottawa–Hull (+4.9%), mostly as a result of higher prices for materials and labour. Higher prices for building materials and labour also contributed to the annual increase in Kitchener–Waterloo (+4.1%). The largest annual decrease was registered in Victoria. Vancouver and Sudbury–Thunder Bay also registered decreases on an annual basis.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9921.

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

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), Client Services Unit, Prices Division. ■

Non-residential building construction price index

First quarter 2000

In the first quarter of 2000, the composite price index for non-residential building construction (1992=100) stood at 116.9, up 1.3% over the previous quarter and up 3.2% from the same quarter in 1999.

The index for Toronto increased by 1.7% from the fourth quarter of 1999, followed by Ottawa (+1.3%), Montréal (+1.2%), Calgary (+1.1%), Halifax and Edmonton (+1.0%), and Vancouver (+0.8%).

Montréal had the highest year-over-year change (+4.1%) compared with the first quarter of 1999. Of the other urban areas surveyed, Toronto registered a 3.9% annual gain, followed by Ottawa (+3.4%), Calgary (+3.2%), Edmonton (+2.7%) and Halifax (+2.1%). Vancouver registered the lowest year-over-year change (+1.7%).

Non-residential building construction price index (1992=100)

	First Quarter 2000	First Quarter 1999 to First Quarter 2000 % change	Fourth Quarter 1999 to First Quarter 2000 % change
Composite	116.9	3.2	1.3
Halifax	107.9	2.1	1.0
Montréal	115.4	4.1	1.2
Ottawa	115.7	3.4	1.3
Toronto	118.6	3.9	1.7
Calgary	117.6	3.2	1.1
Edmonton	116.7	2.7	1.0
Vancouver	117.2	1.7	0.8

Note: Non-residential building construction price indexes provide an indication of changes in construction costs in seven major urban areas (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 major urban areas and composite indexes, a further breakdown of the changes 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 9930-9931.

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Oils and fats

March 2000

Production of all types of deodorized oils in March totalled 104 352 tonnes, a 9.8% increase from 95 058 tonnes in February. Year-to-date production for March 2000 was 294 318 tonnes, up 7.1 % compared with 274 809 tonnes for the same period in 1999.

Domestic sales of deodorized margarine oil totalled 10 684 tonnes in March. Sales of deodorized shortening oil reached 27 425 tonnes and deodorized salad oil sales amounted to 32 139 tonnes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 185.

The March 2000 issue of *Oils and fats* (32-006-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511; Zylspet@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Steel pipe and tubing

March 2000

Steel pipe and tubing production for March totalled 265 779 tonnes, an 18.7% increase from 223 959 tonnes produced in March 1999.

Year-to-date production to the end of March totalled 740 831 tonnes, up 17.5% from 630 501 tonnes during the same period in 1999.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, or data quality of this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-7093; milsomg@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Production of poultry and eggs

1999

Production data for turkey meat, chicken meat, stewing hens and eggs for the year 1999 are now available. Chicken and stewing hen production at 873 200 tonnes, increased 6.0% from 1998, while turkey production remained unchanged from a year ago (139 200 tonnes). Egg production reached 512.6 million dozen in 1999, up 2.8% from the previous year. Egg consumption at 15.1 dozen per person in 1999, was lower than the previous year, but comparable to two years ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1137, 1139-1141 and 1144.

The publication *Production of poultry and eggs* (23-202-XIB, \$29) will be available shortly. To order, contact Julie Gordon at 613-951-5039.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gilles Beaudry (613-951-6480; beaudgi@statcan.ca) or Sandy Gielfeldt (613-951-2505; gielsan@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Industrial monitor on CD-ROM

May 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.

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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. ■

Dairy statistics

March and April 2000 (preliminary)

Monthly dairy statistics for March and April are now available.

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

These data will be included in the January-March 2000 issue of *The dairy review* (23-001-XPB, \$36/\$119; 23-001-XIB, \$27/\$89), which will be released in May. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Anna Michalowska (613-951-2442; 1-800-465-1991; fax: 613-951-3868), Agriculture Division. ■

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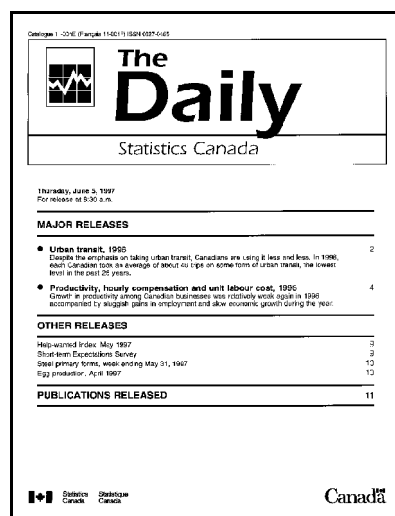
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