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New Housing Price Index

July 2000

The New Housing Price Index rose 0.2% between June and July. On an annual basis, this index of contractors' selling prices for new houses rose 2.4%.

Ottawa–Hull registered the highest monthly increase (+1.9%) due, at least in part, to higher prices for land, building materials, labour and continued increased demand. Increased market demand also contributed to the increase in St. John's (+0.6%) while in Kitchener–Waterloo, higher prices for labour helped push the index up 0.5% on a month-to-month basis.

New Housing Price Indexes

(1992=100)

	July	July	June
	2000	1999	to
		to	July
		July	2000
	2000 % shanga		
		% change	
Canada (total)	103.2	2.4	0.2
House only	105.0	3.2	0.2
Land only	102.7	0.7	0.1
St. John's	99.3	3.1	0.6
Halifax	115.5	3.4	0.2
Charlottetown	105.2	1.1	-
Saint John-Moncton-			
Fredericton	93.5	-0.2	-0.1
Québec	102.4	1.9	-
Montréal	107.8	3.3	-
Ottawa-Hull	106.7	6.3	1.9
Toronto	106.7	3.1	0.1
Hamilton	105.6	3.0	-0.4
St. Catharines–Niagara	107.0	5.4	0.2
Kitchener-Waterloo	106.4	4.0	0.5
London	101.7	3.5	0.2
Windsor	106.5	0.9	-
Sudbury–Thunder Bay	98.5	-0.9	0.1
Winnipeg	117.8	3.9	-
Regina	131.9	2.7	-
Saskatoon	116.2	1.8	
Calgary	132.1	2.3	0.3
Edmonton	112.5	2.6	0.1
Vancouver	83.2	-1.2	-0.1
Victoria	71.9	-5.1	-0.3

Nil or zero.

Hamilton, Victoria, Vancouver and Moncton–Fredericton–Saint John registered decreases on a monthly basis and 7 of the 21 urban centres showed no change compared to the previous month.

On an annual basis, the highest increase was registered in Ottawa–Hull (+6.3%), followed by St. Catharines–Niagara (+5.4%), Kitchener–Waterloo (+4.0%) and Winnipeg (+3.9%). The largest decrease was registered in Victoria (-5.1%). Vancouver, Sudbury–Thunder Bay and Saint John–Moncton–Fredericton also registered decreases on a year-over-year basis.

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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.

University tuition fees - errata 2000/2001

The August 28, 2000 edition of *The Daily* reported that tuition fees at the University of Regina were frozen for the 2000/01 academic year. Subsequent data revisions show an increase in tuition fees at this university, bringing the average increase in undergraduate arts fees for universities in Saskatchewan to 7.7%.

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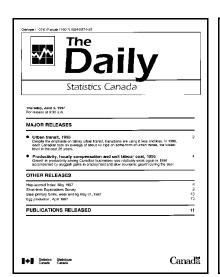
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