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New Housing Price Index

November 2000

The price of new homes continues to increase at a strong rate. The New Housing Price Index, an index of contractors' selling prices, increased 2.5% in November compared with November 1999. This was the highest annual increase since May 1990 when the index rose 3.8%.

On a monthly basis, the index rose 0.4% from October to November.

New Housing Price Index

(1992=100)

	Nov. 2000	Nov. 1999 to Nov. 2000 % change	Oct. to Nov. 2000
Canada total	104.3	2.5	0.4
House only	106.5	3.2	0.6
Land only	103.1	0.9	-
St. John's	99.5	3.5	-
Halifax	116.7	2.9	1.0
Charlottetown	106.8	1.5	-0.2
Saint John–Moncton– Fredericton	93.0	-1.6	-0.5
Québec	102.9	2.1	0.2
Montréal	110.6	4.3	0.4
Ottawa–Hull	114.5	11.8	2.0
Toronto	107.6	2.4	0.6
Hamilton	106.3	2.0	0.2
St. Catharines–Niagara	107.3	2.0	0.4
Kitchener–Waterloo	107.4	4.3	0.2
London	102.4	3.1	-
Windsor	106.5	0.5	-
Sudbury–Thunder Bay	97.4	-1.4	-0.4
Winnipeg	118.1	2.1	0.2
Regina	132.7	2.0	0.2
Saskatoon	117.4	2.4	-
Calgary	133.1	1.9	0.1
Edmonton	112.2	1.0	-0.1
Vancouver	83.2	-0.5	-
Victoria	72.1	-1.8	0.6

- Nil or zero.

For the fifth consecutive month, the census metropolitan area of Ottawa–Hull registered the largest monthly rise in prices for new homes across the country. Strong demand along with higher prices for building materials and labour pushed the index up 2.0% from October. On an annual basis, new home prices in Ottawa–Hull rose 11.8%.

The census metropolitan areas of Kitchener–Waterloo, Montréal, St. John's and London

also posted notable increases on an annual basis. Victoria registered the largest annual decrease (-1.8%).

Monthly increases occurred in 12 of the 21 urban centres. Halifax posted a 1.0% increase compared with October due, at least in part, to higher prices for building materials and labour. These factors also contributed to the monthly increase in Toronto (+0.6%). Victoria posted a 0.6% increase following a decrease in October.

Monthly declines occurred in four urban centres. The largest monthly decline (-0.5%) was recorded in the combined New Brunswick centres of Saint John–Moncton–Fredericton. Five urban centres registered no change.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9921.

The fourth quarter 2000 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB,\$24/\$79) will be available in March. 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), Client Services Unit, Prices Division. ■

Railway carloadings

Nine-day period ending November 30, 2000

Non-intermodal traffic loaded during the nine-day period ending November 30, decreased 1.9% to 6.5 million metric tonnes compared with the same period in 1999. The number of cars loaded decreased 3.6%.

Intermodal traffic tonnage totalled 650 000 metric tonnes, a 14.5% increase from the same period in 1999. The year-to-date figures show a decrease of 9.3%.

Total traffic decreased 0.7% during the period. This brought the year-to-date total to 204.5 million tonnes, a decrease of 13.0% from 1999.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486; fax: 613-951-0009; larocque@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Civil aviation operating statistics

October 2000

Operational data for October on civil aviation (Air Canada and Canadian Airlines Ltd.) are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385 (series 1 to 6).

The October operational data on civil aviation for Air Canada and Canadian Airlines will appear in

the January 2001 issue of *Aviation service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82). A print-on-demand service is also available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Lisa Di Piéto (613-951-0146), Transportation Division. ■

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- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1996** 4
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was notably weak again in 1996, accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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18	Consumer Price Index	December 2000
18	Wholesale trade	November 2000
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19	Travel between Canada and other countries	November 2000
