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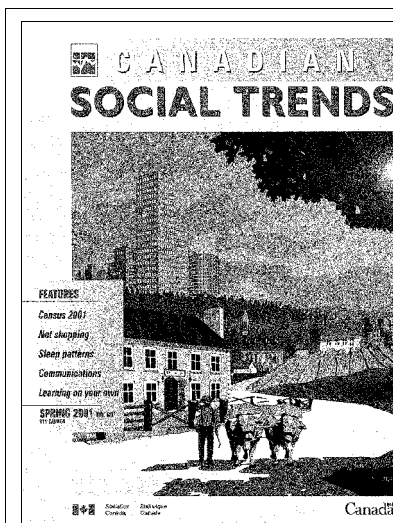
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There are no major releases today.

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Canadian social trends

Spring 2001

The Spring 2001 issue of *Canadian social trends* features the following articles: "Getting ready for the 2001 Census," "Net shopping," "You snooze, you lose? — Sleep patterns in Canada," "The evolution of communication" and "Learning on your own."

Each quarter, *Canadian social trends* integrates data from many sources to examine emerging social trends and issues. It also features the latest social indicators, as well as information about Statistics Canada's products and services.

The Spring 2001 issue of *Canadian social trends* (11-008-XIE, \$8/\$27; 11-008-XPE, \$11/\$36) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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OTHER RELEASES

New Housing Price Index

January 2001

The New Housing Price Index rose 0.2% from December 2000 to January 2001. This index of contractors' selling prices was 2.5% higher in January than it was in January 2000.

Among the regions, the largest year-over-year increase occurred in the Ottawa–Hull census metropolitan area, where the index was 14.4% higher than in January 2000. On a monthly basis, strong demand, along with higher prices for building materials and labour, pushed the index up 1.0% from December in Ottawa–Hull.

New Housing Price Index

(1992=100)

	Jan. 2001	Jan. 2000 to Jan. 2001	Dec. 2000 to Jan. 2001
		% change	
Canada total	104.6	2.5	0.2
House only	107.0	3.4	0.4
Land only	103.2	0.9	-
St. John's	99.5	3.3	-
Halifax	117.7	3.8	0.9
Charlottetown	107.0	1.7	0.3
Saint John–Moncton– Fredericton	93.4	-1.0	-
Québec	103.6	1.4	0.7
Montréal	111.2	4.7	0.5
Ottawa–Hull	117.3	14.4	1.0
Toronto	107.9	2.5	0.1
Hamilton	106.2	1.4	-0.1
St. Catharines–Niagara	107.4	1.9	0.4
Kitchener–Waterloo	107.9	4.6	0.2
London	102.4	3.0	-
Windsor	106.5	0.5	-
Sudbury–Thunder Bay	97.2	-1.6	0.1
Winnipeg	118.1	1.8	-
Regina	133.2	2.0	0.4
Saskatoon	117.7	2.7	-
Calgary	133.4	1.7	0.2
Edmonton	112.3	0.9	0.1
Vancouver	83.0	-0.7	0.1
Victoria	72.0	-1.0	-0.1

- Nil or zero.

The census metropolitan areas of Montréal, Kitchener–Waterloo, Halifax and St. John's also posted notable increases on a year-over-year basis. Sudbury–Thunder Bay registered the largest annual decrease (-1.6%).

On a monthly basis, increases occurred in 13 of the 21 urban centres surveyed. The index was up 0.9% from December in Halifax owing, at least in part, to higher prices for building materials, labour and land. Higher prices for building materials and labour also contributed to the monthly increase of 0.7% in Québec.

Hamilton and Victoria registered slight decreases on a monthly basis. Six urban centres registered no change.

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The first quarter 2001 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in June. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Suzie Boyd (613-951-3350, fax: 613-951-1539; infounit@statcan.ca), Prices Division. ■

Farm product prices

January 2001

Monthly farm product prices for January are now available.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gail-Ann Breese (204-983-3445; fax: 613-951-3868), Agriculture Division. ■

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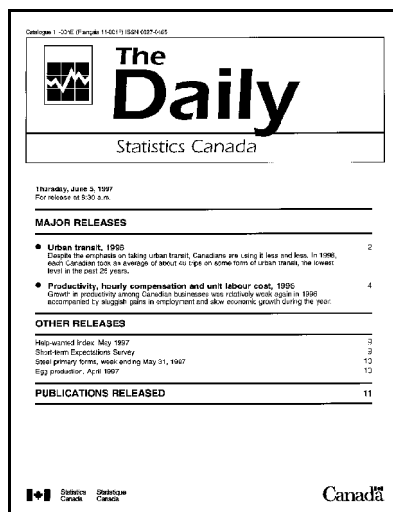
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