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### New Housing Price Index

February 2001

The New Housing Price Index rose 0.3% from January to February. This index of contractors' selling prices was 2.4% higher in February than it was in February 2000.

Monthly increases occurred in 12 of the 21 urban centres surveyed. The largest increase was registered in the Montréal census metropolitan area, where the index was up 0.9% from January. Higher prices for building materials, labour and land were among the reasons for the increase.

Québec, Ottawa–Hull and St. Catharines–Niagara registered notable increases on a monthly basis owing, at least in part, to higher prices for building materials and labour. Higher land values also contributed to the monthly increase in Québec.

Four urban centres registered decreases on a monthly basis, the largest being the combined New Brunswick centres of Saint John–Moncton–Fredericton. Five urban centres registered no change.

On a year-over-year basis, Ottawa–Hull once again posted the largest increase (+14.2%) for new homes across the country followed by Montréal, Halifax and Kitchener–Waterloo. The combined centres of Saint John–Moncton–Fredericton posted the largest annual decrease (-1.7%).

### New Housing Price Index (1992=100)

	Feb. 2001	Feb. 2000 to Feb. 2001	Jan. to Feb. 2001
	Feb. 2001 % change		
<b>Canada total</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
House only	107.3	3.1	0.3
Land only	103.3	1.0	0.1
St. John's	99.5	2.2	-
Halifax	117.7	3.5	-
Charlottetown	107.0	1.7	-
Saint John–Moncton–Fredericton	92.7	-1.7	-0.7
Québec	104.4	2.2	0.8
Montréal	112.2	5.5	0.9
Ottawa–Hull	118.1	14.2	0.7
Toronto	108.1	2.1	0.2
Hamilton	106.6	1.4	0.4
St. Catharines–Niagara	108.0	1.7	0.6
Kitchener–Waterloo	107.8	3.0	-0.1
London	102.7	1.8	0.3
Windsor	106.4	-0.3	-0.1
Sudbury–Thunder Bay	97.0	-1.6	-0.2
Winnipeg	118.2	1.9	0.1
Regina	133.2	1.5	-
Saskatoon	117.7	2.7	-
Calgary	133.6	1.8	0.1
Edmonton	112.5	1.0	0.2
Vancouver	83.1	-0.8	0.1
Victoria	72.3	-0.4	0.4

- Nil or zero.

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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*.

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