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New housing price index

May 2001

The New Housing Price Index rose 0.2% from April to May. On an annual basis, this index of contractors' selling prices increased 2.6%.

In the combined centres of Saint John–Moncton–Fredericton, higher prices for labour, land and building materials, such as lumber and roofing products, pushed the index up 1.2% compared with April. Notable monthly advances were also seen in the Census Metropolitan Areas of Ottawa–Hull (+0.7%), St. Catharines–Niagara (+0.6%) and Montréal (+0.5%).

Sudbury–Thunder Bay posted a slight decrease in the index (-0.1%) and eight urban centres registered no change from April.

New Housing Price Index (1992=100)

	May 2001	May 2000 to May 2001 % change	April to May 2001
Canada total	105.7	2.6	0.2
House only	108.3	3.3	0.2
Land only	103.6	1.0	0.2
St. John's	99.7	1.2	0.2
Halifax	117.9	2.3	0.2
Charlottetown	107.1	1.8	-
Saint John–Moncton–Fredericton	94.0	0.5	1.2
Québec	104.4	2.0	-
Montréal	113.6	5.3	0.5
Ottawa–Hull	119.9	15.2	0.7
Toronto	108.9	2.2	0.1
Hamilton	107.4	1.9	0.3
St. Catharines–Niagara	109.0	2.3	0.6
Kitchener–Waterloo	108.5	2.5	0.1
London	104.0	2.7	-
Windsor	106.4	-0.1	-
Sudbury–Thunder Bay	96.9	-1.7	-0.1
Winnipeg	119.3	2.8	-
Regina	135.8	3.2	-
Saskatoon	119.7	3.3	-
Calgary	134.1	1.5	-
Edmonton	113.2	0.9	0.3
Vancouver	83.5	0.1	0.2
Victoria	72.4	0.4	0.1

- Nil or zero.

Ottawa–Hull led the way, as it did in April, with the largest annual rise (+15.2%). Montréal, Saskatoon and Regina followed. Two urban centres registered annual declines: Sudbury–Thunder Bay fell back 1.7%, and Windsor saw a marginal decrease of 0.1%.

Available on CANSIM: table 3270005 and matrix 9921.

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

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Air fare statistics

Second quarter 1999 (preliminary)

The average domestic air fare (all types) paid by passengers in the second quarter of 1999 was a record \$208, up 5.6% from the second quarter of 1998 and 2.1% above the previous record level of \$204 reached in the second quarter of 1995. This was the ninth consecutive quarterly increase in average fares in the domestic sector, erasing the effect of seven consecutive quarterly decreases in 1995 and 1996.

The average international air fare in the second quarter of 1999 was \$364, unchanged from the same quarter of 1998 and 13.1% lower than the record average international fare of \$419 reached in the third quarter of 1994. Fares in the international sector have remained stable for four consecutive quarters.

In the second quarter of 1999, 88.0% of passengers on domestic scheduled services flew on discount fares, up 1.6 percentage points from 86.4% in the second quarter of 1998.

On international scheduled services, 90.2% of passengers travelled on discount fares, down 0.3 percentage points from the second quarter of 1998.

Preliminary estimates are now available for the second quarter of 1999. Information on the types of fares used by passengers is based on data from four Canadian Level I air carriers (AirBC, Air Canada, Canadian Airlines International Ltd. and Canadian Regional Airlines) and from three Level II carriers (Air Nova, Air Ontario and Inter-Canadien). Average domestic air fares for 10 major Canadian cities are available on CANSIM.

Available on CANSIM: 4010003 and matrix 386 (level 2).

These estimates will appear in the July 2001 issue of *Aviation service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82). A

print-on-demand service is also available. See *How to order products*.

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