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## OTHER RELEASES

### New Housing Price Index

September 2002

The New Housing Price Index (1992=100) rose 0.2% in September from August. Although this monthly increase was down from August's change of 0.5%, it still reflects a healthy new housing market. Compared with September 2001, this index of contractors' selling prices advanced 4.2%. This represents the fifth consecutive annual rise of 4.0% or greater.

A sustained robust demand for new houses, combined with increased costs of skilled labour and building materials, continued to push up prices nationally.

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

	Sept. 2002	Sept. 2001 to Sept. 2002	Aug. to Sept. 2002
		% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
House only	115.7	5.5	0.2
Land only	105.2	1.3	0.1
St. John's	106.8	5.0	1.0
Halifax	123.2	3.8	0.1
Charlottetown	108.1	0.9	-
Saint John—Moncton—Fredericton	96.5	2.4	0.1
Québec	110.9	4.6	0.5
Montréal	121.9	6.2	0.5
Ottawa—Gatineau	130.7	8.3	-
Toronto	113.5	3.5	0.1
Hamilton	113.9	4.6	0.4
St. Catharines—Niagara	111.0	0.8	-0.8
Kitchener—Waterloo	114.8	4.1	-0.3
London	107.3	2.7	0.4
Windsor	107.0	0.6	-
Sudbury—Thunder Bay	98.9	1.3	0.5
Winnipeg	123.8	3.6	1.0
Regina	142.2	4.7	-
Saskatoon	121.6	1.3	-
Calgary	144.0	5.5	0.2
Edmonton	124.0	8.2	0.4
Vancouver	86.2	2.0	0.2
Victoria	76.4	5.4	0.5

- Nil or zero.

Monthly rises occurred in 14 of the 21 urban centres surveyed. St. John's and Winnipeg vied for the largest monthly advance, at 1.0% each. Both cities reported that building and labour costs, as well as the cost of servicing land, were up. In Manitoba, the provincial government

has imposed a tax on some labour services, helping to push up prices.

Four cities shared second place — Québec, Montréal, Sudbury—Thunder Bay and Victoria — each posting increases of 0.5%. Higher construction costs and land prices were mainly responsible for these increases. Following closely were Hamilton, London and Edmonton, where prices rose 0.4%.

New house prices went up 0.2% in Calgary and Vancouver in September. Halifax, Saint John—Moncton—Fredericton and Toronto each increased 0.1%.

Five urban centres showed no monthly change: Charlottetown, Ottawa—Gatineau, Windsor, Regina and Saskatoon.

Kitchener—Waterloo (-0.3%) and St. Catharines—Niagara (-0.8%) posted decreases from August as a result of builder incentives.

On an annual basis, Ottawa—Gatineau (+8.3%) kept top place, with the largest 12-month increase for new homes. Edmonton followed closely at 8.2%, and Montréal was next with 6.2%. There were no annual decreases in September.

**Available on CANSIM: table 327-0005.**

**Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 2310.**

The third quarter 2002 issue of *Capital expenditure price statistics* (62-007-XPB,\$24/\$79) will be available in December. See *How to order products*.

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### Construction type plywood

August 2002

Firms produced 176 415 cubic metres of construction type plywood in August, up 11.5% from 158 215 cubic metres produced in August 2001.

Year-to-date production at the end of August totalled 1 454 894 cubic metres, up 6.5% from 1 366 660 in the same period of 2001.

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The August 2002 issue of *Construction type plywood*, Vol. 50, no. 8 (35-001-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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**Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products**

Third quarter 2002

Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products totalled \$33.0 million in the third quarter, down 5.6% from \$35.0 million in the third quarter of 2001.

Year-to-date shipments at the end of September totalled \$65.5 million, down 17.1% from \$79.1 million in the same period of 2001.

Data on the quantities of these products shipped are also available.

The third quarter 2002 issue of *Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products*, Vol. 21, no. 3 (25-002-XIB, \$6/\$19) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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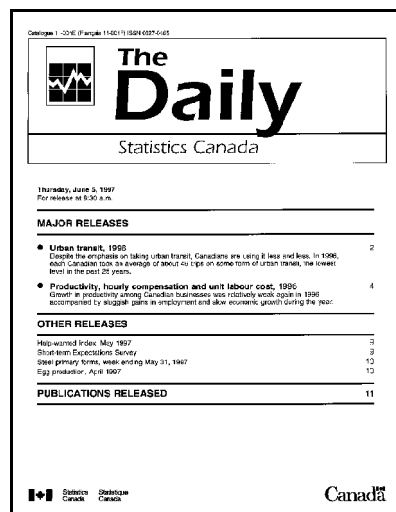
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