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## OTHER RELEASES

### New Housing Price Index

March 2003

The New Housing Price Index (1992=100) rose 0.1% in March from February. On a 12-month basis, this index of contractors' selling prices increased 4.8%, down slightly after three consecutive months of annual increases of 5.1%.

Of the 21 urban centres surveyed, 12 registered monthly increases, led by Saskatoon (+1.3%), London (+1.1%), Hamilton (+0.8%) and Winnipeg (+0.8%). Home builders in these urban centres noted higher prices for labour and building materials, such as shingles and drywall; builders in Winnipeg also noted higher land values. Increases were also observed in Calgary (+0.6%) and Victoria (+0.6%).

Elsewhere, new house prices rose 0.3% in Québec and Vancouver. The index was up 0.2% in Halifax and 0.1% in Toronto, Kitchener–Waterloo and Regina.

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

	March 2003	March 2002 to March 2003 % change	Feb. to March 2003
<b>Canada total</b>	<b>113.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>
House only	119.5	6.3	0.1
Land only	105.8	1.3	0.0
St. John's	108.0	4.5	0.0
Halifax	125.6	3.6	0.2
Charlottetown	108.5	0.7	0.0
Saint John–Moncton–Fredericton	97.5	3.0	0.0
Québec	117.2	9.2	0.3
Montréal	127.1	8.2	-0.8
Ottawa–Gatineau	132.8	5.6	-0.2
Toronto	115.9	4.0	0.1
Hamilton	117.8	7.6	0.8
St. Catharines–Niagara	113.7	3.6	-0.1
Kitchener–Waterloo	116.9	5.3	0.1
London	111.0	4.7	1.1
Windsor	107.0	0.0	0.0
Sudbury–Thunder Bay	98.9	1.9	-0.4
Winnipeg	126.2	4.0	0.8
Regina	146.5	6.5	0.1
Saskatoon	123.2	1.5	1.3
Calgary	148.0	5.4	0.6
Edmonton	127.7	7.1	0.0
Vancouver	88.0	2.7	0.3
Victoria	78.0	7.1	0.6

Montréal registered the largest monthly decrease (-0.8%), followed by Sudbury–Thunder Bay (-0.4%), Ottawa–Gatineau (-0.2%) and St. Catharines–Niagara (-0.1%). Competitive pricing along with the offer of bonuses and upgrades resulted in these decreases. Five urban centres registered no change.

The largest 12-month increase for new houses was in Québec (+9.2%) followed by Montréal (+8.2%) and Hamilton (+7.6%). There were no annual decreases.

Available on CANSIM: table 327-0005.

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

The first quarter 2003 issue of *Capital expenditure price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in July. See *How to order products*.

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### Natural gas transportation and distribution September 2002

Data on natural gas transportation and distribution are now available for September 2002.

Available on CANSIM: tables 129-0001 to 129-0004.

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### NAICS Canada 2002

The revised Canadian manual for the North American Industry Classification System, *NAICS Canada 2002*, is now available.

This volume represents a revision to the North American Industry Classification System (*NAICS Canada 1997*), first published in March 1998.

This is a minor revision, as only two of the 20 industry sectors — construction, sector 23, and information and cultural industries, sector 51 —

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have changed. These changes are entirely within the boundaries of the sectors.

In addition to these updates, there have been other changes that do not affect the structure of the classification. These include revised example titles, clarifications in the introduction and in industry definitions, and a NAICS 2002 to NAICS 1997 concordance table.

The Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática (INEGI) of Mexico, Statistics Canada, and the United States Office of Management and Budget, have jointly developed this revision. This makes industrial statistics produced in the three countries even more comparable.

This revision is scheduled to go into effect for the reference year 2002 in Canada and the United

States and for 2003 in Mexico. NAICS was developed to provide a consistent framework for the collection, analysis and dissemination of industrial statistics used by government policy analysts, academics and researchers, the business community and the public.

The *NAICS Canada 2002* manual (12-501-XPE, \$75) is available now. See *How to order products*. A web-based version is also available on Statistics Canada's website ([www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca)). From the *Statistical methods* page, under *Standard classifications*, choose *Industry*. A CD-ROM version (12-501-XCB, \$125 for a single user, up to 3 workstations) will be released in the summer of 2003.

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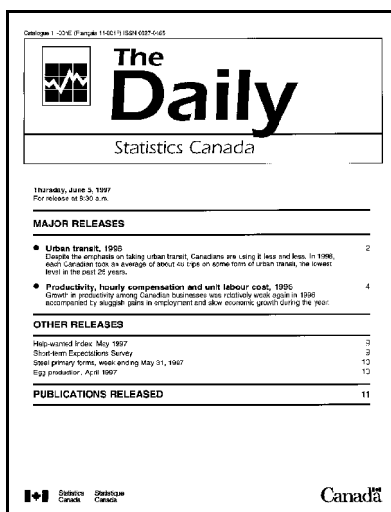
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