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New Housing Price Index

December 2003

The New Housing Price Index (1997=100) rose 0.3% in December, down from November's increase of 0.7%. For the third consecutive month, this index of contractors' selling prices advanced 5.0% on a 12-month basis.

New Housing Price Indexes by urban centre (1997=100)

	December 2003	December 2002 to December 2003 % change	November to December 2003 % change
Canada total	119.5	5.0	0.3
House only	126.7	6.3	0.3
Land only	105.9	1.6	0.2
St. John's	114.6	4.0	0.4
Halifax	121.1	4.5	1.2
Charlottetown	107.2	2.3	0.3
Saint John-Fredericton-Moncton	103.7	3.0	0.0
Québec	126.2	8.8	0.0
Montréal	130.4	6.3	0.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	141.2	3.3	0.1
Toronto	122.6	5.3	0.1
Hamilton	123.0	4.0	-0.1
St. Catharines-Niagara	124.1	6.5	-0.1
Kitchener ¹	122.1	3.3	1.2
London	117.8	6.2	1.0
Windsor	102.1	0.0	0.0
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	96.7	0.4	0.0
Winnipeg	116.4	4.3	0.9
Regina	128.5	5.7	0.7
Saskatoon	115.9	4.7	0.0
Calgary	135.2	6.0	1.1
Edmonton	126.8	4.4	0.0
Vancouver	97.6	3.9	0.1
Victoria	100.9	10.2	0.5

¹ Kitchener-Waterloo has been renamed Kitchener.

Prices were up in 13 of the 21 urban centres surveyed. Halifax and Kitchener led the way with monthly increases of 1.2%, followed by Calgary (+1.1%), London (+1.0%) and Winnipeg (+0.9%). For the most part, increases in these urban centres were due to higher prices for labour and building materials, such as lumber. Higher land prices contributed to the increases in Halifax and Calgary.

Significant increases were observed in Regina (+0.7%), Victoria (+0.5%) and St. John's (+0.4%), mostly the result of higher prices for building materials and labour.

Elsewhere, new home prices rose in Charlottetown (+0.3%) and Montréal (+0.2%). Slight increases of 0.1% were noted in Ottawa-Gatineau, Toronto and Vancouver.

Six urban centres registered no change and slight decreases of 0.1% were observed in Hamilton and St. Catharines-Niagara.

As was the case last month, Victoria posted the largest 12-month increase for new homes (+10.2%) followed by Québec (+8.8%) and St. Catharines-Niagara (+6.5%).

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2310.

The fourth quarter 2003 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$26/\$85) will be available in April. See *How to order products*.

The New Housing Price Index for January 2004 will be released March 10.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Perry Kirkpatrick (613-951-9606, fax: 613-951-1539; infounit@statcan.ca) or Susan Morris (613-951-2035; [morrus@statcan.ca](mailto:morrisus@statcan.ca)), Prices Division. ■

Aircraft movement statistics

2003 (preliminary)

In 2003, the 42 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers reported almost 4.5 million aircraft take-offs and landings, down 4.4% from 2002 (4.7 million). The total aircraft movements recorded at the towered airports have shown a declining trend since the last peak recorded in 1999 (5.3 million).

The decrease in movements in 2003 was reflected in both itinerant and local movements. Thirty airports showed decreases in 2003 compared with 2002. Itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) were down by 38,906 movements (-1.2%), the fourth consecutive annual decrease. Local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) were down 167,563 movements (-10.6%), the second consecutive annual decrease.

Five of the 10 airports handling the most itinerant movements in 2003 recorded decreases from 2002. The year-over-year variations ranged from 3.1% at Montréal/Dorval to -8.7% at Québec/Jean Lesage International. Nine of the 10 airports handling the most local movements recorded decreases from 2002.

The year-over-year comparisons ranged from 6.9% at Montréal/St-Hubert to -23.7% at Edmonton/Villeneuve.

The 2003 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics — Annual* (51F0010PIE, TP1496, free) is now available online. From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *Free*, then *Transport and warehousing*.

Preliminary statistics for the 57 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA flight service stations are also available for 2003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Kathie Davidson (613-951-0141; fax: 613-951-0010; aviationstatistics@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

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
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Despite the emphasis on taking urban transit, Canadians are using it less and less. In 1996, each Canadian rode an average of about 10 trips on some form of urban transit, the lowest level in the past 25 years.
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