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## New Housing Price Index

June 2005

The New Housing Price Index rose 0.8% in June, up from May's increase of 0.5%. Despite June's significant month-over-month increase, the rate of change for this index of contractors' selling prices was 4.7% on a 12-month basis, only slightly larger than the 4.6% increase recorded in May.

The New Housing Price Index (1997=100) rose to 129.3 in June.

Prices advanced in 12 of the 21 metropolitan areas surveyed. Winnipeg led the way with a monthly increase of 3.0%. Favourable market conditions coupled with a shortage of serviced lots were cited as the main reasons for this increase. Significant increases were also recorded in Edmonton (+1.6%), Calgary (+1.3%) and Toronto and Oshawa (+1.2%), the result of higher costs for building materials and labour as well as higher land values. The increases in land values in these cities were attributed to higher costs associated with moving into new phases of developments.

Other noteworthy gains were observed in Victoria (+0.9%) and Kitchener (+0.8%), where favourable market conditions and higher land values pushed prices up. Of the 12 metropolitan areas showing increases, land prices rose in 8.

Monthly increases were also noted in Charlottetown, Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton, Montréal, Ottawa–Gatineau, St. Catharines–Niagara and Windsor.

Six metropolitan areas registered no monthly change while Hamilton, Greater Sudbury/Grand Sudbury and Thunder Bay and Saskatoon posted minor decreases.

## New housing price indexes (1997=100)

	June 2005	June 2004 to June 2005	May to June 2005
	% change		
<b>Canada total</b>	<b>129.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>
House only	137.1	4.3	0.2
Land only	114.0	5.3	1.8
St. John's	125.3	6.0	0.0
Halifax	121.8	0.0	0.0
Charlottetown	114.2	4.7	0.4
Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton	108.9	4.0	0.4
Québec	133.8	3.4	0.0
Montréal	141.5	5.1	0.3
Ottawa–Gatineau	153.5	3.4	0.3
Toronto and Oshawa	133.0	4.4	1.2
Hamilton	134.6	5.4	-0.2
St. Catharines–Niagara	137.7	6.7	0.3
Kitchener	131.5	5.2	0.8
London	127.1	5.5	0.0
Windsor	105.8	3.6	0.1
Greater Sudbury/Grand Sudbury and Thunder Bay	100.0	1.8	-0.1
Winnipeg	132.5	6.9	3.0
Regina	142.6	6.3	0.0
Saskatoon	126.1	5.4	-0.1
Calgary	145.2	5.0	1.3
Edmonton	136.8	5.9	1.6
Vancouver	105.9	4.9	0.0
Victoria	112.0	6.7	0.9

**Note:** View the census subdivisions that comprise the metropolitan areas online.

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## **Production of eggs and poultry**

June 2005 (preliminary)

Egg production was estimated at 48.6 million dozen in June, up 9.4% from June 2004.

Poultry meat production reached 95.9 million kilograms in June, up 15.1% from June 2004.

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June 2005

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