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## Non-residential Building Construction Price Index

Second quarter 2006

The composite price index (1997=100) for non-residential building construction reached 142.3 in the second quarter, up 2.7% from the previous quarter and up 7.3% from the second quarter of 2005. The quarterly percentage change was the highest measured since an increase of 3.0% in the second quarter of 2000. As in the previous two quarters, the 2.7% increase was mostly the result of higher material and labour costs as well as a strong market for non-residential building construction.

Western Canada recorded the highest increases from the first quarter with Calgary posting a 4.6% rise, followed by Edmonton (+4.4%) and Vancouver (+3.9%). Smaller upward movements were recorded in Eastern Canada with Toronto (+2.1%), Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part (+1.7%), Halifax (+1.4%) and Montréal (+1.0%) all registering increases.

Calgary also had the largest change (+10.3%) from the second quarter of 2005, followed by Edmonton (+9.8%), Vancouver (+9.5%), Toronto (+7.0%), Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part (+5.9%), Halifax (+5.8%) and Montreal (+4.0%).

**Note:** Non-residential building construction price indexes provide an indication of changes in construction costs in six census metropolitan areas or CMAs (Halifax, Montréal, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver) and the Ontario part of the Ottawa–Gatineau CMA. Three construction categories (industrial, commercial and institutional buildings) are represented by selected models (a light factory building, an office building, a warehouse, a shopping centre and a school). Besides the census metropolitan areas and composite indexes, a further breakdown of the changes in costs is available by trade group (structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical) within the building types. These price indexes are derived from surveys of general and special trade group contractors. They report data on various categories of costs (material, labour, equipment, taxes, overhead and profit) relevant to the detailed construction specifications included in the surveys.

## Non-residential building construction price indexes<sup>1</sup> (1997=100)

	Second quarter 2006	Second quarter 2005 to second quarter 2006	First to second quarter 2006
	% change		
<b>Composite</b>	<b>142.3</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Halifax	126.9	5.8	1.4
Montréal	133.1	4.0	1.0
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part	139.7	5.9	1.7
Toronto	147.3	7.0	2.1
Calgary	148.9	10.3	4.6
Edmonton	146.1	9.8	4.4
Vancouver	137.7	9.5	3.9

1. Go online to view the census subdivisions that comprise the census metropolitan areas.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 327-0039 and 327-0040.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2317 and 2330.**

The second quarter 2006 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-XIE, free) will be available in October.

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## Commercial Software Price Index

June 2006

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of pre-packaged software typically bought by businesses and governments. The CSPI for June was 68.2 (2001=100), up 0.1% from May.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

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**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5068.**

For more information on these indexes, contact Client Services (613-951-9606 or toll-free 1-866-230-2248; [infounit@statcan.ca](mailto:infounit@statcan.ca)). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Neil Killips (613-951-5722; [neil.killips@statcan.ca](mailto:neil.killips@statcan.ca)), Prices Division. ■

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## Production of eggs and poultry

June 2006 (preliminary)

Egg production was estimated at 48.5 million dozen in June, down 0.3% from June 2005.

Poultry meat production reached 100.4 million kilograms in June, up 1.6% from June 2005.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3424, 3425 and 5039.**

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## Cement

June 2006

Data on cement are now available for June.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 303-0060 and 303-0061.**

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## Supply and disposition of refined petroleum products

April 2006

Data on the supply, disposition and domestic sales of refined petroleum products are now available for April.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 134-0001 to 134-0004.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.**

The April 2006 issue of *The Supply and Disposition of Refined Petroleum Products in Canada*, Vol. 61, no. 4 (45-004-XIE, free) is now available from the *Publications* page of our website.

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## New products

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- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1995** 4  
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was relatively weak again in 1996 accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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16	<b>Livestock statistics</b>	July 1, 2006
16	<b>Monthly Survey of Manufacturing</b>	June 2006
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17	<b>Travel between Canada and other countries</b>	June 2006
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