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## New Housing Price Index

December 2009

The New Housing Price Index rose 0.4% in December, the same increase as reported in November.

Between November and December, prices rose the most in Ottawa–Gatineau (+0.8%), followed by St. John's, Toronto and Oshawa, as well as Vancouver, which all registered 0.7% increases.

In Ottawa–Gatineau, the increase in prices was attributable to good market conditions and competitive factors. In St. John's, prices rose as builders reported increased material and labour costs.

In Toronto and Oshawa, price increases were due to several builders revising the value of their models and adjusting their prices upwards as well as to stronger market conditions. In Vancouver, builders continued to increase their prices as consumer interest remained strong.

Of the 21 metropolitan areas surveyed, only Calgary and Victoria (both down 0.2%) recorded decreases in new housing prices.

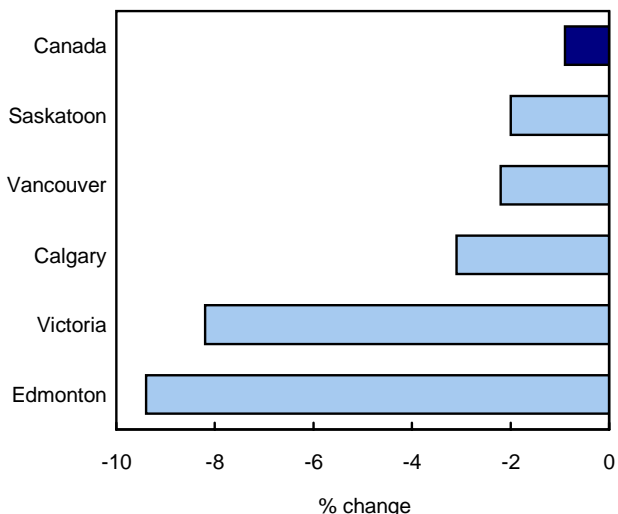
In Calgary, some builders moved to new phases of development with lower priced lots.

Lower negotiated selling prices contributed to the decrease of new housing prices in Victoria.

Year over year, the New Housing Price Index was down 0.9% in December, compared with the 1.4% decline registered in November. Western Canada remained the main contributor to the decrease in the total new housing price index.

On the Prairies, 12-month declines were recorded in Edmonton (-9.4%), Calgary (-3.1%) and Saskatoon (-2.0%).

Percentage change from the same month of the previous year (cities with the smallest or negative change)

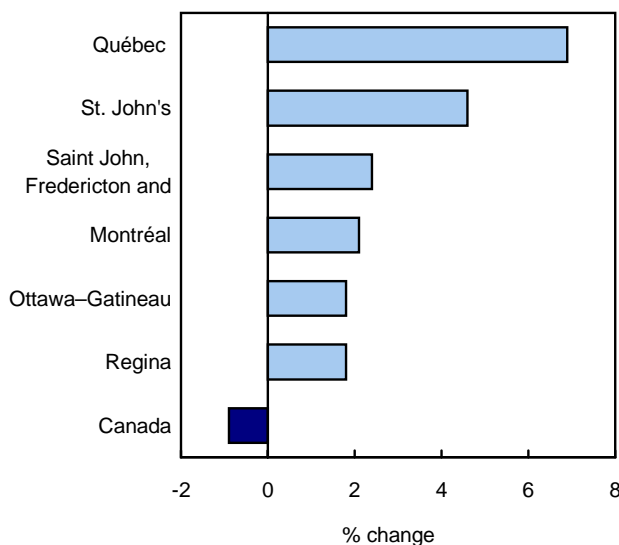


Year-over-year declines were also reported in Victoria (-8.2%) and Vancouver (-2.2%).

Once again, the largest year-over-year increase was registered in Québec (+6.9%). Higher residential land values remained the primary reason for the increase.

On a year-over-year basis, prices were also up in St. John's (+4.6%), Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton (+2.4%) and Montréal (+2.1%). Contractors' selling prices were also higher in Ottawa–Gatineau and Regina, with both registering year-over-over increases of 1.8%.

**Percentage change from the same month of the previous year (cities with the largest positive change)**



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**New housing price indexes**

	2009	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	November to December 2009	December 2008 to December 2009
	relative Importance <sup>1</sup>	(1997=100)			% change	
<b>Canada total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>157.4</b>	<b>155.4</b>	<b>156.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
House only	..	165.5	164.0	164.9	0.5	-0.4
Land only	..	141.0	137.9	137.8	-0.1	-2.3
St. John's	1.05	177.6	184.4	185.7	0.7	4.6
Charlottetown	0.27	119.4	120.4	120.4	0.0	0.8
Halifax	1.14	150.3	151.1	151.1	0.0	0.5
Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton <sup>2</sup>	0.95	118.3	121.1	121.1	0.0	2.4
Québec	2.26	159.4	170.4	170.4	0.0	6.9
Montréal	10.15	163.7	166.8	167.1	0.2	2.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.30	169.6	171.4	172.7	0.8	1.8
Toronto and Oshawa <sup>2</sup>	35.30	146.4	147.0	148.0	0.7	1.1
Hamilton	2.82	152.4	151.0	151.0	0.0	-0.9
St. Catharines-Niagara	1.09	155.6	157.4	157.4	0.0	1.2
London	2.12	143.3	145.1	145.1	0.0	1.3
Kitchener	2.14	143.2	143.8	143.8	0.0	0.4
Windsor	0.82	103.7	104.0	104.0	0.0	0.3
Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay <sup>2</sup>	0.82	112.7	112.6	112.6	0.0	-0.1
Winnipeg	1.46	181.4	183.5	184.1	0.3	1.5
Regina	0.58	248.7	253.1	253.1	0.0	1.8
Saskatoon	0.71	218.1	213.0	213.7	0.3	-2.0
Calgary	7.68	240.7	233.6	233.2	-0.2	-3.1
Edmonton	8.28	228.7	207.0	207.3	0.1	-9.4
Vancouver	14.21	120.6	117.2	118.0	0.7	-2.2
Victoria	1.85	115.6	106.3	106.1	-0.2	-8.2

.. not available for a specific reference period

1. The relative importance is calculated using a price adjusted three-year average of the value of building completions for each metropolitan area.

2. In order to ensure data confidentiality, the following Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomeration are grouped together as follows: Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton; Toronto and Oshawa; and Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

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

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## Research and development personnel 2007

In 2007, 228,680 full-time equivalent personnel were engaged in research and development (R&D) activities in Canada, up 2.0% over the previous year.

The business enterprise sector employs the majority of R&D personnel in Canada. In 2007, 65% of R&D personnel were employed by business enterprises, followed by 26% in the higher education sector, 8% in government (combined federal and provincial) and 1% in private non-profit organizations.

Approximately three-quarters of total R&D personnel worked in Ontario (45%) and Quebec (31%). Most of the remaining R&D personnel were engaged in British Columbia (10%) and Alberta (7%).

Researchers accounted for 63% of total R&D personnel, while technicians comprised 25% and support staff 12%.

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## Fertilizer Shipments Survey Second quarter of 2009/2010

Data from the Fertilizer Shipments Survey are now available for the second quarter of the fertilizer year 2009/2010.

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