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Consulting Engineering Services Price Index

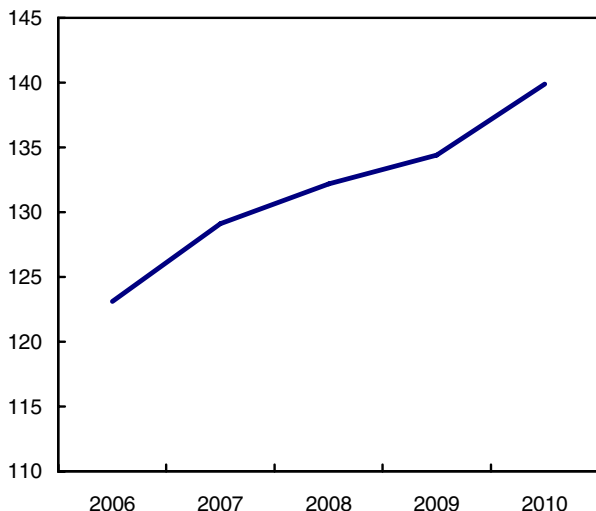
2010 (preliminary)

The Canada total Consulting Engineering Services Price Index increased 4.1% in 2010 compared with 2009.

Prices rose for all specializations, except environmental services, ranging from gains of 1.5% for other engineering services, to 8.9% for buildings.

Services Producer Price Index: Consulting engineering services

index (1997=100)



Note: The Consulting Engineering Services Price Index measures the change in the total price of consulting engineering services. Detailed indexes are available for fields of specialization and for domestic and foreign markets.

The Consulting Engineering Services Price Index is part of the Services Producer Price Index program at Statistics Canada. The purpose of this survey is to collect and compile financial and wage data to measure movements in the price of consulting engineering services. The index can be joined with other business service price indexes to provide better estimates of real output and productivity, and to monitor inflation in the services sector.

With this release, the geographic breakdown and some of the categories of the Consulting engineering services price indexes are no longer available.

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The 2010 consulting engineering services price indexes data will be published in the third quarter 2011 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-X, free).

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Service Producer Price Index: Consulting engineering services – Not seasonally adjusted

Services Producer Price Index: Consulting engineering services	Relative importance ¹	2009	2010 ^b	2009 to 2010
Geography and field of specialization ²	%	(1997=100)		% change
Canada and foreign: Total engineering³	100.00	134.4	139.9	4.1
Canada: Total engineering	83.92	135.8	142.5	4.9
Buildings	13.44	128.5	140.0	8.9
Transportation	6.38	134.3	139.9	4.2
Municipal services	6.67	135.5	144.5	6.6
Environmental services	1.72	122.8	122.2	-0.5
Industrial services ⁴	47.34	134.0	140.0	4.5
Other engineering services	8.36	171.9	174.4	1.5
Foreign: Total engineering	16.08	129.1	129.2	0.1

^p preliminary

1. The relative importance is based on the weight that each specialization contributes to the overall Consulting Engineering Services Price Index.

2. Fields of specialization are the types of project on which engineering firms work.

3. The category "foreign" includes all locations outside of Canada to which the Canadian offices of an engineering firm are providing services.

4. Industrial services comprise of mining, metallurgy and primary metals, pulp and paper, oil, petroleum and natural gas, power generation and transmission, and other industrial services.

Note: Data may not add to totals as a result of rounding.

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Computer and peripherals price indexes September 2011

Prices for commercial computers declined by 5.3% from August to September, while consumer computer prices decreased 0.2%. In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices decreased by 0.5% while printer prices declined by 4.2%.

Year over year, prices declined for commercial computers (-16.9%) and consumer computers (-11.5%). Monitor prices decreased by 2.5% while printer prices were down 19.2%.

Note: The Computer and peripherals price indexes are monthly series measuring changes over time in the price of computers and computer peripherals sold to governments, businesses and consumers. This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the

indexes published are subject to a six month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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The Computer and peripherals price indexes for October will be released on November 25.

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Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index

September 2011

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index decreased 0.4% in September compared with August. The courier portion fell 0.4%, while the local messenger component remained unchanged.

On a year-over-year basis, the index advanced 9.5% in September compared with the same month in 2010.

Note: The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index is a monthly price index measuring the change over time in prices for courier and messenger services provided by long and short distance delivery companies to Canadian-based business clients.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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Commercial Software Price Index

September 2011

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) increased by 3.1% from August to September.

Year over year, the CSPI was up by 0.2%.

Note: The Commercial Software Price Index is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of pre-packaged software typically bought by businesses and governments. This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a six month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

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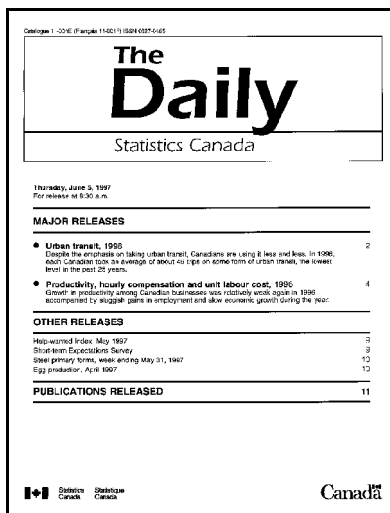
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31	Industrial product and raw materials price indexes	September 2011
4	Building permits	September 2011
4	Labour Force Survey	October 2011