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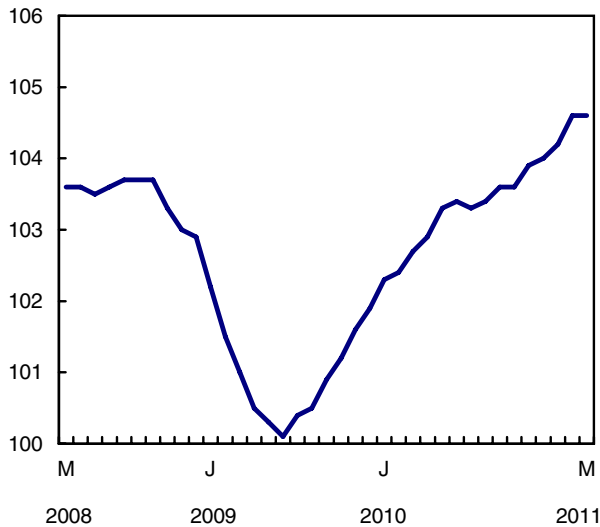
New Housing Price Index

March 2011

The New Housing Price Index (NHPI) was unchanged in March following a 0.4% advance in February. Monthly increases in some metropolitan regions were offset by decreases in other regions resulting in no change to the Canada level index.

Evolution of the New Housing Price Index

index (2007=100)



Between February and March, prices rose the most in Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton (+0.4%) followed by the metropolitan regions of Toronto and Oshawa, Winnipeg and Regina (all three registering increases of 0.3%).

In Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton as well as in Toronto and Oshawa, builders reported that price increases were a result of improving market conditions.

In Winnipeg, the increases were primarily due to higher material and labour costs, while in Regina, higher land development fees contributed to the rise in prices.

The most significant monthly price decreases were recorded in Québec (-0.7%), Windsor (-0.6%) and Edmonton (-0.2%).

In Québec and Edmonton, some builders reported that the decreases were attributable to lower land costs. Slower market conditions caused builders in Windsor to reduce their prices.

Year over year, the NHPI was up 1.9% in March following a 2.1% increase in February.

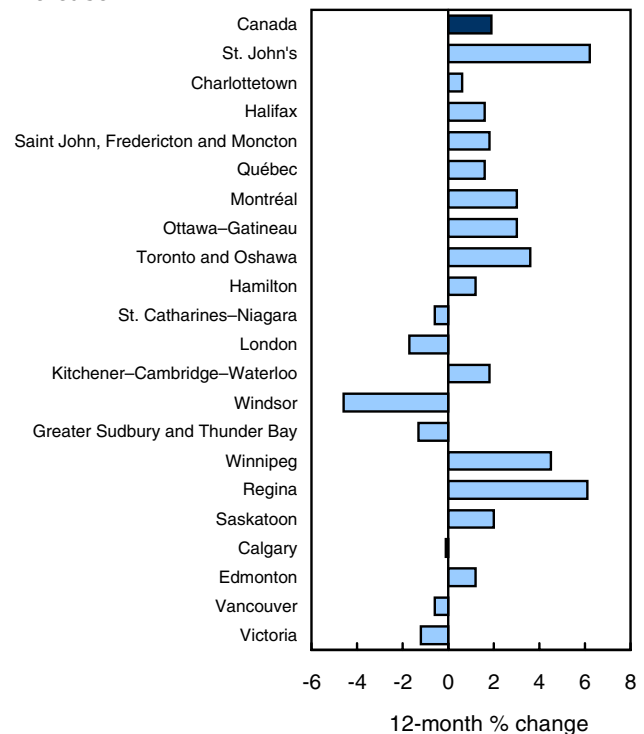
The main contributors to the year-over-year increase of the NHPI in March were the metropolitan regions of Toronto and Oshawa as well as Montréal.

The largest year-over-year increase was observed in St. John's (+6.2%), followed closely by Regina (+6.1%).

Compared with March 2010, contractors' selling prices were also higher in Winnipeg (+4.5%) as well as in Toronto and Oshawa (+3.6%).

Windsor (-4.6%), London (-1.7%), Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay (-1.3%) and Victoria (-1.2%) posted 12-month declines in March.

St. John's posts the highest year-over-year price increase



Note: The New Housing Price Index measures changes over time in the selling prices of new residential houses agreed upon between the contractor and the buyer at the time of the signing of the contract. It is designed to measure the changes in the selling prices of new houses where detailed specifications pertaining to each house remain the same between two consecutive periods. The prices collected from builders and included in the index are market selling prices less value added taxes, such as the Federal Goods and Services Tax or the Harmonized Sales Tax.

This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are final.

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The first quarter 2011 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-X, free) will be available in July.

The new housing price indexes for April will be released on June 9.

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New housing price indexes

	Relative Importance ¹	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	February to March 2011	March 2010 to March 2011
	%	(2007=100)			% change	
Canada total	100.00	102.7	104.6	104.6	0.0	1.9
House only	...	102.6	104.3	104.5	0.2	1.9
Land only	...	102.7	104.4	104.3	-0.1	1.6
St. John's	1.79	138.6	147.2	147.2	0.0	6.2
Charlottetown	0.25	100.9	101.5	101.5	0.0	0.6
Halifax	1.24	109.8	111.6	111.6	0.0	1.6
Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton ²	0.70	106.3	107.8	108.2	0.4	1.8
Québec	2.91	115.4	118.0	117.2	-0.7	1.6
Montréal	11.19	109.9	113.1	113.2	0.1	3.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.68	108.4	111.5	111.6	0.1	3.0
Toronto and Oshawa ²	27.39	104.9	108.4	108.7	0.3	3.6
Hamilton	2.94	102.7	103.9	103.9	0.0	1.2
St. Catharines-Niagara	0.96	104.5	104.0	103.9	-0.1	-0.6
London	1.60	109.4	107.5	107.5	0.0	-1.7
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo	2.21	104.6	106.5	106.5	0.0	1.8
Windsor	0.45	100.8	96.8	96.2	-0.6	-4.6
Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay ²	0.67	106.8	105.3	105.4	0.1	-1.3
Winnipeg	2.14	117.4	122.3	122.7	0.3	4.5
Regina	0.92	136.7	144.7	145.1	0.3	6.1
Saskatoon	1.36	113.6	115.9	115.9	0.0	2.0
Calgary	11.44	95.5	95.5	95.4	-0.1	-0.1
Edmonton	11.87	88.7	90.0	89.8	-0.2	1.2
Vancouver	10.97	99.3	98.5	98.7	0.2	-0.6
Victoria	1.39	89.9	88.8	88.8	0.0	-1.2

... not applicable

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.



Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports

February 2011

The number of take-offs and landings at the 131 airports without air traffic control towers reached 36,181 movements in February. Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador (2,158 movements) and Comox, British Columbia (1,410 movements) were the most active sites. Of the 128 airports for which year-over-year comparisons were possible, increases were reported by 65 of these airports.

Available on CANSIM: tables 401-0021 and 401-0022.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

The February 2011 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: Airports without Air Traffic Control Towers (TP 141)* (51-008-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. This report is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Transport Canada.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; fax: 613-951-0009; transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Cement

March 2011

Data on cement are now available for March.

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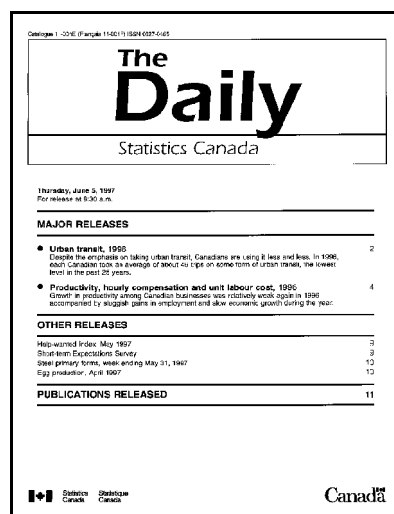
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