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Releases

Non-residential Building Construction Price Index, third quarter 2012

The composite price index for non-residential building construction increased 0.2% in the third quarter compared with the previous quarter. This change was the result of a slight increase in material prices used in non-residential building construction.

All of the seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed reported quarterly increases, ranging from 0.1% to 0.7%. Halifax (+0.7%) recorded the largest gain.

Year over year, the composite price index for non-residential building construction was up 2.4%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Edmonton (+3.6%) and Calgary (+3.5%) recorded the largest year-over-year increases, while Montréal (+1.3%) recorded the smallest gain.

Note to readers

The Non-residential Building Construction Price Index is a quarterly series that measures changes in contractors' selling prices of new non-residential building construction in seven census metropolitan areas. Three classes of structures are covered: commercial, industrial, and institutional.

Selling prices include costs of materials, labour, equipment, provincial sales taxes where applicable, and contractors' overhead and profit. The cost of land, land assembly, design, development, and real estate fees are excluded. Value added taxes such as the Federal Goods and Services Tax and the Harmonized Sales Tax are excluded.

The provincial government of British Columbia introduced legislation on May 14, 2012, announcing the return to a Provincial Sales Tax on April 1, 2013. The provincial sales tax on building materials in British Columbia will be embedded in contractors' selling prices of non-residential buildings. These changes will be reflected in the Non-residential Building Construction Price Index as reported by respondents.

This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the index published is subject to a one quarter revision period after dissemination of a given quarter's data.

Table 1
Non-residential Building Construction Price Index¹ – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ²	Third quarter 2011	Second quarter 2012	Third quarter 2012	Second quarter to third quarter 2012	Third quarter 2011 to third quarter 2012
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
Composite	100.0	147.4	150.7	151.0	0.2	2.4
Halifax	2.3	141.1	143.4	144.4	0.7	2.3
Montréal	15.5	141.2	142.9	143.0	0.1	1.3
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part ³	5.8	153.4	155.9	156.0	0.1	1.7
Toronto	38.9	149.0	151.5	151.7	0.1	1.8
Calgary	13.7	165.3	170.8	171.1	0.2	3.5
Edmonton	11.6	162.2	167.5	168.0	0.3	3.6
Vancouver	12.2	138.6	142.7	142.9	0.1	3.1

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

2. The relative importance is calculated using a price adjusted three-year average of the value of building permits for each CMA.

3. For the Ottawa–Gatineau metropolitan area, only Ontario contractors are surveyed for the Non-residential Building Construction Price Index because of different provincial legislation and construction union contracts.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 327-0043 and 327-0044.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 2317 and 2330.

The third quarter 2012 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-X, free) will be available in January 2013.

The Non-residential Building Construction Price Index for the fourth quarter will be released on February 12, 2013.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca) or Media Relations (613-951-4636; mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca).

Canada Year Book, 2012

For 145 years, the *Canada Year Book* has chronicled in statistical form the demographic, social, political and economic changes affecting Canada and its people. The 2012 edition of the *Canada Year Book*, available today, carries on this tradition.

The almanac-style publication contains 31 chapters with tables, maps and easy-to-read articles. Each chapter covers issues and trends that influenced Canada, such as the aging of the population, housing prices and tuition costs. Other chapters examine developments in crime, health, the environment, the economy and much more.

A chapter on children explores the link between reading skills at the age of 15 and income at 25, as well as the continuing decline in smoking rates among teenagers and changes in international adoption rates.

An "International perspective" section provides charts comparing Canada and other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) nations. For example, Canada's gross domestic product per capita was \$US 38,914 in 2009, 11th among OECD countries.

This is the last edition of the *Canada Year Book*. Statistics Canada will continue through other means to keep Canadians informed about their social and economic life.

The 2012 issue of the *Canada Year Book* (11-402-X, \$24.95) is now available. As well, the *Canada Year Book Historical Collection* is available online. It contains all year books from 1867 to 1967.

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Mushroom Growers' Survey, 2011

Data on mushroom growers for Canada and the provinces are now available for 2011.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 001-0012.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3411.

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Entrepreneurship Indicators Database, 2008 and 2009

Selected data pertaining to the entrepreneurship of Canadian enterprises are now available for 2008 and 2009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5157.

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