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Non-residential Building Construction Price Index, second quarter 2012

The composite price index for non-residential building construction rose 0.6% in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter. The quarterly increase was mainly a result of higher labour costs.

All of the seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed reported quarterly increases, ranging from 0.3% in Montréal to 0.8% in both Edmonton and Calgary.

Year over year, the composite price index for non-residential building construction rose 3.1%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Edmonton (+4.2%) and Calgary (+4.0%) posted the largest year-over-year increases, while Halifax (+1.9%) 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 (commercial, industrial and institutional) are covered.

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.

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

Table 1
Non-residential building construction price indexes¹ – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ²	Second quarter 2011	First quarter 2012	Second quarter 2012	First quarter to second quarter 2012	Second quarter 2011 to second quarter 2012
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
Composite	100.0	146.2	149.8	150.7	0.6	3.1
Halifax	2.3	140.7	142.6	143.4	0.6	1.9
Montréal	15.5	139.9	142.5	142.9	0.3	2.1
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part ³	5.8	151.0	154.9	155.9	0.6	3.2
Toronto	38.9	148.0	150.7	151.5	0.5	2.4
Calgary	13.7	164.2	169.4	170.8	0.8	4.0
Edmonton	11.6	160.7	166.2	167.5	0.8	4.2
Vancouver	12.2	137.5	141.7	142.7	0.7	3.8

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 second quarter 2012 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-X, free) will be available in October.

The non-residential building construction price indexes for the third quarter will be released on November 13.

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Steel pipe and tubing, June 2012

Data on the production and shipments of steel pipe and tubing are now available for June.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 303-0046.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2105.

The June 2012 issue of *Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire* (41-019-X, free) will soon be available.

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Steel wire and specified wire products, June 2012

Data on the production of steel wire and specified wire products are now available for June.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 303-0047.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2106.

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Elementary and secondary education expenditures, 2009/2010

Data up to 2009/2010 are now available for elementary and secondary education expenditures by type and by direct source.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 478-0014 and 478-0015.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 3119, 3120, 3140 and 3141.

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