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Non-residential Building Construction Price Index, second quarter 2013

The composite price index for non-residential building construction rose 0.5% in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter. The increase was mainly attributable to a rise in the price of building materials in British Columbia because of the return to the provincial sales tax in April.

Of the seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed, six reported quarterly increases ranging from 0.1% to 2.4%. The largest gain was in Vancouver (+2.4%), followed by Halifax (+0.6%). Contractors in Ottawa (-0.1%) reported the lone decline.

Year over year, the composite price index for non-residential building construction was up 0.9%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Vancouver (+2.9%) recorded the largest year-over-year increase, while Ottawa (-0.3%) recorded the lone decrease compared with the second quarter of 2012.

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: Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa–Gatineau (Ontario part), Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. 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 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 Index¹ – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ²	Second quarter 2012	First quarter 2013 ^r	Second quarter 2013 ^p	First quarter to second quarter 2013	Second quarter 2012 to second quarter 2013
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
Composite	100.0	150.7	151.4	152.1	0.5	0.9
Halifax	2.4	143.4	144.8	145.6	0.6	1.5
Montréal	16.3	142.9	143.8	144.2	0.3	0.9
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part ³	5.7	155.9	155.5	155.4	-0.1	-0.3
Toronto	40.4	151.5	151.9	152.1	0.1	0.4
Calgary	10.9	170.8	171.7	172.2	0.3	0.8
Edmonton	11.0	167.5	168.6	169.1	0.3	1.0
Vancouver	13.3	142.7	143.5	146.9	2.4	2.9

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

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 in CANSIM: tables 327-0043 and 327-0044.

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

The first quarter 2013 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics*, Vol. 29, no. 1 (62-007-X, free), is available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. The second quarter 2013 issue is scheduled for release in October. This will be the last edition of the publication. In the future, all the information currently in the publication will be available free of charge on our website.

The Non-residential Building Construction Price Index for the third quarter will be released November 13.

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).

Apartment Building Construction Price Index, second quarter 2013

The composite price index for apartment building construction rose 0.8% in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter. The quarterly increase was mainly attributable to a rise in the price of building materials in British Columbia because of the return to the provincial sales tax in April.

Of the seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed, six reported quarterly gains ranging from 0.2% to 2.5%. The largest advance was in Vancouver (+2.5%), followed by Halifax (+0.6%). Ottawa (-0.1%) recorded the lone decline.

Year over year, the composite price index for apartment building construction was up 1.3%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Vancouver (+3.1%) recorded the largest year-over-year gain, while Ottawa recorded a 0.3% decline from the second quarter of 2012.

Note to readers

The Apartment Building Construction Price Index is a quarterly series that measures changes in contractors' selling prices of new apartment building construction in seven census metropolitan areas: Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa–Gatineau (Ontario part), Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

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 apartment buildings. These changes will be reflected in the Apartment Building Construction Price Index as reported by respondents.

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Table 1
Apartment Building Construction Price Index¹ – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ²	Second quarter 2012	First quarter 2013 ^r	Second quarter 2013 ^p	First quarter to second quarter 2013	Second quarter 2012 to second quarter 2013
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
Composite index	100.0	143.9	144.5	145.7	0.8	1.3
Halifax	2.6	138.5	139.6	140.4	0.6	1.4
Montréal	26.7	140.8	141.7	142.0	0.2	0.9
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part ³	3.0	149.4	149.1	149.0	-0.1	-0.3
Toronto	35.4	144.5	144.9	145.3	0.3	0.6
Calgary	5.1	166.6	167.6	168.3	0.4	1.0
Edmonton	4.1	162.5	163.3	164.0	0.4	0.9
Vancouver	23.1	144.1	144.9	148.5	2.5	3.1

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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 Apartment Building Construction Price Index because of different provincial legislation and construction union contracts.

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