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Releases

Non-residential Building Construction Price Index, third quarter 2014

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.

Contractors in six of the seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed reported quarterly increases, ranging from 0.1% to 0.6%. The largest increase was observed in Vancouver (+0.6%), followed by Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part (+0.4%). Contractors in Calgary (-0.1%) reported the only decrease.

Year over year, the composite price index for non-residential building construction rose 1.4%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Halifax (+2.0%) recorded the largest year-over-year increase, followed by Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part, and Edmonton (both up 1.9%). Contractors in Montréal (+0.9%) recorded the smallest increase from the third quarter of 2013.

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.

With each release, data for the previous quarter may have been revised. The index is not seasonally adjusted.

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

	Relative importance ²	Third quarter 2013	Second quarter 2014 ^r	Third quarter 2014 ^p	Second quarter to third quarter 2014	Third quarter 2013 to third quarter 2014
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
Composite index	100.0	152.3	154.2	154.5	0.2	1.4
Halifax	2.1	145.7	148.4	148.6	0.1	2.0
Montréal	16.7	144.0	145.2	145.3	0.1	0.9
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part ³	5.0	155.5	157.8	158.5	0.4	1.9
Toronto	37.4	152.1	154.1	154.4	0.2	1.5
Calgary	14.2	173.4	175.3	175.1	-0.1	1.0
Edmonton	11.9	169.9	172.9	173.1	0.1	1.9
Vancouver	12.7	147.3	148.6	149.5	0.6	1.5

^r revised

^p preliminary

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 Non-residential Building Construction Price Index for the fourth quarter of 2014 will be released on February 10, 2015.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 514-283-8300; infostats@statcan.gc.ca) or Media Relations (613-951-4636; mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca).

Apartment Building Construction Price Index, third quarter 2014

The composite price index for apartment building construction rose 0.3% in the third quarter compared with the previous quarter. This change was the result of a slight increase in the prices of materials used in apartment building construction.

Of the seven metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed, six reported quarterly increases, ranging from 0.1% to 0.6%. The largest increase was in Vancouver (+0.6%), followed by Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part (+0.5%). The CMA of Calgary (-0.1%) reported the only decrease.

Year over year, the composite price index for apartment building construction was up 1.3%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Halifax (+1.9%) recorded the largest year-over-year gain, while Calgary (+0.9%) recorded the smallest increase from the third quarter of 2013.

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.

With each release, data for the previous quarter may have been revised. The index is not seasonally adjusted.

Table 1
Apartment Building Construction Price Index¹ – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ²	Third quarter 2013	Second quarter 2014 ^r	Third quarter 2014 ^p	Second quarter to third quarter 2014	Third quarter 2013 to third quarter 2014
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
Composite index	100.0	146.0	147.5	147.9	0.3	1.3
Halifax	2.0	140.4	142.8	143.0	0.1	1.9
Montréal	24.8	141.9	143.2	143.4	0.1	1.1
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part ³	2.5	149.0	150.9	151.6	0.5	1.7
Toronto	35.1	145.3	147.1	147.6	0.3	1.6
Calgary	7.8	170.2	171.9	171.7	-0.1	0.9
Edmonton	4.7	164.7	167.3	167.4	0.1	1.6
Vancouver	23.1	149.2	150.3	151.2	0.6	1.3

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Maple products, 2014

Data on the production and value of maple products are now available for 2014.

Available in CANSIM: table [001-0008](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3414](#).

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Beta testing: Revising how Statistics Canada publishes information, November 12 to December 12, 2014

Today, Statistics Canada begins testing of a new way to organize its statistical output. The goal is to make sure that Statistics Canada products are user friendly and easy to find on the agency's website.

As part of a multi-year project to develop a new dissemination model, the agency is inviting users to visit its [beta site](#) and provide feedback. The information obtained will be used to develop a more dynamic online presence that is easier to navigate and makes information more readily accessible to a wide range of data users.

Users are invited to rate pages, provide comments and join in the discussion forum. The dialogue between the agency and its users will continue through to December 12. Launch of Statistics Canada's new website is slated for fall 2015.

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