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## Releases

### Non-residential Building Construction Price Index, second quarter 2014

The composite price index for non-residential building construction increased 0.6% in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter. The increase was mainly due to higher material prices and labour costs in some areas.

Contractors in all seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed reported quarterly increases, ranging from 0.1% to 1.3%. The largest increase was in Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part (+1.3%), followed by Halifax (+1.2%). Contractors in Montréal (+0.1%) reported the smallest quarterly increase.

Year over year, the composite price index for non-residential building construction was up 1.4%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Edmonton (+2.2%) recorded the largest year-over-year increase, followed by Halifax (+1.9%). Contractors in Montréal (+0.7%) recorded the smallest increase from the second 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 Index<sup>1</sup> – Not seasonally adjusted**

	Relative importance <sup>2</sup>	Second quarter 2013	First quarter 2014 <sup>r</sup>	Second quarter 2014 <sup>p</sup>	First quarter to second quarter 2014	Second quarter 2013 to second quarter 2014
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>Composite index</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>152.1</b>	<b>153.3</b>	<b>154.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Halifax	2.1	145.6	146.6	148.4	1.2	1.9
Montréal	16.7	144.2	145.0	145.2	0.1	0.7
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part <sup>3</sup>	5.0	155.4	155.8	157.8	1.3	1.5
Toronto	37.4	152.1	153.0	154.1	0.7	1.3
Calgary	14.2	172.2	174.5	175.3	0.5	1.8
Edmonton	11.9	169.1	172.1	172.9	0.5	2.2
Vancouver	12.7	146.9	147.8	148.6	0.5	1.2

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> 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.

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**Available in CANSIM: tables 327-0043, 327-0044, 327-0051 and 327-0052.**

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

The Non-residential Building Construction Price Index for the third quarter will be released on November 12.

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## Apartment Building Construction Price Index, second quarter 2014

The composite price index for apartment building construction rose 0.5% in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter. This change was the result of a slight increase in labour costs and higher material prices used in apartment building construction.

All seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed reported quarterly increases ranging from 1.1% in Halifax and Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part, to 0.3% in Montréal.

Year over year, the composite price index for apartment building construction was up 1.2%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Calgary (+2.1%) recorded the largest year-over-year gain, while Montréal (+0.8%) recorded the smallest increase from the second 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 Index<sup>1</sup> – Not seasonally adjusted**

	Relative importance <sup>2</sup>	Second quarter 2013	First quarter 2014 <sup>r</sup>	Second quarter 2014 <sup>p</sup>	First quarter to second quarter 2014	Second quarter 2013 to second quarter 2014
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>Composite index</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>145.7</b>	<b>146.7</b>	<b>147.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Halifax	2.0	140.4	141.2	142.8	1.1	1.7
Montréal	24.8	142.0	142.8	143.2	0.3	0.8
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part <sup>3</sup>	2.5	149.0	149.2	150.9	1.1	1.3
Toronto	35.1	145.3	146.0	147.1	0.8	1.2
Calgary	7.8	168.3	171.2	171.9	0.4	2.1
Edmonton	4.7	164.0	166.6	167.3	0.4	2.0
Vancouver	23.1	148.5	149.6	150.3	0.5	1.2

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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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