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Releases

Non-residential Building Construction Price Index, fourth quarter 2014

The composite price index for non-residential building construction rose 0.1% in the fourth quarter compared with the previous quarter. This change was mainly the result of a slight increase in material prices.

Of the seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed, Toronto (+0.5%) and Montréal (+0.3%) reported quarterly increases. These gains were offset by declines in Vancouver and Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part (both down 0.3%).

Year over year, the composite price index for non-residential building construction was up 1.4%. Of the CMAs included in the survey, Halifax (+2.0%) and Toronto (+1.9%) recorded the largest year-over-year increases, while Calgary (+0.7%) recorded the smallest gain from the fourth 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 and development as well as 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	Fourth quarter 2013	Third quarter 2014 ^r	Fourth quarter 2014 ^p	Third quarter to fourth quarter 2014	Fourth quarter 2013 to fourth quarter 2014
	%	(2002=100)		% change		
Composite index	100.0	152.5	154.5	154.7	0.1	1.4
Halifax	2.1	145.8	148.7	148.7	0.0	2.0
Montréal	16.7	144.1	145.3	145.7	0.3	1.1
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part ³	5.0	155.5	158.5	158.1	-0.3	1.7
Toronto	37.4	152.2	154.4	155.1	0.5	1.9
Calgary	14.2	174.0	175.2	175.2	0.0	0.7
Edmonton	11.9	170.3	173.2	172.9	-0.2	1.5
Vancouver	12.7	147.4	149.5	149.0	-0.3	1.1

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Source(s): CANSIM table 327-0043.

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^{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 first quarter will be released on May 12.

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, fourth quarter 2014

The composite price index for apartment building construction increased 0.1% in the fourth quarter compared with the previous quarter. This change was the result of a slight increase in material prices used in apartment building construction.

Of the seven metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed, Toronto (+0.5%) and Montréal (+0.3%) reported the only quarterly increases. Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part, and Vancouver recorded the largest decreases (both down 0.4%).

Year over year, the composite price index for apartment building construction was up 1.4%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Toronto (+2.1%) recorded the largest year-over-year gain, while Calgary (+0.6%) recorded the smallest increase from the fourth 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 and development as well as 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	Fourth quarter 2013	Third quarter 2014 ^r	Fourth quarter 2014 ^p	Third quarter to fourth quarter 2014	Fourth quarter 2013 to fourth quarter 2014	
	%	(2002=100)		% change			
Composite index Halifax	100.0 2.0	146.0 140.5	147.9 143.1	148.1 143.1	0.1 0.0	1.4 1.9	
Montréal	24.8	141.9	143.3	143.7	0.3	1.3	
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part ³ Toronto	2.5 35.1	148.9 145.3	151.6 147.5	151.0 148.3	-0.4 0.5	1.4 2.1	
Calgary Edmonton	7.8 4.7	170.7 165.1	171.8 167.5	171.7 167.4	-0.1 -0.1	0.6 1.4 0.9	
Vancouver	23.1	149.2	151.1	150.5	-0.4		

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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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Passenger Air Services Price Index, 2013

The Passenger Air Services Price Index increased 1.1% in 2013 compared with 2012. The domestic fares component was up 0.4%, while the international fares component rose 1.5%.

Note to readers

The Passenger Air Services Price Index is an annual series measuring the price change for base air fares, providing indications of the overall trend of domestic and international fares over time. The index relates to the operations of major Canadian air carriers.

With each release, data for the previous year may have been revised. The indexes are not seasonally adjusted. Data are available at the Canada level only.

Prior to the release of the Passenger Air Services Price Index, air fare indexes to 2011 were published in "Air Fare, Canadian Air Carriers, Level I," Vol. 45, no. 1, as part of the publication Aviation (51-004-X).

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Income of immigrants: Quebec, 2012

Data from the Longitudinal Immigration Database for Quebec from 1980 to 2012 are now available. Tables at the Canada level were released in *The Daily* on January 12, 2015. See the note to readers for the release schedule of other provincial data.

Note to readers

The Longitudinal Immigration Database provides information on immigrant economic outcomes by immigrant characteristics at landing, such as the admission category, education level and knowledge of French or English.

The database combines an Administrative Landing File with the T1 Family File through exact matching record-linkage techniques. The overall linkage rate is approximately 87%. The population includes immigrants who landed between 1980 and 2012 and who filed taxes at least once between 1982 and 2012.

Release schedule

The following schedule provides the release dates of provincial data, by descending order of population size:

February 9, 2015: Ontario

February 10, 2015: Quebec

February 11, 2015: British Columbia

February 12, 2015: Alberta

February 13, 2015: Atlantic provinces

February 16, 2015: Manitoba

February 17, 2015: Saskatchewan.

Available in CANSIM: tables 054-0014, 054-0015 and 054-0024.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5057.

For a more detailed description of immigrant admission categories, consult the Help centre page of the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website.

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