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Non-residential Building Construction Price Index, second quarter 2015

The composite price index for non-residential building construction rose 0.5% in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter. This increase was mainly due to higher material prices and labour costs.

All seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed were up with Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part (+0.9%) posting the largest increase, followed by Halifax (+0.7%). Calgary (+0.3%) posted the smallest increase.

Year over year, the composite price index for non-residential building construction was up 1.1%. Of the CMAs included in the survey, Toronto (+1.8%) recorded the largest year-over-year increase, while Edmonton (-0.1%) recorded the lone decline compared with the second quarter of 2014.

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.

With each second quarter data release, the annual weights of the index have been updated.

Next release

The Non-residential Building Construction Price Index for the third quarter will be released on November 10.

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

	Relative importance ²	Second quarter 2014	First quarter 2015 ^r	Second quarter 2015 ^p	First quarter to second quarter 2015	Second quarter 2014 to second quarter 2015
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
Composite index	100.0	154.2	155.2	155.9	0.5	1.1
Halifax	1.7	148.4	149.2	150.2	0.7	1.2
Montréal	21.1	145.2	146.0	146.6	0.4	1.0
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part ³	4.2	157.8	158.6	160.0	0.9	1.4
Toronto	30.5	154.1	156.2	156.8	0.4	1.8
Calgary	15.7	175.3	174.8	175.3	0.3	0.0
Edmonton	13.7	172.9	171.9	172.8	0.5	-0.1
Vancouver	13.1	148.6	150.3	151.1	0.5	1.7

^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.

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Apartment Building Construction Price Index, second quarter 2015

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

Of the seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed, Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part (+0.8%) reported the largest increase, followed by Vancouver (+0.7%). Calgary (+0.3%) reported the smallest gain.

Year over year, the composite price index for apartment building construction was up 1.4%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Toronto (+2.0%) recorded the largest year-over-year increase, while Edmonton (+0.1%) and Calgary (+0.1%) recorded the smallest gains compared with the second quarter of 2014.

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.

With each second quarter data release, the annual weights of the index have been updated.

Next release

The Apartment Building Construction Price Index for the third quarter will be released on November 10.

Table 1
Apartment Building Construction Price Index¹ – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ²	Second quarter 2014	First quarter 2015 ^r	Second quarter 2015 ^p	First quarter to second quarter 2015	Second quarter 2014 to second quarter 2015
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
Composite index	100.0	147.5	148.9	149.6	0.5	1.4
Halifax	2.0	142.8	143.7	144.5	0.6	1.2
Montréal	21.7	143.2	144.1	144.7	0.4	1.0
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part ³	3.1	150.9	151.6	152.8	0.8	1.3
Toronto	35.0	147.1	149.3	150.0	0.5	2.0
Calgary	9.3	171.9	171.5	172.0	0.3	0.1
Edmonton	5.4	167.3	166.7	167.5	0.5	0.1
Vancouver	23.5	150.3	151.8	152.8	0.7	1.7

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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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