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New Housing Price Index December 1986

The New Housing Price Index (1981 = 100) for Canada stood at 110.3 in December, up 0.5% from November. This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 12.3% higher than the year-earlier level. Between November and December 1986 the estimated house only index increased 0.7%, while the estimated land only index showed no movement.

The largest monthly increases in new housing prices were recorded for Kitchener-Waterloo and Saskatoon, both up 1.2%. The Prairie cities, with the exception of Calgary, exhibited modest gains for December. In Victoria, the index declined by 1.3%, as contractors continued to lower prices.

Throughout 1986 large monthly and yearly gains have generally prevailed in southwestern Ontario cities. These increases can be attributed, in large part, to higher costs of building materials and labour and increased overhead costs due to longer construction periods. Demand for houses remains high, due to lower interest rates and the continuing vigor of the local economy. In Quebec, price increases have also been quite substantial, but outside of Central Canada gains have been more modest.

Based on annual averages, the New Housing Price Index for 1986 was up 8.5% from 1985 at the Canada total level. The largest increases between 1985 and 1986 were recorded for Toronto (16.6%), followed by Kitchener-Waterloo (14.5%), London (13.8%), St. Catharines-Niagara (12.5%), Windsor (10.3%) and Hamilton (10.2%). Smaller gains were recorded for Calgary (8.4%), Montreal (7.4%), Edmonton (7.3%), Quebec City (6.7%), Winnipeg (6.4%), Saskatoon (4.5%), Saint John-Moncton (3.6%), Regina (3.4%), Ottawa-Hull (2.8%), St. John's (2.3%), Halifax (2.0%) and Vancouver (0.5%). On an annual average basis, only Victoria registered a decrease (-5.1%).

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Available on CANSIM: matrix 198.

Order the fourth quarter 1986 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in February. Contact: Prices Division (613-990-9601).

New Housing Price Indexes

December 1986

(1981 = 100)

	Weights ¹ 1986	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	% Change		Annual Average 1986/85
					Dec. '86/ Nov. '86	Dec. '86/ Dec. '85	
Canada Total ²	100.0	110.3	109.7	98.2	0.5	12.3	8.5
Canada (House only)		116.1	115.3	101.1	0.7	14.8	10.1
Canada (Land only)		99.8	99.8	93.6	-	6.6	5.7
St. John's	0.94	108.9	108.9	105.7	-	3.0	2.3
Halifax	2.42	125.6	125.4	123.9	0.2	1.4	2.0
Saint John-Moncton	0.91	127.7	127.7	123.7	-	3.2	3.6
Quebec City	2.38	138.1	138.1	127.7	-	8.1	6.7
Montreal	9.97	139.6	138.5	126.2	0.8	10.6	7.4
Ottawa-Hull	6.26	132.1	132.1	127.0	-	4.0	2.8
Toronto	30.44	130.4	129.1	103.4	1.0	26.1	16.6
Hamilton	2.75	146.8	146.8	128.3	-	14.4	10.2
St. Catharines- Niagara	1.06	148.7	148.7	129.6	-	14.7	12.5
Kitchener-Waterloo	1.65	148.3	146.6	131.8	1.2	12.5	14.5
London	1.26	137.9	137.0	115.8	0.7	19.1	13.8
Windsor	0.49	115.3	115.6	107.9	-0.3	6.9	10.3
Winnipeg	2.92	130.3	129.6	121.8	0.5	7.0	6.4
Regina	1.10	115.0	114.9	110.5	0.1	4.1	3.4
Saskatoon	1.50	108.6	107.3	103.1	1.2	5.3	4.5
Calgary	5.29	90.8	91.2	86.7	-0.4	4.7	8.4
Edmonton	5.79	87.0	86.7	81.3	0.3	7.0	7.3
Vancouver	19.53	74.4	74.3	73.1	0.1	1.8	0.5
Victoria	2.54	66.9	67.8	72.6	-1.3	-7.9	-5.1

¹ Surveys in Sudbury and Thunder Bay account for the remaining weight and are secured due to insufficient sample size. The survey has been discontinued in Prince George.

² It should be noted that the linking method and annually updated cityweights are such that aggregate indexes cannot be considered as the direct average of their respective associated indexes. In exceptional cases, this may cause the level of an aggregate index and its corresponding percentage change figures to fall slightly outside the range of those exhibited by the associated indexes.

- Nil or zero.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

October 1986

Highlights

- Preliminary figures indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in Canada in October amounted to 8 059.3 thousand cubic metres, a 3.3% increase from October 1985. On a cumulative basis, production stood at 76 027.5 thousand cubic metres, up 1.0% from the January-October 1985 period.
- Crude oil exports for the January-October period reached 28 123.0 thousand cubic metres, an increase of 20.9% over the same period last year, while imports rose by 33.5% to reach 17 214.3 thousand cubic metres. (It should be noted that exports are primarily through pipe-line systems, while imports are primarily by boat, a single arrival of which can materially influence the import data.)

- Marketable production of natural gas declined by 3.4% from October 1985, while year-to-date production was off 7.1%. Sales in Canada decreased 12.2% for the current month but the year-to-date period showed little difference from last year's levels. Export deliveries, however, were down 9.4% for the month and 20.9% for the January-October period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

Order the October 1986 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$8/\$80), to be released the third week of February. Contact: G. O'Connor (613-991-3562), Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

		% Change from		% Change from
	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1985	Jan.-Oct. 1986	Jan.-Oct. 1985
Crude oil and equivalent		(thousands of cubic metres)		
Production	8 059.3	3.3	76 027.5	1.0
Exports	3 077.2	23.7	28 123.0	20.9
Imports	2 077.0	40.1	17 214.3	33.5
Refinery Receipts	6 775.1	-4.8	65 512.3	0.1
Natural gas		(millions of cubic metres)		
Marketable Production	6 030.7	-3.4	57 028.8	-7.1
Exports	1 884.1	-9.4	16 585.8	-20.9
Canadian Sales	3 284.3	-12.2	38 064.6	-3.3

Data Availability Announcements

Oil Pipeline Transport

November 1986

Highlights

- Net receipts of crude oil and refined products into Canadian pipelines during November 1986 decreased 4.1% from November 1985 to 12 310 487 (cubic metres) m³. Year-to-date receipts, at 82 425 406 m³, were up 1.4%.
- Pipeline exports of crude oil and equivalent amounted to 2 840 849 m³, bringing the year-to-date total to 27 102 699 m³, up 21.6% from the 1985 figure.
- Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries, at 5 080 865 m³, were down 11.1% from the same month in 1985. Year-to-date deliveries totalled 52 264 129 m³, down 7.2%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.

Order the November 1986 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$8/\$80), available the fourth week of February. Contact: G. O'Connor (613-991-3562), Industry Division.

Steel Ingots

Week Ending January 31, 1987

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending January 31, 1987 totalled 283 134 tonnes, a decrease of 3.7% from the preceding week's total of 293 914 tonnes but up 4.0% from the year-earlier level of 272 229 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 was 1 403 473 tonnes, an increase of 6.5% from 1 318 097 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

Contact: Gerry W. Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

Railway Carloadings

Seven Days Ending January 21, 1987

Freight tonnages loaded by railways in Canada for the week ending January 21, 1987 totalled 4.7 million tonnes, an increase of 2.1% from the 1986 figure. Loadings increased in the East by 4.8% but decreased in the West by 0.1%.

Container-trailer or piggyback tonnages (included above) decreased in the East by 6.0% but increased in the West by 10.1%; there was an overall national decrease of 1.4%.

The year-to-date rail freight loadings totalled 12.6 million tonnes. During the same period, piggyback cars loaded increased 7.3%.

Order the Vol. 3, No. 3 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-005, \$75 a year), scheduled for release the week of February 9. Contact: Mamady Kaba (613-990-6154), Surface Transport Section, Transportation Division.

Deliveries of Major Grains

December 1986

Producer deliveries of major grains by Prairie farmers during December 1986 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

• Wheat (excluding durum),	2 619.9;
• Durum wheat,	305.2;
• Total wheat,	2 925.1;
• Oats,	46.1;
• Barley,	866.4;
• Rye,	14.7;
• Flaxseed,	47.7;
• Canola (rapeseed),	284.7.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

Order the December 1986 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release in late February. Contact: Allister Hickson (204-949-2856), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4 or Anthony Dupuis (613-991-3871), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Ottawa.



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Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, December 1986.

Catalogue number 32-022

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

Paper and Allied Products - Pulp

Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.

Catalogue number 36-250B 2711

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Steel Wire and Specified Wire

Products, November 1986.

Catalogue number 41-006

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

Primary Metal Industries - Steel Pipe and Tube Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.

Catalogue number 41-250B 2921

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Transportation Equipment Industries -

Railroad Rolling Stock Industry,

1985 Census of Manufactures.

Catalogue number 42-251B 3261

(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass

Insulation, December 1986.

Catalogue number 44-004

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

Refined Petroleum and Coal Products Industries - Lubricating Oil and Grease

Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.

Catalogue number 45-250B 3612

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Industrial Chemicals and

Synthetic Resins, November 1986.

Catalogue number 46-002

(Canada: \$5/\$50; Other Countries: \$6/\$60).

Factory Shipments of High Pressure

Decorative Laminate Sheet,

Quarter Ended December 1986.

Catalogue number 47-005

(Canada: \$3/\$12; Other Countries: \$4/\$16).

Railway Carloadings, 7-day Period

Ending January 14, 1987.

Catalogue number 52-005

(Canada: \$75; Other Countries: \$100).

Consumption of Purchased Fuel and Electricity - by the Manufacturing,

Mining, Logging and Electric Power Industries, 1984.

Catalogue number 57-208

(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

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