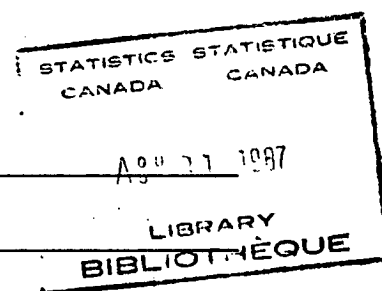


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New Housing Price Index, June 1987

- New housing prices continued to move upward, rising 0.5% from May 1987 and 15.9% from a year earlier.

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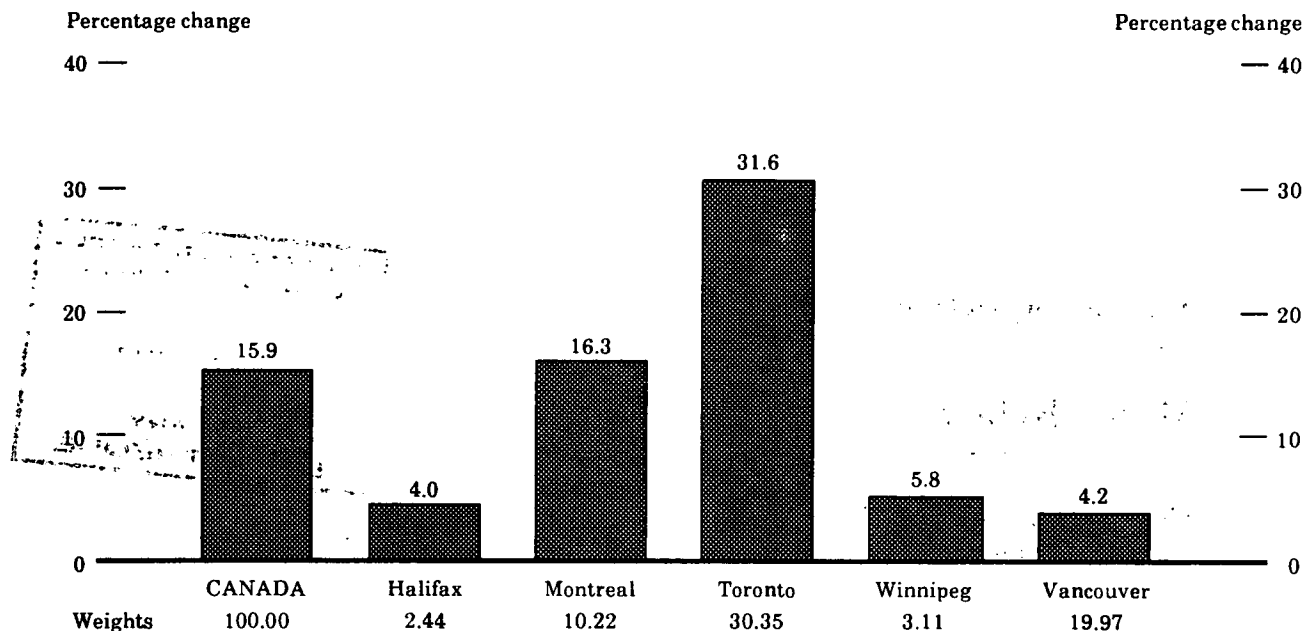


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Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, June 1987



New Housing Price Index June 1987

The New Housing Price Index (1981=100) for Canada stood at 119.6 in June, up 0.5% from May. This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 15.9% higher than the year-earlier level. Between May and June the estimated house only index increased 0.6%, while the estimated land only index increased 0.3%.

Kitchener-Waterloo recorded the largest monthly increase (2.3%) in new housing prices in June. The monthly index for Toronto increased by only 0.3% - the third consecutive month in which the index has increased at a decelerating rate. Nonetheless, the 12-month change recorded for Toronto (31.6%) was the largest yearly increase of all cities surveyed.

Generally, Southwestern Ontario cities together with Montreal maintained yearly gains in excess of 10.0%. During the month of June demand remained quite strong, although there were areas, such as Toronto, where builders experienced a lower volume of sales. In Alberta and British Columbia index levels were still below their 1981 price reference level of 100. However, only Victoria continued to show 12-month declines (-4.8%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 198.

Order the second quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in September. Contact Prices Division (613-990-9607).

New Housing Price Indexes
1981 = 100

| | Weights ¹ 1987 | June '87 | May '87 | June '86 | % change | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | June '87/ May '87 | June '87/ June '86 |
| Canada Total | 100.0 | 119.6 | 119.0 | 103.2 | 0.5 | 15.9 |
| Canada (House only) | | 127.2 | 126.4 | 107.3 | 0.6 | 18.5 |
| Canada (Land only) | | 106.2 | 105.9 | 96.6 | 0.3 | 9.9 |
| St. John's | 0.87 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 107.3 | - | 5.3 |
| Halifax | 2.44 | 129.0 | 128.2 | 124.0 | 0.6 | 4.0 |
| Saint John-Moncton | 0.98 | 133.3 | 133.3 | 127.1 | - | 4.9 |
| Quebec City | 2.26 | 144.2 | 143.7 | 132.1 | 0.3 | 9.2 |
| Montreal | 10.22 | 151.5 | 150.4 | 130.3 | 0.7 | 16.3 |
| Ottawa-Hull | 5.74 | 137.8 | 136.7 | 129.7 | 0.8 | 6.2 |
| Toronto | 30.35 | 150.0 | 149.6 | 114.0 | 0.3 | 31.6 |
| Hamilton | 2.98 | 156.2 | 153.6 | 133.1 | 1.7 | 17.4 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 1.30 | 158.2 | 157.6 | 138.5 | 0.4 | 14.2 |
| Kitchener-Waterloo | 2.08 | 162.2 | 158.6 | 141.9 | 2.3 | 14.3 |
| London | 1.58 | 148.8 | 148.8 | 124.0 | - | 20.0 |
| Windsor | 0.90 | 122.9 | 122.1 | 114.7 | 0.7 | 7.1 |
| Winnipeg | 3.11 | 134.0 | 133.9 | 126.7 | 0.1 | 5.8 |
| Regina | 0.90 | 117.5 | 116.1 | 112.4 | 1.2 | 4.5 |
| Saskatoon | 1.30 | 109.9 | 109.9 | 106.2 | - | 3.5 |
| Calgary | 4.37 | 94.0 | 93.5 | 90.9 | 0.5 | 3.4 |
| Edmonton | 4.86 | 88.8 | 88.6 | 85.7 | 0.2 | 3.6 |
| Vancouver | 19.97 | 76.7 | 76.7 | 73.6 | - | 4.2 |
| Victoria | 2.79 | 67.9 | 67.9 | 71.3 | - | -4.8 |

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.

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Trade In "High-Tech" Products 1986

Contact Humphrey Stead (613-990-9919),
Science, Technology and Capital Stock
Division.

In 1986, Canadian exports of "high-tech" products increased 7% to \$12.9 billion while imports grew by 8% to \$19.9 billion. Trade with the United States continues to account for about 75% of both imports and exports.

Trade In "High-Tech" Products

| Year | Exports | | Imports | | Balance | |
|-----------------------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|
| | Current | 1981 | Current | 1981 | Current | 1981 |
| (billions of dollars) | | | | | | |
| 1981 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 12.9 | 12.9 | -5.4 | -5.4 |
| 1982 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 12.0 | 11.5 | -4.2 | -3.9 |
| 1983 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 13.5 | 12.8 | -5.1 | -4.7 |
| 1984 | 11.2 | 10.5 | 17.6 | 15.9 | -6.4 | -5.4 |
| 1985 | 12.1 | 11.1 | 18.4 | 16.0 | -6.4 | -5.0 |
| 1986 | 12.9 | 12.0 | 19.9 | 17.0 | -7.0 | -5.0 |

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) – Supplement 1980

Data users should note that the 1980 SIC has been amended with certain new industries identified in the retail and wholesale divisions of the classification. Most of the newly identified industries were formerly sub-industries called kind of business (KOB). All sub-industries have now been discontinued and certain classes from this list (i.e. those that are deemed to be viable industries according to the statistical criteria of the SIC) have been given the status of industries.

A supplement, now available, lists these changes to the 1980 SIC, together with titles, definitions and index items as well as the resulting changes to the alphabetical index.

For information, contact Gérard Côté (613-990-8582), or Rodger Lee (613-990-8581), Standards Division.

The supplement to the 1980 SIC may be obtained, free of charge, from Publication Sales (613-993-7276), Room 1710, Main Building, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Convertibility tables between the amended 1980 SIC and the 1970 edition of the SIC are separately available and may be obtained by calling or writing to Doug Cameron (613-991-3427), Standards Division, Room 2103, Main Building, Ottawa, K1A 0T6.

Oils and Fats

June 1987

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in June 1987 totalled 46 919 tonnes, a decrease of 8.1% from the 51 063^r (revised figure) tonnes produced in May 1987. The 1987 year-to-date production totalled 289 649 tonnes, an increase of 1.3% from the corresponding 1986 figure of 285 958^r tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortenings totalled 8 482 tonnes in June 1987, up from the 8 331^r tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date in 1987 were 46 597 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 46 500 tonnes in 1986.

Sales of packaged salad oil decreased to 3 547 tonnes in June 1987 from 4 044^r tonnes in May 1987. The cumulative sales to date in 1987 were 34 034 tonnes, up from sales of 29 658 tonnes in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

Order the May 1987 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of August 24. Contact Brian Preston (613-991-3511), Industry Division.

Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet

Second Quarter 1987

For the quarter ending June 30, 1987, domestic shipments of high pressure decorative laminate sheet, of 3.175 millimetres thickness and less, totalled 2 131 064 square metres for a value of \$15,916,810. In the same quarter of the previous year, shipments amounted to 1 822 410 square metres for a value of \$13,347,183.

Cumulative shipments for 1987 amounted to 4 245 033 square metres, an increase of 16.0% from the 3 659 767 square metres for the January to June period of 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2906.

Order the second quarter 1987 issue of *Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet* (47-005, \$3/\$12), to be released the week of August 17. Contact Raj Sehdev (613-991-3513), Industry Division.

Production of Eggs

June 1987

Canadian egg production increased by 0.4% to 40.2 million dozen in June 1987 from 40.1 million a year earlier. The average number of layers increased by 0.8% from June 1986 to 1987, while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased to 2,040 from 2,049.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

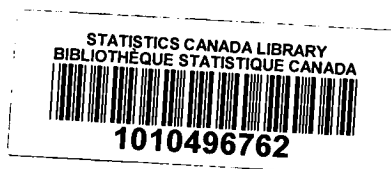
Order the June 1987 issue of *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release September 1. Contact Peter Beerstecher (613-991-2505), Agriculture Division.

Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin

The Vol. 3, No. 4 issue from the above bulletin contains:

- Preliminary statistics for vessel movements and commodities handled in coast-wise and international seaborne shipping, for the period January to June 1986, with historical comparisons.
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- Monthly actual and seasonally adjusted rail revenue freight loaded for the period January 1981 to December 1986.
- Monthly fare passengers carried and revenues earned by urban transit and intercity passenger bus carriers for 1986.

Order the Vol. 3, No. 4 issue of the *Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin* (50-002, \$7.50/\$75), now available. Contact Susan Carter (613-991-2524), Transportation Division.



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