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Construction Building Material Price Index: Non-residential

April 1988

The price index for non-residential construction building materials (1981 = 100) rose to 137.6 in April, up 0.3% from the revised figure for the previous month and up 6.2% from a year ago.

Between March and April 1988 there were numerous increases in prices, principally for polyethylene sheets, concrete reinforcing bars, mineral wool, lumber and laminated and reinforced sheets. These gains more than offset the few decreases, mainly for paints and building wires and cables.

Between April 1987 and April 1988, prices for electrical materials rose 8.6%, due mainly to increases for building wires and cables. Prices for structural materials increased by 6.3%, attributable to concrete bricks and blocks, concrete reinforcing bars and ready-mix

concrete. Mechanical materials were up 6.2%, due primarily to increases in prices for air conditioning equipment, elevator and escalator equipment, sanitaryware and hot water heating equipment. Architectural materials rose 5.5%, mainly because of price increases for metal roofing and siding, polyethylene sheets and colorless plate and sheet glass.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423, series level 2.

The second quarter 1988 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$16.50/\$66) will be available in September. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information Service (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Building Material Price Indexes: Non-residential

April 1988
(1981 = 100)

	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987	% Change	
				Apr. 1988/ Mar. 1988	Apr. 1988/ Apr. 1987
Total materials	137.6	137.2	129.6	0.3	6.2
Architectural materials	138.7	138.2	131.5	0.4	5.5
Structural materials	136.5	135.7	128.4	0.6	6.3
Mechanical materials	141.0	140.9	132.8	0.1	6.2
Electrical materials	131.6	132.1	121.2	-0.4	8.6

Construction Building Material Price Index: Residential

April 1988

The price index for residential construction building materials (1981=100) rose to 140.1 in April, up 0.1% from the revised figure for the previous month, and a rise of 5.2% from a year earlier.

Between March and April 1988, there were some minor increases in prices for lumber, mineral wool and polyethylene sheets which more than offset decreases in prices for paints and particleboard.

Between April 1987 and April 1988, prices for electrical materials rose 8.4%, due primarily to increases for building wires and cables. A 7.3% increase in the price of mechanical materials was due mainly to copper

pipe and fittings. Structural materials increased 5.3% as a result of increases for lumber and concrete bricks and blocks. Architectural materials rose 4.6%, principally due to price increases for metal roofing and siding, gypsum wallboard and polyethylene sheets.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423, series level 1.

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Construction Building Material Price Indexes: Residential

April 1988
(1981=100)

	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987	% Change	
				Apr. 1988/ Mar. 1988	Apr. 1988/ Apr. 1987
Total materials	140.1	139.9	133.2	0.1	5.2
Architectural materials	139.6	139.2	133.5	0.3	4.6
Structural materials	143.0	143.1	135.8	-0.1	5.3
Mechanical materials	141.7	141.5	132.0	0.1	7.3
Electrical materials	130.0	130.7	119.9	-0.5	8.4

Data Availability Announcements

Expenditures on Research and Development

1988

Expenditures on R&D in Canada are expected to total about \$8 billion in 1988, an increase of 4.5% over the 1987 total of \$7.6 billion. The 1987 expenditures amounted to 1.4% of the Gross Domestic Product.

Science Statistics, Vol. 12, No. 6 (88-001, \$6.50/\$65) will be available the week of June 13. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Humphrey Stead (613-951-9920).

Steel Ingots

April 1988

Steel ingots production for April 1988 totalled 1 262 318 tonnes, a decrease of 1.6% from 1 282 297 tonnes the previous year.

Year-to-date production reached 5 068 905 tonnes, an increase of 1.1% from 5 013 518 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).

The April 1988 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

Steel Pipe and Tubing

April 1988

Steel pipe and tubing production for April 1988 totalled 162 014 tonnes, an increase of 42.7% from the 113 561^r (revised figure) tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 625 363 tonnes, up 39.4% from the 448 594^r tonnes produced during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The April 1988 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

April 1988

Canadian chemical firms produced 124 153 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in April 1988, an increase of 5.4% from the 117 767^r (revised figure) tonnes produced in April 1987.

January to April 1988 production totalled 491 405 tonnes, up 12.9% from 435 095^r tonnes produced during the same period in 1987.

Data are also available on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 28 industrial chemicals for April 1988, April 1987 and corresponding cumulative figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The April 1988 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

Steel Exports

May 1988

Preliminary data on steel exports for May 1988 are now available.

The final data will be published at a later date in *Primary Iron and Steel*, May 1988 (41-001, \$4.50/\$45). See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact G.W. Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.



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Publications Released

Cereals and Oilseeds Review,
February 1988.

Catalogue number 22-007

(Canada: \$11.50/\$115; Other Countries:
\$12.50/\$125).

The Dairy Review, March 1988.

Catalogue number 23-001

(Canada: \$11/\$110; Other Countries:
\$12/\$120).

Gas Utilities, February 1988.

Catalogue number 55-002

(Canada: \$11.50/\$115; Other Countries:
\$12.50/\$125).

Estimates of Labour Income,
October-December 1987.

Catalogue number 72-005

(Canada: \$17.50/\$69; Other Countries:
\$18.25/\$73).

**Trusteed Pension Funds, Financial
Statistics,** 1986.

Catalogue number 74-201

(Canada: \$35; Other Countries: \$36).

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