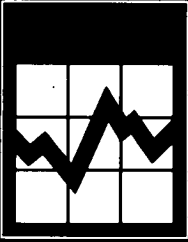


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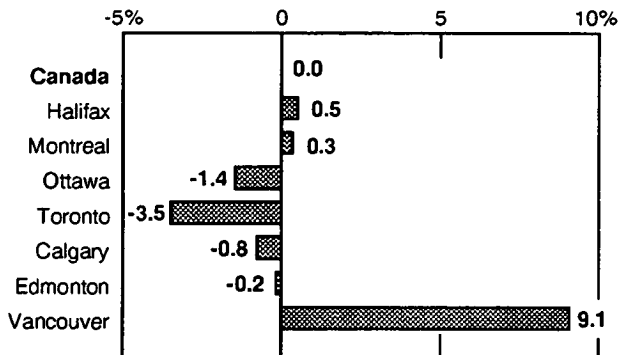
**New Housing Price Index**

February 1992

The New Housing Price Index (NHPI, 1986 = 100) for Canada stood at 133.5 in February, down 0.1% from the January 1992 level. The estimated House Only index decreased 0.2%, while the Land Only index increased 0.1%.

The largest monthly decrease was registered in Toronto (-1.6%), while the largest monthly increase was recorded in Vancouver (2.0%).

**Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, February 1992**



**Note to Users**

*Users should note that the NHPI reflects selling price changes from the contractor's perspective rather than the purchaser's. The analytical index more closely follows a purchase price concept, although it has not been adjusted for all possible costs.*

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands unchanged from the year-earlier level. This lack of movement mainly reflects the offsetting impact of decreases, such as in Toronto (-3.5%), compared to increases in cities such as Vancouver (9.1%) and Victoria (5.1%).

**Analytical Index**

Prices Division has calculated an analytical index in which current regulations concerning the GST and relevant new housing rebate is applied to the current price sample to calculate an index that includes the estimated net effect of the GST on purchasers of these houses. In February 1992, this index was 139.3, down 0.1% from the Canada Total level of 139.5 for January 1992.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.**

The first quarter 1992 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, please contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division. □

**New Housing Price Indexes**

1986 = 100

	Feb. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1991	% change	
				Feb. 1992/ Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992/ Feb. 1991
<b>Canada Total</b>	<b>133.5</b>	<b>133.7</b>	<b>133.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Canada (House only)</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.6</b>	<b>124.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Canada (Land only)</b>	<b>160.6</b>	<b>160.4</b>	<b>159.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>
St. John's	126.5	126.5	125.1	-	1.1
Halifax	109.6	109.6	109.1	-	0.5
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	114.8	114.0	114.5	0.7	0.3
Quebec City	134.9	134.6	135.8	0.2	-0.7
Montreal	134.5	134.4	134.1	0.1	0.3
Ottawa-Hull	123.0	123.1	124.8	-0.1	-1.4
Toronto	141.7	144.0	146.8	-1.6	-3.5
Hamilton	133.2	134.1	138.0	-0.7	-3.5
St. Catharines-Niagara	132.1	131.2	135.9	0.7	-2.8
Kitchener-Waterloo	127.0	128.2	129.5	-0.9	-1.9
London	146.0	146.0	144.8	-	0.8
Windsor	128.3	128.3	129.1	-	-0.6
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	133.2	133.1	132.3	0.1	0.7
Winnipeg	107.6	107.2	108.7	0.4	-1.0
Regina	112.9	112.6	110.1	0.3	2.5
Saskatoon	106.7	106.7	107.3	-	-0.6
Calgary	132.2	132.3	133.3	-0.1	-0.8
Edmonton	139.2	139.3	139.5	-0.1	-0.2
Vancouver	130.7	128.1	119.8	2.0	9.1
Victoria	123.2	123.3	117.2	-0.1	5.1

- Nil or zero.

## New Motor Vehicle Sales

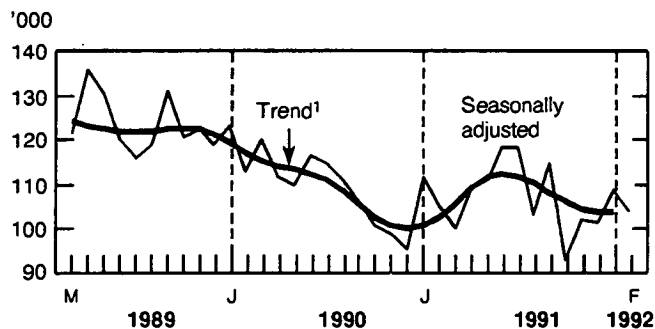
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### Highlights

#### Seasonally Adjusted Series

- Preliminary estimates indicate that new motor vehicles sales totalled 103,000 units in February 1992, a 4.7% decrease from the revised January 1992 value. This decrease was due to weaker sales of passenger cars (-7.3%); truck sales rose marginally (+0.6%).
- The 4.7% decrease in new motor vehicle sales followed a 7.5% increase in January and a 0.7% decrease in December.

#### Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1989-1992



<sup>1</sup> The short-term trend represents a moving average of the data.

#### Note to Users

*North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.*

*Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.*

#### Unadjusted Sales

- Sales of all new motor vehicles for February 1992 were 82,000 units, up 1.2% from February 1991. Truck sales increased 16.5%, but passenger car sales declined 5.5%. Sales levels for February 1992 were slightly inflated because 1992 is a leap year.
- The February decrease in passenger car sales was broadly based, affecting the sales of both cars manufactured in North America and those manufactured overseas.
- The North American share of the Canadian passenger car market rose slightly to 64% in February 1992, up from 63% a year earlier, while the Japanese share remained unchanged at 29% for the same period.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The February 1992 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in May. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact David Roeske (613-951-3559) or Tom Newton (613-951-9693), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

**New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada**  
February 1992

	Seasonally Adjusted Data			
	Nov. 1991 <sup>r</sup>	Dec. 1991 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Feb. 1992 <sup>P</sup>
	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>101,623</b> + 9.9	<b>100,884</b> -0.7	<b>108,421</b> + 7.5	<b>103,298</b> -4.7
<b>Passenger Cars by Origin:</b>				
North America	44,003 + 12.0	42,593 -3.2	48,516 + 13.9	44,326 -8.6
Overseas	23,857 + 2.5	24,250 + 1.6	24,193 -0.2	23,054 -4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,860</b> + 8.5	<b>66,843</b> -1.5	<b>72,709</b> + 8.8	<b>67,379</b> -7.3
<b>Trucks, Vans and Buses</b>	<b>33,762</b> + 13.0	<b>34,041</b> + 0.8	<b>35,712</b> + 4.9	<b>35,918</b> + 0.6

	Unadjusted Sales			
	February 1992	Change 1992/1991	January - February 1992	Change 1992/1991
	Units	%	Units	%
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>82,261</b>	<b>+ 1.2</b>	<b>161,732</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
<b>Passenger Cars by Origin:</b>				
North America	34,279	-4.5	69,209	-11.4
Japan	15,621	-5.2	28,726	+ 2.0
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	3,543	-15.5	7,199	-10.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,443</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>105,134</b>	<b>-8.1</b>
<b>Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:</b>				
North America	24,949	+ 22.9	49,195	+ 14.6
Overseas	3,869	-12.9	7,403	-4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,818</b>	<b>+ 16.5</b>	<b>56,598</b>	<b>+ 11.7</b>

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary.  
<sup>r</sup> Revised.

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### Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard February 1992

Canadian firms produced 149 365 cubic metres of waferboard in February 1992, a 66.8% increase from the 89 539<sup>r</sup> (revised) cubic metres produced in February 1991. Particleboard production reached 83 284 cubic metres in February 1992, up 11.7% from 74 569 cubic metres produced a year earlier. Production of fibreboard in February 1992 was 7 905 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, an 8.2% increase from the 7 306 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, of fibreboard produced in February 1991.

Cumulative production of waferboard during 1992 totalled 282 910<sup>r</sup> cubic metres, up 47.1% from the 192 314<sup>r</sup> cubic metres produced during 1991. Particleboard production was 166 870 cubic metres in January and February 1992, up 14.2% from the 146 106 cubic metres produced in January and February 1991. Year-to-date production of fibreboard reached 14 649 thousand square metres, basis 3.173mm, up 7.5% from the 13 630 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, for the same period in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

The February 1992 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

### Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending April 4, 1992

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending April 4, 1992 totalled 280 473 tonnes, a 1.9% decrease from the preceding week's total of 285 791 tonnes, but up 16.1% from the year-earlier level of 241 600 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1992 was 3 583 027 tonnes, a 1.9% increase from 3 517 166 tonnes for the same period in 1991.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

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