

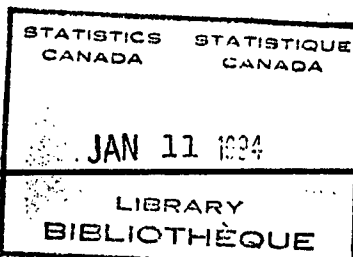


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## MAJOR RELEASE

### New Housing Price Index

November 1993

The New Housing Price Index (1986=100) stood at 136.3 in November, a slight 0.1% decrease from October 1993.

Of the 20 cities surveyed, six city indexes registered monthly decreases. The largest decreases were for St. Catharines-Niagara (-0.7%), Hamilton (-0.4%), Kitchener-Waterloo (-0.3%) and Vancouver (-0.3%). Eight city indexes registered monthly increases, the most significant being for St. John's (+1.0%) and Regina (+1.0%).

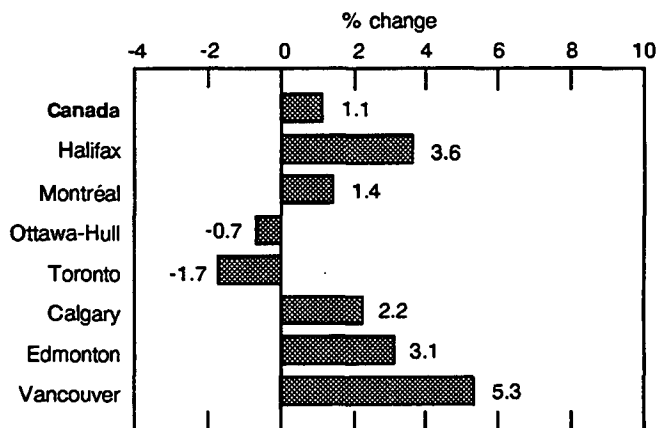
Both the estimated house only index and the estimated land only index remained unchanged.

This index of housing contractors' selling prices was up 1.1% from a year earlier. This movement was influenced by an increases in the Vancouver (+5.3%), Regina (+5.0%), Saskatoon (+3.6%), Halifax (+3.6%), Winnipeg (+3.6%) and Edmonton (+3.1%) indexes. However, these increases were partly offset by decreases in the indexes for St. Catharines-Niagara (-4.4%), Toronto (-1.7%) and Windsor (-1.1%).

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### New housing price index

November 1992 to November 1993



The fourth quarter 1993 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

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

**New housing price index**  
1986 = 100

	November 1992	October 1993	November 1993	November 1992 to November 1993	October 1993 to November 1993
				% change	
<b>Canada total</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>136.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
House only	124.7	125.8	125.8	0.9	-
Land only	165.8	169.3	169.3	2.1	-
St. John's	127.0	126.0	127.2	0.2	1.0
Halifax	111.0	114.4	115.0	3.6	0.5
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	115.8	114.8	115.1	-0.6	0.3
Québec	134.7	135.2	135.2	0.4	-
Montréal	134.7	136.3	136.6	1.4	0.2
Ottawa-Hull	123.6	122.8	122.7	-0.7	-0.1
Toronto	138.9	136.7	136.5	-1.7	-0.1
Hamilton	128.7	128.1	127.6	-0.9	-0.4
St. Catharines-Niagara	129.4	124.6	123.7	-4.4	-0.7
Kitchener-Waterloo	124.9	126.6	126.2	1.0	-0.3
London	146.0	146.2	146.2	0.1	-
Windsor	127.8	126.4	126.4	-1.1	-
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	132.8	136.7	136.7	2.9	-
Winnipeg	108.8	112.0	112.7	3.6	0.6
Regina	119.3	124.1	125.3	5.0	1.0
Saskatoon	107.4	111.3	111.3	3.6	-
Calgary	134.3	137.0	137.3	2.2	0.2
Edmonton	143.1	147.5	147.5	3.1	-
Vancouver	140.8	148.7	148.3	5.3	-0.3
Victoria	130.3	130.7	131.5	0.9	0.6

- Nil or zero

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

November 1993

Department store sales including concessions totalled \$1,342.1 million in November 1993, down 1.0% from November 1992. Concession sales totalled \$62.3 million, 4.6% of total department store sales.

#### Department store sales including concessions

	Sales Nov. 1993	Nov. 1992 to Nov. 1993
	\$ millions	% change
<b>Province</b>		
Newfoundland	22.2	+0.3
Prince Edward Island	6.0	-5.8
Nova Scotia	52.5	-2.3
New Brunswick	35.9	-1.4
Quebec	229.8	+3.0
Ontario	571.3	-0.7
Manitoba	56.0	-0.4
Saskatchewan	38.3	-1.7
Alberta	140.0	-2.6
British Columbia	190.1	-5.0
<b>Metropolitan area</b>		
Calgary	50.6	-2.7
Edmonton	57.4	-7.8
Halifax-Dartmouth	26.7	-0.2
Hamilton	41.7	+1.2
Montréal	130.1	+6.3
Ottawa-Hull	59.6	-4.7
Québec	29.3	-0.8
Toronto	214.4	-0.6
Vancouver	100.5	-5.1
Winnipeg	49.9	-0.5

Information on department store sales and stocks by major commodity lines will be available on January 21.

**Available on CANSIM:** matrices 111, 112 (series 1, levels 10-12).

The November 1993 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in February.

For further information, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

### Raw Materials Price Index Early Estimate

December 1993

The Raw Materials Price Index is estimated to have decreased 2.7% in December from November 1993. The mineral fuels index showed the only downward movement, decreasing 12.7%. Increases in the metals (+3.0%), wood (+1.0%), and vegetable and animal products (+0.1%) indexes moderated the overall decrease. The RMPI excluding mineral fuels is estimated to have increased 0.9% in December.

This early estimate of December's Raw Materials Price Index is based on partial returns and other indicators. The regular index will be published at the end of this month.

For further information, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division. ■

### Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

November 1993

In November 1993, pulpwood receipts totalled 2 964 791 cubic metres, down 8.0% from 3 221 035 cubic metres in November 1992. Receipts of wood residue totalled 5 459 457 cubic metres, down 0.7% from 5 496 343<sup>r</sup> (revised) cubic metres in November 1992. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 8 248 906 cubic metres, down 0.8% from 8 315 879<sup>r</sup> cubic metres in November 1992. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue decreased 21.1% to 11 822 609 cubic metres, from 14 991 282<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier.

At the end of November 1993, year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 30 453 561 cubic metres, down 7.3% from 32 864 509 cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date receipts of wood residue increased 9.7% to 62 355 497<sup>r</sup> cubic metres, from the year-earlier 56 829 964<sup>r</sup> cubic metres. Year-to-date consumption of pulpwood and wood residue (92 569 153<sup>r</sup> cubic metres) was up 2.2% from 90 562 573<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM:** matrix 54.

The November 1993 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$6.10/\$61) will be available at a later date.

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

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## Railway Carloadings

November 1993

Revenue-freight loaded by railways totalled 20.0 million tonnes in November 1993, an increase of 11.4% from November 1992. The carriers received an additional 1.3 million tonnes from U.S. connections during November.

Total loadings from January to November 1993 decreased 1.2% from the same period of the previous year. Receipts from U.S. connections increased by 16.9% during this same period.

All 1992 figures and 1993 cumulative data have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.**

The November 1993 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$8.30/\$83) will be released the second week of January.

For seasonally adjusted data on revenue-freight loadings, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Transportation Division. ■



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### Unemployment Insurance Statistics, October 1993.

Catalogue number 73-001

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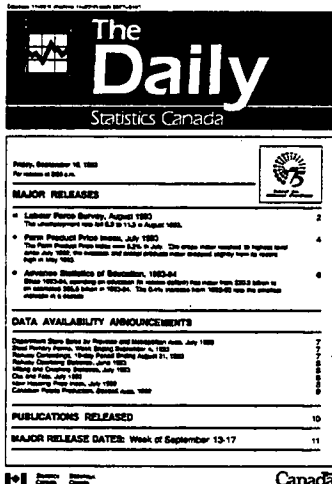
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