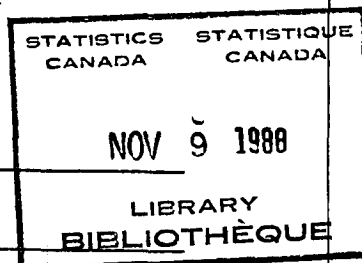


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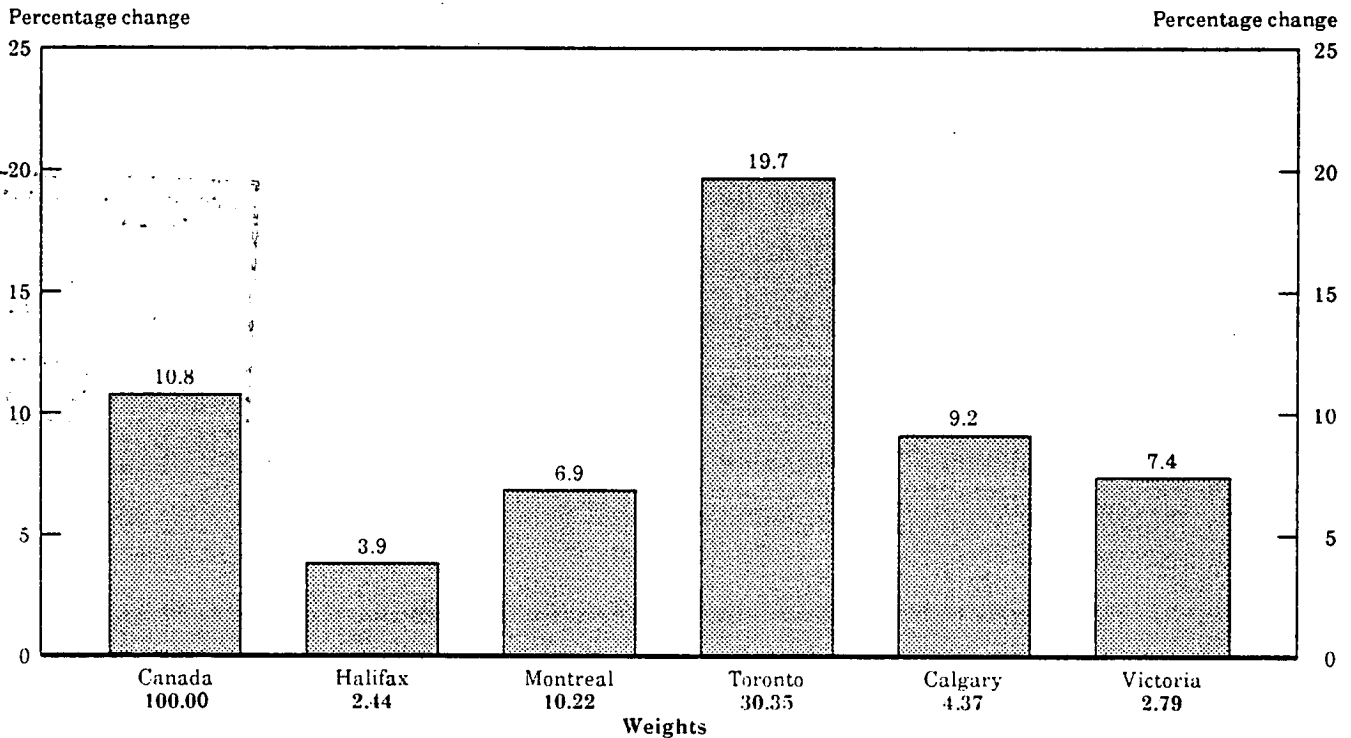


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Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, September 1988



New Housing Price Index September 1988

Highlights

- The New Housing Price Index (1981=100) for Canada stood at 135.2 in September, up 1.8% from August. This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 10.8% higher than the year-earlier level. Between August and September, the estimated house only index increased 1.4%, while the estimated land only index increased 2.7%.
- Toronto exhibited the largest monthly increase of all cities surveyed (3.9%) as values of serviced lots continued to increase. Victoria also registered a significant monthly increase (1.8%), as builders passed on higher construction costs as well as increased land costs in this favourable market.
- On a yearly basis, Toronto showed the largest price increase of all cities surveyed (19.7%). Selling prices in this area continue to be influenced by strong economic conditions, higher construction costs and increased costs of serviced lots. Calgary recorded a yearly increase of 9.2%, while Victoria registered an increase of 7.4%, as new housing prices in Alberta and British Columbia continued to strengthen. Nonetheless, index levels continued to remain below their 1981 price reference level of 100 in Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.

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Available on CANSIM: matrix 198.

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

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

New Housing Price Indexes
(1981 = 100)

	Weights ¹ 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	% Change	
					Sept. 1988/ Aug. 1988	Sept. 1988/ Sept. 1987
Canada Total	100.0	135.2	132.8	122.0	1.8	10.8
Canada (House only)		141.0	139.0	128.7	1.4	9.6
Canada (Land only)		127.7	124.3	110.5	2.7	15.6
St. John's	0.87	116.4	116.1	113.6	0.3	2.5
Halifax	2.44	134.9	133.2	129.8	1.3	3.9
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	0.98	137.8	137.8	133.3	-	3.4
Quebec City	2.26	160.1	159.2	147.3	0.6	8.7
Montreal	10.22	168.2	167.6	157.3	0.4	6.9
Ottawa-Hull	5.74	148.4	147.6	139.3	0.5	6.5
Toronto	30.35	181.8	174.9	151.9	3.9	19.7
Hamilton	2.98	180.1	180.1	166.5	-	8.2
St. Catharines-Niagara	1.30	169.2	169.0	160.4	0.1	5.5
Kitchener-Waterloo	2.08	179.7	177.8	167.6	1.1	7.2
London	1.58	162.2	161.5	151.1	0.4	7.3
Windsor	0.90	128.6	128.6	122.9	-	4.6
Winnipeg	3.11	136.0	135.7	136.0	0.2	-
Regina	0.90	118.8	118.8	117.5	-	1.1
Saskatoon	1.30	112.9	112.6	111.2	0.3	1.5
Calgary	4.37	104.0	103.8	95.2	0.2	9.2
Edmonton	4.86	94.6	94.6	90.4	-	4.6
Vancouver	19.97	82.1	81.4	78.3	0.9	4.9
Victoria	2.79	75.2	73.9	70.0	1.8	7.4

- Nil.

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.

Data Availability Announcements

Construction Type Plywood

September 1988

Canadian firms produced 187 953 cubic metres (212,400,000 square feet, 3/8-inch basis) of construction type plywood during September 1988, a decrease of 3.1% from the 194 043 cubic metres (219,282,000 square feet, 3/8-inch basis) produced during September 1987.

January to September 1988 production totalled 1 622 292 cubic metres (1,833,305,000 square feet, 3/8-inch basis), a decrease of 2.8% from the 1 669 303 cubic metres (1,885,020,000 square feet, 3/8-inch basis) produced during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).

The September 1988 issue of *Construction Type Plywood* (35-001, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), Pacific Region, Statistics Canada, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9.

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

September 1988

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products for September 1988 are now available, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 70 185 tonnes in September 1988, an increase of 12.2% from the 62 562 tonnes shipped during the previous month.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).

The September 1988 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division.

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Catalogue number 23-008
(Canada: \$15/\$60; Other Countries: \$16/\$64).

Pack of Processed Cherries, 1988.
Catalogue number 32-023
(Canada: \$7/\$115; Other Countries: \$8/\$125).

Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, September 1988.
Catalogue number 43-005
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Gypsum Products, September 1988.
Catalogue number 44-003
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet, Quarter Ended September 1988.
Catalogue number 47-005
(Canada: \$4.25/\$17; Other Countries: \$5.25/\$21).

Retail Trade, August 1988.
Catalogue number 63-005
(Canada: \$16/\$160; Other Countries: \$17/\$170).

Wholesale Trade, August 1988.
Catalogue number 63-008
(Canada: \$5.50/\$55; Other Countries: \$6.50/\$65).

Imports by Commodity (H.S. Based), August 1988.
Catalogue number 65-007
(Canada: \$50/\$500; Other Countries: \$60/\$600).

Security Transactions with Non-residents, August 1988.
Catalogue number 67-002
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