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New Housing Price Index

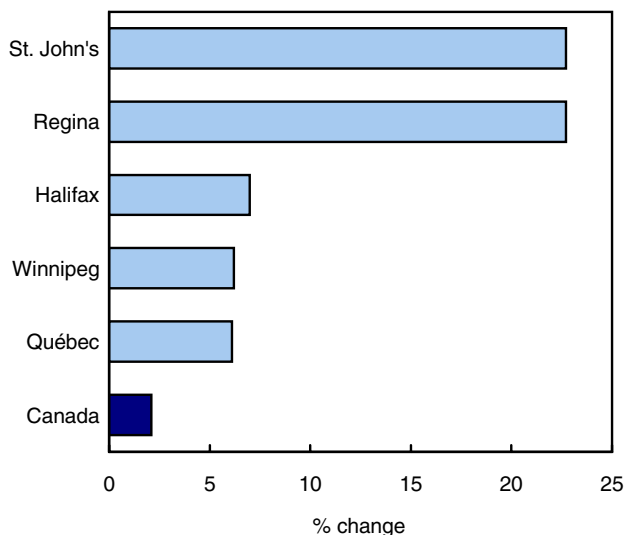
September 2008

The New Housing Price Index increased 2.1% in September on a year-over-year basis, a slower pace than the 2.3% advance in August.

On a monthly basis, prices rose 0.1% between August and September, resulting in a New Housing Price Index of 158.7 (1997=100).

The largest year-over-year increases were in St. John's and Regina, both with increases of 22.7%. However, both of these cities registered no monthly change in September. Also, both cities were down from record highs in 2008, with Regina down from its peak of 34.0% in April and St. John's down from 24.3% in July.

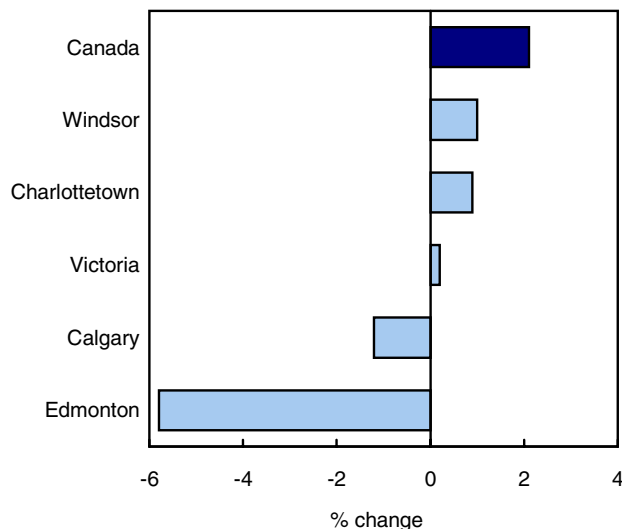
Percentage change from the same month of the previous year (cities with the largest change)



In Saskatoon, the year-over-year increase was 5.5%, once again confirming a trend of deceleration in this city. On a month-over-month basis, new housing prices decreased 2.1% as Saskatoon builders continued to report difficult market conditions.

Edmonton recorded a 12-month drop of 5.8%, which was the largest annual decline since July 1985, while prices in Calgary declined 1.2%.

Percentage change from the same month of the previous year (cities with the smallest change)



On the West Coast, the 12-month increase for Vancouver was 1.4%. In Victoria, contractors' selling prices increased 0.2% year-over-year, up from a 0.3% decline in August.

Compared with September 2007, contractors' selling prices were 4.3% higher in Ottawa–Gatineau and 3.0% higher in Toronto and Oshawa.

In Québec, the 12-month growth rate was 6.1%, while in Montreal, prices increased 4.8%.

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The third quarter 2008 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-XWE, free) will be available in January 2009.

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New housing price indexes

	September 2008	September 2007 to September 2008	August to September 2008
	(1997=100)	% change	
Canada total	158.7	2.1	0.1
House only	167.9	1.4	-0.1
Land only	140.5	3.4	0.2
St. John's	170.4	22.7	0.0
Halifax	150.0	7.0	0.1
Charlottetown	119.2	0.9	0.0
Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton	117.4	2.5	-0.4
Québec	157.1	6.1	0.0
Montréal	163.2	4.8	-0.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	169.2	4.3	0.3
Toronto and Oshawa	146.4	3.0	-0.1
Hamilton	153.0	2.8	0.3
St. Catharines-Niagara	158.0	4.2	0.1
Kitchener	142.4	1.9	0.0
London	143.3	2.9	0.0
Windsor	103.6	1.0	-0.1
Greater Sudbury and Thunder Bay	112.6	4.9	0.0
Winnipeg	180.8	6.2	0.3
Regina	248.5	22.7	0.0
Saskatoon	224.2	5.5	-2.1
Calgary	247.8	-1.2	0.7
Edmonton	234.1	-5.8	-0.1
Vancouver	124.1	1.4	-0.1
Victoria	118.6	0.2	0.3

Note: View the census subdivisions that comprise the metropolitan areas online.

Government expenditures on culture

2004/2005 and 2005/2006

The federal government spent \$3.55 billion on culture in 2005/2006, compared with \$3.60 billion in 2004/2005.

Broadcasting continued to account for the biggest share (47.3%), followed by the heritage sector (25.7%), which includes museums, public archives, historic and nature parks, and historic sites.

Federal government grants, contributions and transfers for culture amounted to \$702.8 million in 2005/2006, down from \$723.7 million in 2004/2005.

Provincial and territorial governments spent \$2.43 billion on culture in 2005/2006, compared with \$2.27 billion in 2004/2005. Grants, contributions and transfers for culture accounted for 62.9% of the total. Operating and capital expenditures represented the remaining 37.1%.

Municipal governments spent \$2.31 billion on culture in 2005.

Excluding inter-governmental transfers, consolidated spending on culture by all three levels of government amounted to \$7.84 billion in 2005/2006, compared with \$7.60 billion in 2004/2005.

Note: All values are in current dollars. For 2005/2006 data, federal and provincial expenditures are

for the period between April 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006. Municipal expenditures cover the period between January 1 and December 31, 2005.

Available on CANSIM: table 505-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3116 and 3117.

More details in free data table publications (87F0001XIE, free), based on data from the Government Expenditures on Culture Survey, will soon be announced in sequential order in *The Daily* for 2003/2004 (revised), 2004/2005 and 2005/2006.

The CANSIM table 505-0003 now includes revised 2003/2004 data.

Culture sectors included in this release can be found in the Description for the Government Expenditures on Culture Survey.

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Federal government expenditures on culture, by type and by sector

	2004/2005	2005/2006
	\$ millions	
Type		
Operating expenditures	2,573.9	2,600.8
Capital expenditures	300.4	243.4
Grants, contributions and transfers	723.7	702.8
Total	3,598.0	3,547.1
Sector		
Broadcasting	1,685.8	1,677.4
Heritage	929.3	910.3
Film and video	350.2	344.5
Performing arts	200.4	188.2
Literary arts	135.8	133.6
Other	296.5	293.1
Total	3,598.0	3,547.1

Note: Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Energy consumption by the manufacturing sector

2006 (final) and 2007 (revised)

Revised 2006 data on energy consumption by manufacturing industries are now available. These data replace the previous 2006 estimates.

Revised data on energy consumption by manufacturing industries are now available for 2007.

Available on CANSIM: tables 128-0005 and 128-0006.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5047.

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Road Network File custom retrievals

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The *Road Network File* is a digital representation of Canada's national road network, containing information such as street names, types, directions and address ranges.

Statistics Canada maintains road network information to support the census and other Agency activities where the relative position of road network features is important in maps created for navigation and reference purposes. Therefore, relative positional accuracy takes precedence over absolute positional accuracy. User applications of this file may include

mapping, geocoding, area delineation and database maintenance as a source for street names and locations. However, this file is not suitable for engineering applications, emergency dispatching services, surveying or legal applications.

The *Road Network File* (92-500-XWE, free) is released during the second quarter of the year, and is available from the *Publications* module of our website. During other periods of the year, users who require more current road network information can, for a fee, request a custom retrieval of a *Road Network File*.

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Census Subdivision Boundary File custom retrievals

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The *Census Subdivision Boundary File* is a digital representation of census subdivision geographical limits, containing information such as census subdivision names, types and codes. User applications of this file may include mapping, geocoding, area delineation and database maintenance as a source for census subdivision information.

Statistics Canada maintains census subdivision information to support the census and other Agency activities.

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