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Investment in new housing construction, May 2015

Spending on new housing construction totalled $3.9 billion in May, up 2.0% from the same month a year earlier.

The increase at the national level came mostly from higher investment in apartment and apartment-condominium building construction, up 12.8% to $1.3 billion. Higher spending on row house construction, up 8.6% to $412 million, also contributed to the advance.

Conversely, investment in single-family dwellings fell 4.7% to $1.9 billion. Spending on semi-detached dwelling construction declined 4.9% to $232 million.

At the provincial level, Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta and Nova Scotia reported increases on a year-over-year basis.

In Ontario, construction spending rose 14.6% to $1.4 billion in May. In British Columbia, investment in new residential construction was up 16.2% to $712 million. In Alberta, investment grew 5.1% to $932 million. In Nova Scotia, spending increased 13.0% to $43 million.

In contrast, Quebec registered the largest decrease, followed by Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In Quebec, investment in new housing construction declined 22.2% to $558 million in May. In Saskatchewan, construction spending fell 27.8% to $105 million. In Manitoba, spending on new residential construction decreased 22.7% to $97 million.

Note to readers

Data on investment in new housing construction (including single-family dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, row housing, apartments and condominiums) are not seasonally adjusted and all comparisons in this release are between May 2014 and May 2015.

Data in CANSIM are available at the national and provincial levels, in both current and constant dollars (base year 2007).

Unless otherwise specified, the highlights refer to current dollars and are ranked in terms of dollar change rather than percentage change.

Estimates for investment in new housing construction are periodically revised when quarterly residential investment data are released.

Available in CANSIM: table 026-0017.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5155.

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Job vacancies in brief, three-month average ending in April 2015

Businesses reported 243,000 job vacancies in April, little changed compared with April 2014. For every job vacancy, there were 5.7 unemployed people, down from 6.2 recorded 12 months earlier.

The national job vacancy rate was 1.6% in April, similar to the rate posted one year earlier.

Note to readers

Monthly data are based on three-month moving averages. For example, data for the current month are based on an average of the data from the current month and the previous two months.

Data on job vacancies are not seasonally adjusted and should only be compared on a year-over-year basis. Given this is a new data series, long-term trends are not yet available; therefore, data should be interpreted with caution.

With each release, data for the current reference month are subject to revision. Data for the previous month have been revised. Users are encouraged to request and use the most up-to-date data for each month.

The differences between estimates presented in the text are statistically significant at the 68% confidence level.

Upcoming releases

The job vacancies release for May will be on August 18.

On August 13, the first quarter of job vacancy data by occupation, collected through the new Job Vacancy and Wage Survey (survey number 5217), will be released.

Available in CANSIM: tables 284-0001 and 284-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5202.

More information about the concepts and use of Job Vacancy Statistics is available online in the *Guide to Job Vacancy Statistics* (**72-210-G**). From the *Browse by key resource* module of our website, choose *Publications*.

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Childhood National Immunization Coverage Survey, 2013

The 2013 Childhood National Immunization Coverage Survey (CNICS) collected information about children's immunizations from parents or guardians. Routine immunizations are publicly funded across Canada and are free for families.

According to public health recommendations, children should receive certain routine immunizations by age two. About 90% of two-year-olds had received the recommended number of immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella and about 76% of two-year-olds had received the required number of shots for diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus. Coverage for polio among two-year-olds was 91%, while 73% had been vaccinated against varicella (chicken pox).

The CNICS also collected data on the immunization coverage for human papilloma virus (HPV) for girls at ages 12 to 14 and 17. Nationally, the coverage for HPV immunizations was approximately 73% for girls aged 12 to 14 and 67% for 17-year-old girls in 2013.

The CNICS gathered information on parent's or guardian's attitudes towards vaccinations. A small proportion of children (1.5%) had never received immunizations of any kind.

For those children who did receive at least one immunization, most of their parents or guardians agreed that childhood vaccines are important for their child's health (97%), that childhood vaccines are effective (97%) and that childhood vaccines are safe (95%).

The Public Health Agency of Canada will release more information on national immunization coverage rates later today on its website.

Note to readers

This unplanned revision corrects inaccuracies found in the data and incorporates updated immunization guidelines and practices. No comparisons should be made to previously released information or previous survey cycles.

The Childhood National Immunization Coverage Survey (CNICS), which was sponsored by the Public Health Agency of Canada, is intended to determine whether children at ages 2, 7 and 17 are immunized in accordance with recommended immunization schedules for publicly-funded vaccines. In addition, the CNICS collected data on the immunization coverage for human papilloma virus for girls at ages 12 to 14 and 17. Questions also assessed parents' knowledge, attitudes and awareness of vaccines.

Information about the child's immunizations was collected from the parent or guardian. In addition, for approximately a third of the children, immunization records were also obtained from the child's health care provider. When both sources (parent and health care provider data) were available, they were combined to provide the immunization information for that child.

Twelve year old girls in Ontario were excluded from the provincial human papilloma virus (HPV) immunization coverage estimate as many of them would not have yet been eligible for the school-based HPV immunization program, which is offered starting in grade 8 in Ontario.

Table 1
Immunization coverage[1] by antigen for two-year-old children in Canada, 2013

	Immunization coverage
	%
Diphtheria	76.6
Pertussis (whooping cough)	76.4
Tetanus	76.4
Polio (IPV)	90.9
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	71.9
Measles	89.7
Mumps	89.4
Rubella	89.4

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	Immunization coverage
Varicella (chicken pox)	73.2
Meningococcal infection	88.7
Pneumococcal infection	79.2

1. Based on combined parent and health care provider records.
Source(s): Childhood National Immunization Coverage Survey (5185).

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For more information about the survey and its results, contact the Public Health Agency of Canada (613-957-2983).

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