

# New Lending Services Price Index, second quarter 2017

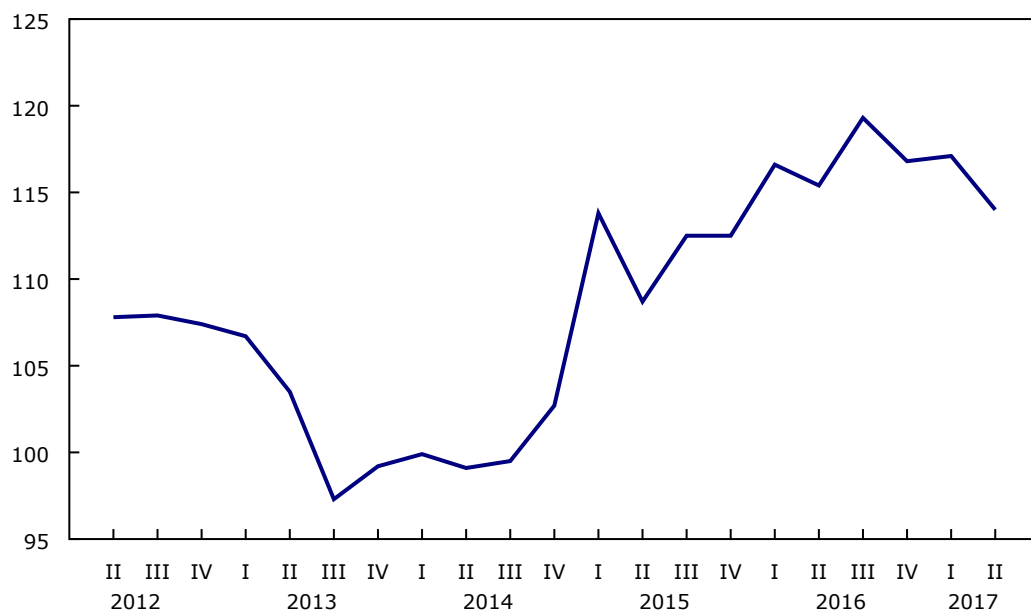
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The New Lending Services Price Index decreased 2.6% in the second quarter of 2017, following a 0.3% increase in the previous quarter. Decreases in the interest rate spread for variable rate business loans were the main driver for the overall decrease in the index.

The index was down 1.2% in the second quarter compared with the same quarter in 2016.

**Chart 1**  
**New Lending Services Price Index**

index (2011=100)



Source(s): CANSIM table [332-0020](#).



**Note to readers**

The New Lending Services Price Index (NLSPI) is not an index of loan rates paid by consumers and businesses, but represents the change in the price of service. Prices represent the difference between annual percentage rates for new loan products and averages of yields on financial market instruments. The variables used to calculate the prices are weighted annual percentage rates for new lending services, funds advanced by product, and market rates.

**New lending services** include newly issued funds for personal loans, lines of credit, mortgage loans, business loans and leases. These data are combined with other data to estimate a price for new lending activity. Lending is one of the many services provided by the banking industry and this is the first in a suite of financial service indexes to be published. This index will provide better estimates of the real output, productivity and price change of financial services in Canada.

With each release, data for the previous quarter may have been revised. The series is also subject to an annual revision with the release of second quarter data of the following reference year. The NLSPI is a monthly index that is disseminated on a quarterly basis. The index is not seasonally adjusted. Data are available at the national level only.

For a more detailed explanation of the methodology, see the NLSPI [Methodology Summary Document](#).

**Infographic: Producer Price Indexes at a Glance**

The infographic "[Producer Price Indexes at a Glance](#)," which is part of Statistics Canada — Infographics (11-627-M), demonstrates how producer price indexes for goods and services are calculated and why they are important for the Canadian economy.

**Table 1  
New Lending Services Price Index – Not seasonally adjusted**

	Second quarter 2016 <sup>r</sup>	First quarter 2017 <sup>r</sup>	Second quarter 2017 <sup>p</sup>	First quarter second quarter 2017	Second quarter 2016 to second quarter 2017
	(2011=100)			% change	
New Lending Services Price Index	115.4	117.1	114.0	-2.6	-1.2

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

Source(s): CANSIM table [332-0020](#).

**Available in CANSIM: tables [332-0019](#) and [332-0020](#).**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5207](#).**

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