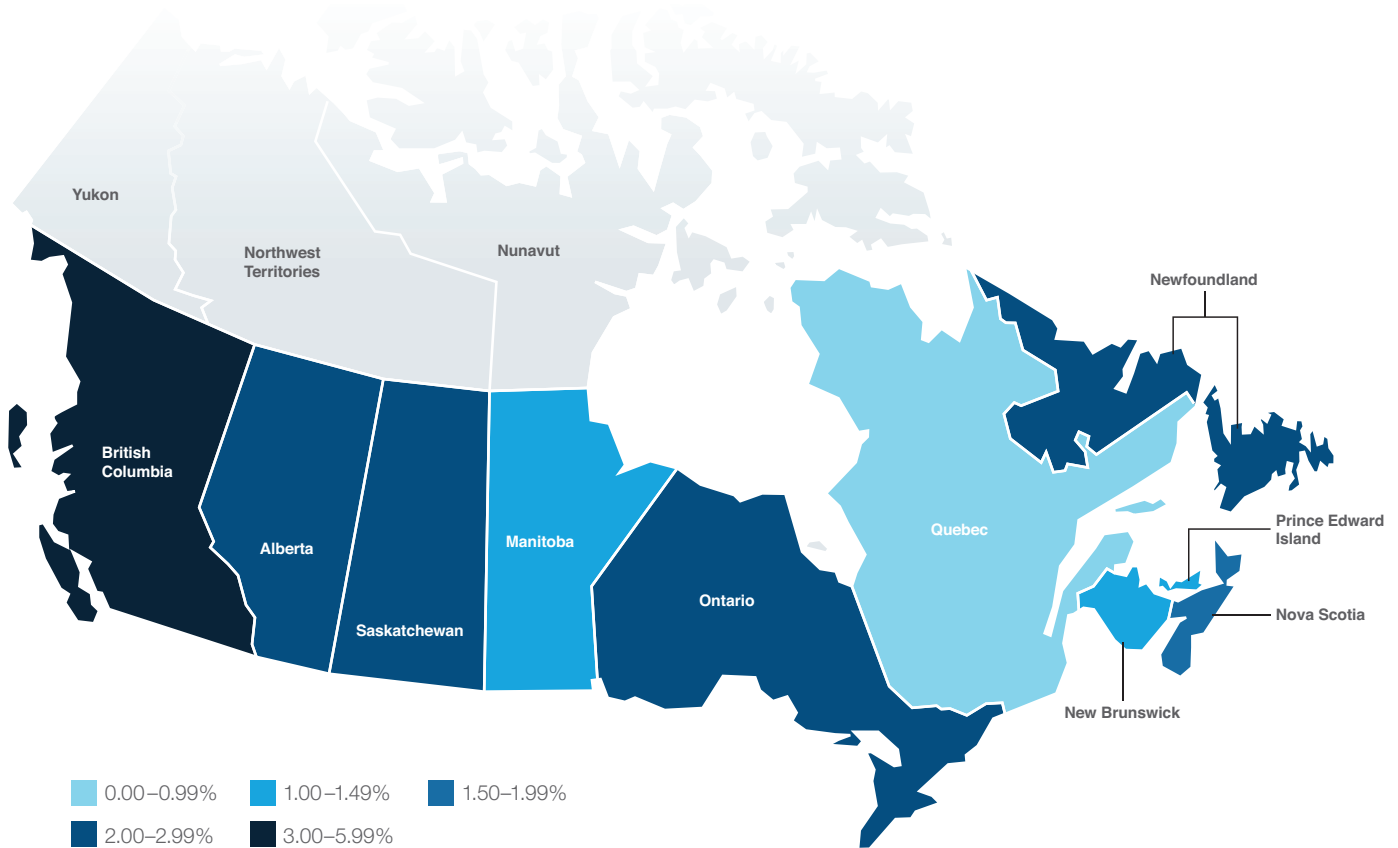


This report provides reconstruction cost trends at the national and provincial levels. *360Value® Quarterly Cost Updates* are derived from building cost research conducted by industry leader Xactware.

# Reconstruction costs edge upward

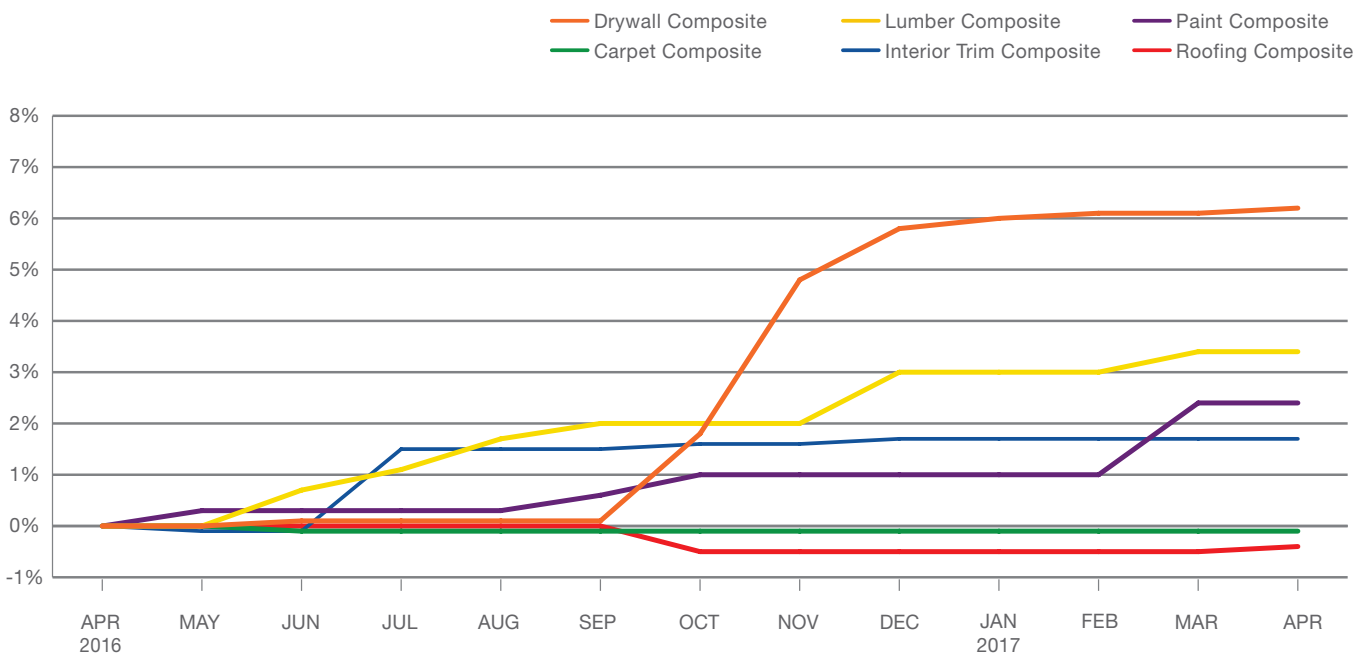
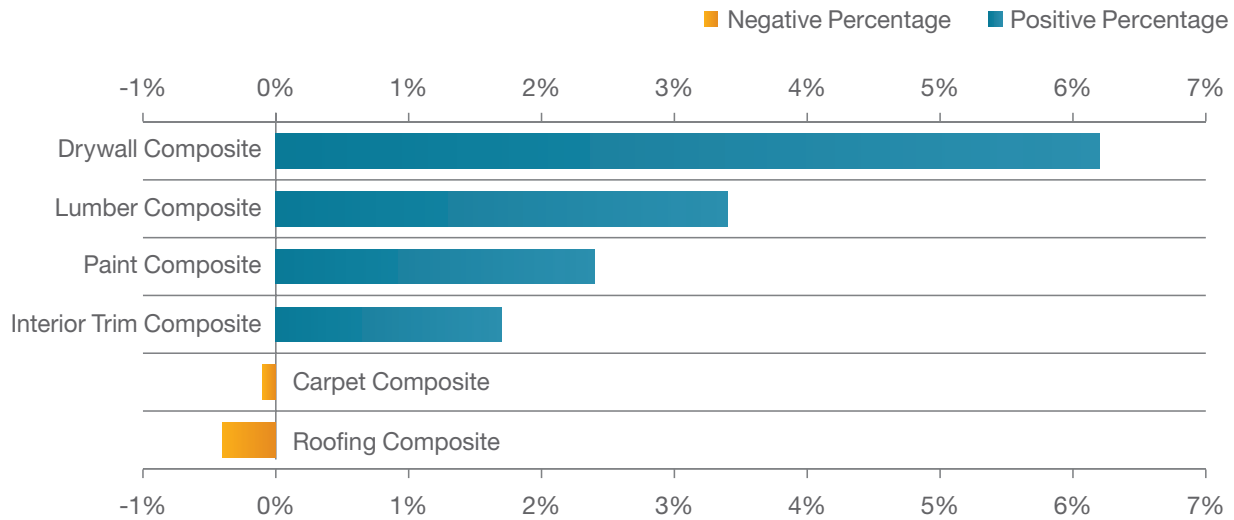
In Canada, overall reconstruction costs at the national level increased 2.2 per cent from April 2016 to April 2017, according to Xactware reconstruction cost research. Reconstruction costs in Canada increased slightly, a reverse from the previous quarter's trend of slowing cost growth. During the past 12 months, all ten Canadian provinces experienced reconstruction cost increases. The largest increase, 5.0 per cent, was in British Columbia. During the first quarter of 2017, overall reconstruction costs went up 0.8 per cent.



Changes in reconstruction costs by province from April 2016 to April 2017

### Material Cost Analysis

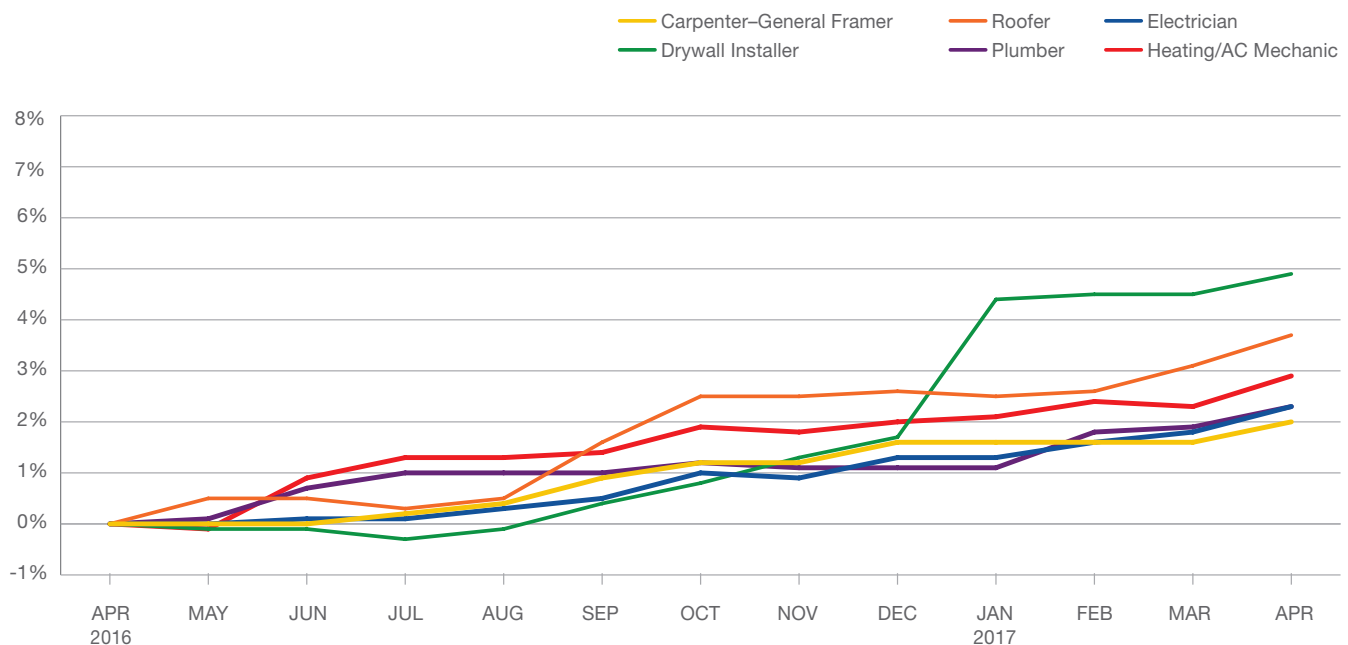
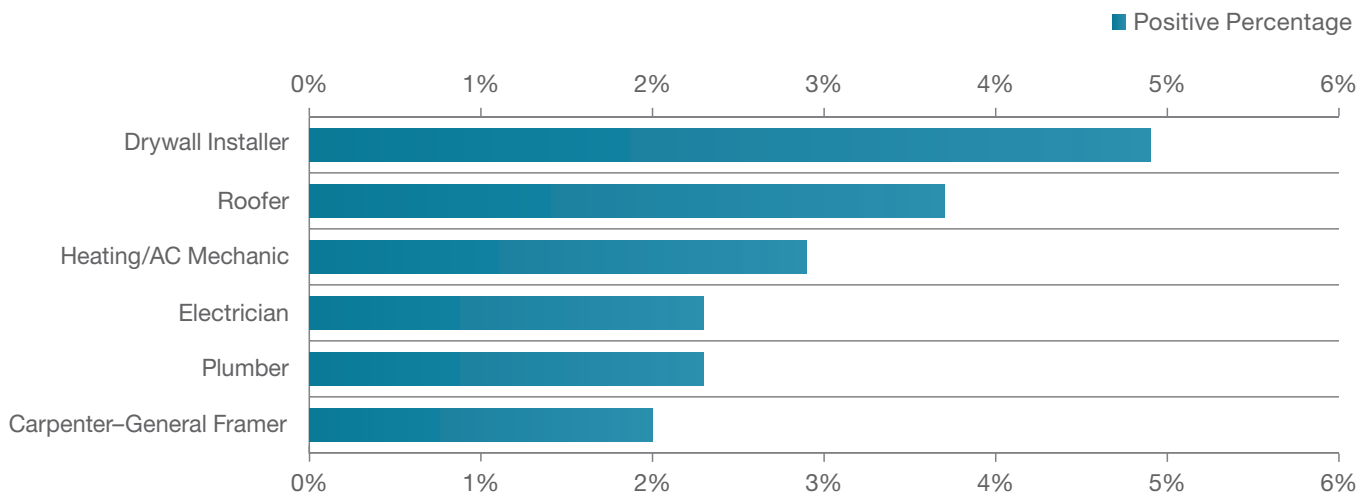
Overall material costs for common repairs rose from January 2017 to April 2017 by 0.2 per cent. During the past 12 months, overall material costs rose 1.2 per cent. Xactware identified changes to several material categories during the past year. For example, drywall costs had the most significant growth, at 6.2 per cent. Lumber and paint costs increased 3.4 and 2.4 per cent, respectively, while interior trim increased 1.7 per cent. Carpet remained largely unchanged, and roofing fell 0.4 per cent.



Cost changes for common building materials from April 2016 to April 2017 at the national level. The data is reported by composite, a grouping of materials needed to complete a particular aspect of reconstruction.

### Labour Cost Analysis

From January 2017 to April 2017, labour rates increased 0.8 per cent. The rate of increase during the past 12 months was 2.8 per cent. From April 2016 to April 2017, all six major labour trades reported increases. Labour rates for drywall installers increased the most (4.9 per cent). Rates for roofers rose almost 4 per cent. Rates increased 2.9 per cent for heating/AC mechanics and 2.3 per cent for electricians and plumbers. The rate of increase for carpenters-general framers was the lowest, at 2 per cent.



Changes in labour costs for some common trades from April 2016 to April 2017 at the national level. Labour costs include wages, burden, and overhead.

## About This Report

360Value Quarterly Cost Updates are derived from building cost research conducted by industry leader Xactware and validated at a highly localized level.

Xactware employs a comprehensive research process that includes real-time feedback on reconstruction costs from thousands of contractors and claims adjusters, extensive material and labour cost surveys, and analysis of hundreds of thousands of actual damage repair estimates for claims each year.


Current, localized, and detailed cost information on reconstruction labour and building materials is essential to create reliable, component-based replacement cost estimates. Each quarter, updated reconstruction cost data is incorporated into 360Value.

The data contained in this report should not be used as the basis for underwriting, coverage, rating, or renewal decisions, as changes in replacement costs vary dramatically at the individual property level.

The data compiled in this summary is available in Xactware's Industry Trend Reports, an online reporting tool that gives users an overview of market changes from one area to another; national and provincial averages; and price trends for roofing materials, drywall materials, and much more.

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