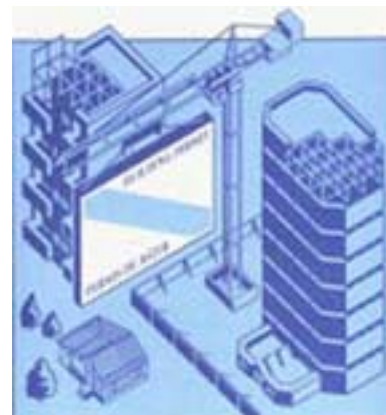


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Highlights

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In the residential sector, the value of permits rose 16.1% to \$4.5 billion. It was the second consecutive monthly increase. Ontario accounted for much of the growth recorded at the national level.

In the non-residential sector, the value of permits grew 2.8% to \$2.4 billion in December, following a 15.1% decline in November. Alberta posted a large increase, which more than offset declines in most provinces.

The total value of building permits was up in five provinces, led by Ontario, Alberta and Quebec. British Columbia had the largest decrease.

Residential sector: Significant increase for multi-family dwellings in Ontario

Construction intentions for multi-family dwellings rose 28.9% to \$1.9 billion. It was the second consecutive monthly increase and the highest level recorded since December 2005. The growth was due to major condominium and apartment building projects initiated in Ontario.

Note to readers

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data, which facilitates comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations.

The Building Permits Survey covers 2,400 municipalities representing 95% of the population. It provides an early indication of building activity.

The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small, and their levels of building activity have little impact on the total.

The value of planned construction activities shown in this release excludes engineering projects (for example, waterworks, sewers or culverts) and land.

For the purpose of this release, the census metropolitan area of Ottawa–Gatineau (Ontario/Quebec) is divided into two areas: Gatineau part and Ottawa part.

Revision

Preliminary data are provided for the current reference month. Revised data, based on late responses, are updated for the previous month.

Municipalities issued \$2.6 billion worth of building permits for single-family dwellings in December, 8.1% more than in November. The increase was attributable to higher construction intentions in six provinces, led by Quebec and Alberta.

Nationally, municipalities approved the construction of 19,015 new dwellings in December, up 13.0% from November. The increase was largely due to multi-family dwellings, which rose 19.1% to 11,560 units. The number of single-family dwellings rose 4.7% to 7,455 units.

Non-residential sector: Increase in the commercial component

In the commercial component, municipalities issued permits worth \$1.6 billion in December, a 41.0% increase following two monthly declines. The increase is largely attributable to higher construction intentions for office buildings and warehouse facilities in Alberta, as well as hotels in Ontario.

The value of industrial building permits declined 24.2% to \$353 million in December. It was the second consecutive monthly decrease. The decline was mostly due to lower construction intentions in all provinces except Quebec. The largest decreases were in Alberta, Ontario and British Columbia. These provinces posted lower construction intentions in a wide range of industrial buildings, including transportation-related buildings and manufacturing plants. Quebec's advance was due to manufacturing plants.

In the institutional component, the value of building permits declined 42.2% to \$402 million, down for a second consecutive month after peaking at more than \$1 billion in October 2011. Institutional construction intentions decreased in six provinces. The largest declines were in construction intentions for educational institutions in Ontario, health care facilities in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and government buildings in British Columbia.

Large increases in Ontario and Alberta

The value of building permits was up in five provinces.

Ontario's increase was mainly attributable to permits for multi-family dwellings and hotels. In Alberta, permits for office buildings and warehouses rose. In Quebec, the increase was due to the value of building permits for single-family dwellings and manufacturing plants. In Nova Scotia, the growth was attributable to an increase in commercial buildings. In Newfoundland and Labrador, the growth resulted from higher construction intentions for single-family dwellings.

The largest declines were in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. All three provinces posted decreases in both residential and non-residential sectors.

Higher permit values in half of the census metropolitan areas

The total value of permits was up in 17 of Canada's 34 census metropolitan areas.

Toronto had the largest increase, followed by Calgary. Toronto's increase was mostly attributable to building permits for multi-family dwellings. In Calgary, the advance was largely due to construction intentions for commercial buildings and single-family dwellings.

The largest declines were in Ottawa and Vancouver. In Ottawa, the decrease was due to the residential and non-residential sectors, as both had posted advances in November. Vancouver's decline was mainly attributable to a decrease in the value of permits for multi-family dwellings and institutional buildings, which had recorded large increases in November.

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Total value of building permits

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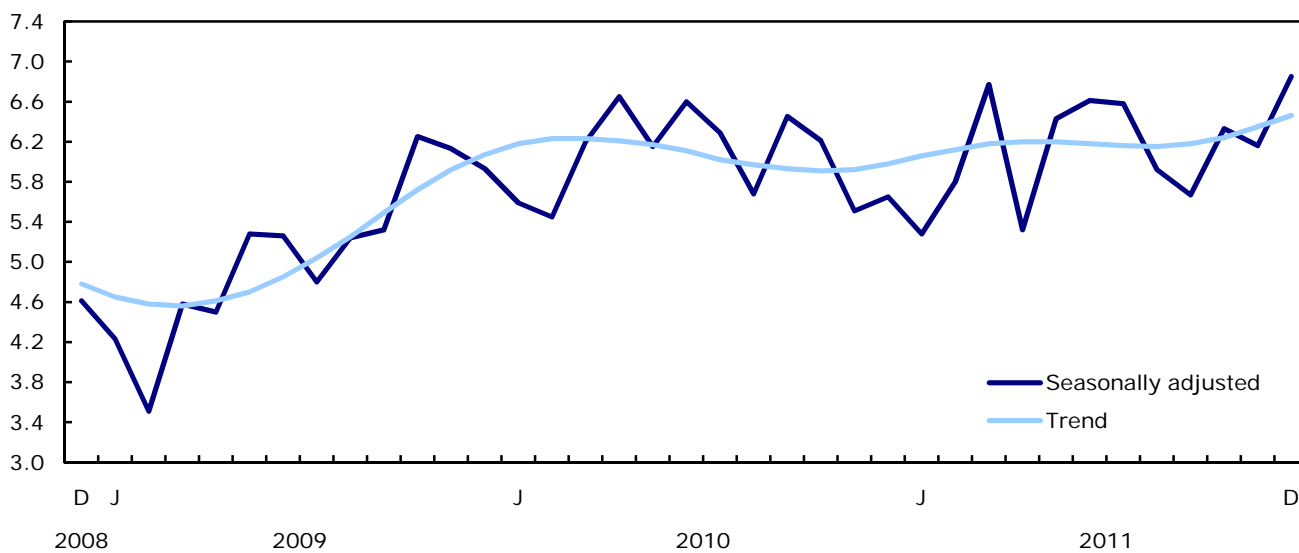


Chart 2
Residential value of building permits – Total

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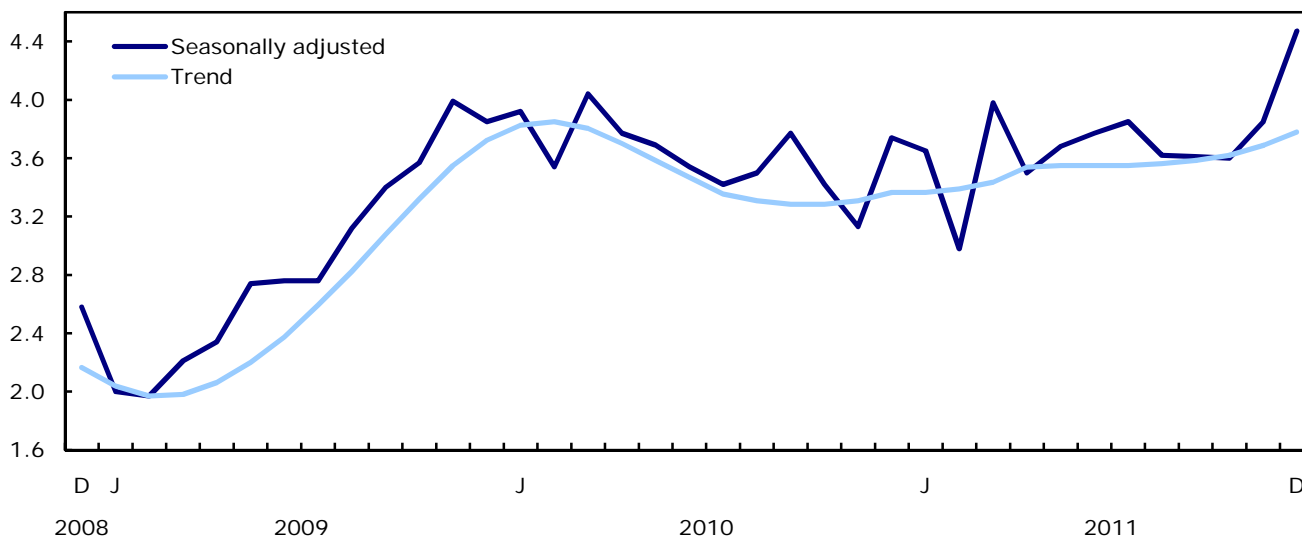


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Number of dwelling units – Single and multiple

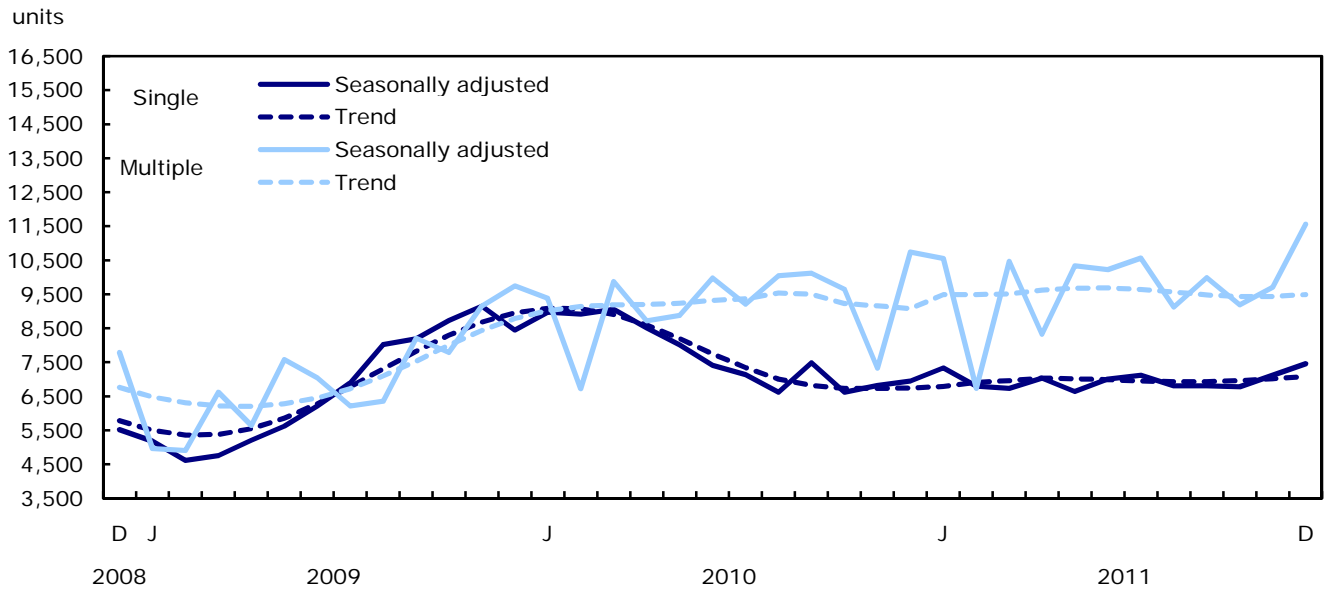


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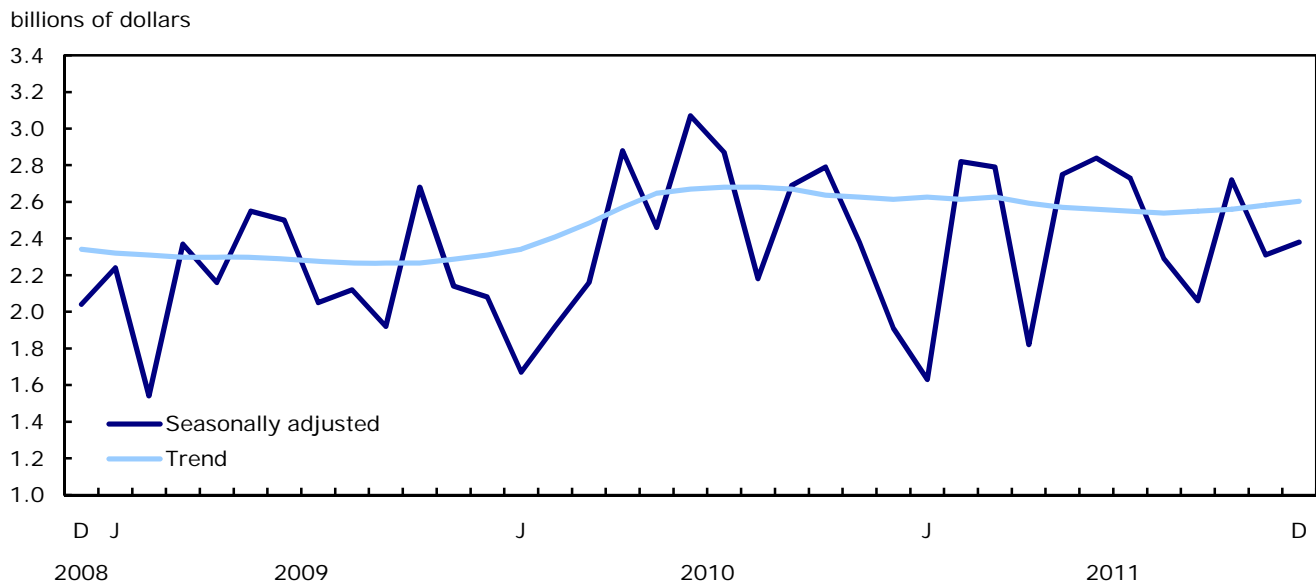


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Commercial value of building permits

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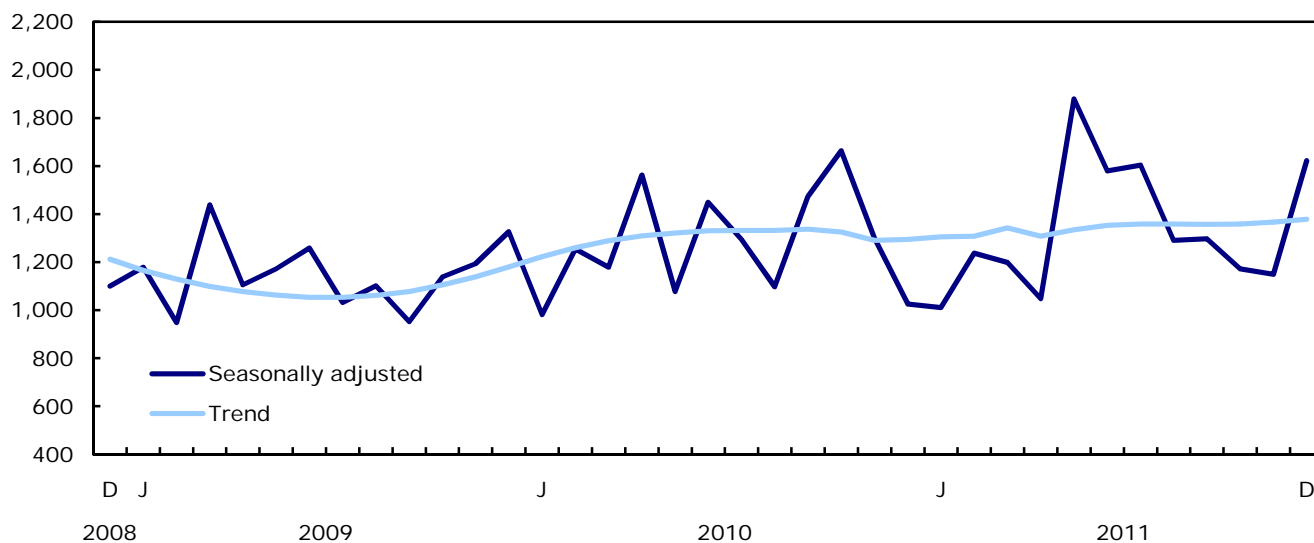


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Industrial value of building permits

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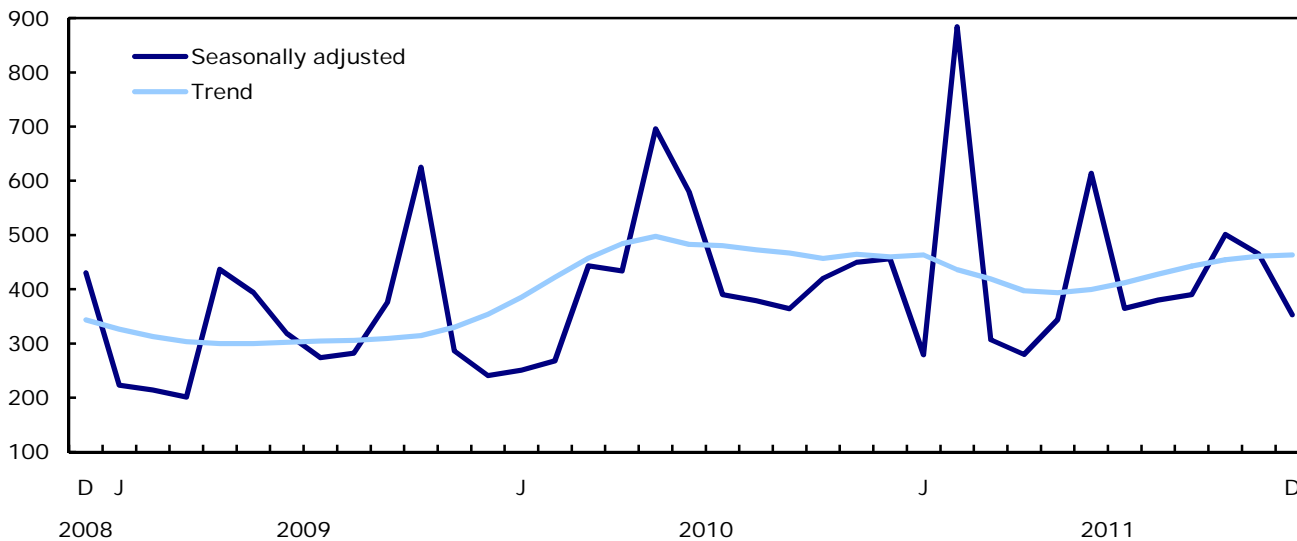
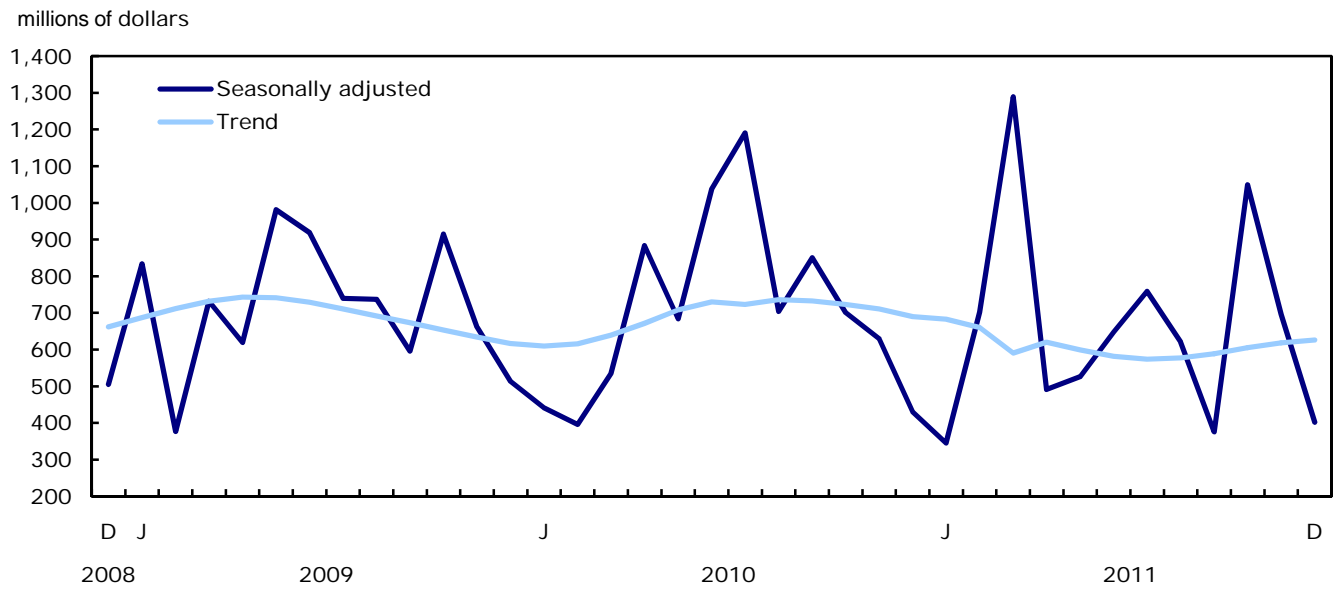


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Institutional and governmental value of building permits



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- *Value of building permits by type*

Statistical tables

Table 1
Total value of building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted

	2011 December ^p	2011 November ^r	December to November	November to October	October to September	September to August	August to July	July to June
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	6,847,596	6,163,356	11.1	-2.6	11.6	-4.1	-10.1	-0.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	78,954	73,839	6.9	-40.4	65.5	-25.0	2.8	5.5
Prince Edward Island	21,119	21,908	-3.6	14.1	-4.7	-30.0	10.9	9.1
Nova Scotia	140,901	125,719	12.1	54.5	-39.3	4.0	-26.2	43.7
New Brunswick	67,546	73,556	-8.2	-6.0	-13.1	-16.1	30.2	-3.3
Quebec	1,260,899	1,182,664	6.6	-1.4	-0.3	-0.1	-9.6	-19.6
Ontario	2,865,940	2,279,612	25.7	-14.5	33.0	3.7	-21.8	7.5
Manitoba	142,319	213,658	-33.4	17.2	24.0	-1.1	11.7	-28.5
Saskatchewan	174,331	253,399	-31.2	-9.2	25.9	3.1	-27.0	28.3
Alberta	1,305,630	992,855	31.5	2.9	-11.7	-8.5	7.8	10.6
British Columbia	783,064	930,192	-15.8	31.5	6.3	-21.0	3.4	-8.2
Yukon	6,083	3,955	53.8	-79.6	74.6	22.9	-75.2	130.9
Northwest Territories	810	1,834	-55.8	79.3	-30.6	-24.8	-36.6	54.7
Nunavut	0	10,165	-100.0	233.4	-21.9	71.8	-67.3	82.9

Table 2
Non-residential value of building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted

	2011 December ^p	2011 November ^r	December to November	November to October	October to September	September to August	August to July	July to June
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	2,376,879	2,311,642	2.8	-15.1	31.9	-9.9	-16.0	-4.0
Newfoundland and Labrador	10,225	12,404	-17.6	-80.6	248.7	-58.5	34.6	11.2
Prince Edward Island	6,997	10,917	-35.9	31.1	8.8	-37.7	-15.4	23.6
Nova Scotia	59,655	36,485	63.5	58.7	-55.1	11.3	-48.2	125.1
New Brunswick	26,429	26,375	0.2	-24.0	-19.8	6.6	-2.2	38.1
Quebec	394,266	393,829	0.1	-4.1	2.1	4.3	-9.5	-46.1
Ontario	844,194	915,862	-7.8	-32.9	89.3	-6.8	-30.3	4.4
Manitoba	35,921	102,670	-65.0	23.6	48.1	7.5	22.9	-32.7
Saskatchewan	48,945	122,833	-60.2	-4.1	4.9	33.4	-41.4	70.6
Alberta	661,933	391,303	69.2	5.1	-17.5	-20.7	22.4	6.9
British Columbia	285,500	296,957	-3.9	36.0	18.8	-32.4	-13.4	11.4
Yukon	2,699	1,253	115.4	-91.8	187.6	49.1	-87.5	432.8
Northwest Territories	115	589	-80.5	306.2	-86.0	24.6	-66.5	796.0
Nunavut	0	165	-100.0	-2.9	-82.1	...	-100.0	100,816.7

Table 3
Residential value of building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted

	2011 December ^p	2011 November ^r	December to November	November to October	October to September	September to August	August to July	July to June
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	4,470,717	3,851,714	16.1	6.9	-0.1	-0.5	-6.0	2.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	68,729	61,435	11.9	2.6	6.0	1.8	-13.5	2.8
Prince Edward Island	14,122	10,991	28.5	1.1	-13.0	-24.3	44.1	-5.0
Nova Scotia	81,246	89,234	-9.0	52.9	-29.5	0.0	-3.4	4.5
New Brunswick	41,117	47,181	-12.9	8.3	-6.9	-29.9	63.0	-25.8
Quebec	866,633	788,835	9.9	0.0	-1.5	-2.1	-9.7	4.6
Ontario	2,021,746	1,363,750	48.2	4.7	1.4	10.7	-14.9	10.2
Manitoba	106,398	110,988	-4.1	11.9	9.2	-5.7	6.5	-26.3
Saskatchewan	125,386	130,566	-4.0	-13.5	51.8	-19.4	-10.7	0.2
Alberta	643,697	601,552	7.0	1.5	-7.6	2.7	-2.8	13.5
British Columbia	497,564	633,235	-21.4	29.4	1.5	-15.6	14.0	-17.3
Yukon	3,384	2,702	25.2	-35.4	-28.1	6.1	-31.4	-23.4
Northwest Territories	695	1,245	-44.2	41.8	100.9	-61.3	84.2	-64.4
Nunavut	0	10,000	-100.0	247.3	-2.5	30.0	152.3	-76.3

Table 4
Number of dwelling units authorized, province and territories, seasonally adjusted at annual rate

	2011 December ^p	2011 November ^r	December to November	November to October	October to September	September to August	August to July	July to June
	units		percentage change					
Canada	228,180	201,900	13.0	5.4	-4.9	5.4	-9.9	2.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,736	3,420	-20.0	3.6	1.1	9.2	-47.5	61.2
Prince Edward Island	1,272	816	55.9	-15.0	-11.1	-34.3	63.1	-9.7
Nova Scotia	6,060	6,288	-3.6	91.2	-47.0	13.4	-4.8	-7.0
New Brunswick	2,904	3,060	-5.1	-13.3	-8.4	-29.3	77.3	-42.0
Quebec	52,260	49,296	6.0	1.5	-4.6	-1.4	-11.8	6.7
Ontario	98,640	63,000	56.6	2.6	-7.8	29.7	-25.6	18.4
Manitoba	6,480	9,156	-29.2	57.0	11.0	14.7	-22.0	-30.6
Saskatchewan	6,852	7,272	-5.8	-16.1	63.7	-33.6	-21.8	46.1
Alberta	29,016	29,244	-0.8	-4.9	-5.4	-2.7	12.3	8.8
British Columbia	21,696	29,676	-26.9	19.9	-4.3	-1.5	15.2	-33.3
Yukon	264	156	69.2	-63.9	-10.0	21.2	-21.4	5.0
Northwest Territories	0	48	-100.0	300.0	-100.0
Nunavut	0	468	-100.0	290.0	-58.3	300.0	50.0	-55.6

Table 5

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2011

	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential				
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
units									
thousands of dollars									
Canada									
November ^r	7,122	9,703	16,825	3,851,714	465,437	1,150,269	695,936	2,311,642	6,163,356
December ^p	7,455	11,560	19,015	4,470,717	352,839	1,621,984	402,056	2,376,879	6,847,596
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	83,625	116,765	200,390	44,563,036	5,161,108	16,089,058	7,903,266	29,153,432	73,716,468
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	92,506	110,660	203,166	43,471,305	5,130,954	15,359,383	8,483,829	28,974,166	72,445,471
Newfoundland and Labrador									
November ^r	173	112	285	61,435	1,560	10,214	630	12,404	73,839
December ^p	188	40	228	68,729	294	7,310	2,621	10,225	78,954
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	2,227	1,221	3,448	744,356	21,124	215,388	52,857	289,369	1,033,725
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	2,465	698	3,163	704,671	136,296	175,544	188,670	500,510	1,205,181
Prince Edward Island									
November ^r	48	20	68	10,991	4,167	6,019	731	10,917	21,908
December ^p	47	59	106	14,122	292	6,660	45	6,997	21,119
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	471	495	966	133,174	23,365	63,849	22,756	109,970	243,144
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	490	438	928	144,789	13,989	47,386	53,737	115,112	259,901
Nova Scotia									
November ^r	196	328	524	89,234	11,849	22,177	2,459	36,485	125,719
December ^p	205	300	505	81,246	4,614	54,331	710	59,655	140,901
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	2,404	2,695	5,099	931,790	51,586	405,812	70,611	528,009	1,459,799
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	2,657	2,398	5,055	955,780	69,444	312,848	295,708	678,000	1,633,780
New Brunswick									
November ^r	161	94	255	47,181	2,902	11,534	11,939	26,375	73,556
December ^p	153	89	242	41,117	2,333	20,687	3,409	26,429	67,546
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,841	1,631	3,472	542,889	42,142	221,864	146,425	410,431	953,320
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	2,147	1,851	3,998	570,761	57,409	234,909	270,211	562,529	1,133,290
Quebec									
November ^r	1,346	2,762	4,108	788,835	77,238	224,794	91,797	393,829	1,182,664
December ^p	1,415	2,940	4,355	866,633	98,612	194,284	101,370	394,266	1,260,899
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	17,253	36,954	54,207	10,240,328	963,390	3,183,016	1,066,051	5,212,457	15,452,785
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	19,920	33,660	53,580	9,846,250	890,420	2,758,544	1,347,129	4,996,093	14,842,343
Ontario									
November ^r	2,583	2,667	5,250	1,363,750	196,400	418,347	301,115	915,862	2,279,612
December ^p	2,660	5,560	8,220	2,021,746	172,057	514,362	157,775	844,194	2,865,940
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	28,262	36,959	65,221	16,081,927	1,971,484	5,243,206	4,598,741	11,813,431	27,895,358
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	29,588	39,113	68,701	15,480,053	2,238,944	6,249,715	4,169,911	12,658,570	28,138,623
Manitoba									
November ^r	361	402	763	110,988	4,058	41,884	56,728	102,670	213,658
December ^p	302	238	540	106,398	844	27,389	7,688	35,921	142,319
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	3,797	2,589	6,386	1,223,133	100,565	367,796	183,716	652,077	1,875,210
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	3,926	2,135	6,061	1,163,826	112,784	325,558	155,210	593,552	1,757,378
Saskatchewan									
November ^r	368	238	606	130,566	6,650	67,804	48,379	122,833	253,399
December ^p	376	195	571	125,386	4,262	25,872	18,811	48,945	174,331
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	3,712	2,983	6,695	1,433,310	129,517	737,296	309,969	1,176,782	2,610,092
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	3,609	2,351	5,960	1,145,214	131,072	579,024	221,692	931,788	2,077,002
Alberta									
November ^r	1,175	1,262	2,437	601,552	119,468	226,209	45,626	391,303	992,855
December ^p	1,383	1,035	2,418	643,697	41,814	556,084	64,035	661,933	1,305,630
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	15,010	13,488	28,498	6,974,480	1,476,795	3,644,363	611,703	5,732,861	12,707,341
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	16,973	9,318	26,291	6,663,372	1,214,436	2,796,881	750,724	4,762,041	11,425,413

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Table 5 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2011

	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential				
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
British Columbia									
November ^r	694	1,779	2,473	633,235	41,057	119,818	136,082	296,957	930,192
December ^p	706	1,102	1,808	497,564	26,477	213,475	45,548	285,500	783,064
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	8,397	17,371	25,768	6,121,597	356,290	1,971,827	806,744	3,134,861	9,256,458
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	10,497	18,486	28,983	6,705,887	241,608	1,786,992	989,321	3,017,921	9,723,808
Yukon									
November ^r	13	0	13	2,702	73	730	450	1,253	3,955
December ^p	20	2	22	3,384	1,240	1,415	44	2,699	6,083
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	224	152	376	66,692	23,635	22,332	31,697	77,664	144,356
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	168	142	310	49,203	16,121	48,600	16,056	80,777	129,980
Northwest Territories									
November ^r	4	0	4	1,245	0	589	0	589	1,834
December ^p	0	0	0	695	0	115	0	115	810
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	10	3	13	10,156	816	7,148	105	8,069	18,225
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	45	18	63	20,332	5,707	22,962	25,410	54,079	74,411
Nunavut									
November ^r	0	39	39	10,000	15	150	0	165	10,165
December ^p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	17	224	241	59,204	399	5,161	1,891	7,451	66,655
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	21	52	73	21,167	2,724	20,420	50	23,194	44,361

1. Included in this category are the following types of dwellings: single-detached, mobile home and cottage.

Table 6

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2011

	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential				
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
units									
thousands of dollars									
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia									
November ^r	21	6	27	4,659	1,439	148	188	1,775	6,434
December ^p	18	7	25	4,932	335	246	0	581	5,513
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	258	276	534	89,772	15,757	144,930	12,174	172,861	262,633
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	360	195	555	95,969	15,142	55,255	36,032	106,429	202,398
Barrie, Ontario									
November ^r	28	17	45	14,040	556	1,432	565	2,553	16,593
December ^p	46	87	133	69,021	1,213	15,135	12,065	28,413	97,434
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	367	306	673	227,066	14,647	170,503	63,705	248,855	475,921
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	384	374	758	191,699	6,463	84,802	48,446	139,711	331,410
Brantford, Ontario									
November ^r	18	5	23	3,939	349	1,319	205	1,873	5,812
December ^p	11	42	53	5,433	1,363	412	24	1,799	7,232
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	234	254	488	73,453	7,383	31,123	20,891	59,397	132,850
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	282	266	548	77,041	15,514	66,142	45,965	127,621	204,662
Calgary, Alberta									
November ^r	429	362	791	217,555	16,170	92,182	7,122	115,474	333,029
December ^p	564	409	973	263,511	12,562	368,213	21,675	402,450	665,961
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	5,300	6,370	11,670	2,740,395	759,355	1,433,694	270,750	2,463,799	5,204,194
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	5,519	3,161	8,680	2,218,756	175,183	805,517	341,052	1,321,752	3,540,508
Edmonton, Alberta									
November ^r	356	645	1,001	229,252	33,818	77,660	31,038	142,516	371,768
December ^p	439	478	917	244,076	9,010	90,398	9,904	109,312	353,388
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	5,046	5,352	10,398	2,637,402	149,079	1,063,135	169,139	1,381,353	4,018,755
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	5,871	4,292	10,163	2,741,285	182,348	981,304	174,801	1,338,453	4,079,738
Greater Sudbury , Ontario									
November ^r	15	8	23	8,095	3,389	10,400	3,144	16,933	25,028
December ^p	116	76	192	43,964	4,988	5,066	392	10,446	54,410
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	347	308	655	161,994	38,771	53,508	46,727	139,006	301,000
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	297	147	444	117,550	20,674	65,133	79,726	165,533	283,083
Guelph, Ontario									
November ^r	18	90	108	21,459	2	15,489	9,155	24,646	46,105
December ^p	30	15	45	11,584	0	32	0	32	11,616
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	277	379	656	134,551	15,971	43,442	43,294	102,707	237,258
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	383	636	1,019	183,365	42,433	162,034	60,535	265,002	448,367
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
November ^r	77	278	355	55,637	9,963	12,426	334	22,723	78,360
December ^p	93	268	361	50,807	4,000	39,305	101	43,406	94,213
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	974	2,078	3,052	522,869	21,278	206,376	45,286	272,940	795,809
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,055	1,749	2,804	503,767	22,836	177,564	62,263	262,663	766,430
Hamilton, Ontario									
November ^r	130	78	208	59,015	2,093	9,988	4,420	16,501	75,516
December ^p	66	233	299	62,606	400	15,354	1,476	17,230	79,836
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,275	1,878	3,153	758,924	49,592	237,599	194,672	481,863	1,240,787
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,929	1,528	3,457	848,496	129,226	301,054	202,117	632,397	1,480,893
Kelowna, British Columbia									
November ^r	36	31	67	23,036	320	7,190	57	7,567	30,603
December ^p	40	3	43	21,220	1,850	4,211	1,051	7,112	28,332
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	428	245	673	216,297	20,653	68,383	42,652	131,688	347,985
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	542	712	1,254	336,751	6,487	83,717	40,912	131,116	467,867

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Table 6 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2011

	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential				
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Kingston, Ontario									
November ^r	23	15	38	8,652	311	1,769	966	3,046	11,698
December ^p	55	16	71	15,370	435	842	18,810	20,087	35,457
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	500	378	878	157,285	7,317	65,997	58,304	131,618	288,903
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	549	214	763	143,717	8,034	84,672	21,500	114,206	257,923
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario									
November ^r	92	30	122	33,373	7,397	6,063	13,996	27,456	60,829
December ^p	117	328	445	117,699	42,407	30,496	1,749	74,652	192,351
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,187	2,202	3,389	736,319	268,967	224,295	294,476	787,738	1,524,057
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,230	2,723	3,953	744,706	156,805	509,390	341,320	1,007,515	1,752,221
London, Ontario									
November ^r	76	68	144	40,182	36,533	6,215	3,493	46,241	86,423
December ^p	85	38	123	34,494	2,387	89,242	529	92,158	126,652
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,049	559	1,608	443,636	79,363	224,802	654,819	958,984	1,402,620
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,374	947	2,321	500,845	60,002	207,820	166,092	433,914	934,759
Moncton, New Brunswick									
November ^r	31	79	110	16,599	362	4,094	6,426	10,882	27,481
December ^p	25	81	106	12,612	894	6,175	1,209	8,278	20,890
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	373	886	1,259	167,139	7,536	80,229	52,082	139,847	306,986
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	461	921	1,382	168,274	15,890	44,774	40,513	101,177	269,451
Montréal, Quebec									
November ^r	387	1,057	1,444	317,449	18,244	108,559	45,833	172,636	490,085
December ^p	412	1,775	2,187	399,153	31,414	97,787	56,946	186,147	585,300
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	5,369	21,002	26,371	4,964,518	312,917	1,868,130	569,417	2,750,464	7,714,982
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	6,418	16,489	22,907	4,481,964	261,850	1,160,404	662,936	2,085,190	6,567,154
Oshawa, Ontario									
November ^r	74	17	91	35,888	20	3,842	2,908	6,770	42,658
December ^p	161	241	402	100,808	0	12,857	2,460	15,317	116,125
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,308	796	2,104	613,930	54,830	124,740	51,965	231,535	845,465
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,326	624	1,950	530,325	12,762	82,955	117,068	212,785	743,110
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
November ^r	243	555	798	118,063	3,969	103,718	26,140	133,827	251,890
December ^p	143	270	413	69,923	1,518	28,271	3,150	32,939	102,862
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	2,206	4,303	6,509	1,069,693	21,926	573,540	194,393	789,859	1,859,552
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	2,256	4,839	7,095	1,130,483	39,239	549,586	236,161	824,986	1,955,469
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
November ^r	55	305	360	52,082	441	23,531	8,325	32,297	84,379
December ^p	49	134	183	28,895	1,425	2,432	305	4,162	33,057
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	785	2,347	3,132	432,475	12,593	103,847	33,185	149,625	582,100
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,098	2,064	3,162	433,045	22,445	292,742	37,860	353,047	786,092
Peterborough, Ontario									
November ^r	23	6	29	9,034	198	6,315	23	6,536	15,570
December ^p	19	21	40	12,005	119	915	5,105	6,139	18,144
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	239	114	353	95,645	16,925	34,356	9,967	61,248	156,893
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	307	85	392	95,237	3,275	27,021	17,831	48,127	143,364
Québec, Quebec									
November ^r	107	479	586	106,154	5,383	24,053	2,814	32,250	138,404
December ^p	131	314	445	73,019	22,580	42,324	7,278	72,182	145,201
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,409	4,509	5,918	1,087,986	93,952	417,879	74,830	586,661	1,674,647
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,944	5,381	7,325	1,181,583	98,176	306,573	123,757	528,506	1,710,089

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	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Regina, Saskatchewan									
November ^r	101	98	199	38,625	976	11,833	1,424	14,233	52,858
December ^p	111	153	264	46,205	1,335	2,539	6,000	9,874	56,079
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	989	969	1,958	352,954	23,568	200,136	76,338	300,042	652,996
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	836	283	1,119	252,341	43,560	181,546	46,276	271,382	523,723
Saguenay, Quebec									
November ^r	27	36	63	12,915	1,270	2,287	211	3,768	16,683
December ^p	49	31	80	13,436	1,769	1,947	250	3,966	17,402
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	521	448	969	193,108	34,463	40,780	32,477	107,720	300,828
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	434	500	934	163,210	14,155	64,144	35,449	113,748	276,958
Saint John, New Brunswick									
November ^r	37	1	38	9,491	193	1,490	3,925	5,608	15,099
December ^p	34	2	36	8,526	6	1,357	379	1,742	10,268
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	377	172	549	93,973	5,009	32,197	21,540	58,746	152,719
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	457	213	670	105,496	7,466	49,227	49,978	106,671	212,167
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
November ^r	153	77	230	53,962	3,161	36,136	44,233	83,530	137,492
December ^p	158	21	179	47,265	1,765	11,958	12,801	26,524	73,789
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,714	1,479	3,193	707,406	51,859	279,706	113,815	445,380	1,152,786
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,579	1,503	3,082	491,140	63,517	219,956	84,902	368,375	859,515
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
November ^r	45	129	174	25,636	388	4,873	7,302	12,563	38,199
December ^p	39	43	82	13,065	4,988	2,384	1,088	8,460	21,525
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	691	1,083	1,774	278,343	18,612	45,627	45,576	109,815	388,158
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	780	928	1,708	264,955	12,122	119,725	66,681	198,528	463,483
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
November ^r	50	58	108	24,204	2,849	4,303	951	8,103	32,307
December ^p	46	14	60	15,443	1,136	2,782	263	4,181	19,624
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	676	578	1,254	282,500	29,153	116,624	43,349	189,126	471,626
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	726	526	1,252	284,194	40,777	141,574	621,133	803,484	1,087,678
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
November ^r	93	109	202	46,742	162	7,498	601	8,261	55,003
December ^p	100	38	138	39,372	172	3,887	1,070	5,129	44,501
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,223	802	2,025	477,812	12,108	121,685	25,080	158,873	636,685
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,509	384	1,893	465,836	59,372	124,174	140,084	323,630	789,466
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
November ^r	8	1	9	2,473	4,184	1,904	65	6,153	8,626
December ^p	1	4	5	1,432	1,838	735	0	2,573	4,005
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	186	241	427	75,049	25,583	39,313	11,287	76,183	151,232
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	206	101	307	69,354	3,884	55,992	33,453	93,329	162,683
Toronto, Ontario									
November ^r	1,189	1,547	2,736	751,517	113,005	185,918	188,489	487,412	1,238,929
December ^p	967	3,926	4,893	1,195,460	70,802	255,667	88,896	415,365	1,610,825
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	10,671	21,949	32,620	8,464,664	769,655	2,591,417	2,381,267	5,742,339	14,207,003
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	9,691	23,290	32,981	7,670,913	1,031,560	2,888,839	1,378,119	5,298,518	12,969,431
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
November ^r	23	133	156	23,833	2,167	1,840	3	4,010	27,843
December ^p	21	117	138	19,449	9,460	1,591	795	11,846	31,295
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	351	763	1,114	212,731	49,106	36,716	16,501	102,323	315,054
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	361	1,408	1,769	263,866	23,100	43,604	19,562	86,266	350,132

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Table 6 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2011

	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Vancouver, British Columbia									
November ^r	358	1,489	1,847	461,912	29,274	64,641	114,538	208,453	670,365
December ^p	368	948	1,316	345,769	8,817	174,218	43,194	226,229	571,998
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	3,907	13,503	17,410	4,018,536	135,674	1,199,332	421,863	1,756,869	5,775,405
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	4,451	13,361	17,812	4,088,749	90,534	1,057,762	500,094	1,648,390	5,737,139
Victoria, British Columbia									
November ^r	39	88	127	33,934	1,035	7,390	1,473	9,898	43,832
December ^p	35	9	44	21,293	5,358	5,798	10	11,166	32,459
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	613	1,051	1,664	420,090	15,138	165,342	40,687	221,167	641,257
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	851	1,122	1,973	490,360	13,846	177,766	82,774	274,386	764,746
Windsor, Ontario									
November ^r	46	18	64	17,477	252	5,975	1,664	7,891	25,368
December ^p	24	28	52	9,634	981	1,677	2,256	4,914	14,548
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	444	225	669	162,984	45,408	69,791	24,371	139,570	302,554
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	487	183	670	146,097	125,435	61,265	173,960	360,660	506,757
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
November ^r	176	376	552	68,023	1,677	35,726	51,580	88,983	157,006
December ^p	169	211	380	70,026	68	22,111	5,348	27,527	97,553
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	2,339	1,877	4,216	790,551	27,171	254,291	123,063	404,525	1,195,076
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	2,392	1,504	3,896	733,800	42,749	214,087	106,007	362,843	1,096,643

1. Included in this category are the following types of dwellings: single-detached, mobile home and cottage.

Table 7
Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2011

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
number of dwelling units							
Canada							
November ^r	6,821	33	1,153	1,556	6,797	707	17,067
December ^p	4,788	14	567	1,295	8,587	779	16,030
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	83,200	447	9,955	18,299	79,770	8,577	200,248
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	91,908	473	10,634	20,222	72,613	7,320	203,170
Newfoundland and Labrador							
November ^r	162	1	0	0	109	3	275
December ^p	79	0	0	0	34	6	119
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	2,120	6	15	133	1,013	63	3,350
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	2,456	11	21	59	539	79	3,165
Prince Edward Island							
November ^r	41	1	6	0	14	0	62
December ^p	24	1	2	0	53	4	84
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	440	18	28	20	437	10	953
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	479	10	55	106	265	13	928
Nova Scotia							
November ^r	175	10	10	31	261	26	513
December ^p	130	3	4	6	142	148	433
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	2,306	78	138	170	1,906	485	5,083
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	2,581	59	196	129	1,939	150	5,054
New Brunswick							
November ^r	134	2	8	16	69	1	230
December ^p	53	1	6	4	76	3	143
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,886	29	118	137	1,283	93	3,546
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	2,091	47	72	150	1,539	98	3,997
Quebec							
November ^r	1,211	5	551	156	2,358	225	4,506
December ^p	701	3	166	83	1,977	414	3,344
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	16,901	189	3,681	1,422	27,235	4,377	53,805
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	19,647	223	4,263	2,021	23,880	3,545	53,579
Ontario							
November ^r	2,635	10	286	870	1,371	119	5,291
December ^p	1,947	6	185	755	4,503	84	7,480
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	28,436	94	2,914	9,953	22,686	1,455	65,538
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	29,483	83	3,242	10,681	23,896	1,318	68,703
Manitoba							
November ^r	270	2	0	8	242	152	674
December ^p	172	0	0	0	233	5	410
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	3,767	7	39	363	1,932	257	6,365
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	3,912	12	58	296	1,644	142	6,064
Saskatchewan							
November ^r	345	0	13	42	172	11	583
December ^p	240	0	11	12	166	6	435
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	3,689	5	123	451	2,325	86	6,679
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	3,601	5	120	585	1,573	74	5,958
Alberta							
November ^r	1,233	2	259	253	679	71	2,497
December ^p	994	0	171	244	576	45	2,030
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	15,054	12	2,459	2,324	8,122	585	28,556
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	16,957	12	2,104	1,868	4,841	510	26,292
British Columbia							
November ^r	606	0	20	180	1,483	99	2,388
December ^p	442	0	20	191	827	64	1,544
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	8,374	9	408	3,300	12,512	1,163	25,766
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	10,469	9	470	4,280	12,373	1,383	28,984

Table 7 – continued

Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2011

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
number of dwelling units							
Yukon							
November ^r	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
December ^p	6	0	2	0	0	0	8
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	201	0	14	26	111	1	353
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	166	2	27	44	63	8	310
Northwest Territories							
November ^r	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
December ^p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	9	0	0	0	2	2	13
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	45	0	2	3	13	0	63
Nunavut							
November ^r	0	0	0	0	39	0	39
December ^p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	17	0	18	0	206	0	241
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	21	0	4	0	48	0	73

Table 8
Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, December 2011

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
	number of dwelling units						
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	12	0	0	0	6	1	19
Barrie, Ontario	39	0	0	7	80	0	126
Brantford, Ontario	9	0	2	21	0	19	51
Calgary, Alberta	436	0	71	145	190	3	845
Edmonton, Alberta	340	0	92	95	265	26	818
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	97	1	8	0	68	0	174
Guelph, Ontario	25	0	6	4	0	5	40
Halifax, Nova Scotia	68	1	4	6	111	147	337
Hamilton, Ontario	55	0	8	86	138	2	289
Kelowna, British Columbia	26	0	0	0	0	3	29
Kingston, Ontario	45	1	4	12	0	0	62
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	99	0	0	45	274	9	427
London, Ontario	71	0	14	24	0	1	110
Moncton, New Brunswick	9	0	4	0	76	1	90
Montréal, Quebec	250	0	50	56	1,306	293	1,955
Oshawa, Ontario	136	0	25	30	184	2	377
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	151	0	21	258	111	9	550
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	121	0	4	258	6	2	391
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	30	0	17	0	105	7	159
Peterborough, Ontario	16	0	0	19	2	0	37
Québec, Quebec	80	0	15	0	250	36	381
Regina, Saskatchewan	84	0	3	0	150	0	237
Saguenay, Quebec	30	0	0	0	26	4	60
Saint John, New Brunswick	12	0	0	0	0	2	14
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	119	0	6	12	0	3	140
Sherbrooke, Quebec	24	0	18	13	9	1	65
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	38	0	2	12	0	1	53
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	56	0	0	0	32	6	94
Thunder Bay, Ontario	1	0	0	3	0	1	5
Toronto, Ontario	816	0	93	128	3,673	32	4,742
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	13	0	6	0	102	4	125
Vancouver, British Columbia	240	0	8	161	744	35	1,188
Victoria, British Columbia	23	0	4	0	0	5	32
Windsor, Ontario	20	0	2	26	0	0	48
Winnipeg, Manitoba	128	0	0	0	206	5	339

Table 9
Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative, January to December 2011

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
	number of dwelling units						
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	258	0	0	97	165	14	534
Barrie, Ontario	390	0	0	59	238	9	696
Brantford, Ontario	231	0	6	139	66	43	485
Calgary, Alberta	5,235	0	825	1,324	4,207	14	11,605
Edmonton, Alberta	5,055	1	1,370	693	2,904	386	10,409
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	347	2	14	0	287	8	658
Guelph, Ontario	269	0	54	210	59	56	648
Halifax, Nova Scotia	971	4	70	137	1,457	415	3,054
Hamilton, Ontario	1,258	0	50	718	1,067	44	3,137
Kelowna, British Columbia	428	0	2	74	91	78	673
Kingston, Ontario	514	3	26	84	242	26	895
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	1,194	0	31	273	1,688	210	3,396
London, Ontario	1,056	0	24	333	190	13	1,616
Moncton, New Brunswick	434	2	57	23	773	33	1,322
Montréal, Quebec	5,257	0	1,015	711	16,341	2,494	25,818
Oshawa, Ontario	1,363	0	121	385	279	12	2,160
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	2,954	3	764	2,577	2,890	393	9,581
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	2,183	0	349	2,292	1,569	96	6,489
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	771	3	415	285	1,321	297	3,092
Peterborough, Ontario	256	1	5	54	41	14	371
Québec, Quebec	1,383	4	749	166	3,070	595	5,967
Regina, Saskatchewan	956	0	13	128	819	9	1,925
Saguenay, Quebec	528	3	4	2	375	91	1,003
Saint John, New Brunswick	348	11	10	8	124	30	531
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	1,696	0	81	271	1,075	52	3,175
Sherbrooke, Quebec	693	0	168	85	740	82	1,768
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	670	0	47	267	120	146	1,250
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	1,229	0	13	86	655	48	2,031
Thunder Bay, Ontario	199	2	6	17	195	24	443
Toronto, Ontario	10,838	0	1,737	4,297	15,449	469	32,790
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	361	0	171	0	595	34	1,161
Vancouver, British Columbia	3,864	0	201	2,403	10,150	749	17,367
Victoria, British Columbia	613	0	55	168	708	124	1,668
Windsor, Ontario	468	0	80	103	37	5	693
Winnipeg, Manitoba	2,324	0	12	330	1,292	243	4,201

Table 10

Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2011

	Value of construction				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
thousands of dollars					
Canada					
November ^r	3,776,532	476,752	1,165,269	697,257	6,115,810
December ^p	3,444,696	334,052	1,486,084	388,575	5,653,407
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	44,505,102	5,160,838	16,082,950	7,895,261	73,644,151
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	43,471,303	5,130,952	15,359,383	8,483,829	72,445,467
Newfoundland and Labrador					
November ^r	63,719	1,560	10,214	630	76,123
December ^p	29,879	294	7,310	2,621	40,104
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	718,749	21,124	215,388	52,857	1,008,118
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	704,667	136,296	175,544	188,670	1,205,177
Prince Edward Island					
November ^r	9,621	4,167	6,019	731	20,538
December ^p	10,246	292	6,660	45	17,243
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	131,878	23,365	63,849	22,756	241,848
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	144,789	13,989	47,386	53,737	259,901
Nova Scotia					
November ^r	85,231	11,849	22,177	2,459	121,716
December ^p	59,304	4,614	54,331	710	118,959
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	925,247	51,586	405,812	70,611	1,453,256
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	955,779	69,444	312,848	295,708	1,633,779
New Brunswick					
November ^r	39,798	2,902	11,534	11,939	66,173
December ^p	18,916	2,333	20,687	3,409	45,345
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	548,781	42,142	221,864	146,425	959,212
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	570,763	57,409	234,909	270,211	1,133,292
Quebec					
November ^r	809,658	77,238	264,180	93,118	1,244,194
December ^p	542,025	98,612	159,823	87,889	888,349
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	10,141,177	963,390	3,255,808	1,058,046	15,418,421
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	9,846,251	890,420	2,758,545	1,347,129	14,842,345
Ontario					
November ^r	1,341,262	207,715	403,255	301,115	2,253,347
December ^p	1,742,075	153,270	427,456	157,775	2,480,576
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	16,152,163	1,971,214	5,178,917	4,598,741	27,901,035
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	15,480,054	2,238,942	6,249,714	4,169,911	28,138,621
Manitoba					
November ^r	90,238	4,058	41,884	56,728	192,908
December ^p	72,139	844	27,389	7,688	108,060
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,211,326	100,565	367,796	183,716	1,863,403
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,163,826	112,784	325,558	155,210	1,757,378
Saskatchewan					
November ^r	124,913	6,650	67,804	48,379	247,746
December ^p	88,889	4,262	25,872	18,811	137,834
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	1,425,305	129,517	737,296	309,969	2,602,087
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	1,145,212	131,072	579,024	221,692	2,077,000
Alberta					
November ^r	602,452	119,468	216,915	45,626	984,461
December ^p	488,413	41,814	541,551	64,035	1,135,813
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	6,998,605	1,476,795	3,629,752	611,703	12,716,855
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	6,663,370	1,214,436	2,796,881	750,724	11,425,411
British Columbia					
November ^r	596,849	41,057	119,818	136,082	893,806
December ^p	390,674	26,477	213,475	45,548	676,174
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	6,119,271	356,290	1,971,827	806,744	9,254,132
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	6,705,888	241,608	1,786,992	989,321	9,723,809

Table 10 – continued

Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2011

	Value of construction				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
thousands of dollars					
Yukon					
November ^r	1,546	73	730	450	2,799
December ^p	1,441	1,240	1,415	44	4,140
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	63,240	23,635	22,332	31,697	140,904
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	49,205	16,121	48,600	16,056	129,982
Northwest Territories					
November ^r	1,245	0	589	0	1,834
December ^p	695	0	115	0	810
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	10,156	816	7,148	105	18,225
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	20,332	5,707	22,962	25,410	74,411
Nunavut					
November ^r	10,000	15	150	0	10,165
December ^p	0	0	0	0	0
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2011	59,204	399	5,161	1,891	66,655
Cumulative Jan. to Dec. 2010	21,167	2,724	20,420	50	44,361

Table 11

Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, December 2011

	Value of construction				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
thousands of dollars					
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	3,592	335	246	0	4,173
Barrie, Ontario	66,153	1,213	12,599	12,065	92,030
Brantford, Ontario	4,901	1,363	343	24	6,631
Calgary, Alberta	210,944	12,562	368,213	21,675	613,394
Edmonton, Alberta	192,527	9,010	90,398	9,904	301,839
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	38,663	4,988	4,217	392	48,260
Guelph, Ontario	9,551	0	27	0	9,578
Halifax, Nova Scotia	41,936	4,000	39,305	101	85,342
Hamilton, Ontario	57,209	400	12,781	1,476	71,866
Kelowna, British Columbia	14,074	1,850	4,211	1,051	21,186
Kingston, Ontario	12,482	435	701	18,810	32,428
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	107,594	42,407	25,386	1,749	177,136
London, Ontario	28,572	2,387	74,289	529	105,777
Moncton, New Brunswick	9,115	894	6,175	1,209	17,393
Montréal, Quebec	315,352	31,414	83,086	56,946	486,798
Oshawa, Ontario	88,160	0	10,703	2,460	101,323
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	83,873	2,943	25,600	3,455	115,871
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	62,158	1,518	23,534	3,150	90,360
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	21,715	1,425	2,066	305	25,511
Peterborough, Ontario	10,329	119	762	5,105	16,315
Québec, Quebec	54,530	22,580	35,961	7,278	120,349
Regina, Saskatchewan	38,913	1,335	2,539	6,000	48,787
Saguenay, Quebec	8,854	1,769	1,654	250	12,527
Saint John, New Brunswick	3,130	6	1,357	379	4,872
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	37,081	1,765	11,958	12,801	63,605
Sherbrooke, Quebec	9,078	4,988	2,026	1,088	17,180
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	12,712	1,136	2,316	263	16,427
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	24,418	172	3,887	1,070	29,547
Thunder Bay, Ontario	1,289	1,838	612	0	3,739
Toronto, Ontario	1,096,530	70,802	212,828	88,896	1,469,056
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	15,747	9,460	1,352	795	27,354
Vancouver, British Columbia	291,192	8,817	174,218	43,194	517,421
Victoria, British Columbia	15,361	5,358	5,798	10	26,527
Windsor, Ontario	8,248	981	1,396	2,256	12,881
Winnipeg, Manitoba	60,121	68	22,111	5,348	87,648

Table 12

Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative, January to December 2011

	Value of construction				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
thousands of dollars					
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	90,442	15,757	144,930	12,174	263,303
Barrie, Ontario	234,453	14,647	189,635	63,705	502,440
Brantford, Ontario	73,939	7,383	28,319	20,891	130,532
Calgary, Alberta	2,723,589	759,355	1,433,694	270,750	5,187,388
Edmonton, Alberta	2,639,931	149,079	1,063,135	169,139	4,021,284
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	163,609	38,771	52,804	46,727	301,911
Guelph, Ontario	132,359	15,971	42,819	43,294	234,443
Halifax, Nova Scotia	520,558	21,278	206,376	45,286	793,498
Hamilton, Ontario	755,014	49,592	224,907	194,672	1,224,185
Kelowna, British Columbia	215,382	20,653	68,383	42,652	347,070
Kingston, Ontario	162,266	7,317	75,708	58,304	303,595
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	735,813	268,967	208,904	294,476	1,508,160
London, Ontario	447,861	79,363	212,533	654,819	1,394,576
Moncton, New Brunswick	180,241	7,536	80,229	52,082	320,088
Montréal, Quebec	4,917,722	312,917	1,969,244	569,417	7,769,300
Oshawa, Ontario	628,703	54,830	134,336	51,965	869,834
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	1,494,726	34,519	666,994	227,578	2,423,817
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	1,065,862	21,926	561,064	194,393	1,843,245
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	428,864	12,593	105,930	33,185	580,572
Peterborough, Ontario	100,966	16,925	34,768	9,967	162,626
Québec, Quebec	1,096,274	93,952	422,325	74,830	1,687,381
Regina, Saskatchewan	347,053	23,568	200,136	76,338	647,095
Saguenay, Quebec	202,089	34,463	41,065	32,477	310,094
Saint John, New Brunswick	87,627	5,009	32,197	21,540	146,373
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	698,103	51,859	279,706	113,815	1,143,483
Sherbrooke, Quebec	276,862	18,612	47,966	45,576	389,016
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	283,377	29,153	110,503	43,349	466,382
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	481,589	12,108	121,685	25,080	640,462
Thunder Bay, Ontario	79,873	25,583	39,524	11,287	156,267
Toronto, Ontario	8,472,682	769,655	2,563,910	2,381,267	14,187,514
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	220,990	49,106	37,251	16,501	323,848
Vancouver, British Columbia	4,010,830	135,674	1,199,332	421,863	5,767,699
Victoria, British Columbia	421,266	15,138	165,342	40,687	642,433
Windsor, Ontario	170,386	45,408	70,676	24,371	310,841
Winnipeg, Manitoba	778,952	27,171	254,291	123,063	1,183,477

Table 13

Value of the non-residential permits by type of building, provinces and territories, December 2011

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
thousands of dollars							
Total non-residential	2,208,711	10,225	6,997	59,655	26,429	346,324	738,501
Industrial	334,052	294	292	4,614	2,333	98,612	153,270
Factories, plants	186,533	0	250	0	1,105	82,643	82,988
Transportation, utilities	84,015	0	0	4,000	750	4,550	37,714
Mining and agriculture	18,365	0	0	0	0	4,045	12,555
Minor industrial projects, new and improvements ¹	45,139	294	42	614	478	7,374	20,013
Commercial	1,486,084	7,310	6,660	54,331	20,687	159,823	427,456
Trade and services	262,419	0	266	4,986	2,700	47,248	98,681
Warehouses	223,690	0	3,600	0	385	5,200	35,631
Service stations	18,110	400	0	0	600	548	3,110
Office buildings	516,571	5,054	1,920	20,683	2,807	53,870	101,927
Recreation	51,666	0	0	2,828	9,735	5,181	7,657
Hotels, restaurants	279,028	842	0	22,488	1,307	22,401	127,701
Laboratories	12,945	0	0	0	0	3,438	6,596
Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹	121,655	1,014	874	3,346	3,153	21,937	46,153
Institutional and governmental	388,575	2,621	45	710	3,409	87,889	157,775
Schools, education	203,103	0	0	435	2,294	48,957	79,455
Hospitals, medical	52,687	0	0	0	350	22,203	7,409
Welfare, home	71,647	0	0	0	350	6,371	39,613
Churches, religion	6,487	1,000	0	0	0	1,157	4,330
Government buildings	35,413	1,267	0	0	0	4,020	20,339
Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements ¹	19,238	354	45	275	415	5,181	6,629
	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
thousands of dollars							
Total non-residential	35,921	48,945	647,400	285,500	2,699	115	0
Industrial	844	4,262	41,814	26,477	1,240	0	0
Factories, plants	625	2,036	12,969	3,917	0	0	0
Transportation, utilities	0	0	20,640	15,284	1,077	0	0
Mining and agriculture	0	700	670	395	0	0	0
Minor industrial projects, new and improvements ¹	219	1,526	7,535	6,881	163	0	0
Commercial	27,389	25,872	541,551	213,475	1,415	115	0
Trade and services	3,240	3,205	44,438	56,441	1,214	0	0
Warehouses	5,914	8,527	137,154	27,279	0	0	0
Service stations	280	0	8,920	4,252	0	0	0
Office buildings	7,316	4,486	250,190	68,318	0	0	0
Recreation	2,850	798	4,124	18,493	0	0	0
Hotels, restaurants	3,550	5,595	75,900	19,244	0	0	0
Laboratories	1,111	0	1,550	250	0	0	0
Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹	3,128	3,261	19,275	19,198	201	115	0
Institutional and governmental	7,688	18,811	64,035	45,548	44	0	0
Schools, education	1,585	1,000	41,009	28,368	0	0	0
Hospitals, medical	2,160	0	6,150	14,415	0	0	0
Welfare, home	1,100	11,363	12,350	500	0	0	0
Churches, religion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Government buildings	1,750	6,000	2,037	0	0	0	0
Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements ¹	1,093	448	2,489	2,265	44	0	0

1. Refer to projects valued at less than \$250,000 for which the breakdown by type of building is not available.

Description – Monthly survey of building permits

The following information should be used to ensure a clear understanding of the basic concepts that define the data provided in this product, of the underlying methodology of the survey, and of key aspects of the data quality. This information will provide you with a better understanding of the strengths and limitations of the data, and of how they can be effectively used and analysed. The information may be of particular importance to you when making comparisons with data from other surveys or sources of information, and in drawing conclusions regarding change over time.

Data source and methodology

The purpose of the **Monthly Survey of Building Permits** issued by Canadian municipalities is to collect data on construction intentions. The results of this survey are used by C.M.H.C. (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) as a reference base for conducting a monthly survey of housing starts and completions in accordance with its mandate. The statistics on building permits are also essential for the computation of capital expenditures. Furthermore, since the issuance of a building permit is one of the first steps in the construction process, these statistics are widely used as a leading indicator of building activity.

General methodology: The Building Permits Survey covers all Canadian municipalities that issue permits. The number of Canadian municipalities currently surveyed approximately 2,400, representing all the provinces and territories. They account for 95% of the Canadian population. Participation in the survey is mandatory; the survey does not use a predetermined sample of municipalities. The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small, and their level of building activity have little impact on the total. In practice, all urban agglomerations are represented in the survey, as well as a fair percentage of rural municipalities. With certain exceptions, the minimum coverage corresponds to the municipalities already included in the Housing Starts and Completions C.M.H.C.'s Survey. Non-responding municipalities that issue permits are urged on a regular basis to respond to the Building Permit Survey. Therefore, the number of municipalities covered is increasing continually.

The survey is usually conducted by mail, although certain municipalities choose to respond by telephone. The municipal officer responsible for issuing permits is asked to fill out a form each month describing all major construction projects.

The municipalities forward a copy of their completed report to Statistics Canada Head Office and another copy to the local office of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (C.M.H.C.). To reduce their overhead, an increasing number of respondents are producing a computerized report. Only those municipalities that are late in reporting and that are included in the above-mentioned C.M.H.C. survey are subject to follow-up by telephone.

The reports received at Statistics Canada Head Office are verified, coded and processed.

Strict quality control procedures are applied to ensure that collection, coding and data processing are as accurate as possible. Checks are also performed on totals and the magnitude of data. Reports that fail to meet the quality standards are subject to verification and are corrected as required.

Imputations are required for each characteristic for which no report has been received. These are calculated automatically, subject to certain constraints, by applying to previously used values, the month-to-month and year-to-year changes in similar values of responding municipalities and the historical pattern of the missing municipalities. No estimation is done for lack of coverage, concealment or the underevaluation of permits issued. For this reason, the sampling error cannot be computed.

The monthly statistics are not corrected for cancelled or expired permits. According to the municipal officers, the proportion of cancelled and unused permits is below 5%.

Reference period: The reference period for data collection purposes is the calendar month. Reports from municipalities which are part of a census metropolitan area or a census agglomeration must be received within 20 days following the month of reference. The other municipalities have 30 days to produce their reports. Results are released between 35 and 40 days after the end of the reference month. Annual data for the preceding calendar year are released with the data for the January survey month.

Revisions: Two types of revisions can affect the results of the Building Permits Survey:

Revisions due to the correction of coding errors

These types of revisions are done on a monthly basis only to the data pertaining to the month preceding the reference period.

Revisions due to the addition of late reports

Late reports for the month preceding the reference period are incorporated into the survey results on a continuing basis. However, reports received after the two-month deadline following the reference month are introduced only at the end of the year. As a result, the data for the last twelve months are subject to revision.

Seasonal adjustment: Seasonal changes cause predictable fluctuations in the data. The data series disseminated includes both seasonally adjusted (i.e., excludes predictable annual influences) and the unadjusted data. Seasonally adjusted data for the total number of housing units as well as for the aggregate value of building permits are obtained indirectly, i.e., by adding their seasonally adjusted components. The total number of dwelling units is obtained by summing the seasonally adjusted data for single-family and multiple-use units; the total value of building permits is obtained by summing the following elements: single-family and multiple-family dwellings, industrial, commercial and institutional. Some series contain no apparent seasonality. In these cases, unadjusted values have been tabulated and aggregated to the adjusted values of the other series. At the end of the year, the chronological series adjusted for seasonality are revised to take into account the most recent seasonal fluctuations. Generally, these revisions apply only to the last three years in the series. The revised data are introduced into the CANSIM databank.

Concepts and variables measured

The statistical data presented in this product refers to the number of dwelling units authorized and the **value of building permits**. The value of the permits reported includes the following expenditures: materials, labour, profit and overhead. The cost of land is never included in the estimated value of the permit while acquisition costs (legal fees, surveying fees and accrued interest) may be included at times.

The classification used in this publication deals strictly with structures for which a building permit was issued. Permits are generally issued for the following: construction of new buildings, alterations, additions, renovations, etc. Minor repair jobs such as painting, tiling, roofing, etc., for which no permit is required, and engineering work (such as dams, roads, pipelines, etc.), which, by definition, is not a building, are not included in the building permit series. Estimates of such work may be obtained on Cansim, tables 029-0039 to 029-0040 for the «Capital expenditures by type of asset» and tables 029-0005 to 029-0024 and 032-0001 to 032-0002 for the «Private and Public Investment in Canada Intentions» (cat. no. 61-205-X).

The description given by the municipalities as to the type of building (box #6 of Section A on the form) and the type of work involved (box #7 of Section A on the form) forms the basis for classification. The classification of buildings into major groups and subgroups is based on the following: intended use in the case of new buildings; present or intended use of buildings to which improvements are to be made; present use of the existing structure where the proposed construction is intended to provide additional facilities; principal use of the structure where the proposed construction has more than one intended use; however, where the building contains dwellings, the value of the construction is divided between residential and non-residential use.

Building categories

This publication, uses the following classification for the **value of permits issued** for construction of new buildings or for improvements: residential, industrial, commercial, institutional and government.

Residential: Includes all buildings intended for private occupancy whether on a permanent basis or not. Dwellings are divided into the following types: single-family, mobile, cottage, semi-detached, row house and apartment building.

Industrial: Includes all buildings used for manufacturing and processing; transportation, communication and other utilities, and agriculture, forestry and mining.

Commercial: Includes all buildings used to house activities related to the tertiary sector, such as stores, warehouses, garages, office buildings, theatres, hotels, funeral parlours and beauty salons.

Institutional and Government: Includes expenditures made by the community, public and government for buildings and structures like schools, universities, hospitals, clinics, churches, homes for the aged.

The **number of dwelling units** indicates the number of self contained dwelling units created. This should not be confused with the number of structures. For example, an apartment building containing six dwellings will be shown as six dwelling units. When an existing structure is converted into additional housing units, the number of units added is included. This publication uses the following classification for dwelling units:

Single-family: Refers to dwellings commonly called "**single house**". It includes single dwellings that are completely isolated on all sides, including single dwellings linked to other dwellings below ground. Included are bungalows, split levels, two-storey single-family homes built by conventional methods or prefabricated.

Mobile homes: Refers to houses designed and constructed to be transported on their own chassis and for easy moving.

Cottage: Refers to dwellings that cannot be occupied year-round or on a permanent basis because the facilities required for comfort are inadequate.

Double or Semi-detached: Refers to dwellings in which each of the two dwellings are side by side and joined by a common wall or garage, but not attached to any other building and surrounded by open space.

Row Dwellings: Refers to a row of three or more dwellings attached to each other without dwellings above or below.

Apartment Building: Includes dwellings in a variety of buildings such as duplexes, semi-detached duplexes, triplexes, row duplexes, apartments as such and dwellings adjacent to non-residential structures.

Conversion: Refers to the number of dwellings added by conversion of existing structures.

Geographic classification

Geographic entities are classified according to Standard Geographical Classification (SGC) used by Statistics Canada. Each reporting entity is assigned a twelve-digit SGC code for identification according to the following geographic levels:

Province and territory (PR): There are ten provinces and three territories.

Economic region (ER): Refers to intraprovincial regions established by the Standards Division of Statistics Canada. There are seventy-six ERs.

Census division (CD): Refers to a group of census subdivisions established by provincial law. There are two hundred and eighty-eight CDs (data on this geographic group is available on request).

Census metropolitan area (CMA): Its delineation corresponds to the 2006 Census definition. The term CMA refers to the main labour market area of an urban area (the urbanized core) of at least 100,000 population, based on the Census population figures. The thirty-three CMAs are shown in this publication. Although the 2006 Census defines the Ottawa-Gatineau area as a single CMA, the area is shown in this publication as two separate entities since it is located in two different provinces.

Census agglomeration (CA): Refers to the smaller labour market area of an urbanized core of at least 10,000 population, as defined by the 2006 Census. There are one hundred and eleven CAs in Canada. When a CA overlaps the boundaries of two provinces, it is shown partly in each province. The Lloydminster agglomeration is an exception to this rule. It is treated as if it was totally located in Alberta.

Other municipalities of at least 10,000 population: Refers to municipalities not included in census agglomerations but with populations of at least 10,000 inhabitants. The distinction is made between these municipalities and CAs in order to permit comparison between the Building Permits Survey and the Housing Starts and Completions Survey which refers to this geographical concept.

Rural area: Refers to all geographic entities not included in a CMA or CA and not identified as an urban centre by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Census subdivision (CSD): Refers to the general term applying to municipalities, Indian reserves, Indian settlements and unorganized territories. However, since Indian reserves and settlements do not issue building permits, they are not included in this publication.

Non-standard geographic unit: The geographic units shown in this publication do not all satisfy the above definition of census subdivision. Some provincial or municipal administrations producing monthly reports do not correspond to the official geographic entities; they are nevertheless shown in this publication under the geographic entity used by these administrations. These so-called non-standard geographic units are few in number and are mostly concentrated in the Maritime provinces.

Territorial revisions

Territorial boundaries were established according to the 2006 Census definitions. Changes in boundaries, status or name of census subdivisions between censuses are introduced in this publication on a yearly basis. Changes affecting the other geographic units (CMAs, CAs, CDs and ERs) are introduced every five years, eighteen months following the census.

Data accuracy

Since the building permit data are extracted from municipal administrative documents, two types of response errors are possible: errors attributable to the permit applicant and errors in transcription by the responding municipality. However, experience has shown that transcription errors are not very common and the increasing number of municipalities producing computerized reports tends to reduce the frequency of this type of error. Errors attributable to an understatement of the cost of construction are more probable. Since permit fees are in most cases based on the value of the construction, this leads unquestionably to under-estimation of project values.

The other source of error are the processing error and the non-response error. In 2010, more than 99% of the municipalities covered by the survey sent their monthly Building Permits reports.

Comparability of data and related sources

Comparison of data must be done with reservation considering that the methods of issuing permits and the methods of estimating building values can differ from one municipality to another. Also, comparisons involving different periods must take into account the constant increase in the number of municipalities participating in the survey.

This publication contains only part of the data produced on building permits. However, you may order unpublished tables or address special requests, to the Current Investment Indicators Section (613-951-6321 or 1-800-579-8533). The series presented here is also available on CANSIM: Tables 026-0001 to 026-0008 and 026-0010.

Appendix I

Geographical abbreviations

C	Cité / City
CC	Chartered community
CÉ	Cité
CG	Community government
CM	County (municipality)
CN	Colonie de la couronne / Crown colony
COM	Community
CT	Canton (municipalité de)
CU	Cantons unis (municipalité de)
CY	City
DM	District municipality
HAM	Hamlet
ID	Improvement district
IGD	Indian government district
IM	Island municipality
IRI	Réserve indienne / Indian reserve
LGD	Local government district
LOT	Township and royalty
M	Municipalité / Municipality
MD	Municipal district
MÉ	Municipalité
MU	Municipality
NH	Northern hamlet
NL	Nisgaa land
NO	Non organisé / Unorganized
NV	Northern village
NVL	Nisgaa village
P	Paroisse (municipalité de) / Parish
PE	Paroisse (municipalité de)
RCR	Communauté rurale / Rural community
RDA	Regional district electoral area
RG	Region
RGM	Regional municipality
RM	Rural municipality
RV	Resort village
S-É	Établissement indien / Indian settlement
SA	Special area
SC	Subdivision municipalité de comté / Subdivision of county municipality
SÉ	Établissement / Settlement
SET	Settlement
SM	Specialized municipality
SNO	Subdivision non organisée / Subdivision of unorganized
SV	Summer village
T	Town

TC	Terres réservées aux Cris
TI	Terre inuite
TK	Terres réservées aux Naskapis
TL	Teslin land
TP	Township
TV	Ville / Town
V	Ville
VC	Village cri
VK	Village naskapi
VL	Village
VN	Village nordique