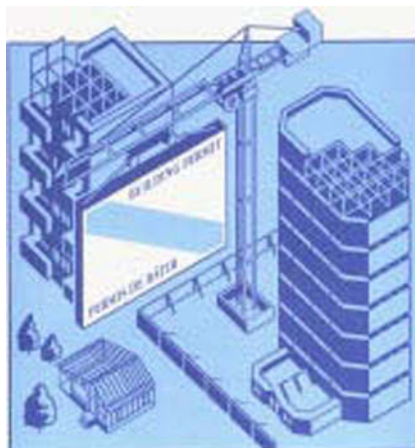




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C.M.A.	–	Census Metropolitan Area	RV	–	Resort Village
COM	–	Community	SA	–	Special Area
CR	–	County Remainder	S–E	–	Indian Settlement/Établissement indien
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Part I – Analysis

Highlights

January 2001

- Municipalities issued \$3.8 billion in building permits in January, the highest monthly figure on record and an increase of 21.5% from December. Vigorous construction intentions in both the residential and non-residential sectors fuelled the gain.
- Powered by strong demand for both single- and multi-family dwellings, builders took out \$2.0 billion worth of housing permits, up a substantial 22.0% from December. This was the best monthly performance since February 1990.
- Intentions in the non-residential sector followed a similar path, rising 20.9% from December to \$1.8 billion, the highest level in 11 years. This was almost exclusively the result of a substantial increase in permits for commercial projects.
- January 2001 saw a stronger start than did January 2000. The value of building permits was 17.9% higher than the construction intentions for the same month a year ago.
- At the regional level, the metropolitan areas of Montréal and Toronto pulled far ahead of other regions. In both areas, every component in the residential and non-residential sectors recorded gains from January 2000.

Monthly Review

Increases in both single- and multi-family components

- Building permits for single-family dwellings rose 16.2% to \$1.4 billion in January, following a 6.4% decline in December. Construction intentions for multi-family dwellings jumped 37.5% to \$608 million.
- These results are consistent with key indicators showing a strong housing market. In January, housing starts were up 20.1%, sales of existing homes surged and prices for new housing increased at a strong rate. As well, employment levels remained high.

- The outlook for the housing sector is positive for 2001. The latest release of Statistics Canada's Survey on Public and Private Investment showed investment in housing is expected to increase for a sixth straight year in 2001.
- At the provincial level, by far the largest January increase (in dollar terms) in the housing sector occurred in Ontario (+30.0% to \$988 million). The strong construction intentions for multi-family dwellings in the Toronto area drove this increase. Quebec also posted a notable gain (+32.2% to \$379 million). In both provinces, these levels were the highest in nine years.
- Nova Scotia was the only province to post a decline in residential building permits (-1.9% to \$34 million), the province's third monthly decrease in a row for housing intentions.
- The total value of residential permits was up 13.2% from January 2000, mainly because of intentions for multi-family dwellings. The provinces that posted the best start to the new year (in dollar terms) were Ontario (+15.0%) and Quebec (+37.6%).

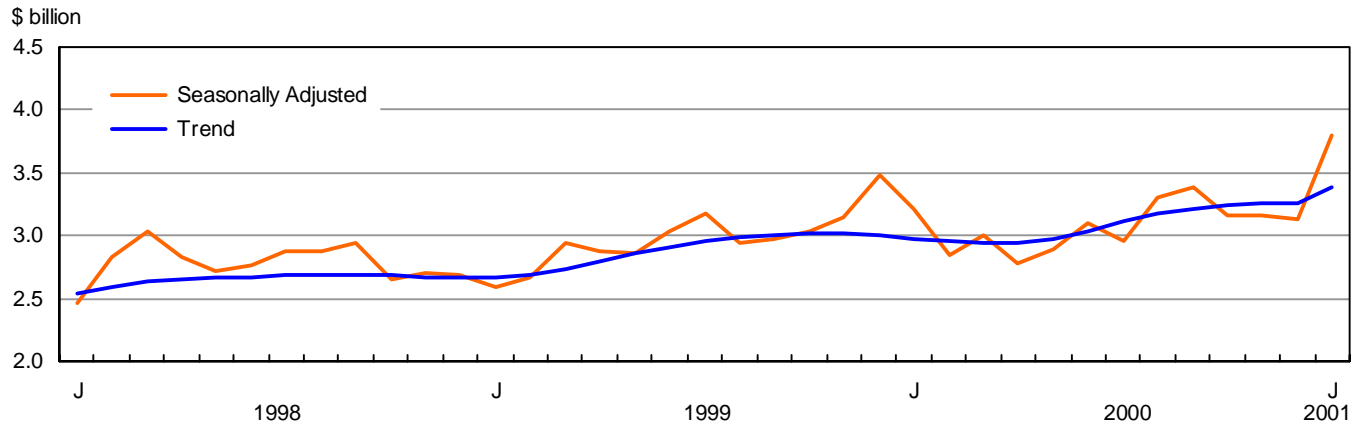
Best start ever for non-residential sector

- In January, \$1.8 billion in non-residential permits were issued, 23.5% more than in January 2000, and the best January results on record. All three components showed year-over-year increases, but the largest was posted by the industrial component (+76.1%). Among the provinces, Ontario (+65.4%) and Quebec (+112.9%) showed the best start.
- Despite a fourth consecutive quarterly decline in the Conference Board of Canada's Index of Business Confidence, the outlook for the non-residential sector remains positive. Corporate operating profits reached a record high in 2000, vacancy rates for office and commercial buildings shrank in many centres and high industrial capacity utilization rates led the non-residential sector to a strong start in 2001.
- Non-residential construction activity (excluding engineering) is also expected to grow in 2001, according to the Survey on Private and Public Investment.

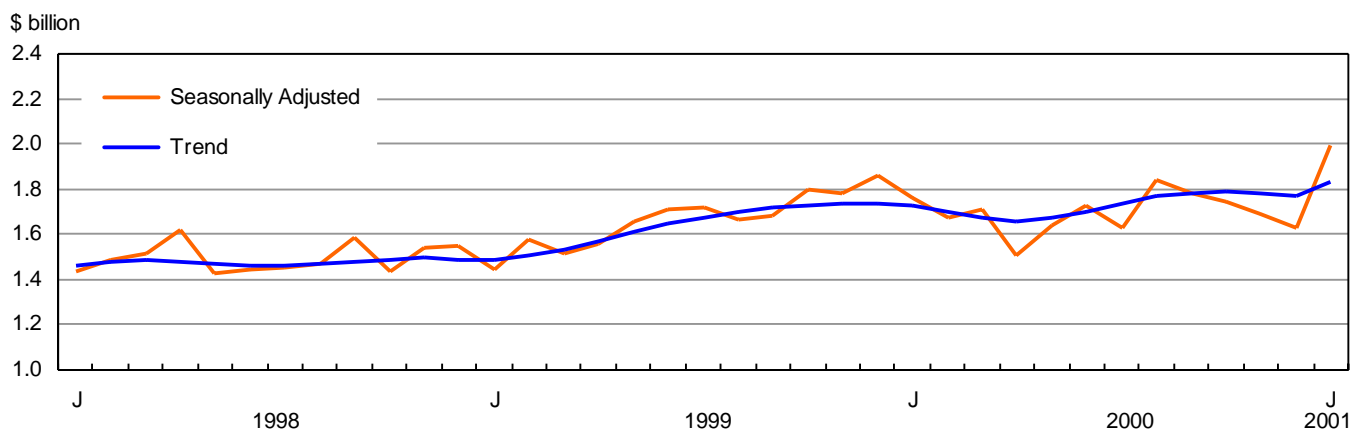
- On a monthly basis, increases in commercial construction intentions fuelled January's gain in non-residential permits. The value of commercial permits climbed 46.7% from December to \$1.0 billion; most of the gain was for offices and hotels. The largest increases in commercial permits were in Quebec (+154.0% to \$262 million) and Ontario (+48.9% to \$463 million).
- The industrial component increased 2.4% to \$416 million, largely the result of projects related to utilities. Quebec posted the most significant increase in this component; industrial projects there almost quintupled (+392.9% to \$161 million) from December.
- However, intentions in the institutional component declined 6.4% to \$362 million; education showed the greatest loss. Ontario had the largest decrease in the institutional component (-17.1% to \$209 million).
- Among the provinces, the outstanding results in the Montréal area led Quebec to the largest increase in the non-residential sector (+148.9% to \$486 million). Following a strong month in December, Ontario recorded the most significant decrease (-1.7% to \$854 million).

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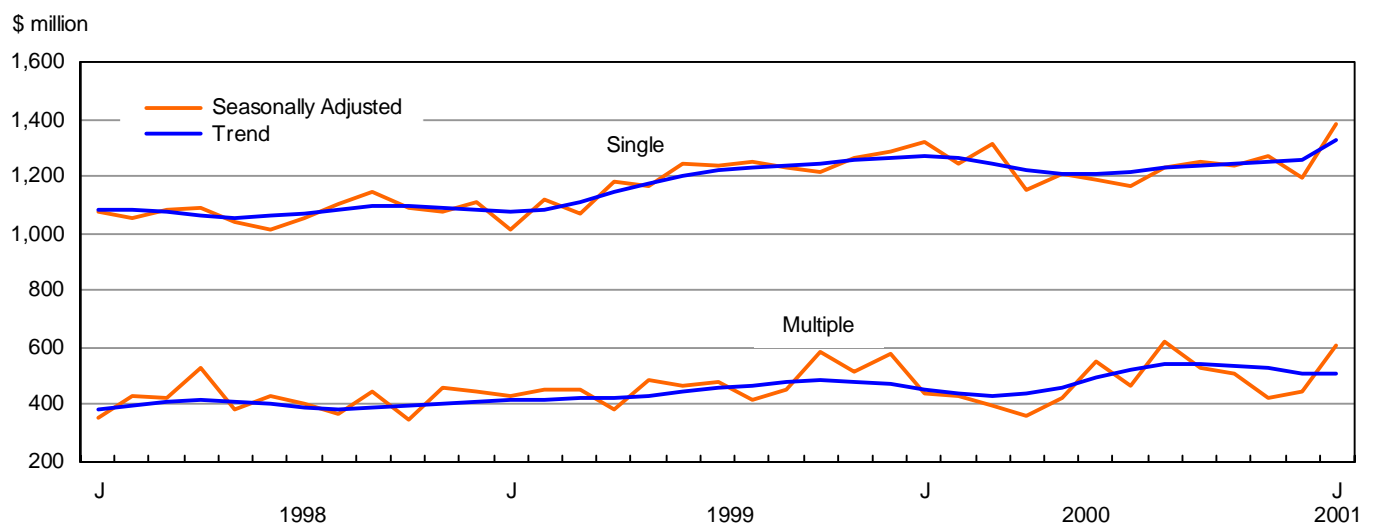
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Residential value - Total

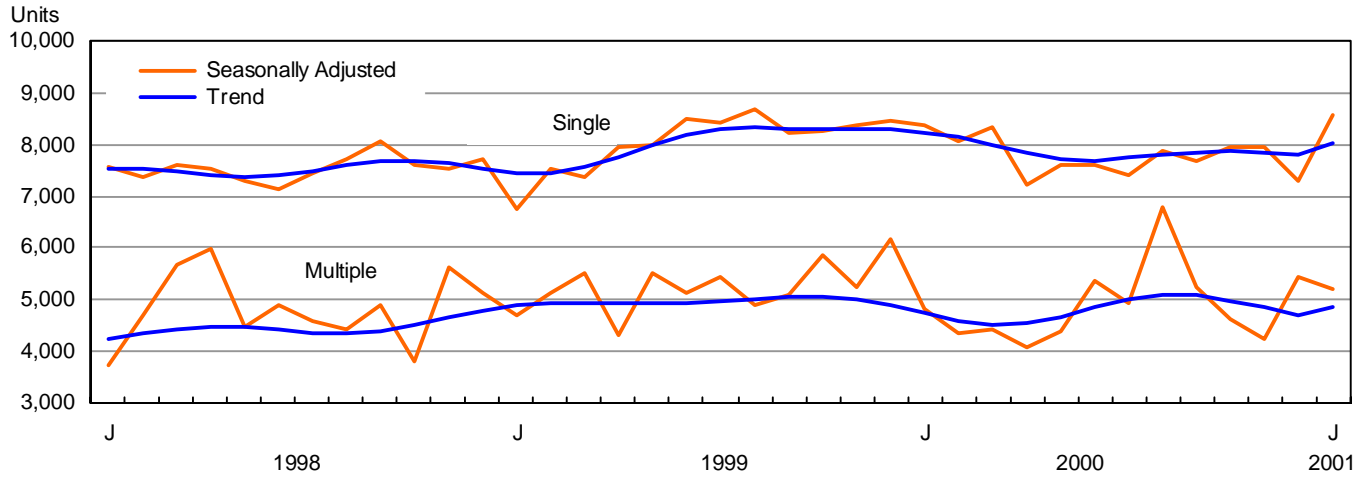


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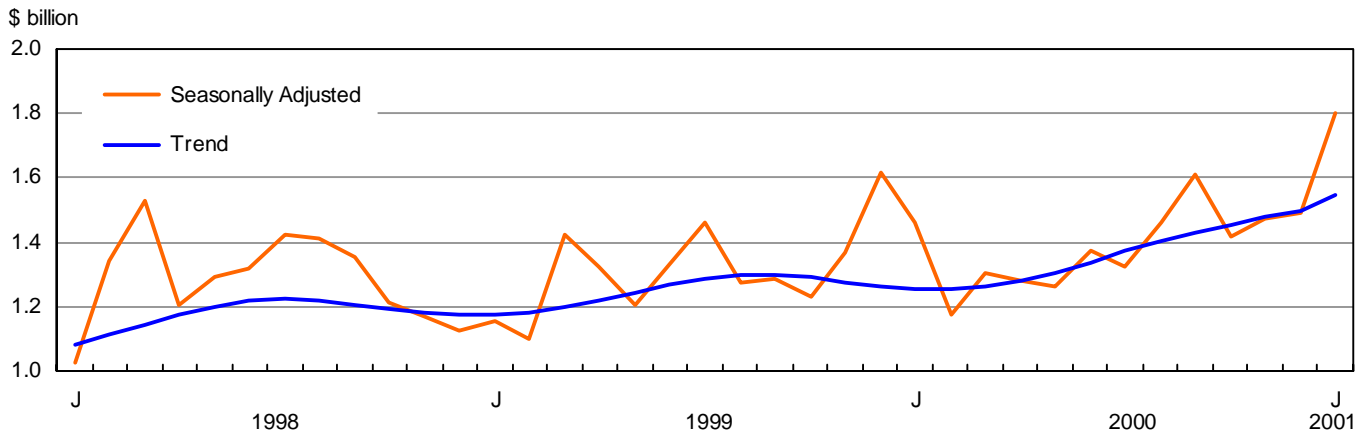


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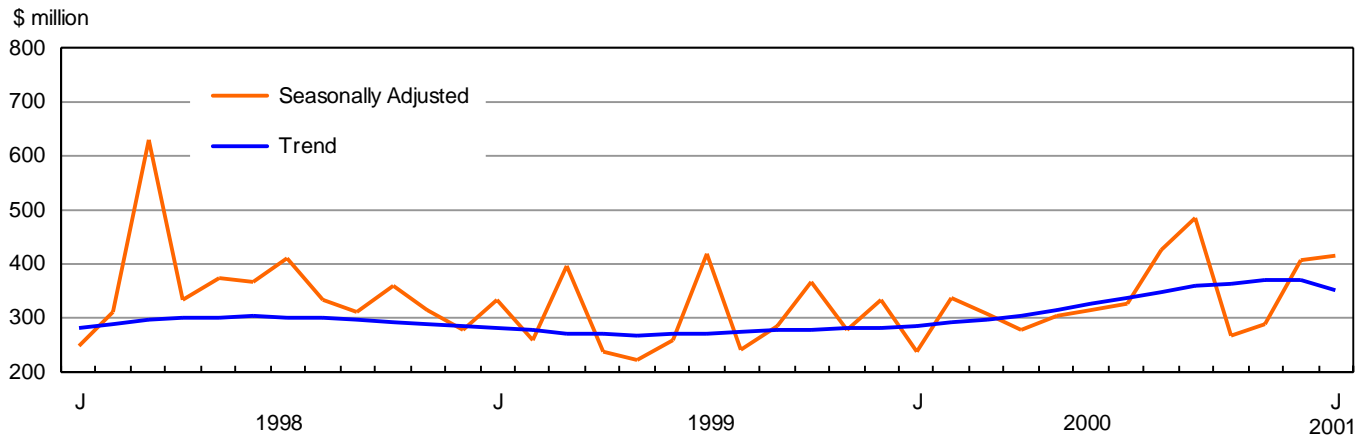
Number of dwelling units - single and multiple



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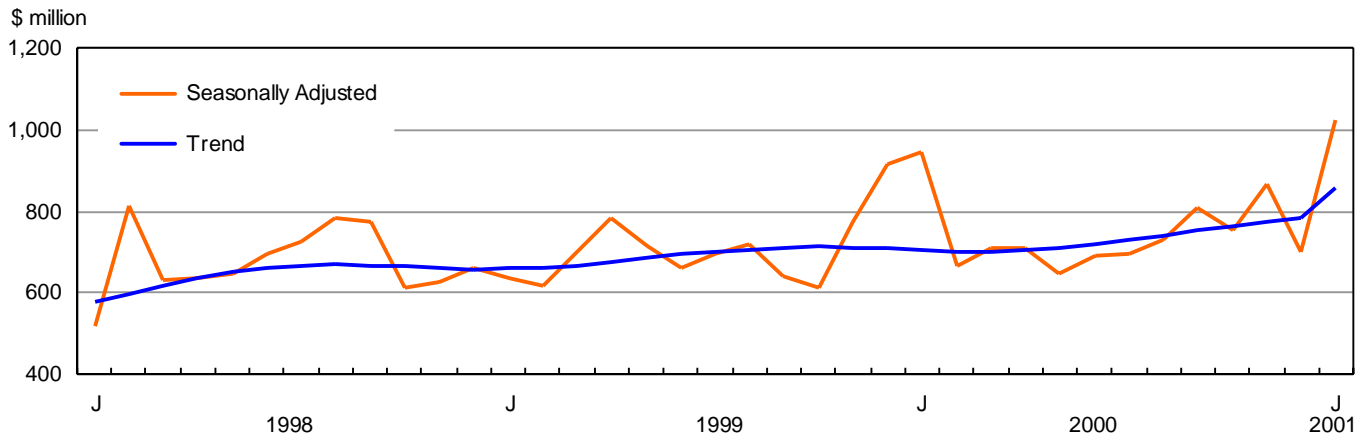


Industrial value

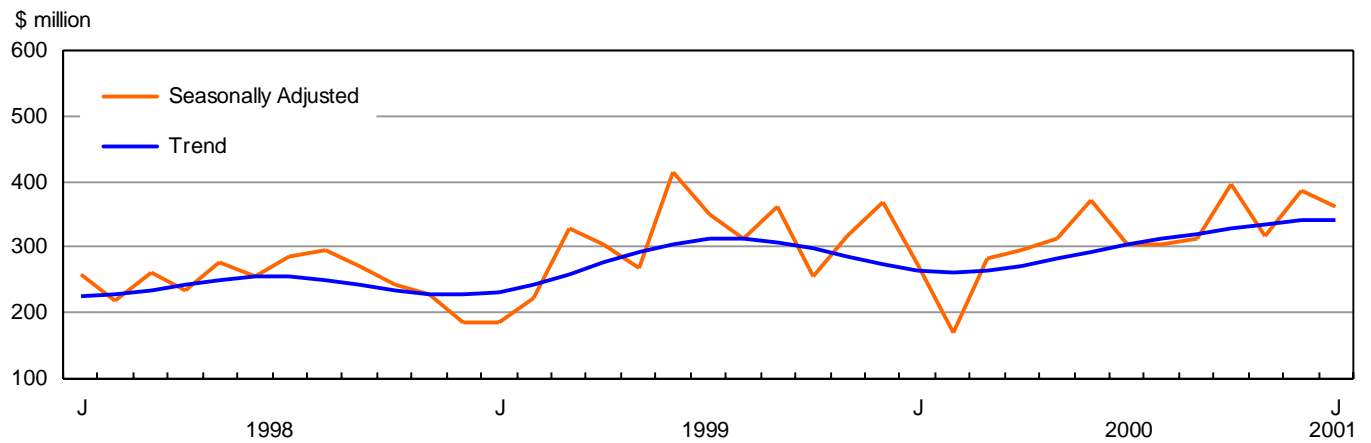


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Commercial value



Institutional and Governmental value



Part II – Tables (Seasonally Adjusted)

Table 1

Total Value of Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Seasonally Adjusted

Province/Territory	2001	2000	Jan. - Dec.	Dec. - Nov.	Nov. - Oct.	Oct. - Sept.	Sept. - Aug.	Aug. - Jul.
	January ^P	December ^R						
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	3,793,013	3,122,890	21.5	-1.4	0.2	-6.7	2.6	11.9
Newfoundland	23,536	20,865	12.8	-21.1	-36.6	72.0	33.8	-40.6
Prince Edward Island	11,321	5,619	101.5	-30.4	-14.6	-16.0	21.8	-15.6
Nova Scotia	55,752	59,965	-7.0	17.5	-34.5	56.4	-21.8	-26.5
New Brunswick	35,493	28,252	25.6	-37.7	1.2	17.0	-30.6	26.5
Québec	865,520	482,219	79.5	-24.0	24.1	-16.1	16.0	7.9
Ontario	1,841,538	1,628,593	13.1	4.4	1.3	-5.5	4.6	6.0
Manitoba	56,463	52,112	8.3	-20.7	2.8	-23.0	39.0	-28.3
Saskatchewan	74,609	31,450	137.2	6.8	-42.3	29.4	-27.1	21.1
Alberta	414,111	401,842	3.1	-10.4	-12.1	15.2	-11.3	71.8
British Columbia	409,578	409,885	-0.1	38.2	-0.4	-34.6	5.1	15.0
Yukon	3,813	2,028	88.0	28.4	-81.8	358.4	-90.1	177.5
Northwest Territories	1,129	60	1,781.7	-91.0	-81.5	105.2	-52.0	12.0
Nunavut	150	-	...	...	-100.0	-83.8	-72.1	-66.7

Table 2

Non-Residential Value of Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Seasonally Adjusted

Province/Territory	2001	2000	Jan. - Dec.	Dec. - Nov.	Nov. - Oct.	Oct. - Sept.	Sept. - Aug.	Aug. - Jul.
	January ^P	December ^R						
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	1,800,254	1,489,353	20.9	1.1	4.2	-12.1	10.2	10.3
Newfoundland	4,014	10,395	-61.4	-5.5	-60.8	201.5	78.1	-66.8
Prince Edward Island	6,073	1,470	313.1	-51.0	-39.5	-27.9	96.2	-41.3
Nova Scotia	22,055	25,599	-13.8	68.2	-60.8	103.2	41.1	-57.1
New Brunswick	12,769	6,444	98.2	-73.3	20.8	8.3	-40.5	23.6
Québec	486,286	195,354	148.9	-45.5	48.8	-26.5	18.4	19.0
Ontario	853,949	868,886	-1.7	27.2	12.3	-17.7	21.3	-3.6
Manitoba	26,286	27,235	-3.5	-32.3	7.9	-26.0	60.8	-43.6
Saskatchewan	57,026	16,025	255.9	53.5	-66.9	38.4	-22.8	29.0
Alberta	171,657	171,866	-0.1	-14.9	-21.0	18.0	-14.9	119.8
British Columbia	159,018	164,801	-3.5	32.2	-9.3	-29.6	8.1	11.3
Yukon	473	1,235	-61.7	76.2	-90.6	812.2	-95.4	199.8
Northwest Territories	648	43	1,407.0	-91.7	-82.4	465.5	-62.0	35.4
Nunavut	-	-	...	...	-100.0	2,050.0	-99.7	-79.8

Table 3**Residential Value of Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Seasonally Adjusted**

Province/Territory	2001	2000	Jan. - Dec.	Dec. - Nov.	Nov. - Oct.	Oct. - Sept.	Sept. - Aug.	Aug. - Jul.
	January ^P	December ^R						
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	1,992,759	1,633,537	22.0	-3.6	-3.0	-1.9	-3.5	13.2
Newfoundland	19,522	10,470	86.5	-32.3	13.2	-8.7	15.9	-12.6
Prince Edward Island	5,248	4,149	26.5	-18.2	13.1	2.7	-23.7	15.3
Nova Scotia	33,697	34,366	-1.9	-4.1	-8.2	27.3	-38.9	-8.9
New Brunswick	22,724	21,808	4.2	2.9	-14.7	25.2	-17.9	30.4
Québec	379,234	286,865	32.2	3.9	2.1	-3.9	13.4	-2.2
Ontario	987,589	759,707	30.0	-13.3	-5.9	4.6	-6.2	13.2
Manitoba	30,177	24,877	21.3	-2.5	-4.4	-18.4	14.9	2.2
Saskatchewan	17,583	15,425	14.0	-18.9	-2.7	17.2	-32.4	12.8
Alberta	242,454	229,976	5.4	-6.7	-3.2	12.6	-7.5	39.9
British Columbia	250,560	245,084	2.2	42.5	7.3	-38.3	3.0	17.7
Yukon	3,340	793	321.2	-9.8	-25.8	10.6	-12.1	32.5
Northwest Territories	481	17	2,729.4	-88.6	-77.4	-46.7	-46.0	1.5
Nunavut	150	-	...	...	-100.0	-96.8	-45.4	-10.9

Table 4**Number of Dwelling Units Authorized, Provinces and Territories, Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rate**

Province/Territory	2001	2000	Jan. - Dec.	Dec. - Nov.	Nov. - Oct.	Oct. - Sept.	Sept. - Aug.	Aug. - Jul.
	January ^P	December ^R						
	units		percentage change					
Canada	165,216	152,700	8.2	4.2	-2.9	-2.6	-11.9	18.4
Newfoundland	1,920	948	102.5	-42.8	12.2	-1.6	23.8	-11.4
Prince Edward Island	840	420	100.0	-39.7	38.1	-2.3	-15.7	15.9
Nova Scotia	2,976	3,528	-15.6	-22.0	12.9	36.3	-48.5	-26.7
New Brunswick	2,796	2,712	3.1	16.5	-14.2	22.8	-39.5	53.5
Québec	32,004	25,512	25.4	-0.6	2.4	-10.9	12.8	-3.5
Ontario	72,624	66,360	9.4	-3.9	-6.8	8.4	-16.9	14.6
Manitoba	2,688	2,064	30.2	-9.9	-2.1	-30.6	33.8	-1.9
Saskatchewan	1,884	1,464	28.7	-35.1	-1.1	30.1	-50.0	28.1
Alberta	32,520	26,568	22.4	-0.7	0.1	15.1	-16.9	56.0
British Columbia	14,628	23,076	-36.6	105.0	-2.8	-48.8	-2.2	51.9
Yukon	324	48	575.0	-60.0	25.0	-	-11.1	50.0
Northwest Territories	-	-	...	...	-100.0	-44.4	-18.2	83.3
Nunavut	12	-	...	...	...	-100.0	-47.1	-26.1

Table 5

Dwelling Units, Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Seasonally Adjusted

Month	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential				Total
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
	units			thousands of dollars					
Canada									
December ^R	7,298	5,427	12,725	1,633,537	405,968	697,219	386,166	1,489,353	3,122,890
January ^P	8,573	5,195	13,768	1,992,759	415,574	1,023,101	361,579	1,800,254	3,793,013
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	8,573	5,195	13,768	1,992,759	415,574	1,023,101	361,579	1,800,254	3,793,013
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	8,392	4,828	13,220	1,760,089	235,934	947,222	274,356	1,457,512	3,217,601
Newfoundland									
December ^R	69	10	79	10,470	45	6,156	4,194	10,395	20,865
January ^P	144	16	160	19,522	1	3,958	55	4,014	23,536
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	144	16	160	19,522	1	3,958	55	4,014	23,536
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	107	8	115	15,357	285	4,618	600	5,503	20,860
Prince Edward Island									
December ^R	35	-	35	4,149	607	833	30	1,470	5,619
January ^P	70	-	70	5,248	40	5,623	410	6,073	11,321
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	70	-	70	5,248	40	5,623	410	6,073	11,321
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	39	10	49	5,053	52	1,080	652	1,784	6,837
Nova Scotia									
December ^R	226	68	294	34,366	4,737	18,994	1,868	25,599	59,965
January ^P	231	17	248	33,697	3,517	16,540	1,998	22,055	55,752
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	231	17	248	33,697	3,517	16,540	1,998	22,055	55,752
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	251	193	444	43,001	1,033	9,872	1,232	12,137	55,138
New Brunswick									
December ^R	126	100	226	21,808	1,088	4,385	971	6,444	28,252
January ^P	208	25	233	22,724	3,114	7,506	2,149	12,769	35,493
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	208	25	233	22,724	3,114	7,506	2,149	12,769	35,493
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	272	21	293	28,458	3,877	3,228	1,348	8,453	36,911
Québec									
December ^R	1,090	1,036	2,126	286,865	32,579	103,265	59,510	195,354	482,219
January ^P	1,512	1,155	2,667	379,234	160,594	262,315	63,377	486,286	865,520
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	1,512	1,155	2,667	379,234	160,594	262,315	63,377	486,286	865,520
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	1,382	761	2,143	275,713	75,054	126,361	26,985	228,400	504,113
Ontario									
December ^R	3,586	1,944	5,530	759,707	306,250	311,107	251,529	868,886	1,628,593
January ^P	3,767	2,285	6,052	987,589	182,066	463,362	208,521	853,949	1,841,538
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	3,767	2,285	6,052	987,589	182,066	463,362	208,521	853,949	1,841,538
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	3,690	1,861	5,551	859,019	92,598	321,181	102,541	516,320	1,375,339
Manitoba									
December ^R	172	-	172	24,877	2,137	21,256	3,842	27,235	52,112
January ^P	206	18	224	30,177	3,490	20,308	2,488	26,286	56,463
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	206	18	224	30,177	3,490	20,308	2,488	26,286	56,463
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	215	17	232	35,210	4,392	45,913	6,054	56,359	91,569
Saskatchewan									
December ^R	75	47	122	15,425	1,673	11,411	2,941	16,025	31,450
January ^P	149	8	157	17,583	13,575	24,341	19,110	57,026	74,609
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	149	8	157	17,583	13,575	24,341	19,110	57,026	74,609
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	164	15	179	23,774	5,152	22,492	19,066	46,710	70,484

Table 5

Dwelling Units, Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Seasonally Adjusted – Concluded

Month	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					
Alberta									
December ^R	1,307	907	2,214	229,976	24,266	115,850	31,750	171,866	401,842
January ^P	1,586	1,124	2,710	242,454	33,193	115,443	23,021	171,657	414,111
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	1,586	1,124	2,710	242,454	33,193	115,443	23,021	171,657	414,111
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	1,592	1,137	2,729	273,877	25,961	122,731	67,971	216,663	490,540
British Columbia									
December ^R	608	1,315	1,923	245,084	32,586	102,774	29,441	164,801	409,885
January ^P	672	547	1,219	250,560	15,634	102,944	40,440	159,018	409,578
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	672	547	1,219	250,560	15,634	102,944	40,440	159,018	409,578
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	671	781	1,452	196,443	27,472	287,256	47,510	362,238	558,681
Yukon									
December ^R	4	-	4	793	-	1,145	90	1,235	2,028
January ^P	27	-	27	3,340	16	447	10	473	3,813
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	27	-	27	3,340	16	447	10	473	3,813
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	9	-	9	1,553	58	52	397	507	2,060
Northwest Territories									
December ^R	-	-	-	17	-	43	-	43	60
January ^P	-	-	-	481	334	314	-	648	1,129
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	-	-	-	481	334	314	-	648	1,129
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	-	4	4	151	-	938	-	938	1,089
Nunavut									
December ^R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January ^P	1	-	1	150	-	-	-	-	150
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	1	-	1	150	-	-	-	-	150
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	-	20	20	2,480	-	1,500	-	1,500	3,980

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

Month	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					
Calgary									
December ^R	528	353	881	107,943	378	53,803	4,304	58,485	166,428
January ^P	620	180	800	103,683	4,550	47,676	2,549	54,775	158,458
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	620	180	800	103,683	4,550	47,676	2,549	54,775	158,458
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	696	304	1,000	128,005	1,671	61,831	60,030	123,532	251,537
Chicoutimi-Jonquière									
December ^R	13	7	20	2,992	30	1,559	83	1,672	4,664
January ^P	4	9	13	1,991	1,724	1,829	518	4,071	6,062
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	4	9	13	1,991	1,724	1,829	518	4,071	6,062
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	22	30	52	5,058	15,281	780	186	16,247	21,305
Edmonton									
December ^R	327	276	603	52,834	8,158	38,371	5,446	51,975	104,809
January ^P	342	66	408	43,136	10,028	36,517	10,072	56,617	99,753
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	342	66	408	43,136	10,028	36,517	10,072	56,617	99,753
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	360	410	770	59,406	10,088	28,705	3,399	42,192	101,598
Halifax									
December ^R	99	51	150	16,240	-	14,399	-	14,399	30,639
January ^P	127	9	136	17,653	155	3,349	82	3,586	21,239
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	127	9	136	17,653	155	3,349	82	3,586	21,239
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	123	154	277	23,589	15	5,158	747	5,920	29,509
Hamilton									
December ^R	149	110	259	32,054	19,477	3,587	26,392	49,456	81,510
January ^P	160	165	325	43,899	3,638	21,126	34,378	59,142	103,041
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	160	165	325	43,899	3,638	21,126	34,378	59,142	103,041
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	122	117	239	37,746	4,598	5,363	5,043	15,004	52,750
Hull									
December ^R	59	27	86	11,501	133	2,316	82	2,531	14,032
January ^P	98	13	111	14,800	-	8,184	2,657	10,841	25,641
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	98	13	111	14,800	-	8,184	2,657	10,841	25,641
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	32	32	64	7,095	3	2,079	952	3,034	10,129
Kitchener									
December ^R	193	29	222	31,285	3,723	11,010	21,766	36,499	67,784
January ^P	164	44	208	30,730	3,545	18,729	2,323	24,597	55,327
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	164	44	208	30,730	3,545	18,729	2,323	24,597	55,327
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	169	359	528	46,882	13,121	11,231	5,748	30,100	76,982
London									
December ^R	76	7	83	12,016	304	8,476	7,495	16,275	28,291
January ^P	82	2	84	12,359	539	25,464	19,274	45,277	57,636
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	82	2	84	12,359	539	25,464	19,274	45,277	57,636
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	105	145	250	28,476	1,977	6,498	2,961	11,436	39,912
Montréal									
December ^R	633	753	1,386	176,583	14,502	36,613	45,991	97,106	273,689
January ^P	793	815	1,608	224,293	103,196	200,032	45,598	348,826	573,119
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	793	815	1,608	224,293	103,196	200,032	45,598	348,826	573,119
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	750	468	1,218	156,798	32,965	79,572	19,095	131,632	288,430

Table 6

Dwelling Units, Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Census Metropolitan Areas, Seasonally Adjusted – Continued

Month	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					
Oshawa									
December ^R	184	41	225	30,563	544	3,971	1,946	6,461	37,024
January ^P	73	17	90	13,043	3,663	4,559	1,142	9,364	22,407
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	73	17	90	13,043	3,663	4,559	1,142	9,364	22,407
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	192	15	207	30,321	515	11,097	1,142	12,754	43,075
Ottawa									
December ^R	327	399	726	73,451	787	55,534	8,416	64,737	138,188
January ^P	258	213	471	70,415	2,701	65,079	5,197	72,977	143,392
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	258	213	471	70,415	2,701	65,079	5,197	72,977	143,392
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	148	78	226	36,071	790	26,479	10,152	37,421	73,492
Québec									
December ^R	99	9	108	14,701	452	24,058	4,066	28,576	43,277
January ^P	98	199	297	47,125	2,736	15,784	4,033	22,553	69,678
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	98	199	297	47,125	2,736	15,784	4,033	22,553	69,678
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	64	76	140	17,964	879	8,014	3,575	12,468	30,432
Regina									
December ^R	29	-	29	3,395	774	4,524	76	5,374	8,769
January ^P	45	-	45	4,599	450	8,070	14,572	23,092	27,691
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	45	-	45	4,599	450	8,070	14,572	23,092	27,691
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	40	-	40	4,877	2	2,882	996	3,880	8,757
Saint John									
December ^R	24	2	26	2,805	-	352	383	735	3,540
January ^P	17	2	19	2,610	352	1,878	148	2,378	4,988
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	17	2	19	2,610	352	1,878	148	2,378	4,988
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	22	-	22	3,629	343	646	247	1,236	4,865
Saskatoon									
December ^R	31	24	55	5,612	634	5,470	6	6,110	11,722
January ^P	54	8	62	6,492	12,868	7,753	475	21,096	27,588
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	54	8	62	6,492	12,868	7,753	475	21,096	27,588
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	59	10	69	9,076	4,859	8,149	14,222	27,230	36,306
Sherbrooke									
December ^R	11	6	17	2,372	46	2,726	2,788	5,560	7,932
January ^P	25	15	40	4,962	740	1,798	192	2,730	7,692
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	25	15	40	4,962	740	1,798	192	2,730	7,692
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	26	18	44	4,631	266	617	199	1,082	5,713
St. Catharines-Niagara									
December ^R	117	9	126	13,821	1,977	8,357	46,799	57,133	70,954
January ^P	54	16	70	10,984	2,608	14,988	3,682	21,278	32,262
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	54	16	70	10,984	2,608	14,988	3,682	21,278	32,262
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	122	26	148	17,377	4,029	11,888	339	16,256	33,633
St. John's									
December ^R	34	10	44	5,525	30	1,536	4,194	5,760	11,285
January ^P	87	16	103	11,297	1	2,513	29	2,543	13,840
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	87	16	103	11,297	1	2,513	29	2,543	13,840
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	78	8	86	12,189	285	2,296	300	2,881	15,070

Table 6

Dwelling Units, Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Census Metropolitan Areas, Seasonally Adjusted – Concluded

Month	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					
Sudbury									
December ^R	9	-	9	2,084	1,557	1,000	13,499	16,056	18,140
January ^P	4	-	4	986	118	2,436	527	3,081	4,067
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	4	-	4	986	118	2,436	527	3,081	4,067
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	6	-	6	496	50	580	148	778	1,274
Thunder Bay									
December ^R	3	6	9	1,055	-	1,507	6,203	7,710	8,765
January ^P	4	-	4	958	230	6,289	1,241	7,760	8,718
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	4	-	4	958	230	6,289	1,241	7,760	8,718
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	6	10	16	2,509	869	5,801	604	7,274	9,783
Toronto									
December ^R	1,553	963	2,516	380,065	198,022	183,332	84,358	465,712	845,777
January ^P	1,878	1,459	3,337	588,177	76,031	248,738	77,828	402,597	990,774
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	1,878	1,459	3,337	588,177	76,031	248,738	77,828	402,597	990,774
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	1,590	881	2,471	449,692	42,055	164,725	60,775	267,555	717,247
Trois-Rivières									
December ^R	8	14	22	2,505	149	884	13	1,046	3,551
January ^P	2	8	10	2,281	645	2,025	10	2,680	4,961
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	2	8	10	2,281	645	2,025	10	2,680	4,961
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	11	22	33	4,719	596	477	-	1,073	5,792
Vancouver									
December ^R	277	1,053	1,330	169,268	23,090	79,853	12,182	115,125	284,393
January ^P	263	238	501	142,894	8,758	67,004	16,381	92,143	235,037
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	263	238	501	142,894	8,758	67,004	16,381	92,143	235,037
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	249	668	917	121,670	12,053	246,370	32,898	291,321	412,991
Victoria									
December ^R	37	63	100	13,779	6,242	3,166	3,877	13,285	27,064
January ^P	79	6	85	15,322	1,735	8,940	6,942	17,617	32,939
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	79	6	85	15,322	1,735	8,940	6,942	17,617	32,939
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	64	5	69	11,225	650	7,764	604	9,018	20,243
Windsor									
December ^R	70	22	92	13,204	42,186	8,286	218	50,690	63,894
January ^P	86	17	103	16,691	1,753	12,343	12,709	26,805	43,496
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	86	17	103	16,691	1,753	12,343	12,709	26,805	43,496
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	155	42	197	28,989	2,089	5,914	8,713	16,716	45,705
Winnipeg									
December ^R	117	-	117	15,654	1,306	14,061	1,018	16,385	32,039
January ^P	102	15	117	15,109	2,259	16,843	516	19,618	34,727
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	102	15	117	15,109	2,259	16,843	516	19,618	34,727
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	100	11	111	19,113	3,708	24,389	5,978	34,075	53,188

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

Part III – Tables (Unadjusted)

Table 7
Dwelling Units, Provinces and Territories, Unadjusted

Month	Number of dwelling unit						Total dwellings
	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	
Canada							
December ^R	4,124	53	611	910	2,960	151	8,809
January ^P	4,538	15	912	1,063	1,585	342	8,455
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	4,538	15	912	1,063	1,585	342	8,455
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	4,112	12	442	899	2,600	129	8,194
Newfoundland							
December ^R	23	1	-	-	2	4	30
January ^P	23	-	8	-	-	2	33
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	23	-	8	-	-	2	33
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	18	-	4	-	-	-	22
Prince Edward Island							
December ^R	13	3	-	-	-	-	16
January ^P	13	4	-	-	-	-	17
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	13	4	-	-	-	-	17
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	7	2	1	-	-	-	10
Nova Scotia							
December ^R	95	8	-	-	58	1	162
January ^P	100	1	-	-	8	3	112
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	100	1	-	-	8	3	112
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	107	2	11	4	152	4	280
New Brunswick							
December ^R	39	2	2	-	40	4	87
January ^P	37	1	-	-	2	3	43
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	37	1	-	-	2	3	43
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	37	-	-	-	-	2	39
Quebec							
December ^R	510	2	63	12	1,054	40	1,681
January ^P	598	-	24	6	504	51	1,183
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	598	-	24	6	504	51	1,183
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	486	4	20	25	232	52	819
Ontario							
December ^R	2,074	35	461	630	441	71	3,712
January ^P	2,219	1	794	885	367	222	4,488
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	2,219	1	794	885	367	222	4,488
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	2,020	1	324	600	743	35	3,723
Manitoba							
December ^R	81	-	-	-	-	-	81
January ^P	71	1	-	-	18	-	90
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	71	1	-	-	18	-	90
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	74	-	-	-	15	2	91

Table 7

Dwelling Units, Provinces and Territories, Unadjusted – Concluded

Month	Number of dwelling unit							Total dwellings
	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions		
Saskatchewan								
December ^R	35	-	2	45	-	-	-	82
January ^P	51	-	-	8	-	-	-	59
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	51	-	-	8	-	-	-	59
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	46	-	10	5	-	-	-	61
Alberta								
December ^R	907	-	70	132	420	5	-	1,534
January ^P	983	5	60	107	377	44	-	1,576
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	983	5	60	107	377	44	-	1,576
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	929	2	58	119	753	7	-	1,868
British Columbia								
December ^R	346	2	13	91	945	26	-	1,423
January ^P	436	2	26	57	309	17	-	847
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	436	2	26	57	309	17	-	847
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	388	-	14	146	681	27	-	1,256
Yukon								
December ^R	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
January ^P	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Northwest Territories								
December ^R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January ^P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4
Nunavut								
December ^R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January ^P	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	20

Table 8
Dwelling Units, Census Metropolitan Areas, Unadjusted, January 2001

Census Metropolitan Areas	Number of dwelling unit						Total dwellings
	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	
Calgary	462	-	26	14	144	-	646
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	2	-	-	-	2	3	7
Edmonton	255	-	26	3	-	38	322
Halifax	67	-	-	-	6	3	76
Hamilton	109	-	-	92	26	62	289
Hull	47	-	4	-	1	2	54
Kitchener	112	-	2	45	1	-	160
London	56	-	2	-	-	-	58
Montréal	382	-	4	6	385	35	812
Oshawa	50	-	17	-	-	2	69
Ottawa	176	-	29	166	12	26	409
Québec	47	-	-	-	100	5	152
Regina	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
Saint John	2	-	-	-	2	-	4
Saskatoon	24	-	-	8	-	-	32
Sherbrooke	12	-	-	-	8	-	20
St. Catharines-Niagara	37	-	4	10	4	-	55
St. John's	18	-	8	-	-	2	28
Sudbury	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Thunder Bay	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Toronto	1,282	-	696	527	266	106	2,877
Trois-Rivières	1	-	4	-	-	-	5
Vancouver	205	-	8	57	227	11	508
Victoria	58	2	4	-	2	4	70
Windsor	59	-	14	-	4	1	78
Winnipeg	51	-	-	-	15	-	66

Table 9
Dwelling Units, Census Metropolitan Areas, Unadjusted, January – January 2001

Census Metropolitan Areas	Number of dwelling unit							Total dwellings
	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions		
Calgary	462	-	26	14	144	-	646	
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	2	-	-	-	2	3	7	
Edmonton	255	-	26	3	-	38	322	
Halifax	67	-	-	-	6	3	76	
Hamilton	109	-	-	92	26	62	289	
Hull	47	-	4	-	1	2	54	
Kitchener	112	-	2	45	1	-	160	
London	56	-	2	-	-	-	58	
Montréal	382	-	4	6	385	35	812	
Oshawa	50	-	17	-	-	2	69	
Ottawa	176	-	29	166	12	26	409	
Québec	47	-	-	-	100	5	152	
Regina	20	-	-	-	-	-	20	
Saint John	2	-	-	-	2	-	4	
Saskatoon	24	-	-	8	-	-	32	
Sherbrooke	12	-	-	-	8	-	20	
St. Catharines-Niagara	37	-	4	10	4	-	55	
St. John's	18	-	8	-	-	2	28	
Sudbury	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Thunder Bay	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Toronto	1,282	-	696	527	266	106	2,877	
Trois-Rivières	1	-	4	-	-	-	5	
Vancouver	205	-	8	57	227	11	508	
Victoria	58	2	4	-	2	4	70	
Windsor	59	-	14	-	4	1	78	
Winnipeg	51	-	-	-	15	-	66	

Table 10

Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Unadjusted

Month	Value of construction (thousands of dollars)				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
Canada					
December ^R	1,052,191	338,477	627,578	276,035	2,294,281
January ^P	1,159,887	270,023	628,408	320,923	2,379,241
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	1,159,887	270,023	628,408	320,923	2,379,241
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	970,117	169,866	586,735	238,314	1,965,032
Newfoundland					
December ^R	3,394	45	2,725	3,437	9,601
January ^P	3,806	1	2,500	57	6,364
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	3,806	1	2,500	57	6,364
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	3,301	285	2,655	573	6,814
Prince Edward Island					
December ^R	1,724	607	833	30	3,194
January ^P	1,441	40	5,623	410	7,514
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	1,441	40	5,623	410	7,514
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	1,559	52	1,080	652	3,343
Nova Scotia					
December ^R	17,684	3,583	12,135	1,868	35,270
January ^P	14,896	1,670	8,074	1,998	26,638
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	14,896	1,670	8,074	1,998	26,638
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	23,302	482	6,309	1,232	31,325
New Brunswick					
December ^R	7,341	926	4,385	971	13,623
January ^P	3,738	1,232	7,506	2,149	14,625
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	3,738	1,232	7,506	2,149	14,625
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	3,708	1,722	3,228	1,348	10,006
Quebec					
December ^R	170,206	41,164	96,218	54,254	361,842
January ^P	162,663	84,382	130,994	32,174	410,213
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	162,663	84,382	130,994	32,174	410,213
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	98,433	37,610	59,491	13,909	209,443
Ontario					
December ^R	516,997	236,210	302,273	149,403	1,204,883
January ^P	602,753	119,384	308,089	212,120	1,242,346
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	602,753	119,384	308,089	212,120	1,242,346
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	490,840	69,722	203,066	108,322	871,950
Manitoba					
December ^R	10,289	1,839	16,204	3,842	32,174
January ^P	11,513	2,892	14,066	2,488	30,959
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	11,513	2,892	14,066	2,488	30,959
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	15,902	4,092	35,784	6,054	61,832
Saskatchewan					
December ^R	9,779	1,673	9,868	3,041	24,361
January ^P	6,451	13,575	13,811	11,567	45,404
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	6,451	13,575	13,811	11,567	45,404
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	7,858	5,152	11,935	12,863	37,808

Table 10

Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Unadjusted – Concluded

Month	Value of construction (thousands of dollars)				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
Alberta					
December ^R	154,610	24,266	72,660	29,658	281,194
January ^P	162,114	33,193	80,975	17,510	293,792
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	162,114	33,193	80,975	17,510	293,792
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	177,869	25,961	86,732	45,454	336,016
British Columbia					
December ^R	159,785	28,164	109,089	29,441	326,479
January ^P	189,311	13,304	56,009	40,440	299,064
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	189,311	13,304	56,009	40,440	299,064
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	144,478	24,730	173,965	47,510	390,683
Yukon					
December ^R	365	-	1,145	90	1,600
January ^P	570	16	447	10	1,043
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	570	16	447	10	1,043
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	236	58	52	397	743
Northwest Territories					
December ^R	17	-	43	-	60
January ^P	481	334	314	-	1,129
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	481	334	314	-	1,129
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	151	-	938	-	1,089
Nunavut					
December ^R	-	-	-	-	-
January ^P	150	-	-	-	150
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2001	150	-	-	-	150
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2000	2,480	-	1,500	-	3,980

Table 11**Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Census Metropolitan Areas, Unadjusted, January 2001**

Census Metropolitan Areas	Value of construction (thousands of dollars)				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
Calgary	79,822	4,550	37,573	1,436	123,381
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	932	1,090	942	213	3,177
Edmonton	33,569	10,028	28,779	5,674	78,050
Halifax	9,731	155	2,404	82	12,372
Hamilton	30,083	2,842	14,250	39,803	86,978
Hull	6,732	-	4,216	1,093	12,041
Kitchener	20,466	2,769	12,633	2,689	38,557
London	7,980	421	17,176	22,315	47,892
Montréal	107,140	65,252	103,043	18,757	294,192
Oshawa	8,659	2,861	3,075	1,322	15,917
Ottawa	48,351	2,110	43,898	6,017	100,376
Québec	23,738	1,730	8,131	1,659	35,258
Regina	2,147	450	4,823	7,267	14,687
Saint John	533	352	1,878	148	2,911
Saskatoon	3,279	12,868	4,634	237	21,018
Sherbrooke	2,326	468	926	79	3,799
St. Catharines-Niagara	7,282	2,037	10,110	4,263	23,692
St. John's	3,240	1	2,101	31	5,373
Sudbury	643	92	1,643	610	2,988
Thunder Bay	645	180	4,242	1,437	6,504
Toronto	401,804	59,388	167,782	90,109	719,083
Trois-Rivières	1,070	408	1,043	4	2,525
Vancouver	140,697	6,813	37,370	16,381	201,261
Victoria	12,064	1,350	4,986	6,942	25,342
Windsor	10,991	1,369	8,326	14,714	35,400
Winnipeg	8,510	2,259	11,476	516	22,761

Table 12

Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Census Metropolitan Areas, Unadjusted, January – January 2001

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Table 13

Value of the Non-residential Permits by Type of Building, Provinces and Territories, January 2001

Type of building	Canada	Nfld	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.	Nunavut
thousands of dollars														
Total non-residential	1,219,354	2,558	6,073	11,742	10,887	247,550	639,593	19,446	38,953	131,678	109,753	473	648	-
Industrial	270,023	1	40	1,670	1,232	84,382	119,384	2,892	13,575	33,193	13,304	16	334	-
Factories, plants	173,973	-	-	-	550	66,834	92,253	630	-	9,053	4,319	-	334	-
Transportation, utilities	47,295	-	-	-	-	6,902	4,677	500	12,550	20,755	1,911	-	-	-
Mining and agriculture	13,110	-	-	705	-	3,358	6,216	-	-	1,450	1,381	-	-	-
Minor industrial projects, new and improvements ¹	35,645	1	40	965	682	7,288	16,238	1,762	1,025	1,935	5,693	16	-	-
Commercial	628,408	2,500	5,623	8,074	7,506	130,994	308,089	14,066	13,811	80,975	56,009	447	314	-
Trade and services	102,099	-	-	1,000	2,685	17,910	41,187	400	584	19,042	19,291	-	-	-
Warehouses	50,200	-	-	550	250	2,384	36,765	2,804	1,672	2,198	3,577	-	-	-
Service stations	6,146	-	-	-	-	1,300	1,700	1,813	-	1,035	298	-	-	-
Office buildings	216,964	800	-	849	1,519	61,438	121,373	3,370	5,932	11,890	9,543	-	250	-
Recreation	32,076	-	-	1,600	-	1,000	10,073	-	2,700	16,163	540	-	-	-
Hotels, restaurants	77,500	-	5,300	-	-	8,257	49,325	1,970	300	8,050	4,033	265	-	-
Laboratories	10,003	-	-	-	-	7,400	385	-	-	2,218	-	-	-	-
Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹	133,420	1,700	323	4,075	3,052	31,305	47,281	3,709	2,623	20,379	18,727	182	64	-
Institutional and governmental	320,923	57	410	1,998	2,149	32,174	212,120	2,488	11,567	17,510	40,440	10	-	-
Schools, education	144,902	-	-	-	-	4,343	103,426	300	7,723	5,899	23,211	-	-	-
Hospitals, medical	38,447	-	-	-	800	11,603	15,525	-	-	3,580	6,939	-	-	-
Welfare, home	85,758	-	-	-	-	10,400	60,628	1,900	2,900	4,580	5,350	-	-	-
Churches, religion	5,179	-	-	1,250	-	-	952	-	-	-	2,977	-	-	-
Government buildings	28,253	-	250	320	830	1,464	23,504	-	-	1,885	-	-	-	-
Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements ¹	18,384	57	160	428	519	4,364	8,085	288	944	1,566	1,963	10	-	-

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

Part IV – Methodology, Concepts and Data Dissemination

Introduction

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.¹ 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.

Survey Methodology

The Building Permits Survey covers all Canadian municipalities that issue permits. The number of Canadian municipalities currently surveyed exceeds 2,500, representing all the provinces and territories. They account for 94% of the Canadian population. Participation to the survey being voluntary, the survey does not use a predetermined sample of municipalities. 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.

Collection of Data

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 form² each month describing all major construction projects. 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 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.

Reports from municipalities which one 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. 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.

Types of Errors

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 a false statement of the cost of construction are more probable. A qualitative survey conducted among major Canadian municipalities has revealed an underestimation of the declared value of buildings for which permits are issued. Since permit fees are in most cases based on the value of the construction, this leads unquestionably to underestimation of project values. The results of that survey also reveal that, in half of the municipalities covered, the value submitted by the applicant is not subject to any verification by municipal officers.

Quality Control

Strict quality control procedures are applied to ensure that collection, coding and data processing are as accurate as possible. In addition to the usual checks to ensure that the forms are fully completed, quality control procedures established by the Business Survey Methods Division are applied to the coded and processed data. 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.

¹ Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

² A sample of the Building Permit Form is shown in annex at the end of this section.

Reliability

The data presented in this publication are solely those supplied by the respondents. No. imputation is done for lack of coverage, concealment or the underevaluation of permits issued. For this reason, the sampling error cannot be computed.

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.

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%.

Nature of and Basis for Classification

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 from the publications Capital expenditures by type of asset (cat. no. 61-223) and Private and Public Investment in Canada Intentions (cat. no. 61-205).

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, 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 ninety-four CDs (data on this geographic group is available on request).
- **Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)**: Its delineation corresponds to the 1996 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 twenty-five CMAs are shown in this publication. Although the 1996 Census defines the Ottawa-Hull 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 1996 Census. There are one hundred and seventeen 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; e.g. 'Commission d'urbanisme de Madawaska', Greater Moncton District, Acadian Peninsula, etc.

Territorial Revisions

Territorial boundaries were established according to the 1996 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.

Revision of Data

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

- (1) **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.
- (2) **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.

Adjustment for Seasonality

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: residential, 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. These revisions apply only to the last three years in the series. The revised data are introduced into the CANSIM databank .

Availability of Data

This publication contains only part of the data produced on building permits. However, you may order unpublished tables or address special requests, now available on diskette, to the **Current Investment Indicators Section ((613) 951-9689, call collect)**. The series presented here is also available on CANSIM in matrices 80 (levels 3-7, 16-32), 129, 137, 443, 987, 991, 992, 993 and 4073.

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Further information on these products and other aspects of the surveys can be obtained from the Current Investment Indicators Section, Investment and Capital Stock Division, Statistics Canada, K1A 0T6, (613) 951-6556.



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Section B: Minor Residential Additions and Renovations – Additions et rénovations résidentielles mineures

Permits valued at less than \$50,000 Permis évalués à moins de \$50,000		Line No. No. de ligne	Value of Permits Valeur des permis \$	Number of Permits Nombre de permis
New garages and carports Garages et abris d'auto neufs	Single dwellings Logements simples	01	,000	
	Multiple dwellings Logements multiples	02	,000	
New inground swimming pools Piscines creusées neuves	Single dwellings Logements simples	03	,000	
	Multiple dwellings Logements multiples	04	,000	
Other improvements Autres améliorations	Single dwellings Logements simples	05	,000	
	Multiple dwellings Logements multiples	06	,000	
Totals for this section Totaux de cette section		07	,000	

Section C: Minor Non-Residential Projects – Projets non résidentiels mineurs

Permits valued at less than \$250,000 Permis évalués à moins de \$250,000		Line No. No. de ligne	Value of Permits Valeur des permis \$	Number of Permits Nombre de permis
Industrial Industriel	New construction Construction neuve	08	,000	
	Additions and renovations Additions et rénovations	09	,000	
Commercial	New construction Construction neuve	10	,000	
	Additions and renovations Additions et rénovations	11	,000	
Institutional and Governmental Institutionnel et gouvernemental	New construction Construction neuves	12	,000	
	Additions and renovations Additions et rénovations	13	,000	
Totals for this section Totaux de cette section		14	,000	

Section D: Residential Demolitions – Démolitions résidentielles

Type of dwelling Type de logement	None Aucune (✓)	Single-detached Maison individuelle	Cottage Chalet	Semi-detached Semi-détaché	Row Rangée	Apartment Appartement
No. of dwelling units demolished Nombre d'unités de logement démolies	1 <input type="checkbox"/>					

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 ► one copy to the local office of the **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation** in pre-addressed envelope
 ► keep one copy for your files
 Please forward your completed report no later than **10 days after the end of the reporting period.**
 Note: Shaded cells are for Statistics Canada use only.

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 ► garder une copie pour vos dossiers
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 • Contact us via "internet e-mail".
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