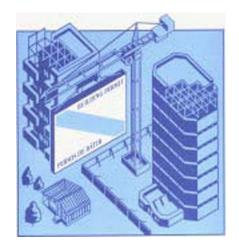


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Agglomération de recensement

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BOR Borough PDR Planning District Remainder С RCR Rural County Remainder City C.A. Census Agglomeration RGM Regional Municipality CC **Chartered Community** R.M.R. Région métropolitaine de recensement CDR Census Division Remainder RDR Regional District Remainder CM County (Municipality) Rural Municipality RM C.M.A. Census Metropolitan Area RV Resort Village COM Community SA Special Area CR County Remainder S-E Indian Settleman/Établissement indien CT Canton SCM Subdivision of County Municipality CU Cantons-Unis SD Sans désignation DM District (Municipality) SET Settlement HAM Hamlet SM Specialize Municipality ID Improvement District SRD Subdivision of Regional District IGD Indian Government District SUN Subdivision of Unorganized District **LGD** SV Summer Village Local Government District LOT Lot and Royalty Т Town M Municipalité T.N.O. Territoires du Nord-Ouest

PD

Planning District

MD **Municipal District** TP Township Northern Hamlet **UCR Urban County Remainder** NH NT

Northern Town UNO Unorganized/Non organisé NV Northern Village \/ Ville NorthWest Territories VC Village Cri N.W.T. Village Paroisse VL

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Part I - Analysis

Highlights

The demand for new dwellings maintained its sustained pace in April as builders took out a new high in the value of residential building permits for a second month in a row.

Municipalities issued \$3.12 billion in housing permits, up 4.9% from the previous high of \$2.97 billion in March. The increase came from a spectacular gain of 15.5% in the value of multi-family permits, the value of which surpassed the \$1-billion mark for the first time in a single month.

Residential building sites should be humming this summer, as municipalities authorized construction of 21,625 new dwelling units in April alone, the highest level since January 1990.

In the non-residential sector, the value of permits increased 9.5% in April to \$1.4 billion. The gain came from strong increases in the commercial and institutional components as the value of industrial permits plunged in April. Despite the gain, the value of non-residential permits remained 8.7% below the average monthly level in 2003.

Overall, the total value of building permits reached \$4.5 billion in April, up 6.3% from March, the highest level since July 2003.

On a year-to-date basis, the total value of building permits reached \$17.5 billion, up 7.8% from the first four months of 2003. The value of residential permits totalled \$11.8 billion for the January-to-April period, an 18.9% gain from the same period last year. In contrast, the non-residential sector was down 9.7%.

Regionally, the largest advances (in dollars) on a year-todate basis occurred in Montreal, Vancouver and Quebec City. The common denominator among these three centres was the buoyant demand for new multi-family dwellings. The non-residential sector also contributed to the strong performance in the three metropolitan areas, but to a lesser extent.

Strong demand for single- and multi-family dwellings

The value of multi-family permits reached a record \$1.1 billion in April, up 15.5% from March. This was 13.4% higher than the previous high set in January.

Municipalities approved construction of 10,840 new multifamily dwellings in April, 2,500 more than the average monthly level in 2003.

The value of permits for single-family dwellings remained unchanged at \$2.0 billion, a very high level. A total of 10,785 new single-family units were approved in April.

These results clearly point to a persistent housing fever in the country. Among the contributing factors are advantageous mortgage rates, a strong level of job creation since August 2003, a rise in disposable income and a positive consumer confidence.

Provincially, several large projects for new apartment/ condominium buildings in the Toronto area led Ontario to the largest gain (in dollars) among the provinces. The value of residential permits in Ontario hit a record \$1.4 billion. Quebec also posted a sizeable gain in April, rising 8.8% to \$625 million. Following a 39.7% gain in March, Alberta posted the largest declines among provinces (-24.5%).

The value of single-family permits reached \$7.9 billion between January and April, up 11.8% from the same four months last year. Intentions for multi-family dwellings are up a phenomenal 36.1% to \$3.9 billion. In only four months, 79,600 new dwelling units have been approved for construction.

Strength in the housing sector is spread across the country. In every province and territory, the growth in the residential sector was extremely strong on a cumulative basis.

Non-residential projects recover lost ground

The 9.5% gain in non-residential intentions represented a solid rebound from the 23-month low reached in March.

This gain was led by a 39.7% jump in the value of institutional permits to \$471 million, off slightly from the five-month high recorded in February. While it was the second highest value so far this year, it was still 3.6% below the monthly average for 2003. Spending intentions for social services buildings and educational projects in Ontario drove the growth.

The commercial sector shrugged off a 15-month low in March with a 14.7% increase to \$743 million dollars. The average monthly value of permits issued in 2004 remained above levels for the past two years. The rebound was fuelled by recreation, trade and warehousing projects in Alberta, as well as gains in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Intentions in the industrial component lost the ground they gained in March, falling 32.7% to \$217 million. The decline followed a boost from a major manufacturing permit issued in Quebec in March. This plunged the sector to a monthly low not seen since March of 2002 (\$190 million).

The non-residential sector continues to be hit by mixed economic indicators, though positive undertones have dominated lately. The Canadian composite leading index has been buoyed by strength south of the border, with the US leading indicator recording its 11th consecutive advance in April. Statistics Canada's Monthly Survey of Manufacturers reported increased shipments in 19 of 21 manufacturing industries, accounting for 98% of total shipments. On the commercial side, retailers reported record high sales for both March and the first quarter of 2004.

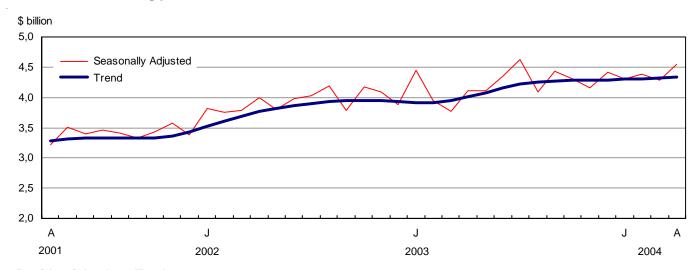
Provincially, Ontario experienced the biggest gain in nonresidential permit value, climbing 26.4% to \$628 million. Commercial and institutional building permits regained ground given up in March when Ontario led the decliners.

On a year-to-date basis, municipalities have issued \$5.7 billion in non-residential building permits, down 9.7% from the first four months last year.

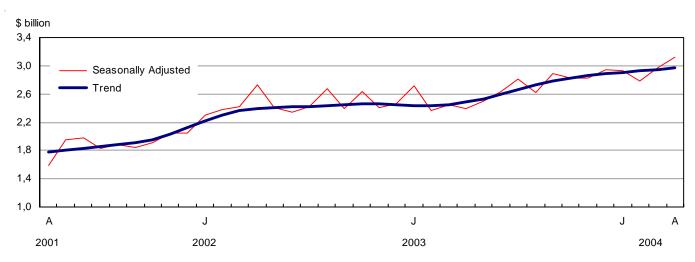
All three components have failed to match last year's pace. But the commercial sector is down only 1.3% to \$3.1 billion on a cumulative basis. The institutional sector is down 16.8%, while the industrial sector is off 19.7%.

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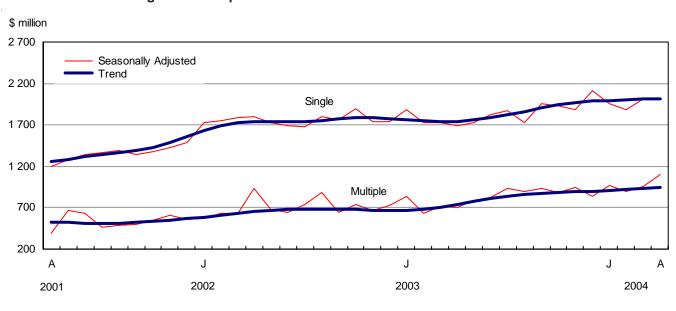
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Residential value - Total

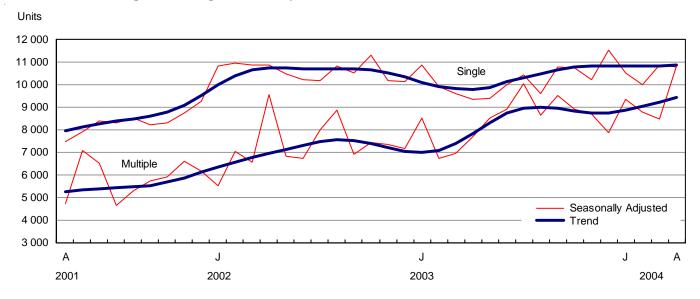


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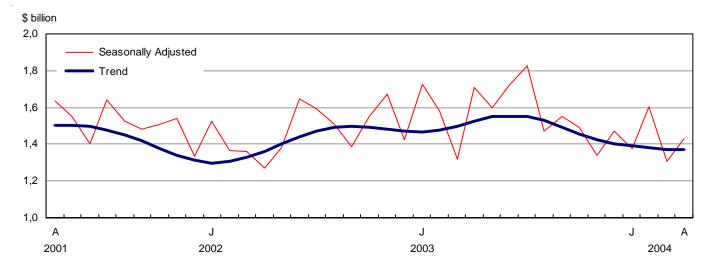


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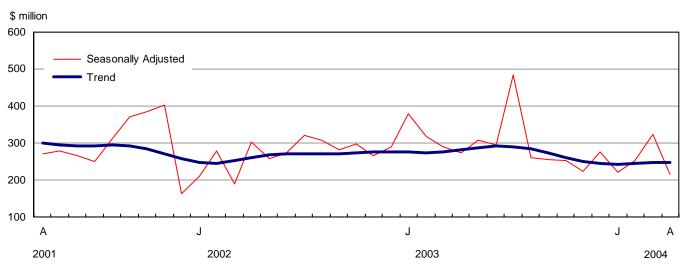
Number of dwelling units - single and multiple



Non residential value - Total

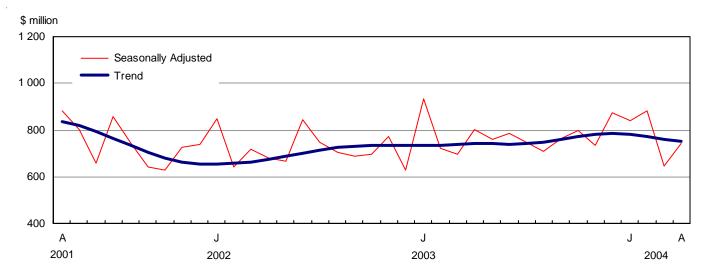


Industrial value

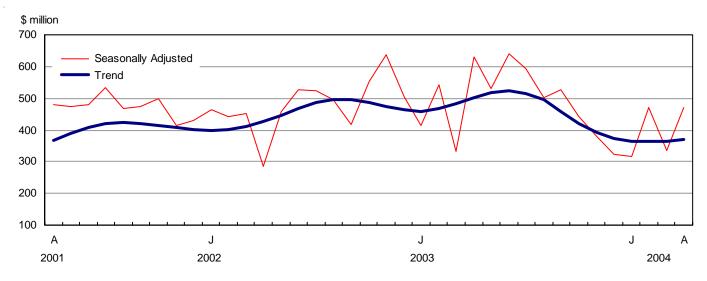


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Commercial value



Institutional and Governmental value



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Part II – Tables (Seasonally Adjusted)

Table 1 Total Value of Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Seasonally Adjusted

| Province/Territory | 2004 | 2004 | A | M. F.I. | F.I. L. | l. D. | D. N. | N. O.I |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | Marchr | Apr Mar. | Mar Feb. | Feb Jan. | Jan Dec. | Dec Nov. | Nov Oct. |
| | thousands | s of dollars | | | percentag | e change | | |
| Canada | 4,548,091 | 4,278,703 | 6.3 | -2.6 | 2.0 | -2.6 | 6.3 | -3.5 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 38,710 | 41,363 | -6.4 | 4.5 | -0.1 | -10.6 | 6.5 | -3.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 18,723 | 12,630 | 48.2 | 10.4 | -18.5 | -27.7 | 179.2 | -15.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 118,685 | 79,850 | 48.6 | 17.7 | -13.2 | 3.3 | -18.5 | 23.5 |
| New Brunswick | 62,946 | 65,034 | -3.2 | 54.6 | -30.3 | 25.9 | -26.2 | 5.8 |
| Québec | 900,002 | 973,629 | -7.6 | -4.3 | 0.3 | 11.9 | 5.9 | 0.6 |
| Ontario | 2,042,811 | 1,704,108 | 19.9 | -10.3 | 5.9 | -9.3 | 4.6 | -7.1 |
| Manitoba | 81,848 | 90,826 | -9.9 | 5.5 | 20.5 | -12.1 | 11.8 | 5.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 77,837 | 57,099 | 36.3 | 17.8 | 1.7 | -39.1 | 58.9 | 2.4 |
| Alberta | 635,087 | 658,895 | -3.6 | 28.8 | 11.8 | -20.1 | 7.1 | -6.7 |
| British Columbia | 563,019 | 587,037 | -4.1 | -9.3 | -10.7 | 20.2 | 14.8 | 0.3 |
| Yukon | 1,555 | 3,450 | -54.9 | 159.4 | -43.2 | -42.0 | 231.5 | -60.8 |
| Northwest Territories | 5,216 | 2,973 | 75.4 | -70.0 | 220.7 | -68.0 | 32.2 | -40.4 |
| Nunavut | 1,652 | 1,809 | -8.7 | -80.8 | 31,300.0 | 20.0 | -99.8 | 227.1 |

Table 2 Non-Residential Value of Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Seasonally Adjusted

| Province/Territory | 2004 | 2004 | A | M. F.I | F.I. L. | I D | D. N. | N. O.I |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| | | | Apr Mar. | Mar Feb. | Feb Jan. | Jan Dec. | Dec Nov. | Nov Oct. |
| | thousands | s of dollars | | | percentag | je change | | |
| Canada | 1,430,455 | 1,306,778 | 9.5 | -18.6 | 16.5 | -6.4 | 10.0 | -10.3 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 5,730 | 13,400 | -57.2 | 138.2 | -43.2 | -20.8 | 7.7 | -2.3 |
| Prince Edward Island | 10,528 | 2,001 | 426.1 | 98.3 | -80.2 | -52.9 | 257.2 | 61.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 39,975 | 17,524 | 128.1 | -25.3 | -32.4 | 61.0 | -6.5 | -8.1 |
| New Brunswick | 20,618 | 15,684 | 31.5 | 102.9 | 29.3 | -41.0 | -59.0 | -20.2 |
| Québec | 274,633 | 398,727 | -31.1 | -3.3 | 44.2 | 17.3 | 8.1 | -5.6 |
| Ontario | 628,401 | 497,003 | 26.4 | -35.8 | 19.0 | -15.2 | 19.2 | -22.4 |
| Manitoba | 27,310 | 33,760 | -19.1 | -10.4 | 64.4 | -26.8 | -3.0 | 43.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 35,670 | 22,015 | 62.0 | 19.0 | -5.3 | -62.3 | 151.5 | 2.6 |
| Alberta | 266,268 | 170,095 | 56.5 | 5.3 | 20.8 | -27.3 | 5.4 | -10.2 |
| British Columbia | 118,313 | 134,978 | -12.3 | -7.6 | -29.9 | 55.4 | -19.8 | 45.9 |
| Yukon | 0 | 250 | -100.0 | -52.8 | 14.2 | -56.4 | 260.7 | 27.7 |
| Northwest Territories | 2,084 | 166 | 1,155.4 | -97.9 | 703.1 | -79.6 | 142.6 | 20.7 |
| Nunavut | 925 | 1,175 | -21.3 | -86.2 | 28,300.0 | 20.0 | -99.8 | 1,083.8 |

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

| Province/Territory | 2004 | 2004 | A | M. F.I | F.I. L. | les Ber | D. N. | N. O.I |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | April ^p | | Apr Mar. | Mar Feb. | Feb Jan. | Jan Dec. | Dec Nov. | Nov Oct. |
| | thousands | s of dollars | | | percentag | e change | | |
| Canada | 3,117,636 | 2,971,925 | 4.9 | 6.7 | -4.9 | -0.7 | 4.5 | 0.1 |
| Newfoundland | 32,980 | 27,963 | 17.9 | -17.7 | 14.2 | -6.5 | 6.1 | -4.5 |
| Prince Edward Island | 8,195 | 10,629 | -22.9 | 1.9 | 16.6 | 4.1 | 119.0 | -38.1 |
| Nova Scotia | 78,710 | 62,326 | 26.3 | 40.4 | 2.0 | -19.6 | -22.5 | 39.3 |
| New Brunswick | 42,328 | 49,350 | -14.2 | 43.7 | -36.9 | 43.8 | -6.1 | 32.3 |
| Québec | 625,369 | 574,902 | 8.8 | -4.9 | -16.9 | 9.9 | 5.2 | 3.0 |
| Ontario | 1,414,410 | 1,207,105 | 17.2 | 7.3 | -1.6 | -5.6 | -3.0 | 3.3 |
| Manitoba | 54,538 | 57,066 | -4.4 | 17.8 | -0.2 | -2.9 | 23.6 | -12.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 42,167 | 35,084 | 20.2 | 17.1 | 6.5 | 6.1 | -7.5 | 2.3 |
| Alberta | 368,819 | 488,800 | -24.5 | 39.7 | 8.1 | -16.7 | 7.9 | -4.8 |
| British Columbia | 444,706 | 452,059 | -1.6 | -9.8 | -2.9 | 10.1 | 30.9 | -12.5 |
| Yukon | 1,555 | 3,200 | -51.4 | 300.0 | -57.4 | -36.9 | 222.2 | -67.9 |
| Northwest Territories | 3,132 | 2,807 | 11.6 | 40.1 | -5.0 | -56.3 | -9.3 | -50.0 |
| Nunavut | 727 | 634 | 14.7 | -29.6 | | | -100.0 | 13.5 |

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

| Province/Territory | 2004 | 2004 | A | Man Fab | Fall Jan | lan Dan | Dan Navi | Nov Oct. |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | Apr Mar. | Mar Feb. | Feb Jan. | Jan Dec. | Dec Nov. | NOV OCt. |
| | uni | ts | | | percentag | e change | | |
| Canada | 259,500 | 231,744 | 12.0 | 2.9 | -5.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | -3.9 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 2,856 | 2,400 | 19.0 | -11.9 | 5.6 | -15.4 | 16.0 | -15.4 |
| Prince Edward Island | 780 | 972 | -19.8 | 12.5 | -14.3 | 61.5 | 85.7 | -60.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 6,696 | 5,748 | 16.5 | 38.8 | 10.2 | -13.8 | -32.4 | 57.0 |
| New Brunswick | 4,812 | 4,812 | 0.0 | 53.1 | -12.7 | -4.2 | -19.3 | 27.2 |
| Québec | 52,512 | 46,452 | 13.0 | -9.9 | -34.1 | 41.0 | 0.7 | -3.7 |
| Ontario | 112,980 | 80,316 | 40.7 | -10.0 | 15.7 | -11.5 | -7.8 | 4.6 |
| Manitoba | 4,320 | 4,380 | -1.4 | 2.5 | 6.6 | -13.7 | 41.2 | -24.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 4,680 | 3,588 | 30.4 | 59.9 | -5.1 | 10.1 | -13.1 | -30.9 |
| Alberta | 34,740 | 50,352 | -31.0 | 51.0 | 0.4 | -14.9 | 21.7 | -15.4 |
| British Columbia | 34,656 | 31,752 | 9.1 | -5.5 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 30.9 | -16.8 |
| Yukon | 96 | 288 | -66.7 | | -100.0 | | -100.0 | -53.8 |
| Northwest Territories | 204 | 516 | -60.5 | 186.7 | 50.0 | -75.0 | -9.1 | -44.3 |
| Nunavut | 168 | 168 | 0.0 | 1,300.0 | | | -100.0 | 11.5 |

Table 5 Dwelling Units, Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Seasonally Adjusted, 2004

| Month | Numb | er of dwelling | g units | | | Estimated valu | e of construction | n | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Singles ¹ | Multiples | Total | Residential | | Non-re | sidential | | Total |
| | | | dwellings | | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and govern- mental | Total | |
| | | units | | | | thousand | s of dollars | | |
| Canada March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 10,848 10,786 42,153 39,727 | 8,464 10,839 37,446 29,934 | 19,312 21,625 79,599 69,661 | 2,971,925 3,117,636 11,804,117 9,929,846 | 322,540 216,995 1,013,233 1,261,621 | 647,320 742,716 3,110,909 3,150,670 | 336,918 470,744 1,596,701 1,919,783 | 1,306,778 1,430,455 5,720,843 6,332,074 | 4,278,703 4,548,091 17,524,960 16,261,920 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 189 209 793 523 | 11 29 87 59 | 200 238 880 582 | 27,963 32,980 124,650 76,902 | 99 728 1,316 415 | 12,516 3,948 30,351 25,726 | 785 1,054 2,994 6,992 | 13,400 5,730 34,661 33,133 | 41,363 38,710 159,311 110,035 |
| Prince Edward Island March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 67 51 263 226 | 14 14 39 60 | 81 65 302 286 | 10,629 8,195 38,197 30,946 | 0 300 350 241 | 2,001 10,228 13,269 13,226 | 0 0 5,016 2,349 | 2,001 10,528 18,635 15,816 | 12,630 18,723 56,832 46,762 |
| Nova Scotia Marchr April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 272 273 1,030 987 | 207 285 665 520 | 479 558 1,695 1,507 | 62,326 78,710 228,931 189,673 | 8,391 1,545 12,506 28,230 | 8,264 35,088 91,886 65,630 | 869 3,342 11,215 20,602 | 17,524 39,975 115,607 114,462 | 79,850 118,685 344,538 304,135 |
| New Brunswick March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 305 283 1,128 853 | 96 118 236 372 | 401 401 1,364 1,225 | 49,350 42,328 180,422 133,318 | 6,241 5,202 15,039 9,750 | 8,900 10,540 27,658 40,035 | 543 4,876 7,313 6,531 | 15,684 20,618 50,010 56,316 | 65,034 62,946 230,432 189,634 |
| Quebec March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 1,970 2,052 8,423 7,481 | 1,901 2,324 10,640 8,492 | 3,871 4,376 19,063 15,973 | 574,902 625,369 2,533,170 1,968,313 | 157,321 61,490 335,833 214,684 | 152,387 123,572 657,787 657,744 | 89,019 89,571 377,671 295,536 | 398,727 274,633 1,371,291 1,167,964 | 973,629 900,002 3,904,461 3,136,277 |
| Ontario March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 4,279 4,470 16,368 16,337 | 2,414 4,945 13,601 11,226 | 6,693 9,415 29,969 27,563 | 1,207,105 1,414,410 4,889,677 4,480,938 | 117,247 110,383 487,449 775,328 | 228,525 265,021 1,187,834 1,283,438 | 151,231 252,997 875,240 1,130,715 | 497,003 628,401 2,550,523 3,189,481 | 1,704,108 2,042,811 7,440,200 7,670,419 |
| Manitoba March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 338 323 1,281 975 | 27 37 134 182 | 365 360 1,415 1,157 | 57,066 54,538 208,577 159,890 | 563 4,057 15,030 20,483 | 24,391 15,606 74,438 125,436 | 8,806 7,647 32,218 128,359 | 33,760 27,310 121,686 274,278 | 90,826 81,848 330,263 434,168 |
| Saskatchewan March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 161 165 661 572 | 138 225 412 651 | 299 390 1,073 1,223 | 35,084 42,167 135,324 122,261 | 4,291 1,117 10,922 7,616 | 8,433 21,829 53,980 94,173 | 9,291 12,724 30,819 38,120 | 22,015 35,670 95,721 139,909 | 57,099 77,837 231,045 262,170 |

Table 5

Dwelling Units, Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Seasonally Adjusted, 2004 – Concluded

| Month | Numb | er of dwelling | g units | | | Estimated valu | e of construction | | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Singles ¹ | Multiples | Total | Residential | | Non-re | esidential | | Total |
| | | dwellings | | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and govern- mental | Total | | |
| | | units | | | | thousand | s of dollars | | |
| Alberta March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 1,929 1,665 7,021 7,584 | 2,267 1,230 5,617 4,166 | 4,196 2,895 12,638 11,750 | 488,800 368,819 1,531,373 1,378,171 | 13,034 18,282 73,329 126,619 | 109,951 169,436 495,056 475,844 | 47,110 78,550 163,401 137,006 | 170,095 266,268 731,786 739,469 | 658,895 635,087 2,263,159 2,117,640 |
| British Columbia March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 1,270 1,272 5,058 4,107 | 1,376 1,616 5,986 4,201 | 2,646 2,888 11,044 8,308 | 452,059 444,706 1,914,053 1,378,419 | 15,345 13,824 61,007 77,503 | 91,292 85,404 466,947 364,664 | 28,341 19,085 79,920 150,218 | 134,978 118,313 607,874 592,385 | 587,037 563,019 2,521,927 1,970,804 |
| Yukon Territory March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 23 8 41 31 | 1 0 1 5 | 24 8 42 36 | 3,200 1,555 7,432 5,889 | 8 0 44 13 | 214 0 705 3,277 | 28 0 495 3,355 | 250 0 1,244 6,645 | 3,450 1,555 8,676 12,534 |
| Northwest Territories March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 43 13 81 51 | 0 4 4 0 | 43 17 85 51 | 2,807 3,132 10,050 5,126 | 0 67 408 739 | 166 2,014 10,658 1,477 | 0 3 89 0 | 166 2,084 11,155 2,216 | 2,973 5,216 21,205 7,342 |
| Nunavut March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 2 2 5 0 | 12 12 24 0 | 14 14 29 0 | 634 727 2,261 0 | 0 0 0 0 | 280 30 340 0 | 895 895 10,310 0 | 1,175 925 10,650 0 | 1,809 1,652 12,911 0 |

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, 2004

| Month | Numb | er of dwelling | j units | | | Estimated valu | e of construction | | |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | Singles ¹ | Multiples | Total | Residential | | Non-re | sidential | | Total |
| | | | dwellings | | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and govern- mental | Total | |
| | | units | | | | thousand | s of dollars | | |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 59 46 223 273 | 110 0 126 87 | 169 46 349 360 | 16,122 6,987 42,273 42,377 | 2,385 2,060 6,903 3,534 | 1,832 7 4,008 14,158 | 517 0 1,335 2,623 | 4,734 2,067 12,246 20,315 | 20,856 9,054 54,519 62,692 |
| Calgary, Alberta March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 687 646 2,737 3,142 | 1,185 394 2,307 1,667 | 1,872 1,040 5,044 4,809 | 222,479 139,578 645,060 603,413 | 5,270 9,761 19,073 64,419 | 53,000 102,385 251,971 235,406 | 9,002 55,943 79,212 48,287 | 67,272 168,089 350,256 348,112 | 289,751 307,667 995,316 951,525 |
| Edmonton, Alberta March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 533 398 1,920 2,048 | 751 652 2,678 1,787 | 1,284 1,050 4,598 3,835 | 130,024 121,834 453,014 370,890 | 3,958 2,406 12,176 15,362 | 32,306 37,466 123,085 111,044 | 3,040 7,764 26,698 39,829 | 39,304 47,636 161,959 166,235 | 169,328 169,470 614,973 537,125 |
| Greater Sudbury, Ontario March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 22 26 55 71 | 0 0 0 | 22 26 55 71 | 3,439 4,737 10,101 11,802 | 594 782 1,394 814 | 881 722 2,489 7,215 | 10 130 1,888 7,515 | 1,485 1,634 5,771 15,544 | 4,924 6,371 15,872 27,346 |
| Halifax, Nova Scotia March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 129 126 475 457 | 169 249 520 363 | 298 375 995 820 | 39,816 52,016 142,069 109,268 | 1,451 0 1,699 19,380 | 5,244 24,910 39,816 27,946 | 81 2,639 7,820 1,928 | 6,776 27,549 49,335 49,254 | 46,592 79,565 191,404 158,522 |
| Hamilton, Ontario March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 132 187 551 559 | 77 92 639 394 | 209 279 1,190 953 | 37,863 44,432 184,312 146,363 | 10,041 1,677 21,770 18,858 | 14,547 15,984 52,525 44,445 | 5,923 17,623 24,087 201,966 | 30,511 35,284 98,382 265,269 | 68,374 79,716 282,694 411,632 |
| Kingston, Ontario March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 77 61 172 199 | 3 17 30 15 | 80 78 202 214 | 9,735 9,768 26,653 28,501 | 417 179 911 1,318 | 2,410 2,282 10,048 14,307 | 1,242 156 12,824 14,050 | 4,069 2,617 23,783 29,675 | 13,804 12,385 50,436 58,176 |
| Kitchener, Ontario March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 156 158 697 893 | 75 78 410 470 | 231 236 1,107 1,363 | 35,786 35,456 161,109 195,210 | 5,484 3,384 22,286 30,249 | 9,473 10,532 41,783 60,612 | 3,341 9,535 87,022 31,426 | 18,298 23,451 151,091 122,287 | 54,084 58,907 312,200 317,497 |
| London, Ontario March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 161 234 718 581 | 157 47 374 402 | 318 281 1,092 983 | 41,053 40,323 155,337 121,410 | 5,722 3,306 11,949 21,206 | 2,170 6,146 45,413 22,333 | 4,067 23,971 88,811 89,737 | 11,959 33,423 146,173 133,276 | 53,012 73,746 301,510 254,686 |
| Montréal, Quebec March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 753 915 3,631 3,311 | 1,054 1,455 6,864 4,923 | 1,807 2,370 10,495 8,234 | 282,916 328,263 1,366,876 1,028,217 | 14,825 30,819 135,496 88,208 | 79,684 62,932 362,381 394,381 | 50,378 75,465 224,181 150,677 | 144,887 169,216 722,058 633,266 | 427,803 497,479 2,088,934 1,661,483 |

Table 6

Dwelling Units, Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Census Metropolitan Areas, Seasonally Adjusted, 2004 – Continued

| Month | Numb | er of dwelling | g units | | | Estimated valu | e of construction | | |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Singles ¹ | Multiples | Total dwellings | Residential | | Non-re | sidential | | Total |
| | | | uwoiiiigo | | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and govern- mental | Total | |
| | | units | | | | thousand | s of dollars | | |
| Oshawa, Ontario March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 225 249 640 829 | 67 276 697 469 | 292 525 1,337 1,298 | 59,688 80,792 226,327 222,243 | 10,063 345 10,903 91,918 | 3,545 6,969 23,301 18,527 | 26,079 5,246 32,408 13,813 | 39,687 12,560 66,612 124,258 | 99,375 93,352 292,939 346,501 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, | | | ,, | ,_ | 21,212 | , | , | , | , |
| Ontario/Quebec Marchr Aprill Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 271 299 982 1,043 | 199 284 1,400 1,297 | 470 583 2,382 2,340 | 87,936 97,921 369,483 348,212 | 980 1,021 3,744 16,536 | 22,553 19,955 106,668 172,077 | 5,696 1,056 59,552 46,746 | 29,229 22,032 169,964 235,359 | 117,165 119,953 539,447 583,571 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 102 129 495 388 | 64 61 259 354 | 166 190 754 742 | 24,673 30,006 112,299 90,908 | 6,329 856 7,227 1,621 | 9,172 3,084 23,964 37,412 | 9,923 686 11,181 18,659 | 25,424 4,626 42,372 57,692 | 50,097 34,632 154,671 148,600 |
| Québec, Quebec March ^r | 262 | 223 | 485 | 69,231 | 1,359 | 23,916 | 3,959 | 29,234 | 98,465 |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 216 931 914 | 383 1,287 1,237 | 599 2,218 2,151 | 85,266 277,120 216,166 | 3,299 11,991 7,948 | 10,058 91,175 66,564 | 2,571 38,407 25,482 | 15,928 141,573 99,994 | 101,194 418,693 316,160 |
| Regina, Saskatchewan | 41 | 81 | 122 | 12 021 | 2 120 | 2 247 | 1 077 | 7 560 | 20,793 |
| March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 41 61 193 167 | 76 163 201 | 137 356 368 | 13,231 14,714 45,562 37,398 | 3,138 86 6,425 346 | 3,347 4,205 15,506 47,706 | 1,077 3,301 10,640 12,059 | 7,562 7,592 32,571 60,111 | 20,793 22,306 78,133 97,509 |
| Saguenay, Quebec | 17 | 17 | 24 | 2.044 | 1 001 | 1 100 | 015 | 0.000 | C 000 |
| March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 17 14 48 83 | 17 7 71 78 | 34 21 119 161 | 3,944 3,856 13,369 19,581 | 1,001 1,438 3,341 2,912 | 1,166 4,048 7,410 10,706 | 815 216 2,462 10,127 | 2,982 5,702 13,213 23,745 | 6,926 9,558 26,582 43,326 |
| Saint John, New Brunswick March ^r | 44 | 17 | 61 | 6,154 | 1,007 | 100 | 0 | 1,107 | 7,261 |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 41 154 155 | 23 41 54 | 64 195 209 | 5,998 24,328 22,587 | 457 2,929 2,587 | 2,730 5,290 4,430 | 540 631 428 | 3,727 8,850 7,445 | 9,725 33,178 30,032 |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan March ^r | 56 | 57 | 113 | 11,620 | 1,003 | 3,385 | 1,107 | 5,495 | 17,115 |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 57 233 239 | 106 206 447 | 163 439 686 | 16,170 48,299 57,281 | 591 2,208 1,588 | 5,516 18,148 17,303 | 183 2,014 12,834 | 6,290 22,370 31,725 | 22,460 70,669 89,006 |
| Sherbrooke, Quebec March ^r | 52 | 124 | 176 | 17,050 | 3,095 | 5,156 | 3,428 | 11,679 | 28,729 |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 51 184 213 | 34 258 143 | 85 442 356 | 12,344 48,198 46,852 | 507 4,211 3,687 | 3,534 17,379 8,403 | 801 5,050 8,065 | 4,842 26,640 20,155 | 17,186 74,838 67,007 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario March ^r | 86 | 41 | 127 | 21,712 | 2,938 | 20,132 | 286 | 23,356 | 45,068 |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 98 338 344 | 46 167 106 | 144 505 450 | 24,069 86,362 69,505 | 1,286 7,101 8,442 | 13,591 70,519 62,790 | 7,759 20,927 12,058 | 22,636 98,547 83,290 | 46,705 184,909 152,795 |

Table 6 Dwelling Units, Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Census Metropolitan Areas, Seasonally Adjusted, 2004 -Concluded

| Month | Numb | er of dwelling | g units | | | Estimated valu | e of construction | n | |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | Singles ¹ | Multiples | Total | Residential | | Non-re | esidential | | Total |
| | | dwellings | | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and govern- mental | Total | | |
| | | units | | | | thousand | s of dollars | | |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 141 143 563 370 | 11 24 82 56 | 152 167 645 426 | 22,978 23,899 91,321 57,308 | 99 520 662 333 | 8,896 3,159 22,649 15,303 | 710 1,054 2,379 5,705 | 9,705 4,733 25,690 21,341 | 32,683 28,632 117,011 78,649 |
| Thunder Bay, Ontario March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 14 26 41 44 | 2 2 5 50 | 16 28 46 94 | 2,689 5,406 8,926 12,244 | 111 1,003 1,293 12,910 | 3,804 1,360 9,716 5,524 | 85 385 7,441 1,981 | 4,000 2,748 18,450 20,415 | 6,689 8,154 27,376 32,659 |
| Toronto, Ontario March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 1,704 1,632 6,812 6,818 | 1,518 3,707 8,291 6,888 | 3,222 5,339 15,103 13,706 | 604,699 767,157 2,525,704 2,333,510 | 61,820 37,183 215,058 356,089 | 97,490 142,053 604,895 643,781 | 67,543 63,963 331,946 470,239 | 226,853 243,199 1,151,899 1,470,109 | 831,552 1,010,356 3,677,603 3,803,619 |
| Trois-Rivières, Quebec March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 29 26 85 93 | 15 26 124 97 | 44 52 209 190 | 6,847 8,178 25,626 25,865 | 4,469 641 6,241 2,650 | 2,570 6,680 14,505 9,879 | 1,208 76 1,493 8,792 | 8,247 7,397 22,239 21,321 | 15,094 15,575 47,865 47,186 |
| Vancouver, British Columbia March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 482 488 2,003 1,739 | 918 1,235 4,571 2,889 | 1,400 1,723 6,574 4,628 | 271,422 250,145 1,136,895 827,382 | 2,648 7,680 17,689 27,842 | 48,241 62,906 312,962 192,182 | 18,585 8,486 44,659 80,587 | 69,474 79,072 375,310 300,611 | 340,896 329,217 1,512,205 1,127,993 |
| Victoria, British Columbia March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 125 119 424 333 | 60 109 326 257 | 185 228 750 590 | 30,622 31,314 125,408 90,308 | 489 528 3,921 1,868 | 3,724 5,810 25,487 38,812 | 1,184 2,194 7,869 24,887 | 5,397 8,532 37,277 65,567 | 36,019 39,846 162,685 155,875 |
| Windsor, Ontario March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 134 169 538 562 | 20 86 338 219 | 154 255 876 781 | 27,425 37,871 126,196 120,532 | 480 5,337 11,361 27,948 | 4,317 2,574 29,648 35,870 | 309 3,008 5,479 23,053 | 5,106 10,919 46,488 86,871 | 32,531 48,790 172,684 207,403 |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba March ^r April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 202 208 793 515 | 0 25 38 101 | 202 233 831 616 | 30,758 36,439 121,344 89,415 | 220 1,140 11,429 6,041 | 17,855 12,158 51,095 107,663 | 6,662 6,918 27,664 92,200 | 24,737 20,216 90,188 205,904 | 55,495 56,655 211,532 295,319 |

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, 2004

| Month | | | N | umber of dwe | elling unit | | |
|--|---|------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | Singles, includes mobile homes | Cottages | Doubles | Rows | Apartments | Conversions | Total dwellings |
| Canada | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 12,406 | 46 | 1,392 | 2,270 | 6,331 | 444 | 22,889 |
| April ^p | 13,204 | 65 | 1,080 | 1,639 | 7,396 | 484 | 23,868 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 38,610 36,017 | 147 108 | 3,843 4,446 | 7,099 5,119 | 21,669 16,606 | 1,641 1,519 | 73,009 63,815 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 124 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 133 |
| April ^p | 245 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 5 | 289 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 460 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 46 | 9 | 532 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 288 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 3 | 341 |
| Prince Edward Island March ^r | 36 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 52 |
| April ^p | 63 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 77 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 135 | 3 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 177 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 122 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 44 | 12 | 191 |
| Nova Scotia | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 234 | 5 | 12 | 8 | 164 | 3 | 426 |
| April ^p | 360 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 265 | 7 | 660 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 802 730 | 14 13 | 45 91 | 31 47 | 513 289 | 18 36 | 1,423 1,206 |
| New Brunswick | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 173 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 84 | 5 | 278 |
| April ^p | 355 | 10 | 19 | 10 | 67 | 22 | 483 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 650 | 20 7 | 27 | 10 6 | 167 | 33 | 907 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 489 | 1 | 38 | 0 | 306 | 22 | 868 |
| Quebec March ^r | 2,933 | 16 | 386 | 359 | 2,035 | 131 | 5,860 |
| April ^p | 3,001 | 23 | 216 | 102 | 2,178 | 363 | 5,883 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 8,796 | 58 | 853 | 621 | 6,964 | 984 | 18,276 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 8,004 | 32 | 665 | 230 | 6,341 | 840 | 16,112 |
| Ontario | | _ | | | | | |
| March | 4,892 | 6 | 706 | 1,195 | 1,255 | 65 | 8,119 |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 5,202 14,881 | 16 25 | 433 1,830 | 963 4,131 | 2,948 5,836 | 48 261 | 9,610 26,964 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 14,482 | 17 | 2,711 | 2,901 | 4,002 | 344 | 24,457 |
| Manitoba | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 328 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 355 |
| April ^p | 421 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 30 | 2 | 463 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 1,091 | 7 | 15 | 2 | 115 | 3 | 1,233 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 781 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 169 | 3 | 966 |
| | | | | | | | |

Table 7 **Dwelling Units, Provinces and Territories, Unadjusted, 2004** – Concluded

| Singles, Cottages Doubles includes mobile | Rows | Apartments | Conversions | Total dwellings |
|---|-------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| homes | | | | uweiiiigs |
| Saskatchewan | | | | |
| March ^r 151 0 12 | 43 | 83 | 0 | 289 |
| April ^p 220 0 16 | 64 | 132 | 13 | 445 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 508 0 34 | 143 | 221 | 14 | 920 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 440 1 10 | 295 | 291 | 57 | 1,094 |
| Alberta | | | | |
| March ^r 2,096 3 218 | 193 | 1,735 | 216 | 4,461 |
| April ^p 1,955 1 307 | 143 | 732 | 4 | 3,142 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 6,588 6 787 | 429 | 3,852 | 230 | 11,892 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 6,895 16 721 | 751 | 2,284 | 36 | 10,703 |
| British Columbia | | | | |
| March ^r 1,412 5 37 | 468 | 930 | 24 | 2,876 |
| April ^p 1,364 3 72 | 333 | 992 | 18 | 2,782 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 4,645 10 223 | 1,721 | 3,917 | 86 | 10,602 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 3,748 7 200 | 883 | 2,833 | 163 | 7,834 |
| Yukon Territory | | | | |
| March ^r 6 0 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| April ^p 6 0 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 13 0 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 12 0 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 17 |
| Northwest Territories | | | | |
| March ^r 19 0 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| April ^p 10 0 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 14 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 36 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 40 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 26 0 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Nunavut | | | | |
| March ^r 2 0 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 14 |
| April ^p 2 0 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 14 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 5 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 29 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 0 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 8 Dwelling Units, Census Metropolitan Areas, Unadjusted, April 2004

| Census Metropolitan Areas | Number of dwelling unit | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|----------|---------|------|------------|-------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| | Singles, includes mobile homes | Cottages | Doubles | Rows | Apartments | Conversions | Total dwellings | | | |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | | | |
| Calgary, Alberta | 723 | 0 | 50 | 82 | 245 | 0 | 1,100 | | | |
| Edmonton, Alberta | 445 | 0 | 225 | 41 | 355 | 4 | 1,070 | | | |
| Greater Sudbury, Ontario | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | | | |
| Halifax, Nova Scotia | 182 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 224 | 5 | 431 | | | |
| Hamilton, Ontario | 206 | 0 | 16 | 59 | 6 | 1 | 288 | | | |
| Kingston, Ontario | 67 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 82 | | | |
| Kitchener, Ontario | 174 | 0 | 22 | 34 | 8 | 5 | 243 | | | |
| London, Ontario | 257 | 0 | 3 | 37 | 0 | 2 | 299 | | | |
| Montréal, Quebec | 1,274 | 0 | 75 | 48 | 1,293 | 307 | 2,997 | | | |
| Oshawa, Ontario | 274 | 0 | 78 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 519 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec | 508 | 0 | 40 | 107 | 170 | 7 | 832 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec | 329 | 0 | 26 | 107 | 114 | 5 | 581 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec | 179 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 56 | 2 | 251 | | | |
| Québec, Quebec | 300 | 0 | 46 | 50 | 344 | 14 | 754 | | | |
| Regina, Saskatchewan | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 0 | 151 | | | |
| Saguenay, Quebec | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 28 | | | |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 51 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 3 | 78 | | | |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan | 70 | 0 | 16 | 59 | 30 | 1 | 176 | | | |
| Sherbrooke, Quebec | 71 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 111 | | | |
| St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario | 108 | 0 | 16 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 149 | | | |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | 169 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 205 | | | |
| Thunder Bay, Ontario | 29 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | | | |
| Toronto, Ontario | 1,794 | 0 | 210 | 365 | 2,693 | 21 | 5,083 | | | |
| Trois-Rivières, Quebec | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 67 | | | |
| Vancouver, British Columbia | 507 | 0 | 16 | 223 | 803 | 8 | 1,557 | | | |
| Victoria, British Columbia | 122 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 75 | 5 | 217 | | | |
| Windsor, Ontario | 186 | 0 | 34 | 26 | 16 | 0 | 262 | | | |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba | 254 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 0 | 279 | | | |

Table 9 Dwelling Units, Census Metropolitan Areas, Unadjusted, January - April 2004

| Census Metropolitan Areas | Number of dwelling unit | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|----------|---------|-------|------------|-------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| | Singles, includes mobile homes | Cottages | Doubles | Rows | Apartments | Conversions | Total dwellings | | | |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia | 211 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 122 | 1 | 344 | | | |
| Calgary, Alberta | 2,651 | 0 | 259 | 256 | 1,698 | 1 | 4,865 | | | |
| Edmonton, Alberta | 1,856 | 0 | 417 | 67 | 1,739 | 229 | 4,308 | | | |
| Greater Sudbury, Ontario | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | | | |
| Halifax, Nova Scotia | 440 | 0 | 33 | 31 | 447 | 9 | 960 | | | |
| Hamilton, Ontario | 538 | 0 | 45 | 351 | 138 | 3 | 1,075 | | | |
| Kingston, Ontario | 188 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 6 | 0 | 215 | | | |
| Kitchener, Ontario | 648 | 0 | 72 | 113 | 147 | 26 | 1,006 | | | |
| London, Ontario | 692 | 0 | 8 | 83 | 273 | 15 | 1,071 | | | |
| Montréal, Quebec | 3,976 | 0 | 322 | 452 | 4,336 | 748 | 9,834 | | | |
| Oshawa, Ontario | 679 | 0 | 256 | 335 | 0 | 0 | 1,270 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec | 1,480 | 3 | 214 | 775 | 421 | 35 | 2,928 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec | 964 | 0 | 122 | 770 | 270 | 20 | 2,146 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec | 516 | 3 | 92 | 5 | 151 | 15 | 782 | | | |
| Québec, Quebec | 1,064 | 3 | 177 | 121 | 902 | 57 | 2,324 | | | |
| Regina, Saskatchewan | 169 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 161 | 0 | 332 | | | |
| Saguenay, Quebec | 60 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 21 | 25 | 122 | | | |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 109 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 7 | 156 | | | |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan | 201 | 0 | 32 | 138 | 34 | 2 | 407 | | | |
| Sherbrooke, Quebec | 219 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 281 | 5 | 513 | | | |
| St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario | 328 | 0 | 28 | 80 | 38 | 15 | 489 | | | |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | 365 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 46 | 4 | 428 | | | |
| Thunder Bay, Ontario | 48 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 54 | | | |
| Toronto, Ontario | 6,469 | 0 | 1,134 | 1,822 | 4,665 | 85 | 14,175 | | | |
| Trois-Rivières, Quebec | 107 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 84 | 6 | 207 | | | |
| Vancouver, British Columbia | 1,892 | 0 | 68 | 1,422 | 3,005 | 41 | 6,428 | | | |
| Victoria, British Columbia | 404 | 5 | 12 | 53 | 236 | 11 | 721 | | | |
| Windsor, Ontario | 523 | 0 | 48 | 109 | 109 | 1 | 790 | | | |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba | 724 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 26 | 0 | 762 | | | |

Table 10
Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Unadjusted, 2004

| Month | Value of construction (thousands of dollars) | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Residential | | Non-residential | | Total | | | | |
| | | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental | | | | | |
| Canada | | | | | | | | | |
| Marchr | 3,299,055 | 306,979 | 618,630 | 291,970 | 4,516,634 | | | | |
| April ^p | 3,565,650 | 213,687 899,188 | 769,592 | 410,940 | 4,959,869 | | | | |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 10,643,383 8,894,133 | 1,134,763 | 2,514,594 2,650,334 | 1,286,835 1,621,362 | 15,344,000 14,300,592 | | | | |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | | | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 17,530 | 99 | 6,131 | 785 | 24,545 | | | | |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 38,763 70,028 | 728 1,316 | 2,834 15,012 | 1,054 2,994 | 43,379 89,350 | | | | |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 44,400 | 415 | 12,771 | 6,992 | 64,578 | | | | |
| Prince Edward Island | | | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 6,800 | 0 | 2,001 | 0 | 8,801 | | | | |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 9,784 22,244 | 300 350 | 10,228 13,269 | 0 5,016 | 20,312 40,879 | | | | |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 19,953 | 241 | 13,226 | 2,349 | 35,769 | | | | |
| Nova Scotia | | | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 56,306 | 8,391 | 7,749 | 869 | 73,315 | | | | |
| April ^p | 94,837 | 1,545 | 38,366 | 3,342 | 138,090 | | | | |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 197,110 150,187 | 12,506 28,230 | 74,839 58,174 | 11,215 20,602 | 295,670 257,193 | | | | |
| New Brunswick | | | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 28,666 | 6,241 | 8,900 | 543 | 44,350 | | | | |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 54,445 99,383 | 5,202 15,039 | 10,540 27,658 | 4,876 7,313 | 75,063 149,393 | | | | |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 81,618 | 9,750 | 40,035 | 6,531 | 137,934 | | | | |
| Quebec | | | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 745,048 | 146,730 | 120,746 | 75,112 | 1,087,636 | | | | |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 806,000 2,402,688 | 56,401 288,934 | 135,909 507,077 | 89,737 270,309 | 1,088,047 3,469,008 | | | | |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 1,917,441 | 184,129 | 545,679 | 230,369 | 2,877,618 | | | | |
| Ontario | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1,380,192 | 112,277 | 254,659 | 120,190 | 1,867,318 | | | | |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 1,565,597 4,404,558 | 112,164 420,303 | 239,718 946,299 | 193,027 672,736 | 2,110,506 6,443,896 | | | | |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 3,925,020 | 679,025 | 1,051,624 | 897,461 | 6,553,130 | | | | |
| Manitoba | | | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 55,004 | 563 | 19,020 | 8,806 | 83,393 | | | | |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 69,336 177,144 | 4,057 15,030 | 16,496 58,031 | 7,647 32,218 | 97,536 282,423 | | | | |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 130,505 | 20,483 | 107,738 | 128,359 | 387,085 | | | | |
| Saskatchewan | | | | | | | | | |
| March ^r | 32,144 | 4,291 | 7,788 | 9,291 | 53,514 | | | | |
| April ^p Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 50,116 109,658 | 1,117 10,922 | 27,528 51,729 | 12,724 30,819 | 91,485 203,128 | | | | |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 104,851 | 7,616 | 79,981 | 38,120 | 230,568 | | | | |
| | , | .,0.0 | . 0,00 | 30,.20 | 200,000 | | | | |

Table 10 Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Provinces and Territories, Unadjusted, 2004 – Concluded

| Month | | Value of o | construction (thousands | of dollars) | |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Residential | | Non-residential | | Total |
| | | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental | |
| Alberta | | | | | |
| March ^r | 489,713 | 13,034 | 106,418 | 47,110 | 656,275 |
| April ^p | 414,036 | 18,282 | 190,153 | 78,550 | 701,021 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 1,389,836 | 73,329 | 452,436 | 163,401 | 2,079,002 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 1,236,850 | 126,619 | 433,219 | 137,006 | 1,933,694 |
| British Columbia | | | | | |
| March ^r | 483,211 | 15,345 | 84,558 | 28,341 | 611,455 |
| April ^p | 457,844 | 13,824 | 95,776 | 19,085 | 586,529 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 1,755,937 | 61,007 | 356,541 | 79,920 | 2,253,405 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 1,275,998 | 77,503 | 303,133 | 150,218 | 1,806,852 |
| Yukon Territory | | | | | |
| March ^r | 1,000 | 8 | 214 | 28 | 1,250 |
| April ^p | 1,033 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,033 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 2,486 | 44 | 705 | 495 | 3,730 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 2,184 | 13 | 3,277 | 3,355 | 8,829 |
| Northwest Territories | | | | | |
| March ^r | 2,807 | 0 | 166 | 0 | 2,973 |
| April ^p | 3,132 | 67 | 2,014 | 3 | 5,216 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 10,050 | 408 | 10,658 | 89 | 21,205 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 5,126 | 739 | 1,477 | 0 | 7,342 |
| Nunavut | | | | | |
| March ^r | 634 | 0 | 280 | 895 | 1,809 |
| April ^p | 727 | 0 | 30 | 895 | 1,652 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2004 | 2,261 | 0 | 340 | 10,310 | 12,911 |
| Cumulative Jan Apr. 2003 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 11 Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Census Metropolitan Areas, Unadjusted, April 2004

| Census Metropolitan Areas | Value of construction (thousands of dollars) | | | | | | | |
|---|--|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| | Residential | | Non-residential | | Total | | | |
| | | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental | | | | |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia | 7,559 | 2,060 | 7 | 0 | 9,626 | | | |
| Calgary, Alberta | 151,702 | 9,761 | 117,042 | 55,943 | 334,448 | | | |
| Edmonton, Alberta | 125,985 | 2,406 | 42,829 | 7,764 | 178,984 | | | |
| Greater Sudbury, Ontario | 5,288 | 743 | 638 | 94 | 6,763 | | | |
| Halifax, Nova Scotia | 59,778 | 0 | 24,910 | 2,639 | 87,327 | | | |
| Hamilton, Ontario | 48,502 | 1,594 | 14,128 | 12,783 | 77,007 | | | |
| Kingston, Ontario | 10,789 | 170 | 2,017 | 113 | 13,089 | | | |
| Kitchener, Ontario | 38,762 | 3,216 | 9,309 | 6,916 | 58,203 | | | |
| London, Ontario | 44,518 | 3,142 | 5,432 | 17,387 | 70,479 | | | |
| Montréal, Quebec | 400,606 | 26,643 | 72,858 | 74,945 | 575,052 | | | |
| Oshawa, Ontario | 86,576 | 328 | 6,160 | 3,805 | 96,869 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec | 142,533 | 1,710 | 21,209 | 1,447 | 166,899 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec | 104,532 | 970 | 17,638 | 766 | 123,906 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec | 38,001 | 740 | 3,571 | 681 | 42,993 | | | |
| Québec, Quebec | 100,125 | 2,852 | 11,644 | 2,553 | 117,174 | | | |
| Regina, Saskatchewan | 16,584 | 86 | 5,244 | 3,301 | 25,215 | | | |
| Saguenay, Quebec | 4,991 | 1,243 | 4,687 | 215 | 11,136 | | | |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 7,931 | 457 | 2,730 | 540 | 11,658 | | | |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan | 17,823 | 591 | 6,880 | 183 | 25,477 | | | |
| Sherbrooke, Quebec | 15,608 | 438 | 4,091 | 795 | 20,932 | | | |
| St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario | 26,297 | 1,222 | 12,013 | 5,628 | 45,160 | | | |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | 28,031 | 520 | 2,170 | 1,054 | 31,775 | | | |
| Thunder Bay, Ontario | 5,979 | 953 | 1,202 | 279 | 8,413 | | | |
| Toronto, Ontario | 809,709 | 35,337 | 125,560 | 46,395 | 1,017,001 | | | |
| Trois-Rivières, Quebec | 10,255 | 554 | 7,734 | 75 | 18,618 | | | |
| Vancouver, British Columbia | 260,762 | 7,680 | 67,202 | 8,486 | 344,130 | | | |
| Victoria, British Columbia | 33,171 | 528 | 6,207 | 2,194 | 42,100 | | | |
| Windsor, Ontario | 41,487 | 5,072 | 2,275 | 2,182 | 51,016 | | | |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba | 42,661 | 1,140 | 13,257 | 6,918 | 63,976 | | | |

Table 12 Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Census Metropolitan Areas, Unadjusted, January - April 2004

| Census Metropolitan Areas | Value of construction (thousands of dollars) | | | | | | | |
|---|--|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| | Residential | | Non-residential | | Total | | | |
| | | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental | | | | |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia | 40,681 | 6,903 | 3,248 | 1,335 | 52,167 | | | |
| Calgary, Alberta | 606,504 | 19,073 | 239,150 | 79,212 | 943,939 | | | |
| Edmonton, Alberta | 419,044 | 12,176 | 118,913 | 26,698 | 576,831 | | | |
| Greater Sudbury, Ontario | 10,785 | 1,299 | 2,251 | 1,437 | 15,772 | | | |
| Halifax, Nova Scotia | 131,648 | 1,699 | 39,816 | 7,820 | 180,983 | | | |
| Hamilton, Ontario | 166,948 | 19,903 | 46,309 | 17,875 | 251,035 | | | |
| Kingston, Ontario | 27,711 | 821 | 8,409 | 10,488 | 47,429 | | | |
| Kitchener, Ontario | 146,044 | 20,679 | 34,437 | 63,766 | 264,926 | | | |
| London, Ontario | 147,116 | 10,961 | 33,183 | 72,634 | 263,894 | | | |
| Montréal, Quebec | 1,317,924 | 98,138 | 290,769 | 174,647 | 1,881,478 | | | |
| Oshawa, Ontario | 221,292 | 9,927 | 19,005 | 25,201 | 275,425 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec | 451,300 | 8,337 | 106,352 | 52,929 | 618,918 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec | 342,322 | 3,397 | 86,802 | 44,050 | 476,571 | | | |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec | 108,978 | 4,940 | 19,550 | 8,879 | 142,347 | | | |
| Québec, Quebec | 280,232 | 8,816 | 67,953 | 25,097 | 382,098 | | | |
| Regina, Saskatchewan | 41,010 | 6,425 | 13,938 | 10,640 | 72,013 | | | |
| Saguenay, Quebec | 14,085 | 2,530 | 7,110 | 1,731 | 25,456 | | | |
| Saint John, New Brunswick | 16,620 | 2,929 | 5,290 | 631 | 25,470 | | | |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan | 42,696 | 2,208 | 16,723 | 2,014 | 63,641 | | | |
| Sherbrooke, Quebec | 52,146 | 2,898 | 13,736 | 4,007 | 72,787 | | | |
| St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario | 81,488 | 6,396 | 59,520 | 15,636 | 163,040 | | | |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador | 56,689 | 662 | 12,071 | 2,379 | 71,801 | | | |
| Thunder Bay, Ontario | 9,851 | 1,205 | 8,526 | 5,425 | 25,007 | | | |
| Toronto, Ontario | 2,374,210 | 197,735 | 480,414 | 257,815 | 3,310,174 | | | |
| Trois-Rivières, Quebec | 26,946 | 4,286 | 13,507 | 1,158 | 45,897 | | | |
| Vancouver, British Columbia | 1,107,171 | 17,689 | 241,376 | 44,659 | 1,410,895 | | | |
| Victoria, British Columbia | 123,215 | 3,921 | 20,249 | 7,869 | 155,254 | | | |
| Windsor, Ontario | 117,510 | 10,567 | 21,915 | 4,096 | 154,088 | | | |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba | 110,652 | 11,429 | 43,150 | 27,664 | 192,895 | | | |

Table 13 Value of the Non-residential Permits by Type of Building, Provinces and Territories, April 2004

| Type of building | Canada | N.L. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta | B.C. | Yukon | N.W.T. | Nunavut |
|---|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|------------|--------|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|
| | | | | | | | thousands o | of dollars | | | | | | |
| Total non-residential | 1,394,219 | 4,616 | 10,528 | 43,253 | 20,618 | 282,047 | 544,909 | 28,200 | 41,369 | 286,985 | 128,685 | 0 | 2,084 | 925 |
| Industrial | 213,687 | 728 | 300 | 1,545 | 5,202 | 56,401 | 112,164 | 4,057 | 1,117 | 18,282 | 13,824 | 0 | 67 | 0 |
| Factories, plants | 90,428 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 4,450 | 20,731 | 47,228 | 635 | 0 | 9,977 | 6,907 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation, utilities | 32,592 | 0 | 0 | 900 | 0 | 12,329 | 16,660 | 395 | 0 | 1,208 | 1,100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mining and agriculture Minor industrial projects, | 43,858 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 510 | 11,223 | 26,078 | 1,550 | 0 | 2,447 | 1,650 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| new and improvements ¹ | 46,809 | 228 | 300 | 245 | 242 | 12,118 | 22,198 | 1,477 | 1,117 | 4,650 | 4,167 | 0 | 67 | 0 |
| Commercial | 769,592 | 2,834 | 10,228 | 38,366 | 10,540 | 135,909 | 239,718 | 16,496 | 27,528 | 190,153 | 95,776 | 0 | 2,014 | 30 |
| Trade and services | 230,244 | 0 | 7,990 | 6,132 | 5,571 | 57,209 | 47,398 | 3,650 | 11,070 | 57,253 | 32,371 | 0 | 1,600 | 0 |
| Warehouses | 97,002 | 350 | 0 | 798 | 0 | 13,375 | 41,882 | 2,447 | 1,152 | 29,664 | 7,334 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Service stations | 11,161 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 500 | 2,650 | 5,063 | 612 | 0 | 698 | 1,138 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Office buildings | 139,368 | 0 | 560 | 539 | 1,125 | 16,236 | 70,871 | 1,400 | 7,461 | 26,857 | 14,319 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Recreation | 105,438 | 0 | 0 | 24,540 | 0 | 11,170 | 9,375 | 3,475 | 260 | 42,272 | 14,346 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hotels, restaurants | 38,822 | 1,100 | 0 | 1,020 | 0 | 5,419 | 12,393 | 625 | 3,627 | 9,288 | 5,350 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Laboratories | 985 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 450 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 535 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Minor commercial projects, | ı | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| new and improvements ¹ | 146,572 | 1,384 | 1,178 | 5,337 | 3,344 | 29,400 | 52,736 | 4,287 | 3,958 | 24,121 | 20,383 | 0 | 414 | 30 |
| Institutional and | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| governmental | 410,940 | 1,054 | 0 | 3,342 | 4,876 | 89,737 | 193,027 | 7,647 | 12,724 | 78,550 | 19,085 | 0 | 3 | 895 |
| Schools, education | 206,804 | 0 | 0 | 2,010 | 1,003 | 60,896 | 85,726 | 6,336 | 5,913 | 38,293 | 6,627 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hospitals, medical | 40,477 | 0 | 0 | 1,100 | 0 | 3,903 | 24,044 | 420 | 0 | 8,530 | 2,480 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Welfare, home | 90,700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15,654 | 65,746 | 0 | 6,300 | 300 | 2,700 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Churches, religion | 28,162 | 832 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,100 | 2,980 | 0 | 0 | 19,321 | 3,034 | 0 | 0 | 895 |
| Government buildings Minor institutional and governmental projects, | 24,216 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,162 | 1,500 | 9,132 | 0 | 0 | 9,606 | 816 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| new and improvements ¹ | 20,581 | 222 | 0 | 232 | 711 | 6,684 | 5,399 | 891 | 511 | 2,500 | 3,428 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

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

Part IV - Monthly Survey of Building Permits - Data Quality, Concepts and Methodology

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 Sources 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 exceeds 2,350, 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-toyear 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 agregated 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 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 nonresidential 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 yearround 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-one CDs (data on this geographic group is available on request).

Census Metropolitan Area (CMA): Its delineation corresponds to the 2001 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-seven CMAs are shown in this publication. Although the 2001 Census defines the Ottawa-Gatineau area as a single CMA, the area is also 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 2001 Census. There are one hundred and eighteen 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 nonstandard geographic units are few in number and are mostly concentrated in the Maritime provinces.

Territorial revisions

Territorial boundaries were established according to the 2001 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 2003, 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) 951-4646 or 1-800-579-8533). The series presented here is also available on CANSIM: Tables 026-0001 to 026-0008, 026-0010 and 026-0015.

Related Products and Services

Selected Related Publications

Catalogue

62-202 Spending patterns in Canada

75-202 Income in Canada.

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| New inground swimming pools | Single dwellings Logements simples | 03 | ,000 | |
| Piscines creusées neuves | Multiple dwellings Logements multiples | 04 | ,000 | |
| Other improvements | Single dwellings Logements simples | 05 | ,000 | |
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Section D: Residential Demolitions - Démolitions résidentielles

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| No. of dwelling units demolished Nombre d'unités de logement démolies | 1 | | | | | |

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