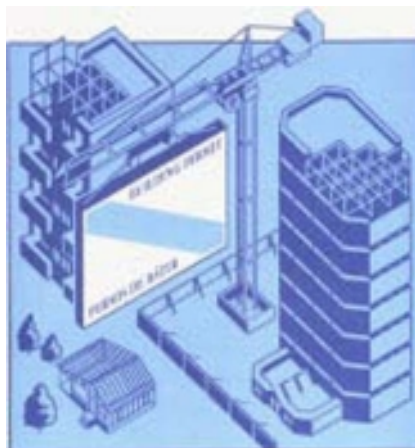




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CC	–	Chartered Community	R.M.R.	–	Région métropolitaine de recensement
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Part I – Analysis

Highlights

May 2001

- The value of building permits issued by municipalities declined slightly in May despite a sharp rebound in proposed construction projects for housing. Builders took out \$3.2 billion worth of building permits, down 0.6% from April.
- Building permits for housing increased 9.4% from April to \$1.7 billion, halting three consecutive monthly declines. A substantial gain in permits for multi-family dwellings contributed largely to this jump.
- However, the gain in housing failed to offset a decline in the non-residential sector, where the value of building intentions fell 10.6% to \$1.4 billion. The decline was led by a decrease in commercial permits.
- For the first five months of 2001, the value of building permits totalled \$16.7 billion, up 13.0% from the same period in 2000. This represents the highest level for any January-to-May period during the last 12 years. Strong advances in both the residential (+7.8% to \$8.9 billion) and non-residential sectors (+19.6% to \$7.7 billion) were behind this result.
- Among the regions, the largest advance (in dollar terms) on a year-to-date basis occurred in Montreal where proposed construction projects in the non-residential sector almost doubled compared with the same period in 2000. The second-largest gain was in the Toronto region where the gain was balanced between the residential and non-residential sectors.
- Housing intentions increased in all provinces in May, except Prince Edward Island. The largest increase (in dollar terms) occurred in Ontario (+7.8% to \$818 million) due to a large advance in multi-family dwelling permits. Quebec (+10.3%) and Alberta (+9.4%) recorded the next largest gains.
- On a year-to-date basis, the sustained pace in the residential sector between January and May has been largely the result of buoyant intentions for multi-family dwellings (+26.2% to \$2.6 billion). Higher construction intentions for single family dwellings (+1.8% to \$6.3 billion) also contributed to the good performance.
- For the first five months of 2001, Ontario showed the largest increase (+8.5% to \$4.5 billion), followed by British Columbia (+27.9% to \$1.2 billion). The largest decline occurred in Nova Scotia (-29.0% to \$160 million).

Non residential sector recorded a third monthly decrease in 2001

- May's 10.6% slide in the value of building permits in the non-residential sector followed a strong 16.3% advance in April. Large declines in the commercial component were largely responsible for the overall decline. However, the cumulative value of non-residential permits for the first five months was still 19.6% higher than the same period last year.
 - Mixed signals have been coming from businesses and consumers. Retail trade rose for the second consecutive month in April. However, corporate operating profits and capacity utilization rates declined in the first quarter of 2001.
 - The value of commercial permits fell 18.2% in May to \$739 million, following a 23.3% jump in April. Proposed construction in office buildings, as well as recreational buildings, showed the most significant reductions. Following a strong month, Ontario showed the largest decrease (-36.5% to \$197 million).
 - Industrial construction intentions declined for a fourth consecutive month in May (-1.8%) to \$292 million, due solely to the manufacturing building category.
- Following two significant monthly declines, the value of permits for multi-family dwellings rebounded 33.3% in May to \$535 million. Construction intentions for single-family dwellings were also back on the rise, reaching \$1.2 billion, up 1.3% from April.
- The sustained growth in per capita disposable income, the high level of employment, advantageous mortgage rates and high occupancy rates for multi-family dwellings help explain May's good result. They also point to an encouraging housing market for the near future.

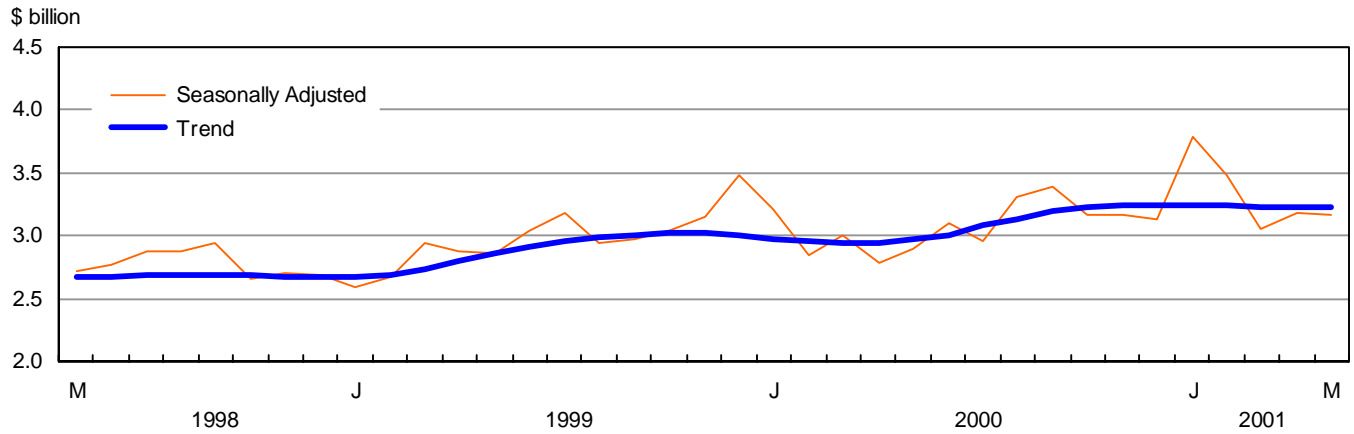
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Multi-family permits bounced back

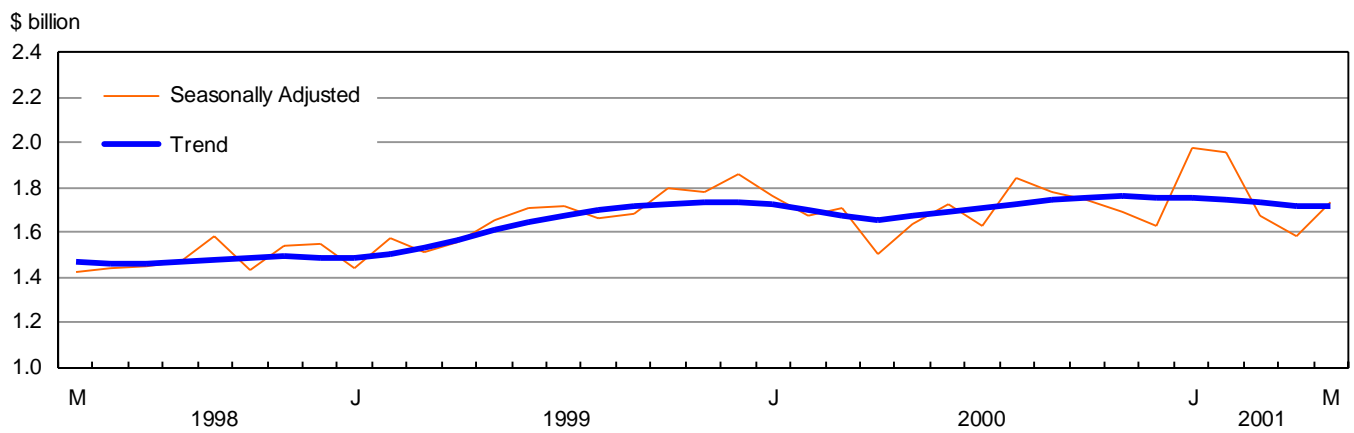
- Institutional building intentions reached \$396 million, their highest monthly level in the last two years. The 0.4% increase was led by gains in medical and social services categories.
- At the provincial level, the most significant monthly decrease occurred in Ontario (-24.0% to \$444 million) due to a large decline in the commercial component. The Toronto region contributed strongly to this decrease with declines in all three components. In contrast, Alberta posted the largest increase (+16.2% to \$222 million), led by a strong showing in proposed educational projects in the Calgary region.
- On a year-to-date basis, non-residential building intentions reached \$7.7 billion, up 19.6%, their best showing for the first five months of any year since 1989. The year-to-date value for commercial building permits in 2001 reached \$4.3 billion, up 17.4% over the same period in 2000, followed by the institutional component at \$1.7 billion, up 29.4%. Construction intentions for industrial projects also contributed to the advance with a 16.1% increase to \$1.7 billion.
- Among the provinces, Quebec had the largest increase in the non-residential sector on a year-to-date basis (+57.6% to \$1.9 billion) on the strength of planned commercial and industrial projects in the Montreal region. Nova Scotia was one of the few provinces to show a decrease, pulled down by all three components.

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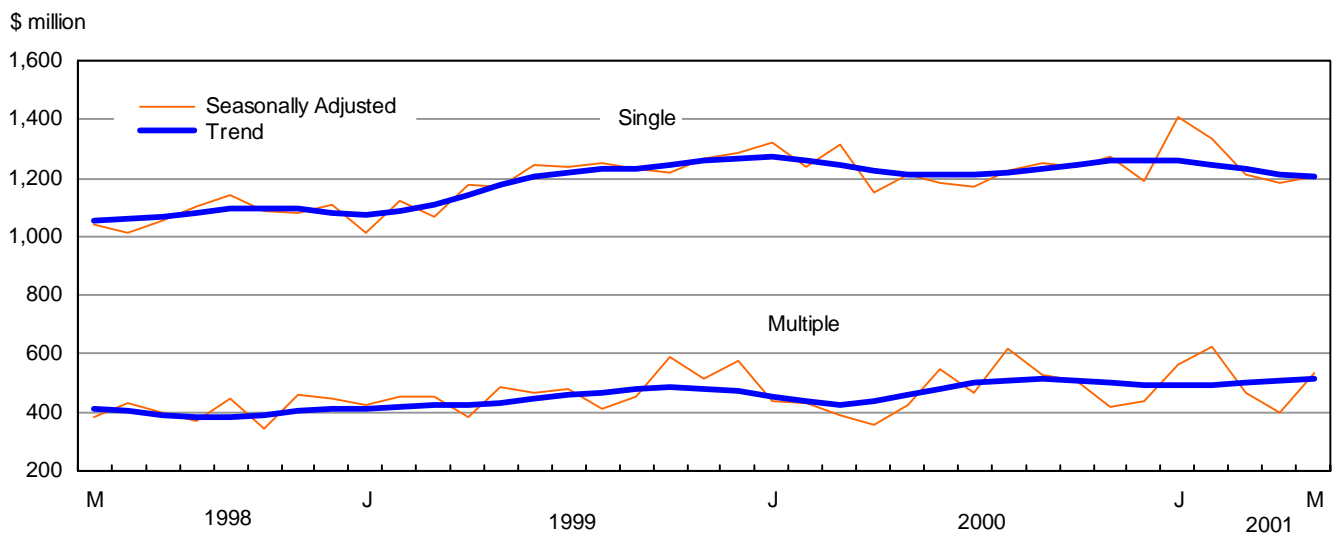
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Residential value - Total

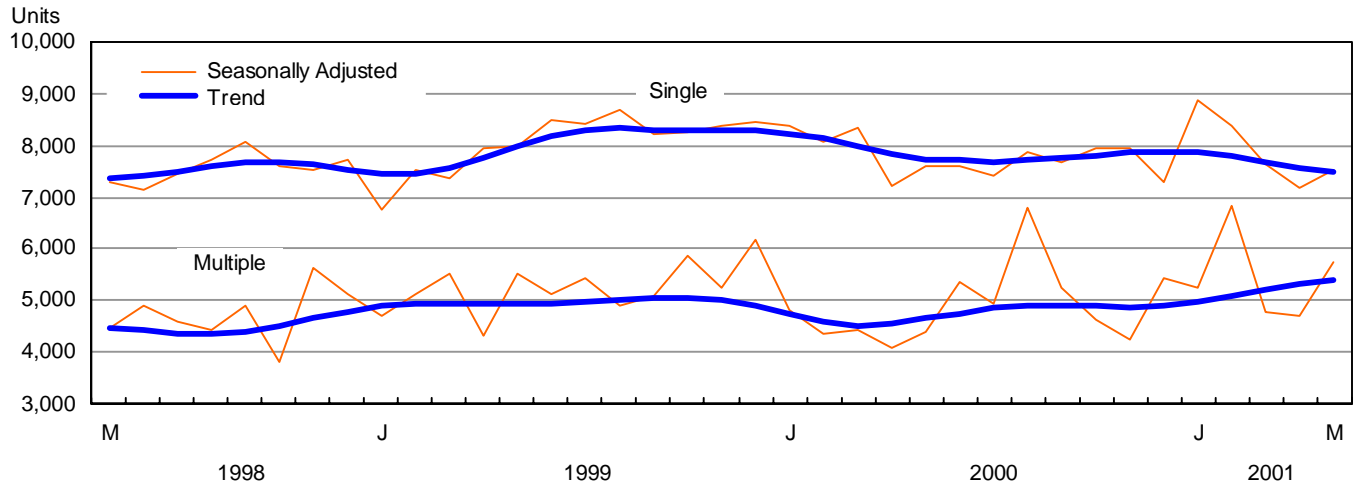


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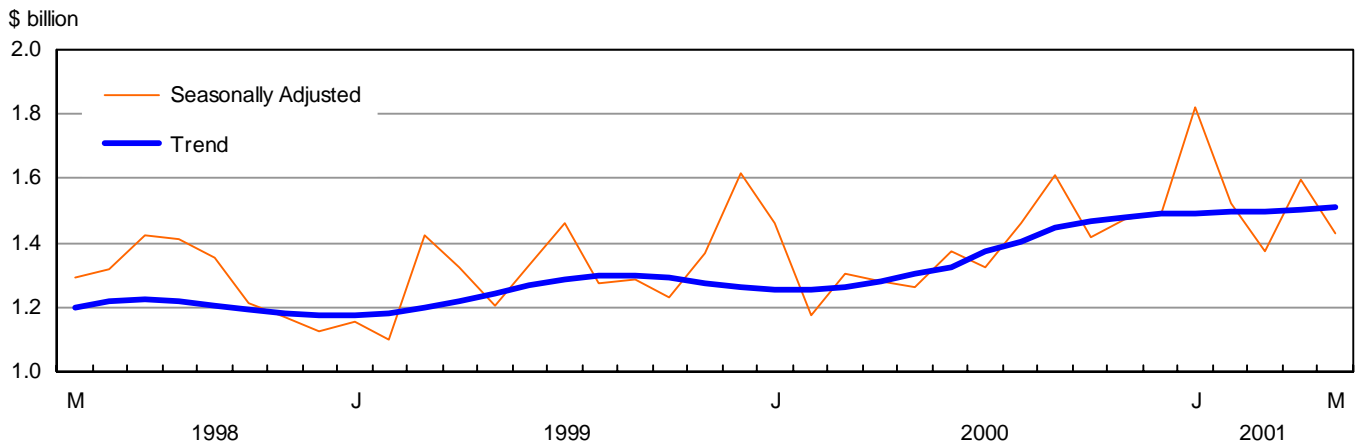


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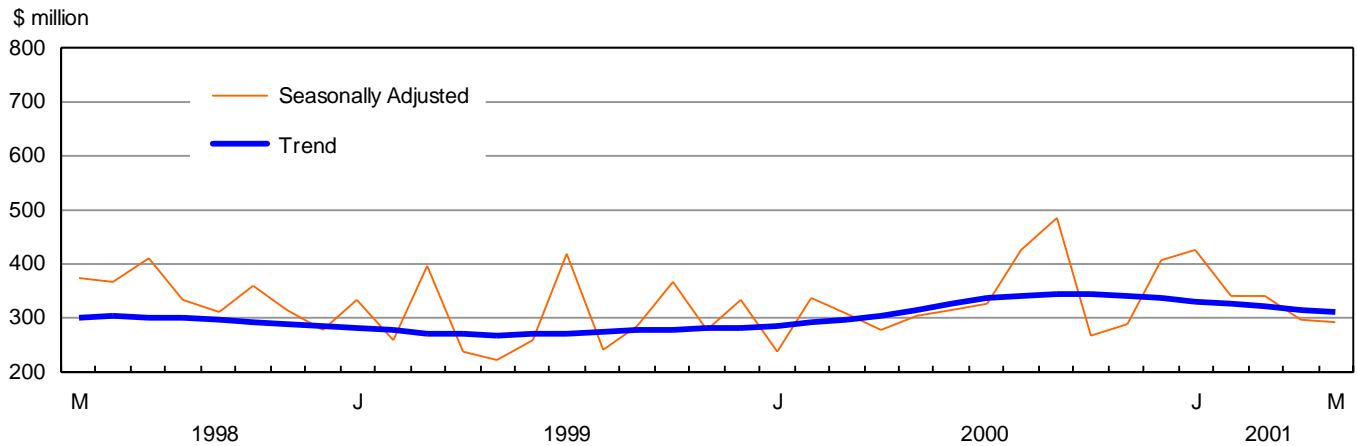
Number of dwelling units - single and multiple



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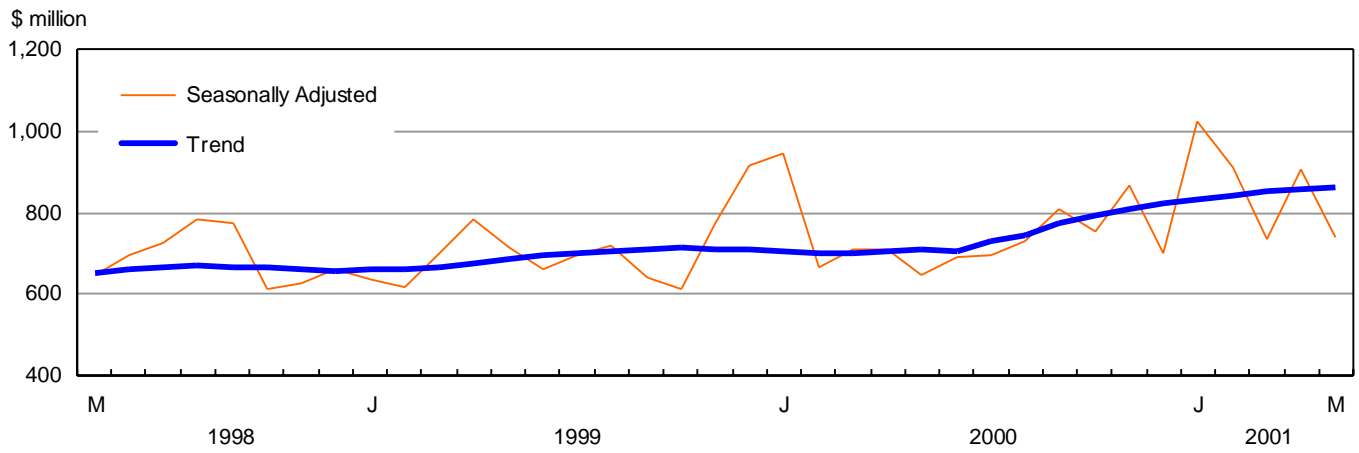


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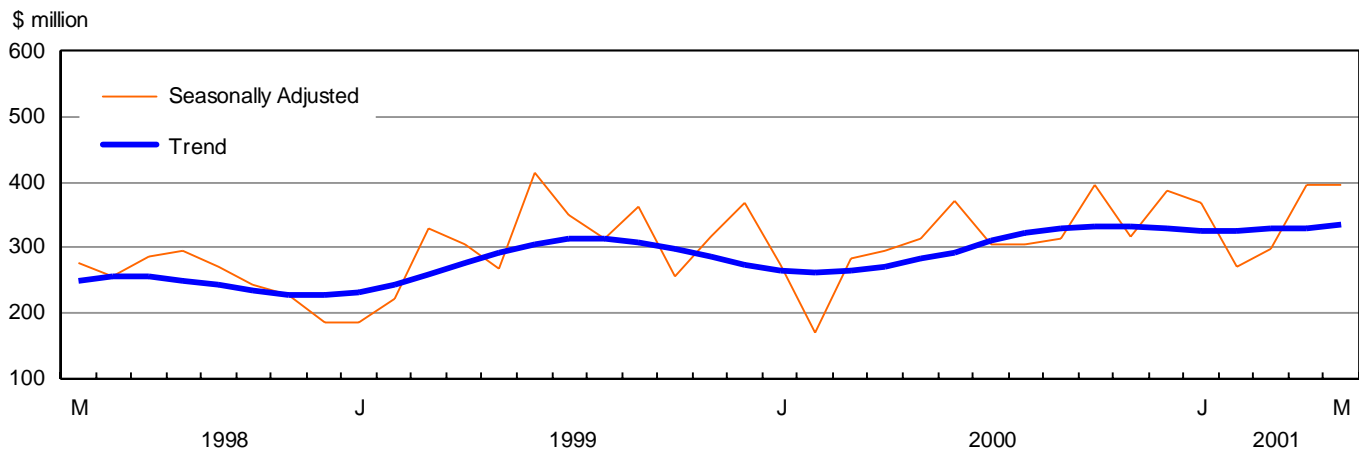


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Commercial value



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	2001	2001	May - Apr.	Apr. - Mar.	Mar. - Feb.	Feb. - Jan.	Jan. - Dec.	Dec. - Nov.
	May ^P	April ^R						
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	3,163,313	3,182,602	-0.6	4.4	-12.4	-8.2	21.4	-1.4
Newfoundland	36,929	21,812	69.3	22.4	39.8	-47.5	16.3	-21.1
Prince Edward Island	4,607	8,068	-42.9	17.6	51.5	-59.8	100.6	-30.4
Nova Scotia	79,136	56,947	39.0	39.1	-13.6	-15.0	-7.0	17.5
New Brunswick	54,787	35,516	54.3	16.5	-42.0	44.1	29.1	-37.7
Québec	633,657	617,300	2.6	8.6	-12.9	-25.5	81.6	-24.0
Ontario	1,262,115	1,343,024	-6.0	0.4	-22.9	-4.9	12.0	4.4
Manitoba	68,970	65,072	6.0	-0.7	26.9	-7.4	7.1	-20.7
Saskatchewan	65,898	78,335	-15.9	28.0	18.0	-33.9	149.5	6.8
Alberta	496,526	442,020	12.3	-12.2	18.7	1.1	4.4	-10.4
British Columbia	450,212	504,561	-10.8	22.5	-7.0	9.7	-1.5	38.2
Yukon	3,662	5,905	-38.0	187.2	-51.1	5.5	96.4	28.4
Northwest Territories	1,394	3,241	-57.0	96.3	61.2	-9.3	1,781.7	-91.0
Nunavut	5,420	801	576.7	11.9	-	...	...	...

Table 2

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

Province/Territory	2001	2001	May - Apr.	Apr. - Mar.	Mar. - Feb.	Feb. - Jan.	Jan. - Dec.	Dec. - Nov.
	May ^P	April ^R						
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	1,427,066	1,595,385	-10.6	16.3	-10.0	-16.2	22.2	1.1
Newfoundland	19,597	11,356	72.6	19.9	173.8	-15.2	-60.8	-5.5
Prince Edward Island	1,688	3,362	-49.8	10.5	1,211.2	-96.2	313.1	-51.0
Nova Scotia	39,464	26,790	47.3	134.2	-43.8	-7.8	-13.9	68.2
New Brunswick	34,329	18,338	87.2	61.1	-63.4	132.5	107.4	-73.3
Québec	367,421	375,975	-2.3	20.6	-14.2	-25.8	150.7	-45.5
Ontario	443,879	583,836	-24.0	18.3	-25.2	-24.0	-0.1	27.2
Manitoba	43,344	45,207	-4.1	22.2	36.3	5.4	-5.5	-32.3
Saskatchewan	41,675	60,518	-31.1	37.8	32.2	-45.0	276.8	53.5
Alberta	222,277	191,358	16.2	-27.6	69.0	-6.4	-2.8	-14.9
British Columbia	209,185	271,300	-22.9	47.3	-18.5	39.6	-1.8	32.2
Yukon	1,904	4,821	-60.5	932.3	-79.6	383.5	-61.7	76.2
Northwest Territories	40	2,264	-98.2	77.8	34.6	46.0	1,407.0	-91.7
Nunavut	2,263	260	770.4	...	...	...	...	...

Table 3

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

Province/Territory	2001	2001	May - Apr.	Apr. - Mar.	Mar. - Feb.	Feb. - Jan.	Jan. - Dec.	Dec. - Nov.
	May ^P	April ^R						
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	1,736,247	1,587,217	9.4	-5.4	-14.3	-0.7	20.7	-3.6
Newfoundland	17,332	10,456	65.8	25.3	-10.2	-54.0	92.8	-32.3
Prince Edward Island	2,919	4,706	-38.0	23.2	-11.1	-17.3	25.3	-18.2
Nova Scotia	39,672	30,157	31.6	2.2	9.2	-19.8	-1.9	-4.1
New Brunswick	20,458	17,178	19.1	-10.1	-11.2	-7.0	6.0	2.9
Québec	266,236	241,325	10.3	-6.0	-11.3	-25.0	34.5	3.9
Ontario	818,236	759,188	7.8	-10.1	-21.5	12.4	25.9	-13.3
Manitoba	25,626	19,865	29.0	-30.5	16.5	-18.4	20.8	-2.5
Saskatchewan	24,223	17,817	36.0	3.2	-7.3	3.0	17.3	-18.9
Alberta	274,249	250,662	9.4	4.7	-10.6	6.0	9.9	-6.7
British Columbia	241,027	233,261	3.3	2.4	5.0	-10.3	-1.3	42.5
Yukon	1,758	1,084	62.2	-31.8	-17.0	-45.4	342.5	-9.8
Northwest Territories	1,354	977	38.6	158.5	384.6	-83.8	2,729.4	-88.6
Nunavut	3,157	541	483.5	-24.4	-	...	...	...

Table 4

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

Province/Territory	2001	2001	May - Apr.	Apr. - Mar.	Mar. - Feb.	Feb. - Jan.	Jan. - Dec.	Dec. - Nov.
	May ^P	April ^R						
	units		percentage change					
Canada	159,420	142,368	12.0	-4.7	-18.1	7.5	11.1	4.2
Newfoundland	1,776	1,080	64.4	28.6	-4.1	-54.9	105.1	-42.8
Prince Edward Island	288	528	-45.5	18.9	-31.5	-23.9	102.9	-39.7
Nova Scotia	5,664	2,964	91.1	9.8	8.7	-15.2	-17.0	-22.0
New Brunswick	2,556	2,256	13.3	-10.0	0.5	-11.1	3.5	16.5
Québec	25,872	23,580	9.7	0.8	-9.9	-22.9	32.0	-0.6
Ontario	67,248	59,412	13.2	-20.1	-23.0	28.4	13.2	-3.9
Manitoba	2,268	1,692	34.0	-28.4	4.8	-13.4	26.2	-9.9
Saskatchewan	2,640	1,860	41.9	15.7	-13.5	-2.5	30.3	-35.1
Alberta	29,976	27,924	7.3	14.3	-26.9	0.1	25.6	-0.7
British Columbia	20,616	20,856	-1.2	26.3	5.0	11.6	-38.9	105.0
Yukon	144	108	33.3	-40.0	36.4	-62.1	625.0	-60.0
Northwest Territories	108	72	50.0	...	...	...	...	...
Nunavut	264	36	633.3	-25.0	-	...	...	...

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									
April ^R	7,171	4,693	11,864	1,587,217	297,588	903,248	394,549	1,595,385	3,182,602
May ^P	7,540	5,745	13,285	1,736,247	292,178	738,696	396,192	1,427,066	3,163,313
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	39,615	27,316	66,931	8,928,578	1,696,927	4,311,868	1,728,339	7,737,134	16,665,712
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	39,621	22,069	61,690	8,281,184	1,461,378	3,673,144	1,335,288	6,469,810	14,750,994
Newfoundland									
April ^R	80	10	90	10,456	213	10,081	1,062	11,356	21,812
May ^P	126	22	148	17,332	303	18,855	439	19,597	36,929
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	479	64	543	65,607	531	42,788	4,639	47,958	113,565
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	545	43	588	74,750	3,434	21,379	4,041	28,854	103,604
Prince Edward Island									
April ^R	33	11	44	4,706	379	2,802	181	3,362	8,068
May ^P	19	5	24	2,919	-	1,645	43	1,688	4,607
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	197	33	230	20,942	551	13,023	823	14,397	35,339
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	190	35	225	23,901	3,437	9,601	3,948	16,986	40,887
Nova Scotia									
April ^R	218	29	247	30,157	5,744	15,087	5,959	26,790	56,947
May ^P	221	251	472	39,672	713	35,429	3,322	39,464	79,136
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	1,061	334	1,395	160,055	16,435	88,896	14,750	120,081	280,136
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	1,379	640	2,019	225,407	21,307	110,244	72,056	203,607	429,014
New Brunswick									
April ^R	135	53	188	17,178	1,975	13,362	3,001	18,338	35,516
May ^P	143	70	213	20,458	1,095	18,734	14,500	34,329	54,787
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	755	297	1,052	101,365	26,323	58,422	23,741	108,486	209,851
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	905	198	1,103	115,311	20,821	35,686	12,532	69,039	184,350
Quebec									
April ^R	1,076	889	1,965	241,325	95,977	232,227	47,771	375,975	617,300
May ^P	1,248	908	2,156	266,236	100,096	214,011	53,314	367,421	633,657
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	6,342	4,698	11,040	1,439,621	563,360	1,097,286	247,229	1,907,875	3,347,496
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	6,195	3,550	9,745	1,293,920	359,577	622,572	228,766	1,210,915	2,504,835
Ontario									
April ^R	3,178	1,773	4,951	759,188	126,321	310,673	146,842	583,836	1,343,024
May ^P	3,227	2,377	5,604	818,236	98,541	197,248	148,090	443,879	1,262,115
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	18,104	12,949	31,053	4,452,493	676,532	1,552,845	819,570	3,048,947	7,501,440
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	18,188	10,129	28,317	4,105,370	675,658	1,376,882	526,695	2,579,235	6,684,605
Manitoba									
April ^R	128	13	141	19,865	14,160	26,359	4,688	45,207	65,072
May ^P	167	22	189	25,626	7,176	32,305	3,863	43,344	68,970
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	864	68	932	128,618	43,016	119,394	16,030	178,440	307,058
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	977	147	1,124	152,729	49,149	116,521	55,988	221,658	374,387
Saskatchewan									
April ^R	100	55	155	17,817	2,629	16,776	41,113	60,518	78,335
May ^P	85	135	220	24,223	12,362	19,725	9,588	41,675	65,898
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	591	232	823	96,033	34,392	107,481	97,808	239,681	335,714
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	812	193	1,005	111,620	27,058	128,381	49,159	204,598	316,218

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									
April ^R	1,591	736	2,327	250,662	25,150	121,372	44,836	191,358	442,020
May ^P	1,665	833	2,498	274,249	54,123	86,804	81,350	222,277	496,526
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	7,938	4,485	12,423	1,284,614	206,397	590,833	204,053	1,001,283	2,285,897
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	7,273	4,351	11,624	1,245,356	187,885	605,638	198,843	992,366	2,237,722
British Columbia									
April ^R	614	1,124	1,738	233,261	25,010	152,050	94,240	271,300	504,561
May ^P	614	1,104	1,718	241,027	17,676	109,934	81,575	209,185	450,212
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	3,179	4,137	7,316	1,160,977	128,018	629,842	294,480	1,052,340	2,213,317
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	3,075	2,664	5,739	908,061	112,658	640,460	181,041	934,159	1,842,220
Yukon									
April ^R	9	-	9	1,084	-	70	4,751	4,821	5,905
May ^P	12	-	12	1,758	93	1,703	108	1,904	3,662
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	75	1	76	9,855	127	4,745	5,080	9,952	19,807

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					Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Calgary, Alberta									
April ^R	625	272	897	114,817	2,323	50,029	14,411	66,763	181,580
May ^P	666	365	1,031	125,279	10,606	23,183	49,859	83,648	208,927
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	3,105	1,502	4,607	560,812	40,914	232,587	82,991	356,492	917,304
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	2,993	1,516	4,509	557,354	57,432	276,727	124,218	458,377	1,015,731
Chicoutimi-Jonquière, Quebec									
April ^R	28	29	57	6,291	2,832	12,804	452	16,088	22,379
May ^P	34	18	52	6,819	1,579	2,139	1,103	4,821	11,640
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	94	78	172	20,745	8,849	35,001	20,669	64,519	85,264
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	92	59	151	20,065	25,100	10,098	7,632	42,830	62,895
Edmonton, Alberta									
April ^R	449	155	604	57,247	8,743	39,244	14,510	62,497	119,744
May ^P	489	188	677	66,970	2,635	28,964	13,138	44,737	111,707
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	2,024	1,000	3,024	290,008	29,584	164,923	62,067	256,574	546,582
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	1,790	1,375	3,165	292,031	29,018	167,771	17,624	214,413	506,444
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
April ^R	106	21	127	15,869	240	4,249	4,255	8,744	24,613
May ^P	102	216	318	22,090	25	28,322	2,730	31,077	53,167
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	503	271	774	86,344	1,384	45,022	7,067	53,473	139,817
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	663	552	1,215	127,534	8,381	81,993	55,671	146,045	273,579
Hamilton, Ontario									
April ^R	101	123	224	29,796	16,624	7,712	1,681	26,017	55,813
May ^P	126	56	182	29,143	525	17,426	14,938	32,889	62,032
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	685	665	1,350	174,657	38,777	68,280	70,486	177,543	352,200
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	765	450	1,215	165,968	17,721	48,734	48,256	114,711	280,679
Hull, Quebec									
April ^R	66	181	247	19,968	735	5,145	1,198	7,078	27,046
May ^P	132	41	173	19,610	167	7,518	734	8,419	28,029
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	392	279	671	74,095	6,851	89,271	6,738	102,860	176,955
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	232	146	378	45,486	3,933	42,173	11,859	57,965	103,451
Kitchener, Ontario									
April ^R	168	71	239	35,983	10,915	44,761	12,998	68,674	104,657
May ^P	193	302	495	45,995	7,013	19,657	11,870	38,540	84,535
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	865	517	1,382	170,908	33,100	114,937	34,316	182,353	353,261
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	928	633	1,561	168,602	65,224	52,611	23,489	141,324	309,926
London, Ontario									
April ^R	120	37	157	23,229	1,953	48,193	8,837	58,983	82,212
May ^P	101	126	227	24,855	2,683	3,680	25,273	31,636	56,491
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	518	247	765	98,261	15,370	87,964	84,593	187,927	286,188
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	574	333	907	102,847	19,329	46,907	29,063	95,299	198,146
Montréal, Quebec									
April ^R	436	443	879	109,834	75,206	166,579	23,989	265,774	375,608
May ^P	514	521	1,035	129,621	68,551	145,263	18,069	231,883	361,504
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	2,945	2,912	5,857	756,146	386,869	692,026	110,465	1,189,360	1,945,506
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	2,938	2,054	4,992	655,859	174,136	324,604	127,184	625,924	1,281,783

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, Ontario									
April ^R	95	25	120	18,388	235	3,731	3,161	7,127	25,515
May ^P	204	106	310	42,962	-	938	4,460	5,398	48,360
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	791	336	1,127	151,789	18,082	12,933	12,520	43,535	195,324
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	864	451	1,315	159,905	17,224	37,020	79,553	133,797	293,702
Ottawa, Ontario									
April ^R	241	234	475	60,241	4,128	32,853	19,292	56,273	116,514
May ^P	305	256	561	77,519	13,413	17,689	13,208	44,310	121,829
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	1,721	1,115	2,836	364,898	25,425	180,222	55,308	260,955	625,853
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	1,371	704	2,075	285,644	29,642	189,086	32,725	251,453	537,097
Québec, Quebec									
April ^R	138	50	188	24,290	3,267	8,562	3,890	15,719	40,009
May ^P	131	115	246	25,138	1,399	28,277	3,705	33,381	58,519
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	650	533	1,183	149,834	20,290	81,201	30,576	132,067	281,901
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	573	371	944	111,661	9,692	81,874	41,951	133,517	245,178
Regina, Saskatchewan									
April ^R	18	-	18	2,305	41	8,198	28,997	37,236	39,541
May ^P	7	54	61	8,431	-	5,315	868	6,183	14,614
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	136	56	192	23,712	2,882	30,719	48,969	82,570	106,282
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	249	34	283	30,434	3,082	38,227	3,945	45,254	75,688
Saint John, New Brunswick									
April ^R	21	6	27	3,169	20	3,188	1,940	5,148	8,317
May ^P	19	8	27	3,439	65	1,873	2,748	4,686	8,125
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	99	16	115	14,491	803	10,020	6,899	17,722	32,213
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	107	23	130	16,682	4,703	7,789	2,335	14,827	31,509
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
April ^R	40	37	77	8,022	604	3,144	9,149	12,897	20,919
May ^P	46	67	113	9,726	11,801	8,912	2,307	23,020	32,746
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	240	131	371	38,033	28,019	34,919	26,786	89,724	127,757
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	283	124	407	40,717	21,134	53,387	25,384	99,905	140,622
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
April ^R	23	23	46	5,278	22	1,520	3,916	5,458	10,736
May ^P	37	22	59	7,220	1,894	2,016	2,177	6,087	13,307
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	152	114	266	30,338	4,826	16,515	7,282	28,623	58,961
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	158	81	239	30,914	5,330	7,611	1,866	14,807	45,721
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
April ^R	69	18	87	14,330	2,570	5,512	11,806	19,888	34,218
May ^P	97	19	116	17,347	2,307	6,381	4,465	13,153	30,500
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	330	109	439	64,390	11,418	59,383	21,329	92,130	156,520
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	447	96	543	70,573	12,269	53,659	8,752	74,680	145,253
St. John's, Newfoundland									
April ^R	54	6	60	7,081	213	5,303	759	6,275	13,356
May ^P	94	17	111	12,477	240	12,053	259	12,552	25,029
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	326	51	377	43,206	454	25,161	4,112	29,727	72,933
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	377	38	415	52,988	3,091	12,887	2,175	18,153	71,141

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					Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Sudbury, Ontario									
April ^R	12	-	12	2,830	1,047	3,144	765	4,956	7,786
May ^P	3	-	3	223	38	296	181	515	738
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	35	-	35	6,693	1,418	8,472	4,725	14,615	21,308
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	53	2	55	12,344	2,253	6,457	1,946	10,656	23,000
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
April ^R	19	5	24	3,392	110	385	506	1,001	4,393
May ^P	20	2	22	3,317	50	5,815	418	6,283	9,600
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	51	7	58	9,221	4,771	14,245	11,241	30,257	39,478
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	73	42	115	15,466	1,447	7,308	7,130	15,885	31,351
Toronto, Ontario									
April ^R	1,236	950	2,186	357,160	66,433	119,979	40,427	226,839	583,999
May ^P	1,162	1,155	2,317	372,853	39,074	71,678	39,597	150,349	523,202
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	7,579	8,135	15,714	2,335,541	308,981	737,230	308,349	1,354,560	3,690,101
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	7,245	6,195	13,440	2,084,794	276,973	668,204	178,346	1,123,523	3,208,317

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							
April ^R	9,143	92	857	1,154	2,052	314	13,612
May ^P	10,549	114	918	1,598	3,817	289	17,285
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	38,418	263	4,522	5,779	13,277	1,367	63,626
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	39,440	266	4,179	5,996	10,855	962	61,698
Newfoundland							
April ^R	98	2	4	-	2	5	111
May ^P	214	-	-	-	22	7	243
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	396	2	14	-	24	18	454
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	424	-	28	-	8	1	461
Prince Edward Island							
April ^R	37	5	5	-	8	2	57
May ^P	25	-	-	-	12	1	38
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	98	15	7	4	20	4	148
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	140	10	5	-	14	-	169
Nova Scotia							
April ^R	261	7	-	-	26	9	303
May ^P	362	11	2	8	234	-	617
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	986	30	5	8	291	15	1,335
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	1,245	30	54	12	538	18	1,897
New Brunswick							
April ^R	159	7	4	4	43	10	227
May ^P	257	8	2	-	139	9	415
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	557	19	6	4	214	28	828
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	683	14	12	17	137	19	882
Quebec							
April ^R	1,894	39	129	21	786	127	2,996
May ^P	1,985	38	107	3	801	184	3,118
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	7,309	85	457	69	3,549	534	12,003
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	7,364	82	429	282	2,637	502	11,296
Ontario							
April ^R	3,789	15	607	729	142	65	5,347
May ^P	4,198	34	558	1,182	1,012	46	7,030
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	16,857	55	3,399	4,221	3,887	502	28,921
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	17,645	75	3,121	4,040	2,564	234	27,679
Manitoba							
April ^R	172	3	-	5	8	-	188
May ^P	260	5	-	10	12	-	287
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	806	10	3	15	50	1	885
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	933	14	8	41	91	8	1,095

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							
April ^R	142	-	-	7	44	4	197
May ^P	138	3	55	6	72	2	276
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	502	4	59	21	146	6	738
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	780	4	27	78	86	3	978
Alberta							
April ^R	1,909	11	102	85	473	81	2,661
May ^P	2,231	11	174	234	512	17	3,179
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	7,787	33	516	671	2,283	155	11,445
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	7,123	26	324	645	3,066	48	11,232
British Columbia							
April ^R	667	3	6	303	520	11	1,510
May ^P	848	4	18	155	985	23	2,033
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	3,055	10	54	766	2,797	103	6,785
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	3,068	4	171	821	1,658	126	5,848
Yukon							
April ^R	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
May ^P	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	32	-	-	-	-	1	33
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	15	7	-	-	2	2	26
Northwest Territories							
April ^R	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
May ^P	8	-	-	-	4	-	12
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	14	-	-	-	4	-	18
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	10	-	-	-	4	1	15
Nunavut							
April ^R	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
May ^P	8	-	2	-	12	-	22
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	19	-	2	-	12	-	33
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	10	-	-	60	50	-	120

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

Census Metropolitan Areas	Number of dwelling unit						Total dwellings
	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	
Calgary, Alberta	864	-	56	66	234	-	1,220
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	49	2	3	-	6	14	74
Edmonton, Albe	633	-	72	14	96	2	817
Halifax, Nova Sc	170	-	-	-	216	-	386
Hamilton, Ontari	152	-	5	16	44	-	217
Hull, Quebec	200	-	22	-	28	1	251
Kitchener, Ontar	233	-	8	75	255	11	582
London, Ontario	122	-	-	29	117	-	268
Montréal, Queb	780	-	41	-	488	123	1,432
Oshawa, Ontari	246	-	52	71	-	-	369
Ottawa, Ontario	369	-	34	247	1	14	665
Québec, Quebe	198	1	11	-	121	12	343
Regina,, Saskat	11	-	52	-	-	2	65
Saint John, New	30	-	2	-	6	-	38
Saskatoon, Sas	71	-	1	-	66	-	138
Sherbrooke, Qu	55	-	12	-	16	1	84
St. Catharines-Niagara	117	-	6	14	2	-	139
St. John's, Newf	146	-	-	-	20	-	166
Sudbury, Ontari	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Thunder Bay, O	23	1	-	-	2	-	26
Toronto, Ontario	1,403	-	365	595	370	6	2,739
Trois-Rivières, Q	28	-	2	-	2	2	34
Vancouver, Briti	412	-	2	139	865	19	1,437
Victoria, British	68	3	-	-	-	4	75
Windsor, Ontari	119	-	10	-	77	-	206
Winnipeg, Manit	162	-	-	10	-	-	172

Table 9
Dwelling Units, Census Metropolitan Areas, Unadjusted, January - May 2001

Census Metropolitan Areas	Number of dwelling unit							Total dwellings
	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions		
Calgary, Alberta	3,145	-	212	272	901	3	4,533	
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	138	3	3	-	41	42	227	
Edmonton, Albe	2,095	-	222	33	539	115	3,004	
Halifax, Nova Sc	523	-	-	-	259	12	794	
Hamilton, Ontari	667	-	21	287	223	77	1,275	
Hull, Quebec	489	1	93	-	218	7	808	
Kitchener, Ontar	851	-	56	213	260	20	1,400	
London, Ontario	519	-	9	122	117	5	772	
Montréal, Queb	3,390	-	212	52	2,189	299	6,142	
Oshawa, Ontari	766	-	97	204	-	9	1,076	
Ottawa, Ontario	1,712	-	167	752	138	47	2,816	
Québec, Quebe	838	2	43	-	362	50	1,295	
Regina,, Saskat	108	-	52	-	2	2	164	
Saint John, New	87	-	2	4	10	-	103	
Saskatoon, Sas	230	-	2	8	118	3	361	
Sherbrooke, Qu	195	-	18	-	102	11	326	
St. Catharines-Niagara	338	1	28	69	7	2	445	
St. John's, Newf	281	-	14	-	20	8	323	
Sudbury, Ontari	40	-	-	-	-	-	40	
Thunder Bay, O	55	2	2	-	2	2	63	
Toronto, Ontario	7,131	-	2,636	2,177	2,598	252	14,794	
Trois-Rivières, Q	117	1	14	-	2	10	144	
Vancouver, Briti	1,399	-	14	686	2,337	75	4,511	
Victoria, British	243	4	3	30	44	19	343	
Windsor, Ontari	669	-	90	5	83	3	850	
Winnipeg, Mani	487	-	-	15	21	-	523	

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					
April ^R	1,834,141	264,471	885,922	393,734	3,378,268
May ^P	2,336,322	330,349	806,503	436,494	3,909,668
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	8,460,143	1,373,555	3,591,738	1,664,281	15,089,717
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	8,162,401	1,309,720	3,204,188	1,327,536	14,003,845
Newfoundland					
April ^R	12,918	213	8,994	483	22,608
May ^P	28,938	303	17,190	516	46,947
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	53,453	531	33,258	2,128	89,370
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	57,875	3,434	14,372	3,730	79,411
Prince Edward Island					
April ^R	6,256	379	2,802	181	9,618
May ^P	4,043	-	1,645	43	5,731
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	15,230	551	13,023	823	29,627
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	20,025	3,437	9,601	3,948	37,011
Nova Scotia					
April ^R	37,149	4,359	14,672	5,959	62,139
May ^P	66,093	1,671	31,102	3,322	102,188
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	156,345	11,846	70,323	14,750	253,264
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	211,377	22,779	98,140	72,056	404,352
New Brunswick					
April ^R	21,954	2,089	13,362	3,001	40,406
May ^P	39,983	1,363	18,734	14,500	74,580
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	79,960	11,992	58,422	23,741	174,115
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	93,468	15,059	35,686	12,532	156,745
Quebec					
April ^R	370,132	73,927	228,216	41,915	714,190
May ^P	424,148	118,906	198,567	61,165	802,786
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	1,496,548	403,794	854,149	210,432	2,964,923
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	1,427,949	270,777	488,596	213,284	2,400,606
Ontario					
April ^R	821,127	121,650	298,515	145,526	1,386,818
May ^P	1,011,692	114,611	234,945	159,085	1,520,333
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	4,077,898	560,232	1,279,432	769,383	6,686,945
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	3,947,746	633,361	1,234,920	543,046	6,359,073
Manitoba					
April ^R	25,513	12,656	25,996	4,688	68,853
May ^P	40,160	7,946	45,258	3,863	97,227
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	118,077	37,000	112,168	16,030	283,275
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	146,627	41,207	98,962	55,988	342,784
Saskatchewan					
April ^R	22,878	2,629	16,282	37,080	78,869
May ^P	32,683	12,362	18,621	9,650	73,316
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	85,066	34,392	76,055	79,630	275,143
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	104,985	27,058	105,594	39,460	277,097

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					
April ^R	292,990	25,150	128,090	55,805	502,035
May ^P	367,752	54,123	116,888	102,667	641,430
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	1,255,029	206,397	543,806	247,668	2,252,900
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	1,217,583	187,885	566,164	200,232	2,171,864
British Columbia					
April ^R	220,992	21,389	146,534	94,240	483,155
May ^P	314,210	18,971	119,547	81,575	534,303
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	1,109,929	105,448	540,044	294,480	2,049,901
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	913,459	104,329	546,373	181,041	1,745,202
Yukon					
April ^R	714	-	70	4,751	5,535
May ^P	2,109	93	1,703	108	4,013
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	4,210	127	4,745	5,080	14,162
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	3,642	314	1,095	2,017	7,068
Northwest Territories					
April ^R	977	30	2,129	105	3,241
May ^P	1,354	-	40	-	1,394
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	3,268	1,245	3,790	136	8,439
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	3,046	80	2,653	202	5,981
Nunavut					
April ^R	541	-	260	-	801
May ^P	3,157	-	2,263	-	5,420
Cumulative Jan. - May 2001	5,130	-	2,523	-	7,653
Cumulative Jan. - May 2000	14,619	-	2,032	-	16,651

Table 11

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

Census Metropolitan Areas	Value of construction (thousands of dollars)				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
Calgary	160,704	10,606	30,448	66,731	268,489
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	10,714	1,702	1,891	1,343	15,650
Edmonton	86,019	2,635	38,042	17,583	144,279
Halifax	37,469	25	23,952	2,730	64,176
Hamilton	34,121	595	20,889	17,277	72,882
Hull	30,717	180	6,646	894	38,437
Kitchener	52,816	7,954	23,563	13,728	98,061
London	27,996	3,043	4,411	29,230	64,680
Montréal	194,571	73,893	128,406	22,009	418,879
Oshawa	50,476	-	1,124	5,158	56,758
Ottawa	89,949	15,213	21,204	15,276	141,642
Québec	38,659	1,508	24,996	4,513	69,676
Regina	9,352	-	4,686	885	14,923
Saint John	4,910	65	1,873	2,748	9,596
Saskatoon	13,529	11,801	7,857	2,352	35,539
Sherbrooke	11,153	2,042	1,782	2,652	17,629
St. Catharines-Niagara	21,115	2,616	7,649	5,164	36,544
St. John's	18,989	240	10,806	336	30,371
Sudbury	273	43	355	209	880
Thunder Bay	4,078	57	6,971	483	11,589
Toronto	426,635	44,316	85,921	45,797	602,669
Trois-Rivières	7,065	4	4,099	12,445	23,613
Vancouver	228,503	6,205	89,936	14,362	339,006
Victoria	13,821	732	7,694	2,144	24,391
Windsor	31,274	1,501	906	70	33,751
Winnipeg	24,940	1,441	23,562	3,647	53,590

Table 12

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

Census Metropolitan Areas	Value of construction (thousands of dollars)				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
Calgary	562,129	40,914	216,448	112,430	931,921
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	27,983	6,306	31,075	19,962	85,326
Edmonton	294,086	29,584	153,772	76,243	553,685
Halifax	87,691	1,384	36,745	7,067	132,887
Hamilton	163,809	33,276	60,724	73,268	331,077
Hull	87,284	4,003	67,535	4,853	163,675
Kitchener	165,594	29,907	100,508	35,782	331,791
London	95,310	13,938	75,568	89,041	273,857
Montréal	773,845	274,069	534,333	80,481	1,662,728
Oshawa	143,191	13,948	10,520	13,218	180,877
Ottawa	357,905	26,033	152,983	53,566	590,487
Québec	155,119	12,952	64,332	25,231	257,634
Regina	20,493	2,882	20,837	36,122	80,334
Saint John	12,817	803	10,020	6,899	30,539
Saskatoon	36,561	28,019	26,104	21,455	112,139
Sherbrooke	35,897	3,896	13,562	6,931	60,286
St. Catharines-Niagara	64,348	9,915	49,453	22,279	145,995
St. John's	36,766	454	19,644	1,601	58,465
Sudbury	6,716	1,326	7,155	4,018	19,215
Thunder Bay	9,779	4,153	12,763	11,004	37,699
Toronto	2,164,845	257,087	586,253	294,268	3,302,453
Trois-Rivières	21,803	2,086	11,314	14,962	50,165
Vancouver	776,789	43,436	367,940	156,163	1,344,328
Victoria	63,074	11,461	39,141	13,383	127,059
Windsor	125,832	15,881	28,301	17,820	187,834
Winnipeg	72,734	8,620	74,387	12,023	167,764

Table 13

Value of the Non-residential Permits by Type of Building, Provinces and Territories, May 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	1,573,346	18,009	1,688	36,095	34,597	378,638	508,641	57,067	40,633	273,678	220,093	1,904	40	2,263
Industrial	330,349	303	-	1,671	1,363	118,906	114,611	7,946	12,362	54,123	18,971	93	-	-
Factories, plants	187,912	-	-	-	-	87,709	70,063	324	10,890	13,041	5,885	-	-	-
Transportation, utilities	34,564	-	-	-	-	328	3,873	1,490	-	26,773	2,100	-	-	-
Mining and agriculture	45,682	-	-	900	400	12,705	12,257	4,000	295	10,268	4,857	-	-	-
Minor industrial projects, new and improvements ¹	62,191	303	-	771	963	18,164	28,418	2,132	1,177	4,041	6,129	93	-	-
Commercial	806,503	17,190	1,645	31,102	18,734	198,567	234,945	45,258	18,621	116,888	119,547	1,703	40	2,263
Trade and services	239,395	3,066	700	5,200	7,361	64,727	73,622	6,813	7,850	40,619	27,276	-	-	2,161
Warehouses	97,211	402	-	11,510	4,780	11,437	32,563	18,283	-	13,533	4,703	-	-	-
Service stations	21,359	-	-	805	1,766	7,550	4,859	-	-	4,450	1,929	-	-	-
Office buildings	189,351	2,400	325	6,468	1,508	38,802	57,112	1,545	6,344	20,368	54,479	-	-	-
Recreation	31,506	-	-	2,000	-	2,061	13,018	2,650	-	8,943	2,834	-	-	-
Hotels, restaurants	76,042	9,415	-	-	-	22,834	16,057	11,880	300	5,621	8,435	1,500	-	-
Laboratories	15,500	-	-	-	-	15,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹	136,139	1,907	620	5,119	3,319	35,656	37,714	4,087	4,127	23,354	19,891	203	40	102
Institutional and governmental	436,494	516	43	3,322	14,500	61,165	159,085	3,863	9,650	102,667	81,575	108	-	-
Schools, education	211,712	-	-	1,960	2,390	22,241	78,277	-	3,059	76,070	27,715	-	-	-
Hospitals, medical	77,526	-	-	-	3,615	18,571	19,802	1,090	675	1,655	32,118	-	-	-
Welfare, home	64,078	325	-	-	5,693	7,783	35,707	800	4,550	1,000	8,220	-	-	-
Churches, religion	21,394	-	-	300	325	2,298	10,999	1,200	-	4,620	1,652	-	-	-
Government buildings	33,453	-	-	770	1,122	400	5,591	-	327	16,227	9,016	-	-	-
Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements ¹	28,331	191	43	292	1,355	9,872	8,709	773	1,039	3,095	2,854	108	-	-

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 is mandatory; 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

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 mouth-to-mouth and year-to-year changes in similar values of responding municipalities and the historical pattern of the missing municipalities. 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, 989 to 995 and 4073.

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Section A: Major Construction Projects – Projets de construction majeurs

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Line No. N° de ligne	Permit No. Numéro du permis	Name and Address of Owner Nom et adresse du propriétaire	Name and Address of Builder Nom et adresse du constructeur	Construction Location Site des travaux	Type of Building Code Code pour type de bâtiment	Type of Work Code Code pour type de travaux	Value of Construction Valeur des travaux \$	Dwelling Units Unités de logement Created Créées Lost Supprimées	Total Building Area Aire totale du bâtiment Check one: Cochez: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> FT ² /PI ² 2 <input type="checkbox"/> M ²	Line No. N° de ligne
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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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