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SA Seasonally adjusted at monthly rate.
SAAR Seasonally adjusted at annual rate.

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## Part I - Analysis

## Highlights

## February 2001

- The value of building permits issued by municipalities declined in February as construction intentions in the nonresidential sector lost altitude in comparison with last month's peak. Builders took out $\$ 3.4$ billion worth of building permits, down $9.1 \%$ from January.
- Despite this retreat, the February's total value of building permits was $11.9 \%$ above the average monthly level recorded in 2000.
- The value of non-residential permits dropped $17.9 \%$ to $\$ 1.5$ billion owing to important declines in all three categories - industrial, commercial and institutional. Housing intentions remained very strong, reaching $\$ 2.0$ billion, down a slight 0.9\% from the previous month. The decline in single-family permits more than offset the higher demand for multi-family dwellings.
- For the first two months of the year, municipalities issued $\$ 7.2$ billion in permits, up 19.4\% in comparison with the same period last year, and the best showing for the first two months of any year since 1990. Advances in both the residential (+14.3\% to $\$ 3.9$ billion) and non-residential (+26.0\% to $\$ 3.3$ billion) sectors were behind this performance.
- Regionally, the census metropolitan areas of Toronto and Montreal started the year strongly as the value of residential and non-residential permits was well above last year's level in both regions. These two regions contributed more than $75 \%$ of the growth in the cumulative value of permits.


## Monthly Review

## Single- and multi-family permits followed different paths

- Permits for multi-family dwellings rose $11.8 \%$ to $\$ 625$ million in February, the highest monthly figure on record. On the other hand, the value of permits for single-family dwellings showed a $5.9 \%$ decline to $\$ 1.3$ billion, after a strong month in January.
- Declining mortgage rates, increasing prices for new housing, tight vacancy rates for apartments in many regions and a high full-time employment level are consistent with the current vigorous activity in the housing sector.
- Among the provinces, Ontario's increase in residential construction intentions (+11.4\% to $\$ 1.1$ billion) was the largest and was due to a jump in multi-family dwelling permits. This strong showing was more than offset by declines in Quebec ( $-24.8 \%$ to $\$ 290$ million) and British Columbia ( $-10.3 \%$ to $\$ 217$ million).
- On a year-to-date basis, the healthy state of the residential sector has been brought about by robust gains in both multi-family (+36.0\% to $\$ 1.2$ billion) and singlefamily dwellings (+6.9\% to \$2.7 billion). Accordingly, the January and February cumulative value was the best result since 1990 for the housing sector.
- For the first two months of the year, the largest increase (in dollar terms) occurred in Ontario (+17.3\% to \$2.0 billion) and Quebec (+24.4\% to \$676 million). In contrast, Nova Scotia recorded the biggest decline.


## Non-residential: first decline in the last four months

- After a strong 22.2\% advance in January, the value of building permits in the non-residential sector slid 17.9\% to $\$ 1.5$ billion in February. All three components (industrial, institutional and commercial) contributed to the overall decline.
- The industrial capacity utilization rate eased slightly in the last quarter of 2000 and growth in the real gross domestic product slowed to $0.6 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2000 reflecting a widespread moderation of demand. Despite this, retail trade rose for a third consecutive month in January 2001, corporate profits reached a record high in 2000 and the industrial vacancy rate is still low. On the whole, the outlook for the non-residential sector remains positive in 2001.
- Industrial building intentions tumbled $17.6 \%$ to $\$ 351$ million in February. Factories and utilities showed the most significant losses. The largest decline was recorded in Quebec ( $-36.3 \%$ to $\$ 104$ million) and the largest increase (in dollar terms) was in New Brunswick (+424.1\% to $\$ 18$ million).
- Commercial building permits declined $10.5 \%$ to $\$ 918$ million in February, after a sharp increase of $47.1 \%$ the previous month. Office building projects showed the most significant loss while hotel permits showed a second consecutive monthly increase. Ontario posted the largest decline ( $-20.0 \%$ to $\$ 368$ million) and British Columbia ( $+50.3 \%$ to $\$ 159$ million) showed the most significant gain.
- Institutional building intentions fell $39.1 \%$ to $\$ 224$ million in February. It was the second straight monthly decline in the institutional component. Education and welfare projects showed the most significant losses. The most important decrease came from Ontario ( $-44.7 \%$ to \$119 million).
- Provincially, increases in the three components led British Columbia to the largest advance in the non-residential sector ( $+39.6 \%$ to $\$ 226$ million). On the other hand, a large decrease in the census metropolitan area of Toronto led Ontario to a large decrease ( $-25.7 \%$ to $\$ 645$ million).
- Despite February's decline, the total value of nonresidential building permits reached $\$ 3.3$ billion for the first two months of the year, up $26.0 \%$ from the same period in 2000. At $\$ 776$ million, permits for industrial construction were $35.2 \%$ higher. Commercial permits reached $\$ 1.9$ billion, up $20.7 \%$ and institutional intentions gained $33.4 \%$ to $\$ 593$ million.
- On a year-to-date basis, Ontario recorded the largest increase ( $+54.4 \%$ to $\$ 1.5$ billion) due to growth in all three components, while Alberta ( $-26.1 \%$ to $\$ 319$ million) posted the largest decline.


## Building permits - Canada

## Total value of building permits



## Residential value - Total



Residential value - single and multiple


## Building permits - Canada

## Number of dwelling units - single and multiple



## Non residential value - Total



## Industrial value



## Building permits - Canada

## Commercial value



Institutional and Governmental value


## Part II - Tables (Seasonally Adjusted)

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

| Province/Territory | 2001 | 2001 | Feb. - Jan. | Jan. - Dec. | Dec. - Nov. | Nov. - Oct. | Oct. - Sept. | Sept. - Aug. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | thousands of dollars |  | percentage change |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 3,446,154 | 3,790,347 | -9.1 | 21.4 | -1.4 | 0.2 | -6.7 | 2.6 |
| Newfoundland | 12,535 | 24,265 | -48.3 | 16.3 | -21.1 | -36.6 | 72.0 | 33.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | 4,645 | 11,270 | -58.8 | 100.6 | -30.4 | -14.6 | -16.0 | 21.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 48,336 | 55,750 | -13.3 | -7.0 | 17.5 | -34.5 | 56.4 | -21.8 |
| New Brunswick | 53,010 | 36,485 | 45.3 | 29.1 | -37.7 | 1.2 | 17.0 | -30.6 |
| Québec | 642,578 | 875,547 | -26.6 | 81.6 | -24.0 | 24.1 | -16.1 | 16.0 |
| Ontario | 1,710,301 | 1,824,212 | -6.2 | 12.0 | 4.4 | 1.3 | -5.5 | 4.6 |
| Manitoba | 51,408 | 55,792 | -7.9 | 7.1 | -20.7 | 2.8 | -23.0 | 39.0 |
| Saskatchewan | 51,670 | 78,467 | -34.2 | 149.5 | 6.8 | -42.3 | 29.4 | -27.1 |
| Alberta | 423,192 | 419,675 | 0.8 | 4.4 | -10.4 | -12.1 | 15.2 | -11.3 |
| British Columbia | 442,968 | 403,773 | 9.7 | -1.5 | 38.2 | -0.4 | -34.6 | 5.1 |
| Yukon | 4,210 | 3,982 | 5.7 | 96.4 | 28.4 | -81.8 | 358.4 | -90.1 |
| Northwest Territories | 1,301 | 1,129 | 15.2 | 1,781.7 | -91.0 | -81.5 | 105.2 | -52.0 |
| Nunavut | - | - | ... | ... | ... | -100.0 | -83.8 | -72.1 |

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

| Province/Territory | 2001 February ${ }^{\mathrm{P}}$ | $\frac{2001}{\text { January }^{R}}$ | Feb. - Jan. | Jan. - Dec. | Dec. - Nov. | Nov. - Oct. | Oct. - Sept. | Sept. - Aug. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | thousands of dollars |  | percentage change |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 1,493,154 | 1,819,416 | -17.9 | 22.2 | 1.1 | 4.2 | -12.1 | 10.2 |
| Newfoundland | 3,244 | 4,078 | -20.5 | -60.8 | -5.5 | -60.8 | 201.5 | 78.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 232 | 6,073 | -96.2 | 313.1 | -51.0 | -39.5 | -27.9 | 96.2 |
| Nova Scotia | 20,789 | 22,049 | -5.7 | -13.9 | 68.2 | -60.8 | 103.2 | 41.1 |
| New Brunswick | 30,035 | 13,366 | 124.7 | 107.4 | -73.3 | 20.8 | 8.3 | -40.5 |
| Québec | 352,229 | 489,677 | -28.1 | 150.7 | -45.5 | 48.8 | -26.5 | 18.4 |
| Ontario | 644,683 | 868,047 | -25.7 | -0.1 | 27.2 | 12.3 | -17.7 | 21.3 |
| Manitoba | 27,507 | 25,747 | 6.8 | -5.5 | -32.3 | 7.9 | -26.0 | 60.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 32,929 | 60,379 | -45.5 | 276.8 | 53.5 | -66.9 | 38.4 | -22.8 |
| Alberta | 152,388 | 167,038 | -8.8 | -2.8 | -14.9 | -21.0 | 18.0 | -14.9 |
| British Columbia | 225,851 | 161,841 | 39.6 | -1.8 | 32.2 | -9.3 | -29.6 | 8.1 |
| Yukon | 2,287 | 473 | 383.5 | -61.7 | 76.2 | -90.6 | 812.2 | -95.4 |
| Northwest Territories | 980 | 648 | 51.2 | 1,407.0 | -91.7 | -82.4 | 465.5 | -62.0 |
| Nunavut | - | - | ... | ... | ... | -100.0 | 2,050.0 | -99.7 |

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

| Province/Territory | 2001 | 2001 | Feb. - Jan. | Jan. - Dec. | Dec. - Nov. | Nov. - Oct. | Oct. - Sept. | Sept. - Aug. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | February ${ }^{P}$ | January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | thousands of dollars |  | percentage change |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 1,953,000 | 1,970,931 | -0.9 | 20.7 | -3.6 | -3.0 | -1.9 | -3.5 |
| Newfoundland | 9,291 | 20,187 | -54.0 | 92.8 | -32.3 | 13.2 | -8.7 | 15.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 4,413 | 5,197 | -15.1 | 25.3 | -18.2 | 13.1 | 2.7 | -23.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 27,547 | 33,701 | -18.3 | -1.9 | -4.1 | -8.2 | 27.3 | -38.9 |
| New Brunswick | 22,975 | 23,119 | -0.6 | 6.0 | 2.9 | -14.7 | 25.2 | -17.9 |
| Québec | 290,349 | 385,870 | -24.8 | 34.5 | 3.9 | 2.1 | -3.9 | 13.4 |
| Ontario | 1,065,618 | 956,165 | 11.4 | 25.9 | -13.3 | -5.9 | 4.6 | -6.2 |
| Manitoba | 23,901 | 30,045 | -20.4 | 20.8 | -2.5 | -4.4 | -18.4 | 14.9 |
| Saskatchewan | 18,741 | 18,088 | 3.6 | 17.3 | -18.9 | -2.7 | 17.2 | -32.4 |
| Alberta | 270,804 | 252,637 | 7.2 | 9.9 | -6.7 | -3.2 | 12.6 | -7.5 |
| British Columbia | 217,117 | 241,932 | -10.3 | -1.3 | 42.5 | 7.3 | -38.3 | 3.0 |
| Yukon | 1,923 | 3,509 | -45.2 | 342.5 | -9.8 | -25.8 | 10.6 | -12.1 |
| Northwest Territories | 321 | 481 | -33.3 | 2,729.4 | -88.6 | -77.4 | -46.7 | -46.0 |
| Nunavut | - | - | $\ldots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | -100.0 | -96.8 | -45.4 |

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

| Province/Territory | 2001 | 2001 | Feb. - Jan. | Jan. - Dec. | Dec. - Nov. | Nov. - Oct. | Oct. - Sept. | Sept. - Aug. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | February ${ }^{P}$ | $\overline{\text { January }{ }^{\mathrm{R}}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | units |  | percentage change |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 180,864 | 169,656 | 6.6 | 11.1 | 4.2 | -2.9 | -2.6 | -11.9 |
| Newfoundland | 840 | 1,944 | -56.8 | 105.1 | -42.8 | 12.2 | -1.6 | 23.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | 696 | 852 | -18.3 | 102.9 | -39.7 | 38.1 | -2.3 | -15.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 2,604 | 2,928 | -11.1 | -17.0 | -22.0 | 12.9 | 36.3 | -48.5 |
| New Brunswick | 2,496 | 2,808 | -11.1 | 3.5 | 16.5 | -14.2 | 22.8 | -39.5 |
| Québec | 25,944 | 33,672 | -23.0 | 32.0 | -0.6 | 2.4 | -10.9 | 12.8 |
| Ontario | 94,836 | 75,144 | 26.2 | 13.2 | -3.9 | -6.8 | 8.4 | -16.9 |
| Manitoba | 2,196 | 2,604 | -15.7 | 26.2 | -9.9 | -2.1 | -30.6 | 33.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,848 | 1,908 | -3.1 | 30.3 | -35.1 | -1.1 | 30.1 | -50.0 |
| Alberta | 33,456 | 33,360 | 0.3 | 25.6 | -0.7 | 0.1 | 15.1 | -16.9 |
| British Columbia | 15,708 | 14,088 | 11.5 | -38.9 | 105.0 | -2.8 | -48.8 | -2.2 |
| Yukon | 132 | 348 | -62.1 | 625.0 | -60.0 | 25.0 | - | -11.1 |
| Northwest Territories | 108 | - | ... | ... | ... | -100.0 | -44.4 | -18.2 |
| Nunavut | - | - | ... | ... | ... | ... | -100.0 | -47.1 |

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

| Month | Number of dwelling units |  |  | Estimated value of construction |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Singles ${ }^{1}$ | Multiples | Total dwellings | Residential | Non-residential |  |  |  | Total |
|  |  |  |  |  | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental | Total |  |
|  |  | units |  |  |  | thousand | of dollars |  |  |
| Canada |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| JanuaryR | 8,877 | 5,261 | 14,138 | 1,970,931 | 425,559 | 1,025,460 | 368,397 | 1,819,416 | 3,790,347 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 8,281 | 6,791 | 15,072 | 1,953,000 | 350,731 | 918,240 | 224,183 | 1,493,154 | 3,446,154 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 17,158 | 12,052 | 29,210 | 3,923,931 | 776,290 | 1,943,700 | 592,580 | 3,312,570 | 7,236,501 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 16,453 | 9,177 | 25,630 | 3,433,774 | 574,220 | 1,610,414 | 444,304 | 2,628,938 | 6,062,712 |
| Newfoundland |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 146 | 16 | 162 | 20,187 | 1 | 4,021 | 56 | 4,078 | 24,265 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 64 | 6 | 70 | 9,291 | - | 3,226 | 18 | 3,244 | 12,535 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 210 | 22 | 232 | 29,478 | 1 | 7,247 | 74 | 7,322 | 36,800 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 258 | 16 | 274 | 35,670 | 358 | 8,119 | 986 | 9,463 | 45,133 |
| Prince Edward Island |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 71 | - | 71 | 5,197 | 40 | 5,623 | 410 | 6,073 | 11,270 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 51 | 7 | 58 | 4,413 | 132 | 100 | - | 232 | 4,645 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 122 | 7 | 129 | 9,610 | 172 | 5,723 | 410 | 6,305 | 15,915 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 76 | 21 | 97 | 9,912 | 402 | 4,926 | 652 | 5,980 | 15,892 |
| Nova Scotia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 227 | 17 | 244 | 33,701 | 3,578 | 16,473 | 1,998 | 22,049 | 55,750 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 201 | 16 | 217 | 27,547 | 4,707 | 13,848 | 2,234 | 20,789 | 48,336 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 428 | 33 | 461 | 61,248 | 8,285 | 30,321 | 4,232 | 42,838 | 104,086 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 545 | 211 | 756 | 88,999 | 3,204 | 16,576 | 3,434 | 23,214 | 112,213 |
| New Brunswick |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 209 | 25 | 234 | 23,119 | 3,396 | 7,821 | 2,149 | 13,366 | 36,485 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 122 | 86 | 208 | 22,975 | 17,798 | 10,223 | 2,014 | 30,035 | 53,010 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 331 | 111 | 442 | 46,094 | 21,194 | 18,044 | 4,163 | 43,401 | 89,495 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 372 | 56 | 428 | 45,831 | 7,772 | 8,351 | 3,081 | 19,204 | 65,035 |
| Québec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 1,536 | 1,270 | 2,806 | 385,870 | 162,822 | 265,266 | 61,589 | 489,677 | 875,547 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 1,338 | 824 | 2,162 | 290,349 | 103,697 | 214,053 | 34,479 | 352,229 | 642,578 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 2,874 | 2,094 | 4,968 | 676,219 | 266,519 | 479,319 | 96,068 | 841,906 | 1,518,125 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 2,722 | 1,473 | 4,195 | 543,492 | 163,044 | 254,931 | 66,963 | 484,938 | 1,028,430 |
| Ontario |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 3,996 | 2,266 | 6,262 | 956,165 | 192,607 | 460,801 | 214,639 | 868,047 | 1,824,212 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 4,019 | 3,884 | 7,903 | 1,065,618 | 157,449 | 368,449 | 118,785 | 644,683 | 1,710,301 |
| Qumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 8,015 | 6,150 | 14,165 | 2,021,783 | 350,056 | 829,250 | 333,424 | 1,512,730 | 3,534,513 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 7,434 | 4,327 | 11,761 | 1,723,499 | 242,575 | 595,035 | 142,014 | 979,624 | 2,703,123 |
| Manitoba |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 199 | 18 | 217 | 30,045 | 3,459 | 19,800 | 2,488 | 25,747 | 55,792 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 181 | 2 | 183 | 23,901 | 4,241 | 19,904 | 3,362 | 27,507 | 51,408 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 380 | 20 | 400 | 53,946 | 7,700 | 39,704 | 5,850 | 53,254 | 107,200 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 397 | 39 | 436 | 62,494 | 18,229 | 68,706 | 19,037 | 105,972 | 168,466 |
| Saskatchewan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 151 | 8 | 159 | 18,088 | 13,580 | 24,531 | 22,268 | 60,379 | 78,467 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 134 | 20 | 154 | 18,741 | 1,753 | 22,068 | 9,108 | 32,929 | 51,670 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 285 | 28 | 313 | 36,829 | 15,333 | 46,599 | 31,376 | 93,308 | 130,137 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 326 | 54 | 380 | 45,448 | 6,525 | 42,218 | 30,446 | 79,189 | 124,637 |

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 | Total |  |
|  | units |  |  | thousands of dollars |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alberta |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 1,642 | 1,138 | 2,780 | 252,637 | 30,097 | 114,639 | 22,302 | 167,038 | 419,675 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 1,491 | 1,297 | 2,788 | 270,804 | 36,204 | 104,310 | 11,874 | 152,388 | 423,192 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 3,133 | 2,435 | 5,568 | 523,441 | 66,301 | 218,949 | 34,176 | 319,426 | 842,867 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 3,022 | 1,702 | 4,724 | 509,336 | 77,575 | 257,373 | 97,095 | 432,043 | 941,379 |
| British Columbia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 671 | 503 | 1,174 | 241,932 | 15,629 | 105,724 | 40,488 | 161,841 | 403,773 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 661 | 648 | 1,309 | 217,117 | 24,732 | 158,881 | 42,238 | 225,851 | 442,968 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 1,332 | 1,151 | 2,483 | 459,049 | 40,361 | 264,605 | 82,726 | 387,692 | 846,741 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 1,260 | 1,182 | 2,442 | 354,583 | 54,471 | 351,184 | 79,770 | 485,425 | 840,008 |
| Yukon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 29 | - | 29 | 3,509 | 16 | 447 | 10 | 473 | 3,982 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 10 | 1 | 11 | 1,923 | 18 | 2,198 | 71 | 2,287 | 4,210 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 39 | 1 | 40 | 5,432 | 34 | 2,645 | 81 | 2,760 | 8,192 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 39 | - | 39 | 3,061 | 65 | 100 | 826 | 991 | 4,052 |
| Northwest Territories |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | - | - | - | 481 | 334 | 314 | - | 648 | 1,129 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 9 | - | 9 | 321 | - | 980 | - | 980 | 1,301 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 9 | - | 9 | 802 | 334 | 1,294 | - | 1,628 | 2,430 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | - | 4 | 4 | 759 | - | 1,069 | - | 1,069 | 1,828 |
| Nunavut |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 2 | 92 | 94 | 10,690 | - | 1,826 | - | 1,826 | 12,516 |

[^0]Table 6
Dwelling Units, Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Census Metropolitan Areas, Seasonally Adjusted

| Month | Number of dwelling units |  |  | Estimated value of construction |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Singles ${ }^{1}$ | Multiples | Total dwellings | Residential | Non-residential |  |  |  | Total |
|  |  |  |  |  | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental | Total |  |
|  | units |  |  | thousands of dollars |  |  |  |  |  |
| Calgary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 619 | 171 | 790 | 105,060 | 4,550 | 47,279 | 2,439 | 54,268 | 159,328 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 624 | 529 | 1,153 | 119,937 | 22,172 | 38,621 | 2,223 | 63,016 | 182,953 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 1,243 | 700 | 1,943 | 224,997 | 26,722 | 85,900 | 4,662 | 117,284 | 342,281 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 1,303 | 536 | 1,839 | 236,744 | 34,020 | 118,778 | 60,958 | 213,756 | 450,500 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 4 | 11 | 15 | 2,005 | 1,796 | 1,876 | 500 | 4,172 | 6,177 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 9 | 9 | 18 | 1,869 | 2,251 | 2,510 | 176 | 4,937 | 6,806 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 13 | 20 | 33 | 3,874 | 4,047 | 4,386 | 676 | 9,109 | 12,983 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 31 | 34 | 65 | 7,019 | 17,992 | 3,451 | 570 | 22,013 | 29,032 |
| Edmonton |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 341 | 62 | 403 | 43,702 | 10,028 | 36,213 | 9,637 | 55,878 | 99,580 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 357 | 420 | 777 | 61,815 | 1,676 | 36,017 | 7,563 | 45,256 | 107,071 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 698 | 482 | 1,180 | 105,517 | 11,704 | 72,230 | 17,200 | 101,134 | 206,651 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 698 | 435 | 1,133 | 99,988 | 12,859 | 63,498 | 7,714 | 84,071 | 184,059 |
| Halifax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 114 | 9 | 123 | 17,986 | 155 | 3,207 | 82 | 3,444 | 21,430 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 91 | 7 | 98 | 15,029 | 809 | 9,646 | - | 10,455 | 25,484 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 205 | 16 | 221 | 33,015 | 964 | 12,853 | 82 | 13,899 | 46,914 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 269 | 160 | 429 | 48,825 | 20 | 9,125 | 1,295 | 10,440 | 59,265 |
| Hamilton |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 161 | 185 | 346 | 42,437 | 4,080 | 22,424 | 35,178 | 61,682 | 104,119 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 140 | 201 | 341 | 39,700 | 10,482 | 7,031 | 13,144 | 30,657 | 70,357 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 301 | 386 | 687 | 82,137 | 14,562 | 29,455 | 48,322 | 92,339 | 174,476 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 240 | 207 | 447 | 62,750 | 9,209 | 11,263 | 6,172 | 26,644 | 89,394 |
| Hull |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 98 | 15 | 113 | 14,919 | - | 8,395 | 2,565 | 10,960 | 25,879 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 43 | 24 | 67 | 9,797 | 5,507 | 57,845 | 1,274 | 64,626 | 74,423 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 141 | 39 | 180 | 24,716 | 5,507 | 66,240 | 3,839 | 75,586 | 100,302 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 80 | 48 | 128 | 15,761 | 7 | 5,252 | 2,061 | 7,320 | 23,081 |
| Kitchener |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 166 | 49 | 215 | 29,706 | 3,975 | 19,880 | 2,377 | 26,232 | 55,938 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 205 | 48 | 253 | 34,786 | 7,590 | 26,193 | 1,097 | 34,880 | 69,666 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 371 | 97 | 468 | 64,492 | 11,565 | 46,073 | 3,474 | 61,112 | 125,604 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 393 | 469 | 862 | 84,324 | 24,383 | 16,955 | 7,818 | 49,156 | 133,480 |
| London |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 83 | 2 | 85 | 11,947 | 604 | 27,029 | 19,722 | 47,355 | 59,302 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 117 | 49 | 166 | 22,341 | 1,861 | 3,022 | 3,382 | 8,265 | 30,606 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 200 | 51 | 251 | 34,288 | 2,465 | 30,051 | 23,104 | 55,620 | 89,908 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 266 | 235 | 501 | 51,989 | 5,756 | 13,904 | 3,649 | 23,309 | 75,298 |
| Montréal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 830 | 904 | 1,734 | 232,019 | 107,397 | 204,637 | 44,011 | 356,045 | 588,064 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 647 | 569 | 1,216 | 155,564 | 65,225 | 108,714 | 16,113 | 190,052 | 345,616 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 1,477 | 1,473 | 2,950 | 387,583 | 172,622 | 313,351 | 60,124 | 546,097 | 933,680 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 1,438 | 748 | 2,186 | 298,135 | 60,855 | 141,059 | 48,430 | 250,344 | 548,479 |

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 | Total |  |
|  | units |  |  | thousands of dollars |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oshawa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 126 | 19 | 145 | 20,438 | 4,293 | 3,168 | 1,344 | 8,805 | 29,243 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 252 | 142 | 394 | 50,867 | 6,663 | 3,758 | 30 | 10,451 | 61,318 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 378 | 161 | 539 | 71,305 | 10,956 | 6,926 | 1,374 | 19,256 | 90,561 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 312 | 92 | 404 | 54,656 | 593 | 18,930 | 1,807 | 21,330 | 75,986 |
| Ottawa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 354 | 129 | 483 | 67,479 | 695 | 42,658 | 6,499 | 49,852 | 117,331 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 211 | 320 | 531 | 59,646 | 2,010 | 58,824 | 7,353 | 68,187 | 127,833 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 565 | 449 | 1,014 | 127,125 | 2,705 | 101,482 | 13,852 | 118,039 | 245,164 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 401 | 183 | 584 | 84,778 | 1,871 | 87,266 | 16,938 | 106,075 | 190,853 |
| Québec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 100 | 221 | 321 | 47,502 | 2,850 | 16,190 | 3,893 | 22,933 | 70,435 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 152 | 107 | 259 | 32,207 | 8,867 | 13,644 | 11,499 | 34,010 | 66,217 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 252 | 328 | 580 | 79,709 | 11,717 | 29,834 | 15,392 | 56,943 | 136,652 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 173 | 207 | 380 | 40,219 | 2,493 | 40,788 | 6,903 | 50,184 | 90,403 |
| Regina |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{R}$ | 50 | - | 50 | 5,248 | 450 | 7,878 | 17,709 | 26,037 | 31,285 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 25 | - | 25 | 3,396 | 50 | 5,866 | 597 | 6,513 | 9,909 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 75 | - | 75 | 8,644 | 500 | 13,744 | 18,306 | 32,550 | 41,194 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 106 | 3 | 109 | 12,275 | 122 | 7,231 | 1,372 | 8,725 | 21,000 |
| Saint John |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 17 | 2 | 19 | 2,599 | 352 | 1,878 | 148 | 2,378 | 4,977 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 21 | - | 21 | 2,607 | 208 | 689 | 1,936 | 2,833 | 5,440 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 38 | 2 | 40 | 5,206 | 560 | 2,567 | 2,084 | 5,211 | 10,417 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 32 | - | 32 | 4,847 | 367 | 1,374 | 452 | 2,193 | 7,040 |
| Saskatoon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 55 | 8 | 63 | 6,798 | 12,868 | 7,570 | 496 | 20,934 | 27,732 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 48 | 18 | 66 | 7,355 | 1,503 | 5,071 | 102 | 6,676 | 14,031 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 103 | 26 | 129 | 14,153 | 14,371 | 12,641 | 598 | 27,610 | 41,763 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 96 | 37 | 133 | 14,950 | 5,858 | 11,232 | 23,934 | 41,024 | 55,974 |
| Sherbrooke |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{R}$ | 25 | 17 | 42 | 4,996 | 771 | 1,844 | 185 | 2,800 | 7,796 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 32 | 15 | 47 | 6,227 | 117 | 2,644 | - | 2,761 | 8,988 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 57 | 32 | 89 | 11,223 | 888 | 4,488 | 185 | 5,561 | 16,784 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 64 | 26 | 90 | 12,256 | 2,620 | 2,081 | 728 | 5,429 | 17,685 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 56 | 18 | 74 | 10,846 | 3,405 | 15,941 | 3,768 | 23,114 | 33,960 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 54 | 31 | 85 | 11,116 | 1,945 | 15,891 | 184 | 18,020 | 29,136 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 110 | 49 | 159 | 21,962 | 5,350 | 31,832 | 3,952 | 41,134 | 63,096 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 208 | 30 | 238 | 26,749 | 6,525 | 15,815 | 400 | 22,740 | 49,489 |
| St. John's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 90 | 16 | 106 | 12,621 | 1 | 2,628 | 30 | 2,659 | 15,280 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 46 | 6 | 52 | 5,092 | - | 2,131 | - | 2,131 | 7,223 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 136 | 22 | 158 | 17,713 | 1 | 4,759 | 30 | 4,790 | 22,503 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 189 | 16 | 205 | 26,920 | 315 | 4,432 | 686 | 5,433 | 32,353 |

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

| Month | Number of dwelling units |  |  | Estimated value of construction |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Singles ${ }^{1}$ | Multiples | Total dwellings | Residential | Non-residential |  |  |  | Total |
|  |  |  |  |  | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental | Total |  |
|  |  | units |  |  |  | thousand | of dollars |  |  |
| Sudbury |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 4 | - | 4 | 953 | 132 | 2,585 | 539 | 3,256 | 4,209 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 1 | - | 1 | 585 | 61 | 911 | 2,625 | 3,597 | 4,182 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 5 | - | 5 | 1,538 | 193 | 3,496 | 3,164 | 6,853 | 8,391 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 7 | - | 7 | 995 | 589 | 785 | 1,058 | 2,432 | 3,427 |
| Thunder Bay |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 4 | - | 4 | 927 | 258 | 6,675 | 1,270 | 8,203 | 9,130 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 4 | - | 4 | 775 | 60 | 590 | 518 | 1,168 | 1,943 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 8 | - | 8 | 1,702 | 318 | 7,265 | 1,788 | 9,371 | 11,073 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 9 | 10 | 19 | 2,860 | 872 | 6,453 | 4,729 | 12,054 | 14,914 |
| Toronto |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 1,939 | 1,488 | 3,427 | 557,206 | 84,767 | 262,486 | 78,318 | 425,571 | 982,777 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 1,785 | 2,679 | 4,464 | 601,210 | 91,872 | 189,332 | 69,479 | 350,683 | 951,893 |
| Qumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 3,724 | 4,167 | 7,891 | 1,158,416 | 176,639 | 451,818 | 147,797 | 776,254 | 1,934,670 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 3,217 | 2,473 | 5,690 | 931,903 | 120,341 | 305,208 | 68,615 | 494,164 | 1,426,067 |
| Trois-Rivières |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 2 | 8 | 10 | 2,297 | 672 | 2,077 | 9 | 2,758 | 5,055 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 15 | 1 | 16 | 2,823 | 1,427 | 2,458 | 2,802 | 6,687 | 9,510 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 17 | 9 | 26 | 5,120 | 2,099 | 4,535 | 2,811 | 9,445 | 14,565 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 21 | 25 | 46 | 7,159 | 1,343 | 5,872 | 71 | 7,286 | 14,445 |
| Vancouver |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 272 | 246 | 518 | 142,830 | 8,728 | 68,348 | 16,381 | 93,457 | 236,287 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 275 | 522 | 797 | 140,227 | 12,937 | 77,664 | 25,001 | 115,602 | 255,829 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 547 | 768 | 1,315 | 283,057 | 21,665 | 146,012 | 41,382 | 209,059 | 492,116 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 502 | 907 | 1,409 | 208,802 | 23,665 | 274,633 | 57,260 | 355,558 | 564,360 |
| Victoria |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 60 | 2 | 62 | 13,342 | 1,730 | 8,922 | 6,942 | 17,594 | 30,936 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 52 | 59 | 111 | 18,017 | 2,940 | 7,471 | 2,924 | 13,335 | 31,352 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 112 | 61 | 173 | 31,359 | 4,670 | 16,393 | 9,866 | 30,929 | 62,288 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 120 | 15 | 135 | 23,078 | 998 | 11,224 | 4,449 | 16,671 | 39,749 |
| Windsor |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 87 | 19 | 106 | 16,135 | 1,965 | 13,102 | 13,004 | 28,071 | 44,206 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 155 | 32 | 187 | 28,101 | 4,092 | 11,912 | 132 | 16,136 | 44,237 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 242 | 51 | 293 | 44,236 | 6,057 | 25,014 | 13,136 | 44,207 | 88,443 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 303 | 114 | 417 | 59,827 | 3,617 | 7,808 | 9,830 | 21,255 | 81,082 |
| Winnipeg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 98 | 15 | 113 | 15,120 | 2,259 | 16,442 | 516 | 19,217 | 34,337 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 106 | - | 106 | 14,526 | 2,667 | 13,731 | 3,362 | 19,760 | 34,286 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 204 | 15 | 219 | 29,646 | 4,926 | 30,173 | 3,878 | 38,977 | 68,623 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 204 | 27 | 231 | 36,274 | 13,231 | 41,777 | 18,494 | 73,502 | 109,776 |

[^1]
## Part III - Tables (Unadjusted)

Table 7
Dwelling Units, Provinces and Territories, Unadjusted

| Month | Number of dwelling unit |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Singles, includes mobile homes | Cottages | Doubles | Rows | Apartments | Conversions | Total dwellings |
| Canada |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 4,656 | 13 | 888 | 849 | 1,587 | 319 | 8,312 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 5,328 | 27 | 861 | 1,129 | 2,264 | 206 | 9,815 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 9,984 | 40 | 1,749 | 1,978 | 3,851 | 525 | 18,127 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 9,502 | 58 | 1,077 | 2,095 | 3,547 | 324 | 16,603 |
| Newfoundland |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 23 | - | 8 | - | - | 2 | 33 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 14 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 16 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 37 | - | 8 | - | - | 4 | 49 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 58 | - | 5 | - | 2 | - | 65 |
| Prince Edward Island |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 13 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 17 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 9 | 4 | 2 | - | - | - | 15 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 22 | 8 | 2 | - | - | - | 32 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 15 | 3 | 1 | - | 4 | - | 23 |
| Nova Scotia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 100 | 1 | - | - | 8 | 3 | 112 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 90 | 10 | 1 | - | 7 | 1 | 109 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 190 | 11 | 1 | - | 15 | 4 | 221 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 263 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 162 | 4 | 451 |
| New Brunswick |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 39 | 1 | - | - | 2 | 3 | 45 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 26 | 2 | - | - | 10 | 5 | 43 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 65 | 3 | - | - | 12 | 8 | 88 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 61 | 1 | - | - | - | 8 | 70 |
| Quebec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 612 | - | 24 | 6 | 504 | 51 | 1,197 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 1,008 | 3 | 51 | 20 | 504 | 76 | 1,662 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 1,620 | 3 | 75 | 26 | 1,008 | 127 | 2,859 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 1,533 | 8 | 78 | 70 | 649 | 172 | 2,510 |
| Ontario |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 2,333 | 1 | 776 | 671 | 371 | 199 | 4,351 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 2,474 | 4 | 710 | 824 | 798 | 92 | 4,902 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 4,807 | 5 | 1,486 | 1,495 | 1,169 | 291 | 9,253 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 4,398 | 27 | 803 | 1,417 | 965 | 79 | 7,689 |
| Manitoba |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 70 | 1 | - | - | 18 | - | 89 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 106 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 108 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 176 | 1 | - | - | 20 | - | 197 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 177 | - | 6 | 16 | 15 | 2 | 216 |

Table 7
Dwelling Units, Provinces and Territories, Unadjusted - Concluded

| Month |  |  |  | Number of dwelling unit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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

| Census Metropolitan Areas | Number of dwelling unit |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Singles, includes mobile homes | Cottages | Doubles | Rows | Apartments | Conversions | Total dwellings |
| Calgary | 511 | - | 63 | 106 | 252 | - | 932 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 8 | - | - | - | 5 | 2 | 15 |
| Edmonton | 291 | 1 | 26 | - | 308 | - | 626 |
| Halifax | 53 | - | - | - | 7 | - | 60 |
| Hamilton | 98 | - | - | 19 | 97 | 14 | 228 |
| Hull | 38 | - | 11 | - | 6 | 2 | 57 |
| Kitchener | 144 | - | 10 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 175 |
| London | 82 | - | - | 31 | - | 1 | 114 |
| Montréal | 570 | - | 23 | 20 | 369 | 46 | 1,028 |
| Oshawa | 177 | - | - | 92 | - | - | 269 |
| Otawa | 148 | - | 76 | 125 | 6 | - | 355 |
| Québec | 134 | - | 14 | - | 68 | 4 | 220 |
| Regina | 17 | - | - | - | - | - | 17 |
| Saint John | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| Saskatoon | 32 | - | - | - | 18 | - | 50 |
| Sherbrooke | 28 | - | 2 | - | 8 | 2 | 40 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 38 | - | 2 | 17 | - | 1 | 58 |
| St. John's | 13 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 15 |
| Sudbury | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Thunder Bay | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Toronto | 1,254 | - | 544 | 451 | 676 | 64 | 2,989 |
| Trois-Rivières | 13 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 14 |
| Vancouver | 215 | - | - | 137 | 219 | 13 | 584 |
| Victoria | 38 | - | - | 13 | 22 | 10 | 83 |
| Windsor | 109 | - | 20 | - | - | 1 | 130 |
| Winnipeg | 76 | - | - | - | - | - | 76 |

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

| Census Metropolitan Areas | Number of dwelling unit |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Singles, includes mobile homes | Cottages | Doubles | Rows | Apartments | Conversions | Total dwellings |
| Calgary | 973 | - | 89 | 120 | 396 | - | 1,578 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 10 | - | - | - | 7 | 5 | 22 |
| Edmonton | 546 | 1 | 52 | 3 | 308 | 38 | 948 |
| Halifax | 120 | - | - | - | 13 | 3 | 136 |
| Hamilton | 207 | - | - | 111 | 123 | 76 | 517 |
| Hull | 85 | - | 15 | - | 7 | 4 | 111 |
| Kitchener | 256 | - | 12 | 63 | 3 | 1 | 335 |
| London | 138 | - | 2 | 31 | - | 1 | 172 |
| Montréal | 967 | - | 27 | 26 | 754 | 81 | 1,855 |
| Oshawa | 262 | - | 17 | 92 | - | 2 | 373 |
| Otawa | 387 | - | 95 | 213 | 22 | 3 | 720 |
| Québec | 182 | - | 14 | - | 168 | 9 | 373 |
| Regina | 39 | - | - | - | - | - | 39 |
| Saint John | 10 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 12 |
| Saskatoon | 56 | - | - | 8 | 18 | - | 82 |
| Sherbrooke | 40 | - | 2 | - | 16 | 2 | 60 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 76 | - | 6 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 114 |
| St. John's | 31 | - | 8 | - | - | 4 | 43 |
| Sudbury | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Thunder Bay | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Toronto | 2,564 | - | 1,232 | 842 | 942 | 170 | 5,750 |
| Trois-Rivières | 14 | - | 4 | - | - | 1 | 19 |
| Vancouver | 420 | - | 8 | 194 | 446 | 24 | 1,092 |
| Victoria | 83 | - | - | 13 | 22 | 13 | 131 |
| Windsor | 168 | - | 34 | - | 4 | 2 | 208 |
| Winnipeg | 127 | - | - | - | 15 | - | 142 |

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

| Month | Value of construction (thousands of dollars) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Residential | Non-residential |  |  | Total |
|  |  | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |  |
| Canada |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 1,152,757 | 265,277 | 609,133 | 325,301 | 2,352,468 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 1,239,878 | 223,022 | 611,079 | 181,189 | 2,255,168 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 2,392,635 | 488,299 | 1,220,212 | 506,490 | 4,607,636 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 2,069,469 | 388,233 | 1,021,293 | 385,004 | 3,863,999 |
| Newfoundland |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 3,806 | 1 | 2,500 | 57 | 6,364 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 1,887 | - | 1,842 | 18 | 3,747 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 5,693 | 1 | 4,342 | 75 | 10,111 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 8,630 | 358 | 4,735 | 783 | 14,506 |
| Prince Edward Island |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 1,441 | 40 | 5,623 | 410 | 7,514 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 1,273 | 132 | 100 | - | 1,505 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 2,714 | 172 | 5,723 | 410 | 9,019 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 3,099 | 402 | 4,926 | 652 | 9,079 |
| Nova Scotia |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 14,896 | 1,670 | 8,074 | 1,998 | 26,638 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 13,270 | 2,915 | 11,010 | 2,234 | 29,429 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 28,166 | 4,585 | 19,084 | 4,232 | 56,067 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 47,338 | 1,597 | 12,229 | 3,434 | 64,598 |
| New Brunswick |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 3,783 | 1,232 | 7,821 | 2,149 | 14,985 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 4,326 | 6,940 | 10,223 | 2,014 | 23,503 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 8,109 | 8,172 | 18,044 | 4,163 | 38,488 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 6,875 | 3,280 | 8,351 | 3,081 | 21,587 |
| Quebec |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{R}$ | 165,364 | 84,165 | 130,642 | 32,231 | 412,402 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 196,381 | 52,898 | 149,428 | 27,402 | 426,109 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 361,745 | 137,063 | 280,070 | 59,633 | 838,511 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 289,496 | 75,882 | 140,220 | 47,152 | 552,750 |
| Ontario |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 594,467 | 117,916 | 289,302 | 215,367 | 1,217,052 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 649,997 | 101,164 | 235,964 | 86,661 | 1,073,786 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 1,244,464 | 219,080 | 525,266 | 302,028 | 2,290,838 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 1,034,838 | 160,272 | 381,565 | 137,201 | 1,713,876 |
| Manitoba |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 11,447 | 2,892 | 14,053 | 2,488 | 30,880 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 13,044 | 3,163 | 12,159 | 3,362 | 31,728 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 24,491 | 6,055 | 26,212 | 5,850 | 62,608 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 31,661 | 14,969 | 51,934 | 19,037 | 117,601 |
| Saskatchewan |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 6,636 | 13,580 | 13,811 | 12,767 | 46,794 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 8,391 | 1,753 | 9,717 | 8,753 | 28,614 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 15,027 | 15,333 | 23,528 | 21,520 | 75,408 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 19,422 | 6,525 | 21,509 | 20,013 | 67,469 |

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

| Month | Value of construction (thousands of dollars) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Residential | Non-residential |  |  | Total |
|  |  | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |  |
| Alberta |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 162,044 | 30,097 | 80,645 | 17,336 | 290,122 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 191,864 | 36,204 | 63,742 | 8,436 | 300,246 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 353,908 | 66,301 | 144,387 | 25,772 | 590,368 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 350,707 | 77,575 | 172,771 | 73,055 | 674,108 |
| British Columbia |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 187,822 | 13,334 | 55,901 | 40,488 | 297,545 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 158,765 | 17,835 | 113,716 | 42,238 | 332,554 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 346,587 | 31,169 | 169,617 | 82,726 | 630,099 |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 265,458 | 47,308 | 220,058 | 79,770 | 612,594 |
| Yukon |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 570 | 16 | 447 | 10 | 1,043 |
| February ${ }^{P}$ | 359 | 18 | 2,198 | 71 | 2,646 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 929 | 34 | 2,645 | 81 | 3,689 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 496 | 65 | 100 | 826 | 1,487 |
| Northwest Territories |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | 481 | 334 | 314 | - | 1,129 |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 321 | - | 980 | - | 1,301 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | 802 | 334 | 1,294 | - | 2,430 |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 759 | - | 1,069 | - | 1,828 |
| Nunavut |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {R }}$ | - | - | - | - | - |
| February ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | - | - | - | - | - |
| Oumulative Jan. - Feb. 2001 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cumulative Jan. - Feb. 2000 | 10,690 | - | 1,826 | - | 12,516 |

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

| Census Metropolitan Areas | Value of construction (thousands of dollars) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Residential | Non-residential |  |  | Total |
|  |  | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |  |
| Calgary | 97,844 | 22,172 | 22,374 | 1,442 | 143,832 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 1,430 | 1,229 | 1,819 | 137 | 4,615 |
| Edmonton | 50,975 | 1,676 | 20,866 | 4,906 | 78,423 |
| Halifax | 8,094 | 809 | 8,017 | - | 16,920 |
| Hamilton | 26,675 | 7,188 | 4,575 | 9,945 | 48,383 |
| Hull | 7,484 | 3,007 | 41,914 | 991 | 53,396 |
| Kitchener | 23,576 | 5,205 | 17,043 | 830 | 46,654 |
| London | 15,078 | 1,276 | 1,966 | 2,559 | 20,879 |
| Montréal | 119,233 | 35,618 | 78,773 | 12,534 | 246,158 |
| Oshawa | 34,377 | 4,569 | 2,445 | 23 | 41,414 |
| Otawa | 40,021 | 1,378 | 38,275 | 5,563 | 85,237 |
| Québec | 24,743 | 4,842 | 9,886 | 8,945 | 48,416 |
| Regina | 1,958 | 50 | 2,418 | 294 | 4,720 |
| Saint John | 1,017 | 208 | 689 | 1,936 | 3,850 |
| Saskatoon | 4,636 | 1,503 | 2,090 | 50 | 8,279 |
| Sherbrooke | 4,757 | 64 | 1,916 | - | 6,737 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 7,509 | 1,334 | 10,340 | 139 | 19,322 |
| St. John's | 1,528 | - | 1,577 | - | 3,105 |
| Sudbury | 398 | 42 | 593 | 1,986 | 3,019 |
| Thunder Bay | 527 | 41 | 384 | 392 | 1,344 |
| Toronto | 403,707 | 63,000 | 123,192 | 52,568 | 642,467 |
| Trois-Rivières | 2,144 | 779 | 1,781 | 2,180 | 6,884 |
| Vancouver | 109,449 | 7,317 | 66,435 | 25,001 | 208,202 |
| Victoria | 14,096 | 1,663 | 6,391 | 2,924 | 25,074 |
| Windsor | 19,054 | 2,806 | 7,751 | 100 | 29,711 |
| Winnipeg | 9,293 | 2,667 | 9,940 | 3,362 | 25,262 |

Table 12
Value of Residential and Non-residential Building Permits, Census Metropolitan Areas, Unadjusted, January -February 2001

| Census Metropolitan Areas | Value of construction (thousands of dollars) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Residential | Non-residential |  |  | Total |
|  |  | Industrial | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |  |
| Calgary | 177,666 | 26,722 | 59,947 | 2,878 | 267,213 |
| Chicoutimi-Jonquière | 2,362 | 2,319 | 2,761 | 350 | 7,792 |
| Edmonton | 84,544 | 11,704 | 49,645 | 10,580 | 156,473 |
| Halifax | 17,825 | 964 | 10,421 | 82 | 29,292 |
| Hamilton | 56,758 | 10,030 | 18,825 | 49,748 | 135,361 |
| Hull | 14,216 | 3,007 | 46,130 | 2,084 | 65,437 |
| Kitchener | 44,042 | 7,974 | 29,676 | 3,519 | 85,211 |
| London | 23,058 | 1,697 | 19,142 | 24,874 | 68,771 |
| Montréal | 229,209 | 100,801 | 181,546 | 31,291 | 542,847 |
| Oshawa | 48,230 | 7,560 | 4,458 | 1,544 | 61,792 |
| Otawa | 86,517 | 1,862 | 65,383 | 12,916 | 166,678 |
| Québec | 48,570 | 6,572 | 18,017 | 10,604 | 83,763 |
| Regina | 4,290 | 500 | 7,241 | 8,761 | 20,792 |
| Saint John | 1,550 | 560 | 2,567 | 2,084 | 6,761 |
| Saskatoon | 7,915 | 14,371 | 6,724 | 287 | 29,297 |
| Sherbrooke | 7,083 | 532 | 2,842 | 79 | 10,536 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 14,942 | 3,706 | 20,470 | 4,402 | 43,520 |
| St. John's | 4,768 | 1 | 3,678 | 31 | 8,478 |
| Sudbury | 1,041 | 134 | 2,236 | 2,596 | 6,007 |
| Thunder Bay | 1,172 | 221 | 4,626 | 1,829 | 7,848 |
| Toronto | 795,591 | 122,052 | 289,994 | 141,182 | 1,348,819 |
| Trois-Rivières | 3,214 | 1,187 | 2,824 | 2,184 | 9,409 |
| Vancouver | 250,111 | 14,130 | 103,805 | 41,382 | 409,428 |
| Victoria | 24,499 | 3,013 | 11,269 | 9,866 | 48,647 |
| Windsor | 30,045 | 4,175 | 16,077 | 14,814 | 65,111 |
| Winnipeg | 17,803 | 4,926 | 21,416 | 3,878 | 48,023 |

Table 13
Value of the Non-residential Permits by Type of Building, Provinces and Territories, February 2001

| Type of building | Canada | Nfld | P.EI. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta | B.C. | Yukon | N.W.T. | Nunavut |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | thousands of dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total non-residential | 1,015,290 | 1,860 | 232 | 16,159 | 19,177 | 229,728 | 423,789 | 18,684 | 20,223 | 108,382 | 173,789 | 2,287 | 980 | - |
| Industrial | 223,022 | - | 132 | 2,915 | 6,940 | 52,898 | 101,164 | 3,163 | 1,753 | 36,204 | 17,835 | 18 | - | - |
| Factories, plants | 162,688 | - | - | 1,600 | 6,726 | 37,489 | 81,541 | 1,915 | 1,200 | 25,302 | 6,915 | - | - | - |
| Transportation, utilities | 20,373 | - | - | 520 | - | 8,386 | 3,302 | - | - | 6,710 | 1,455 | - | - | - |
| Mining and agriculture | 10,142 | - | - | - | - | 1,016 | 2,006 | 350 | - | 1,775 | 4,995 | - | - | - |
| Minor industrial projects, new and improvements ${ }^{1}$ | 29,819 | - | 132 | 795 | 214 | 6,007 | 14,315 | 898 | 553 | 2,417 | 4,470 | 18 | - | - |
| Commercial | 611,079 | 1,842 | 100 | 11,010 | 10,223 | 149,428 | 235,964 | 12,159 | 9,717 | 63,742 | 113,716 | 2,198 | 980 | - |
| Trade and services | 128,019 | - | - | 6,000 | 1,696 | 36,071 | 41,227 | 2,419 | 4,262 | 16,195 | 17,946 | 1,900 | 303 | - |
| Warehouses | 65,965 | - | - | 1,452 | - | 11,406 | 36,928 | - | - | 12,280 | 3,899 | - | - | - |
| Service stations | 6,945 | - | - | - | - | 1,300 | 855 | - | 250 | 1,040 | 3,500 | - | - | - |
| Office buildings | 139,566 | 392 | - | 325 | 3,000 | 26,637 | 55,962 | 2,962 | 1,626 | 7,750 | 40,912 | - | - | - |
| Recreation | 27,967 | - | - | - | 360 | 2,275 | 6,654 | 250 | - | 6,065 | 12,363 | - | - | - |
| Hotels, restaurants | 117,767 | 1,165 | - | - | 1,290 | 46,314 | 46,465 | 2,100 | 280 | 2,800 | 17,353 | - | - | - |
| Laboratories | 12,234 | - | - | - | - | 434 | 11,800 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ${ }^{1}$ | 112,616 | 285 | 100 | 3,233 | 3,877 | 24,991 | 36,073 | 4,428 | 3,299 | 17,612 | 17,743 | 298 | 677 | - |
| Institutional and governmental | 181,189 | 18 | - | 2,234 | 2,014 | 27,402 | 86,661 | 3,362 | 8,753 | 8,436 | 42,238 | 71 | - | - |
| Schools, education | 80,247 | - | - | 1,200 | - | 10,337 | 36,709 | 3,149 | 666 | 2,425 | 25,761 | - | - | - |
| Hospitals, medical | 26,042 | - | - | , | 1,800 | 6,735 | 12,391 | , | - | 1,620 | 3,496 | - | - | - |
| Welfare, home | 42,201 | - | - | - | - | 3,590 | 24,320 | - | 7,235 | - | 7,056 | - | - | - |
| Churches, religion | 7,635 | - | - | - | - | 275 | 4,550 | - | - | 2,428 | 382 | - | - | - |
| Government buildings | 5,752 | - | - | 375 | - | 2,080 | 2,078 | - | - | - | 1,219 | - | - | - |
| Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements ${ }^{1}$ | 19,312 | 18 | - | 659 | 214 | 4,385 | 6,613 | 213 | 852 | 1,963 | 4,324 | 71 | - | - |

[^2]
# Part IV - Methodology, Concepts and Data Dissemination 

## Introduction

The purpose of the monthly survey of building permits issued by Canadian municipalities is to collect data on construction intentions. The results of this survey are used by C.M.H.C. ${ }^{1}$ as a reference base for conducting a monthly survey of housing starts and completions in accordance with its mandate. The statistics on building permits are also essential for the computation of capital expenditures. Furthermore, since the issuance of a building permit is one of the first steps in the construction process, these statistics are widely used as a leading indicator of building activity.

## Survey Methodology

The Building Permits Survey covers all Canadian municipalities that issue permits. The number of Canadian municipalities currently surveyed exceeds 2,500 , representing all the provinces and territories. They account for $94 \%$ of the Canadian population. Participation to the survey being voluntary, the survey does not use a predetermined sample of municipalities. In practice, all urban agglomerations are represented in the survey, as well as a fair percentage of rural municipalities. With certain exceptions, the minimum coverage corresponds to the municipalities already included in the Housing Starts and Completions C.M.H.C.'s Survey. Non-responding municipalities that issue permits are urged on a regular basis to respond to the Building Permit Survey. Therefore, the number of municipalities covered is increasing continually.

## Collection of Data

The survey is usually conducted by mail, although certain municipalities choose to respond by telephone. The municipal officer responsible for issuing permits is asked to fill out a form ${ }^{2}$ 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.

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## Reliability

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

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

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

## Nature of and Basis for Classification

The classification used in this publication deals strictly with structures for which a building permit was issued. Permits are generally issued for the following: construction of new buildings, alterations, additions, renovations, etc. Minor repair jobs such as painting, tiling, roofing, etc., for which no permit is required, and engineering work (such as dams, roads, pipelines, etc.), which, by definition, is not a building, are not included in the building permit series. Estimates of such work may be obtained from the publications Capital expenditures by type of asset (cat. no.61-223) and Private and Public Investment in Canada Intentions (cat. no.61-205).

The description given by the municipalities as to the type of building (box \#6 of Section A on the form) and the type of work involved (box \#7 of Section A on the form) forms the basis for classification. The classification of buildings into major groups and subgroups is based on the following: intended use in the case of new buildings; present or intended use of buildings to which improvements are to be made; present use of the existing structure where the proposed construction is intended to provide additional facilities; principal use of the structure where the proposed construction has more than one intended use; however, where the building contains dwellings, the value of the construction is divided between residential and 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, 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 $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0}$ 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 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. 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.

## Related Products and Services

## Selected Related Publications

## Catalogue

62-202 Spending patterns in Canada
75-202 Income in Canada.
61-205 Private and public investment in Canada, intentions
61-206 Private and public investment in Canada, intentions

## Special Tabulations

Special tabulations can be produced to your specifications on a cost recovery basis. Inquiries should be directed to the Current Investment Indicators Section.

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

Monthly Report

## Permis de construction et de démolition



## General Information

Confidential when completed.
The collection of this information is authorized by the Statistics Act, Revised Statutes of Canada. 1985. Chapter S19.

To avoid duplication of enquiry and to provide consistent statistics, this survey is being conducted under cooperative agreements, made in accordance with the Statistics Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985, Chapter S19 under Section 11 for the exchange of information with: the Manitoba Bureau of Statistics, the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics and the British Columbia Central Statistics Bureau for respondents in each of the respective provinces; and under Section 12 for joint collection and sharing information with: the Northwest Territories Bureau of Statistics and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Agreements coming under Section 12 of the Canada Statistics Act shall not apply to any respondent who give notice in writing to the Chief Statistician that he/she objects to the sharing of the information.

Results of this survey will enable Statistics Canada to estimate residential and non-residential construction activity at various geographical level. The latter are published monthly in Catalogue 64-001, Building Permits.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SURVEY REPORTING GUIDE AND SELF CODING GUIDE WHEN COMPLETING YOUR REPORT. If you require additional copies of these guides please contact us at 1-888-404-3339.

## Coverage Profile Update

Is the geographical coverage of this monthly report different from that of your last report due to a change in boundaries, level of administration, etc.

If necessary, please update corresponding information - Si nécessaire, veuillez mettre à jour les renseignements correspondants
2 Reporting Entity Name - Nom de l'entité rapportante

3 Municipal Status (if applicable) - Statut municipal (s'il y a lieu)

4 Address - Adresse

| 5 | City - Ville | 6 | Postal Code - Code postal |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Contact Name - Nom du contact |  |  |

8 Contact Title - Titre du contact
9 Language of Preference - Langue de préférence
$1 \square$ English
$2 \square$ Français
10 Telephone Number - Numéro de téléphone

## Renseignements généraux

Confidentiel une fois rempli.
La collecte de cette information est autorisée par la Loi sur la statistique, Lois révisées du Canada, 1985, chapitre S19.

Afin d'éviter tout chevauchement des enquêtes et de fournir des statistiques uniformes, Statistique Canada mène cette enquête aux termes d'accords conjoints conclus en vertu de l'article 11 de la Loi sur la statistique, Lois révisées du Canada, 1985, chapitre S19 pour l'échange de renseignements avec: le «Manitoba Bureau of Statistics", le "Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics" et le «British Columbia Central Statistics Bureau» pour les répondants de ces différentes provinces; et en vertu de l'article 12 pour le rassemblement conjoint et l'échange de renseignements avec: le «Northwest Territories Bureau of Statistics" et la Société canadienne d'hypothèques et de logement.
Les accords aux termes de l'article 12 de la Loi sur la statistique ne s'appliquent pas aux répondants qui s'opposent à l'échange de renseignements dans une lettre jointe au questionnaire dûment rempli et adressé au statisticien en chef du Canada.

Les résultats de cette enquête permettront à Statistique Canada d'estimer l'activité de la construction résidentielle et non résidentielle à différents niveaux géographiques. Ces derniers sont publiés mensuellement dans Permis de bâtir, $n^{\circ}$ 64-001 au catalogue.
VEUILLEZ CONSULTER LE GUIDE DE DÉCLARATION DE L'ENQUÊTE ET LE GUIDE POUR AUTOCODAGE POUR REMPLIR VOTRE RAPPORT. Si vous avez besoin des copies supplémentaires, veuillez communiquer au 1-888-404-3339.

## Mise à jour du profil de couverture

Est-ce que la couverture géographique de ce rapport mensuel est différente de celle de votre rapport précédent dû à un changement de frontières, du niveau d'administration, etc.


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

| Permits valued at less than $\$ 50,000$ <br> Permis évalués à moins de $\$ 50,000$ |  | Line No. <br> No. de <br> ligne | Value of Permits <br> Valeur des permis \$ | Number of Permits Nombre de permis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New garages and carports <br> Garages et abris d'auto neufs | Single dwellings Logements simples | 01 | ,000 |  |
|  | Multiple dwellings Logements multiples | 02 | ,000 |  |
| New inground swimming poolsPiscines creusées neuves | Single dwellings Logements simples | 03 | ,000 |  |
|  | Multiple dwellings Logements multiples | 04 | ,000 |  |
| Other improvements <br> Autres améliorations | Single dwellings Logements simples | 05 | ,000 |  |
|  | Multiple dwellings Logements multiples | 06 | ,000 |  |
|  | tals for this section taux de cette section | 07 | ,000 |  |
| Section C: Minor Non-Residential Projects - Projets non résidentiels mineurs |  |  |  |  |
| Permits valued at less than $\$ 250,000$ <br> Permis évalués à moins de $\$ 250,000$ |  | Line No. <br> No. de ligne | Value of Permits Valeur des permis \$ | Number of Permits <br> Nombre de permis |
| Industrial | 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 |  |
|  | tals for this section taux de cette section | 14 | ,000 |  |


| Type of dwelling <br> Type de logement | None <br> Aucune <br> $(\boldsymbol{J})$ | Single-deta <br> Maison indiviv |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No. of dwelling units demolished <br> Nombre d'unités de logement démolies | $\square$ |  |  |
| Confidentiality |  |  |  |
| Statistics Canada is prohibited by law from publishing any statistics <br> which would divulge information obtained from this survey that relates <br> to any identifiable business without the previous written consent of <br> that business. The data reported on this questionnaire will be treated <br> in strict confidence, used for statistical purposes and published in <br> aggregate form only. The confidentiality provisions of the Statistics <br> Act are not affected by either the Access to Information Act or any <br> other legislation. |  |  |  |

General Instructions
Please complete your monthly report in triplicate and send:

- one copy to Statistics Canada in pre-addressed envelope
- one copy to the local office of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation in pre-addressed envelope
- keep one copy for your files

Please forward your completed report no later than 10 days after the end of the reporting period.
Note: Shaded cells are for Statistics Canada use only.

## Correspondence

- If you need more forms or return envelopes do ONE ONLY of the following:
- Check off the appropriate box(es) in the "Stock Requirements"section, page 1, cell 13 of the questionnaire.
- Telephone us.
- Send us a FAX
- Contact us via "internet e-mail"
- Do you have questions regarding the survey?

Do you need help in completing the form?

- Do you require additional copies of the "Survey Reporting Guide" and /or the "Self Coding Guide"?


## Telephone: 1-888-404-3339 (toll free) <br> FAX: 1-888-505-8091 (toll free)

Internet:bdps@stcinet.statcan.ca
If you chose to transmit the questionnaire or information to Statistics Canada by facsimile or internet e-mail communication, please be advised that there coud be a risk of disclosure during the communication process. However, upon receipt of your communication, Statistics Canada will provide the guaranteed level of protection afforded to all information collected under the authority of the Statistics Act.

La loi interdit à Statistique Canada de publier des statistiques recueillies au cours de cette enquête qui permettraient d'identifier une entreprise sans que celle-ci en ait donné l'autorisation par écrit au préalable. Les données déclarées sur ce questionnaire resteront confidentielles. Elles serviront exclusivement à des fins statistiques et elles seront publiées seulement de façons agrégée. Les dispositions de la Loi sur la statistique qui traitent de la confidentialité ne sont modifiées d'aucune façon par la Loi sur l'accès à l'information ou toute autre loi.

## Directives générales

Veuillez remplir votre rapport mensuel en trois exemplaires et:

- faire parvenir une copie à Statistique Canada dans l'enveloppe pré-adressée
- faire parvenir une copie au bureau régional de la Société canadienne d'hypothèques et de logement dans l'enveloppe pré-adressée
- garder une copie pour vos dossiers

Veuillez remplir et nous faire parvenir votre rapport au plus tard 10 jours après la fin du mois.
N.B. Les cases ombrées du formulaire sont strictement réservées à l'usage de Statistique Canada.

## Correspondance

Si vous avez besoin d'autres formulaires ou d'enveloppes de retour faites seulement un des suivants.

- Cochez le ou les case(s) appropriée(s) à la section "Besoins de fournitures", page 1, case 13 du questionnaire.
- Veuillez nous téléphoner.
- Veuillez nous faire parvenir un FAX.
- Veuillez nous faire parvenir un message par "courrier électronique".
- Avez-vous des questions ayant trait à l'enquête?
- Avez-vous besoin d'aide à completer le formulaire?
- Avez-vous besoin des copies supplémentaires du "Guide de déclaration de l'enquête" et/ou le "Guide pour autocodage"?


## Téléphone: 1-888-404-3339 (sans frais)

FAX: 1-888-505-8091 (sans frais)
Internet: bdps@stcinet.statcan.ca
Si vous nous transmettez le questionnaire ou de l'information par télécopieur ou par courrier électronique Statistique Canada tient à vous avertir que la transmission des renseignements peut poser un risque de divulgation. Toutefois, dès la réception du document, Statistique Canada offrira le niveau de protection garanti pour tous les renseignements recueillis aux termes de la Loi sur la statistique.


[^0]:    1 Included in this category are the following types of dwellings: single-detached, mobile home and cottage.

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[^2]:    1 Refer to projects valued at less than \$250,000 for which the breakdown by type of building is not available.

[^3]:    1 Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
    2 A sample of the Building Permit Form is shown in annex at the end of this section.

[^4]:    7-6100-151:2000-10-25 STC/SCT-480-60049 SQC/SCT-480-60049

