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# **Highlights**

•	Municipalities issued more than \$5.0 billion in building permits for the fourth time since the beginning of the year
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## Analysis – June 2005

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Overall, the value of permits rose 1.5% to just over \$5.0 billion.

Builders took out \$3.2 billion in residential permits, up a slight 0.5% from May. The value of non-residential permits rose 3.1% to \$1.9 billion, which was 19.5% higher than the average monthly level last year.

In the residential sector, a decline in the single-family segment was more than offset by an increase in multi-family intentions. In the non-residential sector, gains in the industrial and commercial components more than offset a drop in institutional permits.

So far this year, permits are well ahead of the record-setting pace in 2004. The cumulative value totalled \$29.7 billion for the first half of 2005, 10.5% higher than the same six months last year. Residential permits were up 4.4% and non-residential permits up 22.7%.

Except for January, the value of permits issued for every month so far in 2005 has surpassed the average monthly level of \$4.6 billion last year.

#### Note to readers

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

The Building Permits Survey covers 2,380 municipalities representing 95% of the population. It provides an early indication of building activity. The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small, and their levels of building activity have little impact on the total.

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

Among metropolitan areas, the largest advances (in dollars) on a year-to-date basis occurred in Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. In Calgary and Edmonton, the strength came from both residential and non-residential sectors. In Vancouver, all three components of the non-residential sector drove the gain.

In fact, each metropolitan area in the three westernmost provinces recorded large gains in the cumulative value of permits.

### Third monthly gain for residential permits

Residential building permits recorded their third consecutive monthly increase in June on the strength of intentions for multi-family dwellings, which surpassed the \$1-billion mark for a fifth month this year.

Builders took out \$1.1 billion in multi-family permits, up 7.9%, driven by permits for new apartment or condominium projects. The value of single-family permits declined 3.1% to \$2.0 billion, halting two consecutive increases.

The strength in the residential sector is likely due to advantageous mortgage rates, as well as a strong job market and strong levels of consumer confidence. These factors were tempered by rising inventories of unoccupied new homes and rising vacancy rates for apartments in several centres, thus increasing the supply of available dwellings.

Provincially, the largest gain (in dollars) in June came from Quebec where several new apartment/condominium units were approved. In contrast, Alberta posted the most significant retreat in residential numbers, but this decline followed four strong months.

On a year-to-date basis, the value of single-family permits totalled \$12.3 billion for the first half of 2005, up 2.6% from the same period in 2004. The value of permits for multi-family dwellings rose 8.0% to \$6.4 billion.

Alberta (+24.0%) showed by far the largest advance in the cumulative value of housing permits, on the basis of gains in single- and multi-family dwellings in Calgary, Edmonton and non-metropolitan areas. The cumulative value of permits fell in only three provinces: Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick and Manitoba.

### Rebound in the commercial, industrial sectors

June's increase in the value of permits in the non-residential sector halted two consecutive monthly declines following the record high of \$2.2 billion in March.

Intentions in the commercial component rebounded 13.7% to \$1.0 billion, after two consecutive monthly decreases. The gain came largely from permits for recreational buildings and warehouses. The commercial sector has surpassed the \$1-billion mark four times during the past five months.

In the industrial component, intentions rose 14.5% to \$388 million on the strength of projects for manufacturing buildings. The industrial component has been on an upward trend since the beginning of the year.

Intentions in the institutional sector fell 20.6% to \$450 million as the value of permits for schools and medical buildings retreated.

Non-residential permits were up in 16 out of the 28 census metropolitan areas. The largest increase (in dollars) occurred in Vancouver, thanks to gains in all three components. In contrast, Toronto recorded the strongest decrease, the result of a drop in institutional and commercial intentions.

Provincially, British Columbia recorded the largest advance in the non-residential sector (+28.5% to \$354 million), the result of large increases in all three components. Institutional permits in the province hit their highest level on record.

In contrast, a large drop in the institutional component led Saskatchewan to the biggest decline after an exceptional month in May.

On a year-to-date basis, municipalities issued \$11.0 billion worth of non-residential permits between January and June, up 22.7% from the same period in 2004. All three components contributed to this exceptionally strong growth.

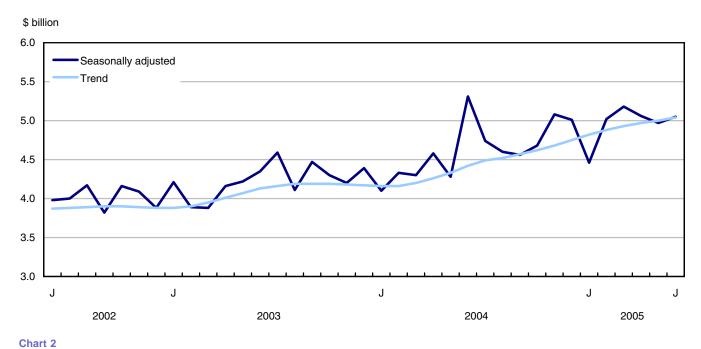
The commercial component recorded the biggest year-to-date gain, up 26.2% to \$6.2 billion. Intentions in the institutional component rose 15.2% to \$2.9 billion, while the industrial component advanced 24.3% to \$1.9 billion.

These results are consistent with several economic indicators. Among them, office vacancy rates have declined in several centres; retail sales have been strong since the beginning of the year; Canadian corporations reported record earnings; and capacity use hit a record level in manufacturing due to an increase in demand for durable goods.

The two westernmost provinces recorded the largest increases in the cumulative value of non-residential permits. Intentions in Alberta for the first six months of the year were up 81.3% over the same period last year, while in British Columbia, they were up 78.8%.

Chart 1

Total value of building permits



Residential value of building permits - Total

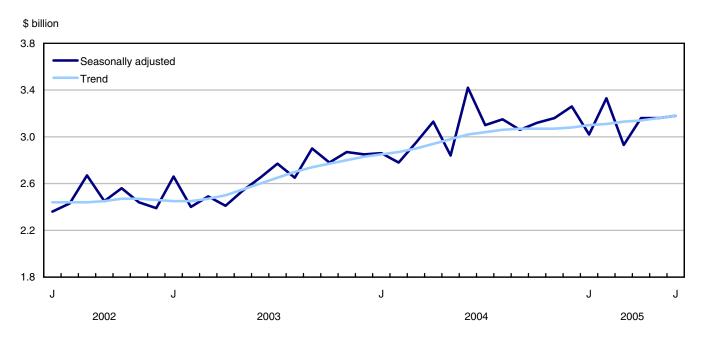


Chart 3

Number of dwelling units - Single and multiple

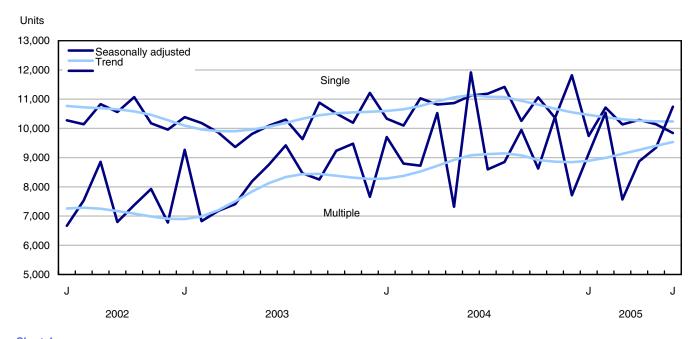


Chart 4

Non residential value of building permits - Total

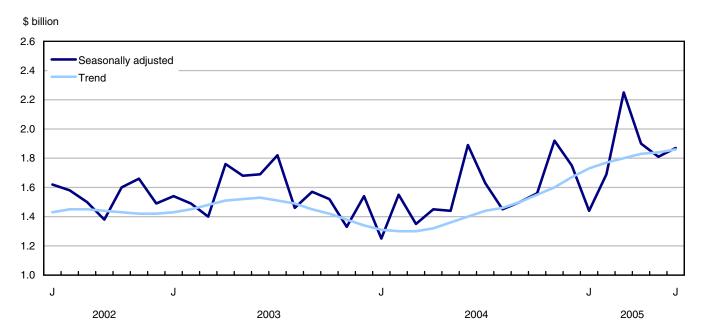
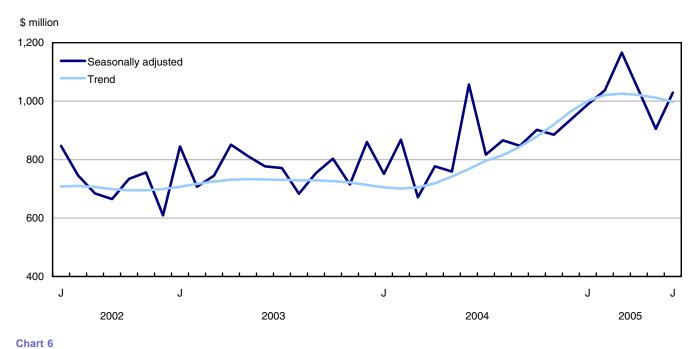


Chart 5 Commercial value of building permits



Industrial value of building permits

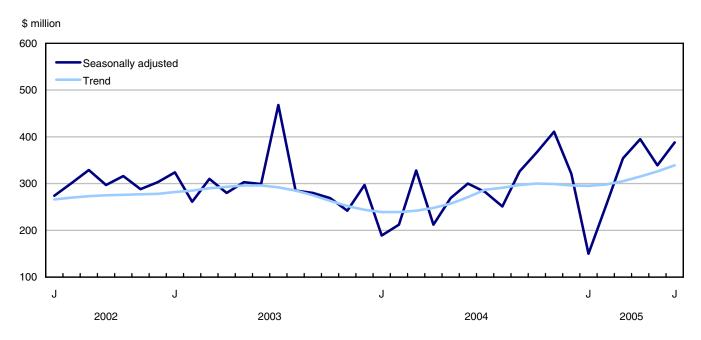
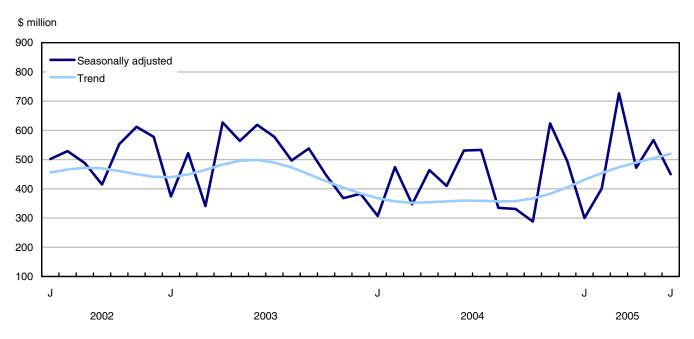


Chart 7
Institutional and governmental value of building permits



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- Canadian Statistics Value of building permits, by provinces and territories
- · Canadian Statistics Value of building permits by type

# **Statistical tables**

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

	2005		June May	May	April	March	February	January
	June <sup>p</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	r to May	to April	to March	to February	to January	to December
	thousands o	f dollars			percentage	change		
Canada	5,045,602	4,971,485	1.5	-1.8	-2.2	3.1	12.6	-11.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	53,896	37,320	44.4	-8.9	-39.6	98.9	-10.0	1.1
Prince Edward Island	19,318	13,010	48.5	-62.7	201.9	-53.4	92.6	-28.9
Nova Scotia	105,650	108,238	-2.4	-6.7	20.5	54.2	0.2	-21.6
New Brunswick	73,012	73,920	-1.2	17.8	8.3	6.7	22.8	-2.9
Quebec	1,023,026	979,811	4.4	5.6	12.0	-15.0	9.4	8.0
Ontario	1,924,372	1,948,164	-1.2	-0.4	-4.2	-6.7	17.0	-26.3
Manitoba	145,105	98,109	47.9	16.6	-7.3	12.6	12.3	-25.8
Saskatchewan	58,487	113,011	-48.2	98.5	-34.7	77.7	-29.1	30.6
Alberta	733,849	778,960	-5.8	-14.0	-7.9	31.7	0.6	12.2
British Columbia	898,528	804,504	11.7	-6.6	-4.9	13.3	22.6	0.7
Yukon Territory	1,612	9,643	-83.3	122.2	72.7	-23.0	-2.5	8.4
Northwest Territories	8,512	6,795	25.3	-40.8	236.4	39.4	333.7	-93.2
Nunavut	235	0				-100.0	13,300.0	-88.0

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

	2005		June	May	April	March	February	January
	June <sup>p</sup>	May	to May	to April	to March	to February	to January	to December
	thousands o	f dollars			percentage	change		
Canada	1,867,343	1,810,511	3.1	-4.9	-15.3	32.9	17.4	-17.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	22,410	9,266	141.9	-11.4	-75.9	432.5	12.3	-15.4
Prince Edward Island	4,518	3,522	28.3	-85.4	661.6	-75.0	898.0	-83.1
Nova Scotia	30,637	40,794	-24.9	11.8	27.0	100.5	-15.0	-24.2
New Brunswick	31,640	27,736	14.1	30.8	8.4	55.7	3.6	-9.0
Quebec	302,884	335,584	-9.7	12.0	11.8	2.5	-3.4	24.6
Ontario	718,368	720,083	-0.2	-9.9	-11.9	8.8	48.6	-35.9
Manitoba	88,442	47,349	86.8	81.7	-33.7	34.9	11.8	-38.5
Saskatchewan	27,837	60,700	-54.1	119.5	-54.3	223.3	-51.9	53.8
Alberta	280,901	283,918	-1.1	-25.3	-22.9	95.0	-20.9	12.6
British Columbia	354,298	275,664	28.5	2.1	-29.4	56.3	32.3	-26.3
Yukon Territory	334	2,941	-88.6	74.0	154.1	436.3	-79.7	2,950.0
Northwest Territories	5,041	2,954	70.6	-58.6	1,619.3	-62.9	259.8	-94.5
Nunavut	33	0				-100.0		

Table 3

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

	2005		2005 June May				February	January
	June <sup>p</sup>	May r	to	to	to	_ to	to	to
			May	April	March	February	January	December
	thousands o	f dollars			percentage	change		
Canada	3,178,259	3,160,974	0.5	0.1	7.8	-12.0	10.3	-7.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	31,486	28,054	12.2	-8.1	25.3	-6.0	-15.3	6.0
Prince Edward Island	14,800	9,488	56.0	-11.1	27.5	-30.6	4.2	9.9
Nova Scotia	75,013	67,444	11.2	-15.1	17.7	40.4	5.8	-20.6
New Brunswick	41,372	46,184	-10.4	11.2	8.3	-8.0	30.0	-0.4
Quebec	720,142	644,227	11.8	2.6	12.0	-21.4	14.9	2.1
Ontario	1,206,004	1,228,081	-1.8	6.2	2.1	-16.3	3.4	-21.3
Manitoba	56,663	50,760	11.6	-12.6	13.0	-0.1	12.7	-15.9
Saskatchewan	30,650	52,311	-41.4	78.7	9.5	-12.0	0.1	9.4
Alberta	452,948	495,042	-8.5	-5.8	7.1	-0.8	16.9	11.9
British Columbia	544,230	528,840	2.9	-10.6	13.0	-5.7	18.8	17.8
Yukon Territory	1,278	6,702	-80.9	153.0	43.4	-41.2	14.7	-10.8
Northwest Territories	3,471	3,841	-9.6	-11.4	44.8	125.6	424.5	-90.4
Nunavut	202	0					-100.0	-88.0

Table 4

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

	2005		June	May	April	March	February	January
	June <sup>p</sup>	May <sup>r</sup>	to May	to April	to March	to February	to January	to December
	units				percentage	change		
Canada	246,996	233,796	5.6	1.7	8.3	-16.7	12.6	-3.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,760	2,280	21.1	2.2	-1.1	6.2	-11.5	-1.0
Prince Edward Island	1,224	840	45.7	-5.4	12.1	-5.7	-7.9	-16.5
Nova Scotia	6,648	5,988	11.0	-5.0	20.7	69.3	-7.2	-29.3
New Brunswick	4,428	5,328	-16.9	46.5	15.2	-24.2	53.5	-24.4
Quebec	62,256	49,644	25.4	5.2	15.0	-32.4	10.6	2.2
Ontario	87,432	78,876	10.8	0.1	4.7	-21.6	10.2	-18.4
Manitoba	4,236	3,900	8.6	-21.9	24.9	2.5	5.9	-21.1
Saskatchewan	2,772	4,932	-43.8	102.5	5.2	-6.8	-21.6	62.0
Alberta	38,208	47.004	-18.7	-0.7	6.2	-2.9	29.0	17.4
British Columbia	36,780	34,224	7.5	-4.1	7.1	-5.6	8.0	32.3
Yukon Territory	108	564	-80.9	193.8	0.0	-27.3		-100.0
Northwest Territories	144	216	-33.3	-28.0	-13.8	38.1	425.0	-73.3
Nunavut	0	0						

Table 5 Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2005

	Number	of dwelling u	nits		Estimated value of construction					
_	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-resi	dential		Total	
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and	Total		
							governmental			
_		units				thousands	of dollars			
Canada May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	10,141 9,841 60,862 64,263	9,342 10,742 56,197 56,981	19,483 20,583 117,059 121,244	3,160,974 3,178,259 18,775,681 17,985,515	339,061 388,168 1,878,474 1,511,129	904,930 1,029,190 6,161,938 4,884,116	566,520 449,985 2,917,586 2,532,790	1,810,511 1,867,343 10,957,998 8,928,035	4,971,485 5,045,602 29,733,679 26,913,550	
Newfoundland and Labrador May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	158 170 964 1,120	32 60 207 197	190 230 1,171 1,317	28,054 31,486 170,926 176,391	680 2,319 35,195 2,338	5,012 19,340 53,569 45,870	3,574 751 12,216 6,943	9,266 22,410 100,980 55,151	37,320 53,896 271,906 231,542	
Prince Edward Island May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	57 54 378 447	13 48 80 99	70 102 458 546	9,488 14,800 67,007 63,074	946 558 23,497 4,110	1,738 1,630 20,816 17,039	838 2,330 5,075 14,851	3,522 4,518 49,388 36,000	13,010 19,318 116,395 99,074	
Nova Scotia May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	256 275 1,622 1,688	243 279 925 1,058	499 554 2,547 2,746	67,444 75,013 382,984 369,629	10,412 7,025 23,817 17,254	17,541 22,603 109,335 118,398	12,841 1,009 34,714 41,535	40,794 30,637 167,866 177,187	108,238 105,650 550,850 546,816	
New Brunswick May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	250 231 1,474 1,568	194 138 478 472	444 369 1,952 2,040	46,184 41,372 241,266 244,258	2,311 2,610 17,350 21,111	22,512 21,973 84,528 61,763	2,913 7,057 22,921 30,793	27,736 31,640 124,799 113,667	73,920 73,012 366,065 357,925	
Quebec May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	2,032 2,077 12,416 13,060	2,105 3,111 13,884 15,039	4,137 5,188 26,300 28,099	644,227 720,142 3,886,313 3,860,081	108,183 106,659 396,624 415,746	183,412 154,989 1,028,213 1,035,452	43,989 41,236 313,060 551,711	335,584 302,884 1,737,897 2,002,909	979,811 1,023,026 5,624,210 5,862,990	
Ontario May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	3,592 3,417 21,426 25,009	2,981 3,869 20,529 18,559	6,573 7,286 41,955 43,568	1,228,081 1,206,004 7,385,574 7,306,521	130,776 150,760 742,459 742,312	311,531 418,588 2,374,862 1,988,607	277,776 149,020 1,423,068 1,279,409	720,083 718,368 4,540,389 4,010,328	1,948,164 1,924,372 11,925,963 11,316,849	
Manitoba May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	269 276 1,747 1,857	56 77 312 522	325 353 2,059 2,379	50,760 56,663 314,056 326,155	3,431 7,353 25,926 21,843	37,818 46,968 161,667 129,622	6,100 34,121 68,851 85,743	47,349 88,442 256,444 237,208	98,109 145,105 570,500 563,363	
Saskatchewan May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	141 149 956 933	270 82 553 598	411 231 1,509 1,531	52,311 30,650 199,681 191,439	3,131 8,600 31,565 15,952	19,341 13,329 125,546 99,563	38,228 5,908 77,068 55,516	60,700 27,837 234,179 171,031	113,011 58,487 433,860 362,470	
Alberta May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	2,151 2,046 12,909 11,089	1,766 1,138 8,642 8,399	3,917 3,184 21,551 19,488	495,042 452,948 2,881,333 2,323,338	58,743 60,973 427,518 141,237	154,274 157,850 1,116,982 718,070	70,901 62,078 465,908 249,327	283,918 280,901 2,010,408 1,108,634	778,960 733,849 4,891,741 3,431,972	

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Table 5 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2005

	Number of dwelling units				Es				
_	Singles 1	s <sup>1</sup> Multiples Total		Residential	Non-residential				Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
_		units				thousands	of dollars		
British Columbia									
May r	1,187	1,665	2,852	528,840	18,409	148,599	108,656	275,664	804,504
June p	1,125	1,940	3,065	544,230	41,145	166,707	146,446	354,298	898,528
Cumulative Jan June 2005	6,798	10,540	17,338	3,211,763	149,229	1,070,476	492,169	1,711,874	4,923,637
Cumulative Jan June 2004	7,270	11,957	19,227	3,079,067	126,713	652,887	177,963	957,563	4,036,630
Yukon Territory									
May <sup>r</sup>	34	13	47	6,702	1,786	451	704	2,941	9,643
June P	9	0	9	1,278	163	142	29	334	1,612
Cumulative Jan June 2005	97	13	110	18,353	2,151	2,717	1,496	6,364	24,717
Cumulative Jan June 2004	108	24	132	18,839	754	1,927	25,384	28,065	46,904
Northwest Territories									
May r	14	4	18	3,841	253	2,701	0	2,954	6,795
June P	12	0	12	3,471	0	5,041	0	5,041	8,512
Cumulative Jan June 2005	75	34	109	16,220	3,140	12,795	1,040	16,975	33,195
Cumulative Jan June 2004	108	4	112	17,610	1,759	13,784	5,095	20,638	38,248
Nunavut									
May r	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June P	0	0	0	202	3	30	0	33	235
Cumulative Jan June 2005	0	0	0	205	3	432	0	435	640
Cumulative Jan June 2004	6	53	59	9,113	0	1.134	8,520	9,654	18.767

<sup>1.</sup> 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, 2005

	Number	of dwelling u	ınits		Es	timated value	of construction	า	
<del>-</del>	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-resi	dential		Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
		units				thousands	of dollars		
Abbotsford, British Columbia May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	55 73 286 330	105 0 319 222	160 73 605 552	23,579 12,563 84,019 65,239	3,118 2,623 21,821 21,687	1,141 5,985 19,903 3,996	28 160 54,128 4,791	4,287 8,768 95,852 30,474	27,866 21,331 179,871 95,713
Calgary, Alberta May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	743 721 4,471 4,117	1,405 152 2,983 3,262	2,148 873 7,454 7,379	203,315 148,516 1,077,840 940,964	1,744 9,678 87,092 27,673	78,020 70,464 445,144 311,566	9,847 49,097 305,015 107,801	89,611 129,239 837,251 447,040	292,926 277,755 1,915,091 1,388,004
Edmonton, Alberta May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	721 650 4,056 3,186	137 755 3,797 3,758	858 1,405 7,853 6,944	138,864 173,947 916,894 709,026	12,456 18,139 69,981 23,769	25,325 35,886 235,276 195,754	20,431 8,460 75,345 41,965	58,212 62,485 380,602 261,488	197,076 236,432 1,297,496 970,514
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	52 44 184 124	3 0 7 3	55 44 191 127	9,991 7,882 35,489 23,490	1,435 1,033 4,638 1,410	1,745 6,691 26,960 4,258	1,230 14,140 26,448 23,094	4,410 21,864 58,046 28,762	14,401 29,746 93,535 52,252
Halifax, Nova Scotia May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	107 116 621 750	130 244 700 831	237 360 1,321 1,581	33,590 46,354 199,217 213,147	5,403 0 7,634 2,449	11,181 9,342 56,403 55,454	3,859 618 19,280 33,874	20,443 9,960 83,317 91,777	54,033 56,314 282,534 304,924
Hamilton, Ontario May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	115 122 788 978	315 191 1,134 1,174	430 313 1,922 2,152	92,050 56,724 347,923 326,817	1,713 5,595 10,704 28,475	12,301 16,100 99,110 104,518	14,989 14,318 84,056 33,673	29,003 36,013 193,870 166,666	121,053 92,737 541,793 493,483
Kingston, Ontario May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	83 60 285 350	9 4 30 46	92 64 315 396	14,373 9,873 47,598 55,433	1,004 1,475 4,163 1,049	973 3,628 31,396 12,978	1,122 1,039 7,833 38,761	3,099 6,142 43,392 52,788	17,472 16,015 90,990 108,221
Kitchener, Ontario May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	223 236 1,106 1,067	61 315 947 670	284 551 2,053 1,737	51,734 78,587 307,095 253,842	4,299 7,189 36,196 32,337	20,226 31,871 114,385 72,818	11,048 7,150 61,204 79,916	35,573 46,210 211,785 185,071	87,307 124,797 518,880 438,913
London, Ontario May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	187 184 1,029 1,134	215 36 896 612	402 220 1,925 1,746	51,245 37,392 266,105 242,797	3,601 8,382 30,118 19,719	13,987 20,905 87,707 59,830	4,436 7,114 42,882 100,479	22,024 36,401 160,707 180,028	73,269 73,793 426,812 422,825
Montréal, Quebec May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	794 790 4,942 5,774	1,334 2,268 9,068 9,291	2,128 3,058 14,010 15,065	327,894 399,300 2,019,123 2,074,876	63,992 43,735 215,992 156,522	87,369 68,846 562,216 548,839	20,794 19,585 117,826 329,633	172,155 132,166 896,034 1,034,994	500,049 531,466 2,915,157 3,109,870

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Table 6 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2005

	Number	of dwelling u	ınits		Es	stimated value	of construction		
_	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-res	idential		Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
_		units				thousands	of dollars		
Oshawa, Ontario									
May r June p	256 140	43 168	299 308	59,720 54,941	1,317 7,451	3,721 3,748	15,434 541	20,472 11,740	80,192 66,681
Cumulative Jan June 2005	1,157	517	1,674	321,052	30,266	56,138	44,194	130,598	451,650
Cumulative Jan June 2004	1,020	852	1,872	331,059	19,429	80,757	36,372	136,558	467,617
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
May r June p	240 226	106 328	346 554	65,934 86,454	10,001 2,701	24,076	11,119 7,052	45,196 25,330	111,130 111,784
Cumulative Jan June 2005	1,194	326 1,254	2,448	420,838	21,154	15,577 201,524	7,052 196,586	25,330 419,264	840,102
Cumulative Jan June 2004	1,614	2,033	3,647	573,650	5,340	180,376	68,569	254,285	827,935
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
May r June P	133 142	66 133	199 275	30,060 39,788	3,004	4,294	185 591	7,483 19,082	37,543
Cumulative Jan June 2005	675	335	1,010	39,788 157,471	3,274 9,109	15,217 41,642	5,274	56,025	58,870 213,496
Cumulative Jan June 2004	799	631	1,430	198,698	5,628	46,041	8,406	60,075	258,773
Québec, Quebec	004	070	500	74.400	740	05.400	7.070	00.707	100.000
May r June P	224 243	278 152	502 395	74,466 60.744	713 3,529	25,106 18,089	7,978 4,039	33,797 25,657	108,263 86,401
Cumulative Jan June 2005	1,481	1,415	2,896	407,822	7,625	109,386	42,297	159,308	567,130
Cumulative Jan June 2004	1,397	1,937	3,334	401,175	15,580	153,725	76,037	245,342	646,517
Regina, Saskatchewan	53	82	135	44.055	724	5,540	10,237	16,501	30,756
May r June p	48	30	78	14,255 8,893	1,255	3,150	2,945	7,350	16,243
Cumulative Jan June 2005	279	173	452	55,404	5,267	40,274	32,727	78,268	133,672
Cumulative Jan June 2004	287	211	498	63,105	7,535	28,692	9,237	45,464	108,569
Saguenay, Quebec May <sup>r</sup>	32	12	44	9,012	2,678	776	278	3,732	12,744
June P	23	28	51	9,483	208	2,243	1,294	3,745	13,228
Cumulative Jan June 2005	130	132	262	41,722	16,863	14,960	5,702	37,525	79,247
Cumulative Jan June 2004	173	121	294	41,408	3,613	14,335	8,217	26,165	67,573
Saint John, New Brunswick May r	45	8	53	6,869	762	8,516	370	9,648	16,517
June P	40	8	48	6,761	376	1,507	332	2,215	8,976
Cumulative Jan June 2005	273	53	326	45,140	4,331	19,421	1,264	25,016	70,156
Cumulative Jan June 2004	248	59	307	38,214	3,328	7,451	6,827	17,606	55,820
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	E4	120	100	25 700	1 100	10.551	22.055	25.072	64 674
May r June p	51 57	139 28	190 85	25,799 11,479	1,466 6,673	10,551 6,138	23,855 2,547	35,872 15,358	61,671 26,837
Cumulative Jan June 2005	397	264	661	83,528	24,062	42,636	34,785	101,483	185,011
Cumulative Jan June 2004	381	307	688	77,264	4,114	34,434	8,479	47,027	124,291
Sherbrooke, Quebec May r	32	28	60	9,836	1,774	6,841	155	8,770	18,606
June P	57	61	118	16,105	6,408	2.447	809	9,664	25,769
Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	338 308	253 409	591	82,237	10,349	27,419	2,284	40,052	122,289
	308	409	717	82,769	5,264	19,448	7,247	31,959	114,728
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario May r	87	19	106	22,788	1,390	25,833	181	27,404	50,192
June P	90	47	137	29,857	4,229	3,693	2,254	10,176	40,033
Cumulative Jan June 2005	488	216	704	135,197	10,321	70,315	63,267	143,903	279,100
Cumulative Jan June 2004	625	216	841	146,250	11,426	92,885	24,344	128,655	274,905

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Table 6 – continued Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2005

	Number	of dwelling u	ınits		Est	timated value	of construction	า	
_	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-res	idential		Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
_		units				thousands	of dollars		
St. John's, Newfoundland and									_
Labrador May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005	98 117 578	18 49 177	116 166 755	17,684 22,157 113,077	25 2,080 34,120	4,246 13,266 43,207	23 558 4,601	4,294 15,904 81,928	21,978 38,061 195,005
Cumulative Jan June 2004	833	176	1,009	135,197	1,465	37,004	3,071	41,540	176,737
Thunder Bay, Ontario May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	34 20 80 119	2 0 52 8	36 20 132 127	6,770 4,582 20,321 23,190	6,697 136 12,332 1,688	2,178 3,331 20,640 17,243	2,131 285 22,585 7,969	11,006 3,752 55,557 26,900	17,776 8,334 75,878 50,090
Toronto, Ontario May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	1,080 996 7,096 9,605	1,869 2,444 12,922 10,797	2,949 3,440 20,018 20,402	555,862 527,885 3,498,527 3,541,607	56,592 57,262 383,114 340,470	147,370 125,816 1,076,745 1,002,270	134,848 29,292 565,760 541,531	338,810 212,370 2,025,619 1,884,271	894,672 740,255 5,524,146 5,425,878
Trois-Rivières, Quebec May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	42 43 189 179	35 43 176 172	77 86 365 351	12,354 10,933 51,712 48,959	285 4,686 6,203 7,098	2,739 4,868 22,717 23,380	1,171 0 4,007 3,048	4,195 9,554 32,927 33,526	16,549 20,487 84,639 82,485
Vancouver, British Columbia May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	392 380 2,297 2,894	875 1,342 6,385 9,228	1,267 1,722 8,682 12,122	269,564 340,814 1,671,546 1,965,413	6,257 13,480 58,426 51,850	109,551 110,113 689,594 438,488	38,983 98,586 247,869 88,011	154,791 222,179 995,889 578,349	424,355 562,993 2,667,435 2,543,762
Victoria, British Columbia May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	113 88 578 588	226 142 850 567	339 230 1,428 1,155	56,686 43,354 249,702 192,593	170 64 6,559 5,184	11,019 8,196 66,285 30,979	9,593 1,662 26,728 34,592	20,782 9,922 99,572 70,755	77,468 53,276 349,274 263,348
Windsor, Ontario May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	95 91 577 836	25 33 240 386	120 124 817 1,222	22,472 22,506 136,118 193,800	786 414 7,498 11,769	971 8,856 38,410 53,369	3,439 1,697 36,135 8,359	5,196 10,967 82,043 73,497	27,668 33,473 218,161 267,297
Winnipeg, Manitoba May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	142 143 965 1,125	29 38 212 356	171 181 1,177 1,481	27,371 32,285 180,129 197,704	397 4,212 5,578 12,901	28,841 40,069 118,497 82,862	5,272 24,735 54,560 75,956	34,510 69,016 178,635 171,719	61,881 101,301 358,764 369,423

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

Table 7

Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2005

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
			Number	of dwelling units	3		
Canada May <sup>r</sup> June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	13,243 12,755 62,010 66,823	95 106 323 443	918 995 5,929 6,156	2,428 2,397 11,886 11,126	6,869 7,740 33,594 35,903	340 594 2,349 2,705	23,893 24,587 116,091 123,156
Newfoundland and Labrador							
May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	289 239 881 1,058	4 5 9 8	0 2 26 26	0 0 5 19	40 51 146 119	1 1 8 16	334 298 1,075 1,246
Prince Edward Island May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	110 81 326 390	7 7 19 42	6 8 22 23	0 0 3 39	6 39 53 32	1 1 2 5	130 136 425 531
Nova Scotia May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	399 360 1,592 1,663	9 15 37 42	24 4 70 67	0 32 77 35	202 242 737 927	18 2 43 30	652 655 2,556 2,764
New Brunswick May <sup>r</sup> June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	448 346 1,374 1,473	16 9 50 45	22 28 74 49	4 12 37 63	160 91 322 319	9 7 46 42	659 493 1,903 1,991
Quebec May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	2,708 2,483 13,510 14,411	38 35 112 153	215 191 1,560 1,294	43 163 456 789	1,721 2,366 9,697 11,161	181 461 1,331 1,446	4,906 5,699 26,666 29,254
Ontario May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	4,392 4,681 21,146 25,813	16 27 74 90	368 414 2,431 2,977	1,520 1,510 6,949 6,273	1,859 2,497 9,484 8,404	103 73 704 605	8,258 9,202 40,788 44,162
Manitoba May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	392 379 1,772 1,945	1 2 4 18	8 0 9 37	25 30 76 2	14 47 218 482	9 1 10 3	449 459 2,089 2,487
Saskatchewan May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	215 199 960 951	1 2 5 0	16 28 58 60	5 0 36 143	249 54 455 370	0 0 5 25	486 283 1,519 1,549
Alberta May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	2,682 2,539 13,188 11,445	2 3 10 16	194 260 1,335 1,221	214 263 1,463 893	1,759 835 5,543 5,715	4 7 40 363	4,855 3,907 21,579 19,653
British Columbia May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	1,538 1,412 7,113 7,500	1 0 2 26	62 60 341 395	617 387 2,766 2,860	847 1,518 6,915 8,312	12 41 158 168	3,077 3,418 17,295 19,261

Table 7 – continued Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2005

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
			Number	of dwelling units	5		
Yukon Territory May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	57 18 92 88	0 1 1 3	3 0 3 5	0 0 0 10	8 0 8 7	2 0 2 2	70 19 106 115
Northwest Territories May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup> Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	13 18 56 80	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 18 0	4 0 16 4	0 0 0 0	17 18 90 84
Nunavut May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	0 0 0 6	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 51	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 59

Table 8

Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, June 2005

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
_			Number	of dwelling	units		
Abbotsford, British Columbia	86	0	0	0	0	0	86
Calgary, Alberta	872	0	97	62	26	1	1,058
Edmonton, Alberta	787	0	84	173	665	4	1,713
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury,							
Ontario	55	0	0	0	0	0	55
Halifax, Nova Scotia	151	0	2	32	210	0	395
Hamilton, Ontario	153	0	48	152	24	0	377
Kingston, Ontario	74	2	2	0	3	0	81
Kitchener, Ontario	297	0	11	99	252	7	666
London, Ontario	232	0	2	35	2	3	274
Montréal, Quebec	906	0	89	42	1,768	366	3,171
Oshawa, Ontario	176	0	49	107	39	2	373
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	445	3	42	275	180	20	965
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part,							
Ontario/Quebec	285	0	38	216	128	2	669
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part,							
Ontario/Quebec	160	3	4	59	52	18	296
Québec, Quebec	274	5	22	13	108	9	431
Regina, Saskatchewan	62	0	0	0	30	0	92
Saguenay, Quebec	26	0	6	6	8	8	54
Saint John, New Brunswick	58	1	2	0	6	0	67
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	74	0	20	0	8	0	102
Sherbrooke, Quebec	65	0	6	0	46	9	126
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	113	0	13	41	0	1	168
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	142	0	2	0	40	1	185
Thunder Bay, Ontario	25	0	0	0	0	0	25
Toronto, Ontario	1,253	0	190	699	1,931	41	4,114
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	49	0	4	12	16	11	92
Vancouver, British Columbia	445	0	16	207	1,157	22	1,847
Victoria, British Columbia	103	0	15	31	97	5	251
Windsor, Ontario	114	0	10	14	15	0	153
Winnipeg, Manitoba	171	0	0	30	8	0	209

Table 9 Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative, January - June 2005

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
_			Number	of dwelling	units		
Abbotsford, British Columbia	310	0	2	72	235	2	621
Calgary, Alberta	4,625	0	485	627	2,103	1	7,841
Edmonton, Alberta	4,219	0	593	468	2,585	19	7,884
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury,							
Ontario	203	0	0	0	8	0	211
Halifax, Nova Scotia	683	1	22	72	574	32	1,384
Hamilton, Ontario	738	0	130	410	390	196	1,864
Kingston, Ontario	305	3	14	3	11	5	341
Kitchener, Ontario	1,134	0	46	423	423	79	2,105
London, Ontario	1,035	0	11	360	502	16	1,924
Montréal, Quebec	5,382	0	498	228	6,732	809	13,649
Oshawa, Ontario	1,200	0	258	198	43	8	1,707
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	1,981	5	206	674	614	85	3,565
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part,							
Ontario/Quebec	1,231	0	118	615	474	50	2,488
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part,							
Ontario/Quebec	750	5	88	59	140	35	1,077
Québec, Quebec	1,648	5	410	84	993	45	3,185
Regina, Saskatchewan	293	0	0	0	173	0	466
Saguenay, Quebec	156	4	21	6	60	26	273
Saint John, New Brunswick	249	5	2	3	42	6	307
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	392	0	38	2	220	4	656
Sherbrooke, Quebec	376	0	20	0	157	55	608
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	492	1	42	124	12	24	695
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	561	0	26	5	117	7	716
Thunder Bay, Ontario	92	0	0	0	45	2	139
Toronto, Ontario	7,054	0	1,522	3,927	6,818	184	19,505
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	223	0	4	12	92	63	394
Vancouver, British Columbia	2,392	0	142	1,993	3,908	58	8,493
Victoria, British Columbia	602	0	19	122	620	18	1,381
Windsor, Ontario	565	0	64	60	84	13	786
Winnipeg, Manitoba	966	0	5	70	137	0	1,178

Table 10

Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, Unadjusted, 2005

		Valu	ue of construction		
	Residential		Non-residential		Total
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and	
				governmental	
		tho	usands of dollars		
Canada	0.070.005	050.047	4 007 000	504.000	5 005 047
May r June p	3,976,635 3,909,707	359,847 403,543	1,007,336 1,214,873	521,229 490,434	5,865,047 6,018,557
Cumulative Jan June 2005	18,627,779	1,852,556	5,712,338	2,640,886	28,833,559
Cumulative Jan June 2004	18,495,244	1,536,476	4,604,974	2,292,791	26,929,485
Newfoundland and Labrador	51,244	680	6,068	3,574	61,566
May r June p	46,423	2,319	20,662	751	70,155
Cumulative Jan June 2005	162,114	35,195	44,216	12,216	253,741
Cumulative Jan June 2004	174,244	2,338	35,444	6,943	218,969
Prince Edward Island	47.820	0.46	4.700	020	24 242
May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup>	17,820 18,303	946 558	1,738 1,630	838 2,330	21,342 22,821
Cumulative Jan June 2005	61,036	23,497	20,816	5,075	110,424
Cumulative Jan June 2004	63,750	4,110	17,039	14,851	99,750
Nova Scotia	00.005	10 440	47 544	10.044	427.000
May r June p	96,305 92,189	10,412 7,025	17,541 22,603	12,841 1,009	137,099 122,826
Cumulative Jan June 2005	388,676	23,817	109,335	34,714	556,542
Cumulative Jan June 2004	379,963	17,254	118,398	41,535	557,150
New Brunswick	74.005	0.044	00.540	0.040	400.004
May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup>	74,885 62,486	2,311 2,610	22,512 21,973	2,913 7,057	102,621 94,126
Cumulative Jan June 2005	232,543	17,350	84,528	22,921	357,342
Cumulative Jan June 2004	232,697	21,111	61,763	30,793	346,364
Quebec	047.700	400 400	000.044	54.740	4 400 500
May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup>	817,733 842,964	108,183 106,659	208,841 165,064	54,743 68,739	1,189,500 1,183,426
Cumulative Jan June 2005	4,002,142	396,624	905,321	280,961	5,585,048
Cumulative Jan June 2004	4,075,945	415,746	914,515	501,164	5,907,370
Ontario	4 500 005	454 500	227.072	224 724	2 224 220
May r June p	1,523,865 1,533,824	151,562 166,135	337,072 503,257	221,731 161,966	2,234,230 2,365,182
Cumulative Jan June 2005	7,125,762	716,541	2,152,182	1,178,467	11,172,952
Cumulative Jan June 2004	7,411,971	767,659	1,848,244	1,089,957	11,117,831
<b>Manitoba</b> May <sup>r</sup>	72,000	2 424	38,698	6,100	120,229
June P	72,000 75,182	3,431 7,353	44,004	34,121	160,660
Cumulative Jan June 2005	318,407	25,926	140,118	68,851	553,302
Cumulative Jan June 2004	339,446	21,843	115,569	85,743	562,601
Saskatchewan	6F 291	2 121	24.040	20 220	120 690
May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup>	65,281 40,097	3,131 8,600	24,040 17,351	38,228 5,908	130,680 71,956
Cumulative Jan June 2005	203,894	31,565	125,992	77,068	438,519
Cumulative Jan June 2004	197,013	15,952	104,476	55,516	372,957
Alberta	600.044	E0 740	177 110	70.004	040.074
May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup>	633,311 563,756	58,743 60,973	177,116 206,561	70,901 62,078	940,071 893,368
Cumulative Jan June 2005	2,916,623	427,518	1,077,461	465,908	4,887,510
Cumulative Jan June 2004	2,378,034	141,237	737,456	249,327	3,506,054
British Columbia	044 407	40 400	470.550	400.050	000.010
May <sup>r</sup> June <sup>p</sup>	611,187 628,351	18,409 41,145	170,558 206,555	108,656 146,446	908,810 1,022,497
Cumulative Jan June 2005	3,185,204	149,229	1,036,425	492,169	4,863,027
Cumulative Jan June 2004	3,199,404	126,713	635,225	177,963	4,139,305

Table 10 – continued Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, Unadjusted, 2005

		Valu	ue of construction		
	Residential	ļ	Non-residential		Total
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
		tho	usands of dollars		
Yukon Territory May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	9,163 2,459 14,953 16,054	1,786 163 2,151 754	451 142 2,717 1,927	704 29 1,496 25,384	12,104 2,793 21,317 44,119
Northwest Territories May r June p Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	3,841 3,471 16,220 17,610	253 0 3,140 1,759	2,701 5,041 12,795 13,784	0 0 1,040 5,095	6,795 8,512 33,195 38,248
Nunavut May r June P Cumulative Jan June 2005 Cumulative Jan June 2004	0 202 205 9,113	0 3 3 0	0 30 432 1,134	0 0 0 8,520	0 235 640 18,767

Table 11

Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, June 2005

		Valu	ue of construction	1	
-	Residential	1	Non-residential		Total
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
_		tho	usands of dollars		
Abbotsford, British Columbia Calgary, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario Halifax, Nova Scotia Hamilton, Ontario Kingston, Ontario Kitchener, Ontario London, Ontario Montréal, Quebec Oshawa, Ontario Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec Québec, Quebec Regina, Saskatchewan Saguenay, Quebec Saint John, New Brunswick Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Sherbrooke, Quebec St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador Thunder Bay, Ontario Toronto, Ontario Toronto, Ontario Trois-Rivières, Quebec Vancouver, British Columbia	14,877 181,310 213,754 10,005 53,041 67,973 12,476 94,580 46,658 441,639 66,103 148,313 103,522 44,791 68,732 11,079 10,680 9,868 14,534 18,216 36,652 28,536 5,782 628,158 12,418 349,214	2,623 9,678 18,139 969 0 5,247 1,383 6,742 7,861 43,735 6,988 5,807 2,533 3,274 3,529 1,255 208 376 6,673 6,408 3,966 2,080 128 53,702 4,686 13,480	7,453 89,837 45,752 8,059 9,342 19,390 4,370 38,384 25,177 73,219 4,514 34,943 18,760 16,183 19,238 4,112 2,385 1,507 8,011 2,602 4,448 14,588 4,012 151,528 5,177 137,124	160 49,097 8,460 15,903 618 16,103 1,169 8,041 8,001 30,226 609 8,843 7,931 912 6,233 2,945 1,997 332 2,547 1,248 2,535 558 321 32,943 0 98,586	25,113 329,922 286,105 34,936 63,001 108,713 19,398 147,747 87,697 588,819 78,214 197,906 132,746 65,160 97,732 12,083 31,765 28,474 47,601 45,762 10,243 866,331 22,281 598,404
Victoria, British Columbia Windsor, Ontario Winnipeg, Manitoba	45,789 27,933 38,665	64 388 4,212	10,206 10,666 35,014	1,662 1,908 24,735	57,727 40,899 102,626

Table 12 Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative, January - June 2005

		Valu	e of construction		
	Residential	1	Non-residential		Total
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
_		tho	usands of dollars		
Abbotsford, British Columbia Calgary, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario Halifax, Nova Scotia Hamilton, Ontario Kingston, Ontario Kitchener, Ontario London, Ontario Montréal, Quebec Oshawa, Ontario Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec Québec, Quebec Regina, Saskatchewan Saguenay, Quebec Saint John, New Brunswick Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Sherbrooke, Quebec St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador Thunder Bay, Ontario Toronto, Ontario Trois-Rivières, Quebec Vancouver, British Columbia Victoria, British Columbia Windsor, Ontario	86,147 1,110,047 934,915 38,499 209,557 340,301 51,378 313,535 264,388 2,035,323 325,670 599,260 431,314 167,946 434,402 57,723 45,885 40,828 84,815 86,089 136,123 108,238 22,770 3,355,567 57,024 1,708,281 255,046 133,393	21,821 87,092 69,981 4,092 7,634 10,074 3,676 30,858 27,638 215,992 27,057 30,392 21,283 9,109 7,625 5,267 16,863 4,331 24,062 10,349 9,532 34,120 12,869 351,860 6,203 58,426 6,559 6,711	18,665 469,719 240,493 23,768 56,403 90,968 27,211 108,312 81,159 483,422 46,653 209,041 169,499 39,542 101,663 39,587 13,531 19,421 42,659 25,805 65,811 33,854 17,855 955,555 18,965 685,742 64,748 34,998	54,128 305,015 75,345 26,275 19,280 71,239 6,996 50,749 36,828 111,210 35,753 164,061 159,978 4,083 37,921 32,727 4,660 1,264 34,785 2,118 48,526 4,601 19,549 470,720 2,950 247,869 26,728 29,477	180,761 1,971,873 1,320,734 92,634 292,874 512,582 89,261 503,454 410,013 2,845,947 435,133 1,002,754 782,074 220,680 581,611 135,304 80,939 65,844 186,321 124,361 259,992 180,813 73,043 5,133,702 85,142 2,700,318 353,081 204,579

Table 13

Value of the non-residential permits by type of building, provinces and territories, June 2005

	Canada	Newfoundland and	Prince Edward	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
		Labrador	Island	Ocolia	Branswick		
			thous	sands of dollars			
Total non-residential	2,108,850	23,732	4,518	30,637	31,640	340,462	831,358
Industrial	403,543	2,319	558	7,025	2,610	106,659	166,135
Factories, plants	233,791	0	275	1,014	593	79,141	95,864
Transportation, utilities	62,948	2,000	0	5,000	0	10,769	9,841
Mining and agriculture	46,970	0	0	300	300	4,475	30,410
Minor industrial projects, new	E0 004	319	202	711	4 747	10.074	20.020
and improvements <sup>1</sup> Commercial	59,834	<b>20,662</b>	283 <b>1,630</b>	22,603	1,717 <b>21,973</b>	12,274 <b>165,064</b>	30,020 <b>503,257</b>
Trade and services	<b>1,214,873</b> 331.208	<b>20,662</b> 6,042	0	4,902	8,933	60,159	131,757
Warehouses	174,451	2,934	900	4,902 862	5,100	2,940	55,524
Service stations	32,951	2,934	0	550	3,100	5,250	21,253
Office buildings	296,667	1,875	0	2,145	350	36,522	163,356
Recreation	150,957	4,150	0	6,400	2,483	16,502	51,980
Hotels, restaurants	63,730	375	365	866	841	10,167	18,094
Laboratories	3,120	0	0	0	0	0	2,870
Minor commercial projects,	0,120	· ·	Ŭ	·	Ŭ	Ŭ	2,010
new and improvements <sup>1</sup>	161,789	5,286	365	6,878	4,266	33,524	58,423
Institutional and	101,700	0,200	000	0,070	1,200	00,021	00,120
governmental	490,434	751	2,330	1,009	7,057	68,739	161,966
Schools, education	239,203	542	330	0	1,459	33,634	86,047
Hospitals, medical	95,809	0	0	Õ	0	5,584	9,733
Welfare, home	49,681	0	0	Ö	0	4.776	33.807
Churches, religion	29,994	0	2,000	0	1,762	1,250	9,578
Government buildings	35,898	0	0	0	1,010	14,281	3,725
Minor institutional and	•				,	,	,
governmental projects,							
new and improvements 1	39,849	209	0	1,009	2,826	9,214	19,076
	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon Territory	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
			thous	sands of dollars			
Total non-residential	85,478	31,859	329,612	394,146	334	5,041	33
Industrial	7,353	8,600	60,973	41,145	163	0	3
Factories, plants	3,750	5,890	26,936	20,328	0	0	0
Transportation, utilities	0	1,250	27,137	6,951	0	0	0
Mining and agriculture	2,600	320	1,000	7,565	0	0	0
Minor industrial projects, new							
and improvements 1	1,003	1,140	5,900	6,301	163	0	3
Commercial	44,004	17,351	206,561	206,555	142	5,041	30
Trade and services	14,828	5,613	54,197	43,527	0	1,250	0
Warehouses	1,388	1,999	69,206	33,598	0	0	0
Service stations	0	750	1,920	3,228	0	0	0
Office buildings	13,707	3,303	45,709	29,200	0	500	0
Recreation	400	0	11,548	57,494 47,464	0 0	0	0
Hotels, restaurants	8,153 0	943 0	3,962 0	17,164	0	2,800	0
Laboratories	U	U	U	250	U	0	U
Minor commercial projects,	F F00	4.740	20.040	22.004	140	404	30
new and improvements <sup>1</sup> Institutional and	5,528	4,743	20,019	22,094	142	491	30
	24 424	E 0.00	62.070	146 446	20	^	^
	<b>34,121</b> 14,335	<b>5,908</b> 2,814	<b>62,078</b> 9,645	<b>146,446</b> 90,397	<b>29</b> 0	<b>0</b> 0	<b>0</b> 0
governmental			33,245	36,628	0	0	0
Schools, education		Λ				0	0
Schools, education Hospitals, medical	10,619	0 847		272			
Schools, education Hospitals, medical Welfare, home	10,619 8,200	847	1,678	373 3 300	0		
Schools, education Hospitals, medical Welfare, home Churches, religion	10,619 8,200 0	847 400	1,678 11,704	3,300	0	0	0
Schools, education Hospitals, medical Welfare, home Churches, religion Government buildings	10,619 8,200	847	1,678				
Schools, education Hospitals, medical Welfare, home Churches, religion Government buildings Minor institutional and	10,619 8,200 0	847 400	1,678 11,704	3,300	0	0	0
Schools, education Hospitals, medical Welfare, home Churches, religion Government buildings	10,619 8,200 0	847 400	1,678 11,704	3,300	0	0	0

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

# **Description - Monthly survey of building permits**

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

# Data source and methodology

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

General methodology: The Building Permits Survey covers all Canadian municipalities that issue permits. The number of Canadian municipalities currently surveyed exceeds 2,380, representing all the provinces and territories. They account for 95% of the Canadian population. Participation in the survey is mandatory; the survey does not use a predetermined sample of municipalities. The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small, and their level of building activity have little impact on the total. In practice, all urban agglomerations are represented in the survey, as well as a fair percentage of rural municipalities. With certain exceptions, the minimum coverage corresponds to the municipalities already included in the Housing Starts and Completions C.M.H.C.'s Survey. Non-responding municipalities that issue permits are urged on a regular basis to respond to the Building Permit Survey. Therefore, the number of municipalities covered is increasing continually.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Revisions due to the correction of coding errors

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

#### Revisions due to the addition of late reports

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

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

# Concepts and variables measured

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

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

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

# **Building categories**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Geographic classification**

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

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

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

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

**Census metropolitan area (CMA)**: Its delineation corresponds to the 2001 Census definition. The term CMA refers to the main labour market area of an urban area (the urbanized core) of at least 100,000 population, based on the Census population figures. The twenty-seven CMAs are shown in this publication. Although the 2001 Census defines the Ottawa-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 2001 Census. There are one hundred and eighteen CAs in Canada. When a CA overlaps the boundaries of two provinces, it is shown partly in each province. The Lloydminster agglomeration is an exception to this rule. It is treated as if it was totally located in Alberta.

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

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

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

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

#### Territorial revisions

Territorial boundaries were established according to the 2001 Census definitions. Changes in boundaries, status or name of census subdivisions between censuses are introduced in this publication on a yearly basis. Changes affecting the other geographic units (CMAs, CAs, CDs and ERs) are introduced every five years, eighteen months following the census.

## **Data accuracy**

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

The other source of error are the processing error and the non-response error. In 2004, more than 99% of the municipalities covered by the survey sent their monthly Building Permits reports.

# Comparability of data and related sources

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

This publication contains only part of the data produced on building permits. However, you may order unpublished tables or address special requests, to the Current Investment Indicators Section ((613) 951-4646 or 1-800-579-8533). The series presented here is also available on CANSIM: Tables 026-0001 to 026-0008, 026-0010 and 026-0015.

## **Appendix I**

## **Geographical abbreviations**

A.R. - Agglomération de

recensement

BOR - Borough

C - City

C.A. - Census Agglomeration

CC - Chartered Community

CDR - Census Division

Remainder

CM - County (Municipality) C.M.A. - Census Metropolitan

Area

COM - Community

CR - County Remainder

CT - Canton

CU - Cantons-Unis

DM - District (Municipality)

HAM - Hamlet

ID - Improvement District

IGD - Indian Government District

LGD - Local Government District

LOT - Lot and Royalty

M - Municipalité

MD - Municipal District

NH - Northern Hamlet

NT - Northern Town

NV - Northern Village

N.W.T. - NorthWest Territories

P - Paroisse

PAR - Parish

PD - Planning District

PDR - Planning District Remainder

RCR - Rural County Remainder

**RGM** - Regional Municipality

R.M.R. - Région métropolitaine de recensement

RDR - Regional District Remainder

RM - Rural Municipality

RV - Resort Village

SA - Special Area

S-E - Indian Settleman/Établissement indien

SCM - Subdivision of County Municipality

SD - Sans désignation

SET - Settlement

SM - Specialize Municipality

SRD - Subdivision of Regional District

SUN - Subdivision of Unorganized District

SV - Summer Village

T - Town

T.N.O. - Territoires du Nord-Ouest

TP - Township

UCR - Urban County Remainder

UNO - Unorganized/Non organisé

V - Ville

VC - Village Cri

VL - Village

VN - Village Nordique