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Highlights

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Analysis – July 2010

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In the non-residential sector, municipalities issued building permits worth \$2.9 billion in July, down 4.3% from June, as a result of lower construction intentions for industrial and commercial buildings.

The value of residential permits declined for a fourth consecutive month, down 2.4% to \$3.5 billion in July. However, the value of residential permits was 28.6% higher than in July 2009. The value of both single- and multi-family permits declined in six provinces in July.

Note to readers

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

The Building Permits Survey covers 2,400 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.

For the purpose of this release, the census metropolitan area of Ottawa–Gatineau (Ontario/Quebec) is divided into two areas: Gatineau part and Ottawa part.

Revisions

Preliminary data are provided for the current reference month. Revised data, based on late responses, are updated for the previous month.

The total value of building intentions increased in four provinces: Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Manitoba.

Residential sector: Intentions down for single- and multiple-family permits

The value of building permits for single-family dwellings declined for a fourth consecutive month, down 0.9% to \$2.1 billion in July. The decrease was a result of lower construction intentions in eight provinces, despite a 10.0% increase in Ontario.

Intentions for multi-family dwellings fell 4.6% to \$1.4 billion, following two monthly increases. In July, six provinces posted declines, led by British Columbia and Quebec. However, Ontario and Alberta registered higher construction intentions in the multi-family component.

Nationally, municipalities approved 17,099 new dwellings in July, down 4.6% from June. The decline came from both single-family dwellings, which fell 0.8% to 7,452 units, and multi-family dwellings, which declined 7.3% to 9,647.

Non-residential sector: Declines in the industrial and commercial components

In the industrial component, the value of permits fell 28.2% to \$406 million in July, a second consecutive monthly decrease. Lower intentions came mostly from Newfoundland and Labrador, which had posted a large gain in June. Quebec and Alberta also reported declines in July, as a result of lower construction intentions spread across a wide variety of buildings.

In the commercial component, municipalities issued permits worth \$1.3 billion in July, down 9.2% from June. July's decrease was mainly a result of lower construction intentions spread across a wide variety of commercial buildings in Ontario and Alberta.

The value of permits in the institutional component increased for a second consecutive month, up 16.8% to \$1.1 billion in July. The increase was largely a result of higher construction intentions for medical facilities in Ontario and British Columbia. The gain in Quebec came mainly from educational institutions.

Largest declines in Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador

The value of building permits fell in six provinces.

The largest decreases occurred in Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador. In both provinces, the decline was mainly the result of lower intentions in the industrial and commercial components. In Quebec, the decrease came from the residential sector and from the industrial component of the non-residential sector.

Ontario and Saskatchewan posted the largest gains. In Ontario, all components except the commercial increased in July. In Saskatchewan, the increase came from the non-residential sector.

Value of permits down in half of the census metropolitan areas

The total value of permits fell in 17 of the 34 census metropolitan areas.

The largest declines were in Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Edmonton and Ottawa. In Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, the decrease came from all components except single dwellings.

Edmonton experienced a decrease as a result of the commercial and industrial components. In Ottawa, the decline was attributable to all components except permits for institutional buildings.

The largest gains occurred in St. Catharines-Niagara, Hamilton and Toronto. In St. Catharines-Niagara, the increase came from the institutional component, including a new medical facility. Toronto posted gains in the residential sector, while Hamilton's increases were in both sectors.

Chart 1 Total value of building permits

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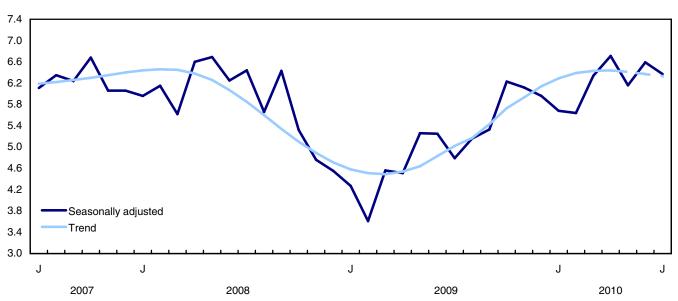


Chart 2
Residential value of building permits – Total

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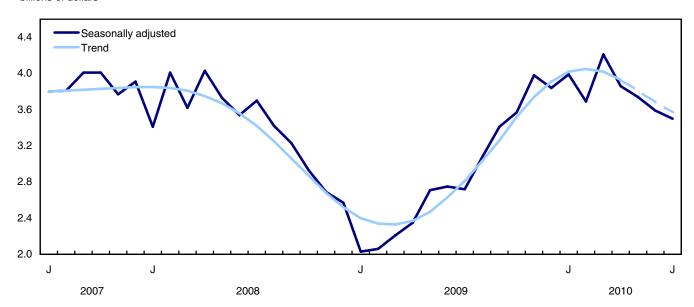


Chart 3 Number of dwelling units - Single and multiple

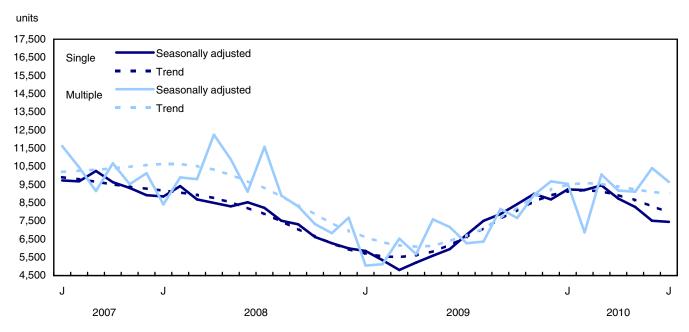


Chart 4 Non-residential value of building permits - Total

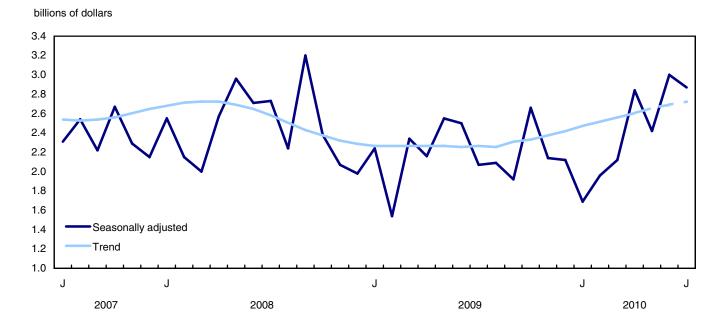


Chart 5 Commercial value of building permits

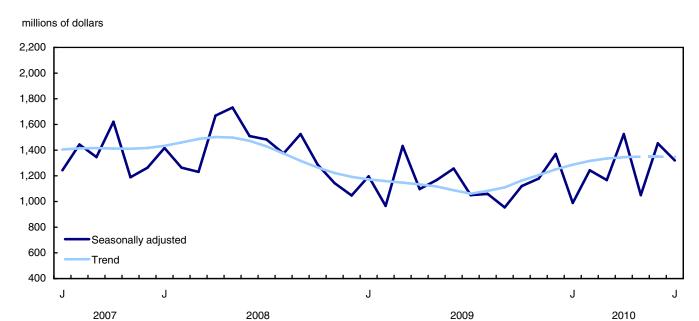


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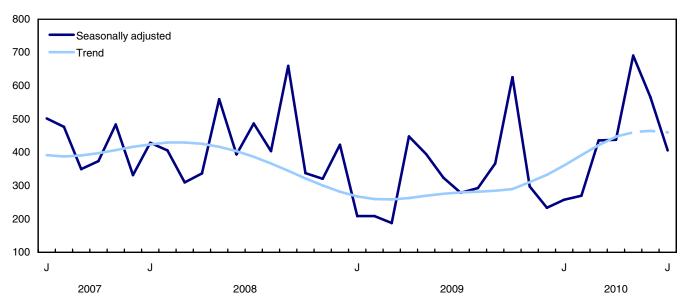
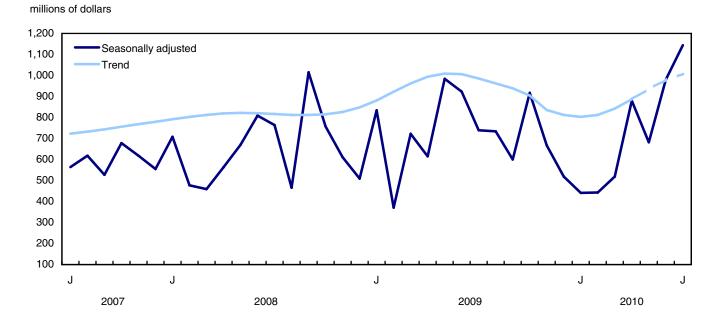


Chart 7 Institutional and governmental value of building permits





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Statistical tables

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

_	2010 July ^p	2010 June ^r	July to	June to	May to	April to	March to	February to
	July	Julie	June	May	April	March	February	January
_	thousands of	dollars		ŗ	ercentage cha	ange		
Canada	6,372,162	6,587,017	-3.3	6.9	-8.2	5.9	12.3	-0.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	76,384	202,020	-62.2	228.9	-40.5	-9.7	18.1	12.1
Prince Edward Island	17,130	23,653	-27.6	-19.0	81.9	-31.5	60.7	35.2
Nova Scotia	127,905	141,041	-9.3	17.0	-58.9	173.3	7.8	-26.1
New Brunswick	115,516	126,542	-8.7	19.4	-13.9	44.6	32.6	11.6
Quebec	1,283,260	1,333,199	-3.7	3.6	-1.0	-2.9	-0.9	10.0
Ontario	2,585,288	2.405.361	7.5	0.1	-9.7	10.9	14.0	-9.7
Manitoba	157,254	151.579	3.7	-1.5	-6.2	14.8	25.2	-8.3
Saskatchewan	160,659	130,490	23.1	-43.3	19.7	-5.9	66.1	2.0
Alberta	966,101	1,189,041	-18.7	18.0	-12.4	14.3	0.5	12.2
British Columbia	869,352	850,009	2.3	13.8	10.9	-23.1	32.7	-2.8
Yukon	5,121	22,336	-77.1	191.6	-49.4	-36.0	271.2	96.1
Northwest Territories	5,326	6,421	-17.1	-14.9	104.7	-42.9	60.5	286.9
Nunavut	2,866	5,325	-46.2	2,266.7	-98.1	134.7	1,105.9	-95.0

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

	2010 July ^p	2010 June ^r	July to June	June to May	May to April	April to March	March to February	February to January
_	thousands of	dollars		ŗ	ercentage cha	ange		
Canada	2,869,759	2,998,679	-4.3	23.8	-14.8	34.0	8.5	15.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	29,256	149,554	-80.4	956.7	-40.6	114.6	-47.1	69.3
Prince Edward Island	5,701	11,170	-49.0	22.1	51.6	-53.1	146.5	192.9
Nova Scotia	59,259	50,540	17.3	32.6	-80.9	540.8	-19.4	31.1
New Brunswick	65,547	86,416	-24.1	84.9	-29.1	211.4	59.5	-40.2
Quebec	463,443	441,880	4.9	1.6	-0.4	16.4	-10.9	75.4
Ontario	1,379,121	1,309,833	5.3	19.5	-13.2	42.7	-1.4	2.5
Manitoba	64,421	62,546	3.0	13.9	42.2	-25.6	91.2	28.2
Saskatchewan	86,771	48,251	79.8	-58.9	40.6	5.9	66.1	11.6
Alberta	355,455	580.728	-38.8	68.6	-32.4	26.6	27.2	13.7
British Columbia	353.564	240.272	47.2	-8.3	35.2	-13.1	36.7	4.7
Yukon	3,471	14.210	-75.6	768.6	-80.6	-56.4	1.109.7	284.4
Northwest Territories	3,600	2.777	29.6	-2.7	2.4	-45.0	48.6	295.5
Nunavut	150	502	-70.1	234.7	-98.7	154.7	1,088.4	-95.3

Table 3
Residential value of building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted

_	2010	2010	July	June	May	April	March	February
	July p	June ^r	to June	to May	to April	to March	to February	to January
_	thousands of	dollars			ercentage cha			
Canada	3,502,403	3,588,338	-2.4	-4.0	-3.3	-8.3	14.3	-7.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	47,128	52,466	-10.2	11.0	-40.4	-23.1	36.2	2.5
Prince Edward Island	11,429	12,483	-8.4	-37.8	100.1	-5.2	12.9	4.0
Nova Scotia	68,646	90,501	-24.1	9.7	-11.9	22.9	25.0	-42.1
New Brunswick	49.969	40.126	24.5	-32.3	3.6	-10.5	25.6	44.2
Quebec	819.817	891,319	-8.0	4.6	-1.4	-10.5	3.6	-5.9
Ontario	1,206,167	1,095,528	10.1	-16.1	-6.6	-7.7	25.5	-17.1
Manitoba	92,833	89.033	4.3	-10.0	-21.0	37.9	4.6	-15.8
Saskatchewan	73,888	82,239	-10.2	-27.1	3.7	-13.3	66.1	-3.3
Alberta	610,646	608,313	0.4	-8.2	3.6	6.1	-11.8	11.5
British Columbia	515,788	609,737	-15.4	25.7	1.0	-26.5	31.4	-5.0
Yukon	1,650	8,126	-79.7	34.9	-10.0	55.6	-9.8	68.5
Northwest Territories	1,726	3,644	-52.6	-22.3	422.4	-35.0	127.5	244.9
Nunavut	2,716	4,823	-43.7	6,330.7	0.0	-82.0	1,334.5	

Table 4 Number of dwelling units authorized, province and territories, seasonally adjusted at annual rate

	2010 July ^p	2010	July to	June to	May to	April to	March to	February to
	July .	June ^r	June	May	April	March	February	January
	units			ı	percentage ch	ange		
Canada	205,188	215,076	-4.6	3.1	-2.9	-8.3	21.4	-14.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,592	2,916	-11.1	3.0	-31.8	-3.1	20.2	-5.4
Prince Edward Island	972	1,044	-6.9	-17.1	66.7	-10.0	20.7	-23.7
Nova Scotia	3,960	7,020	-43.6	35.4	-23.0	50.8	33.8	-49.5
New Brunswick	5,376	3,288	63.5	-36.6	15.5	-16.0	37.3	55.8
Quebec	53,352	58,260	-8.4	1.3	0.1	-6.9	-3.2	-11.6
Ontario	72,312	67,680	6.8	-2.3	-11.4	-5.5	47.7	-27.4
Manitoba	7,032	5,232	34.4	0.2	-19.6	23.0	3.5	-7.6
Saskatchewan	5,316	5,208	2.1	-33.4	36.7	-28.6	82.0	-18.8
Alberta	29,568	26,940	9.8	-5.6	5.4	-1.2	-4.0	10.6
British Columbia	24,372	36,348	-32.9	47.3	6.1	-31.8	45.4	-8.4
Yukon	180	768	-76.6	-4.5	63.4	1,266.7	-78.6	
Northwest Territories	60	156	-61.5	-35.0	566.7	0.0		
Nunavut	96	216	-55.6		-100.0	0.0		

Table 5 Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2010

	Number	of dwelling u	ınits		Е	stimated value	of construction	1	
•	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-res	idential		Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
		units				thousands	of dollars		_
Canada June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	7,514 7,452 59,872 39,524	10,409 9,647 64,825 43,415	17,923 17,099 124,697 82,939	3,588,338 3,502,403 26,583,295 16,839,998	566,295 406,413 3,065,005 2,052,601	1,452,716 1,319,584 8,746,504 8,163,313	979,668 1,143,762 5,088,112 5,188,820	2,998,679 2,869,759 16,899,621 15,404,734	6,587,017 6,372,162 43,482,916 32,244,732
Newfoundland and Labrador June ^r July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	174 173 1,656 1,266	69 43 353 453	243 216 2,009 1,719	52,466 47,128 478,820 339,552	117,902 12,360 131,958 4,604	29,518 11,361 88,973 64,446	2,134 5,535 40,377 33,883	149,554 29,256 261,308 102,933	202,020 76,384 740,128 442,485
Prince Edward Island June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	44 39 271 220	43 42 269 179	87 81 540 399	12,483 11,429 82,946 61,265	999 1,663 7,261 9,413	941 3,755 23,113 26,330	9,230 283 21,554 3,178	11,170 5,701 51,928 38,921	23,653 17,130 134,874 100,186
Nova Scotia June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	229 209 1,700 1,391	356 121 1,408 988	585 330 3,108 2,379	90,501 68,646 577,575 426,337	8,080 12,741 50,160 46,596	34,808 34,257 153,900 197,395	7,652 12,261 243,103 110,498	50,540 59,259 447,163 354,489	141,041 127,905 1,024,738 780,826
New Brunswick June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	165 180 1,387 1,304	109 268 1,118 813	274 448 2,505 2,117	40,126 49,969 356,838 305,082	1,124 4,947 28,370 36,786	36,097 19,721 125,452 144,949	49,195 40,879 167,456 147,515	86,416 65,547 321,278 329,250	126,542 115,516 678,116 634,332
Quebec June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	1,613 1,546 12,649 9,885	3,242 2,900 22,693 14,785	4,855 4,446 35,342 24,670	891,319 819,817 6,311,829 4,543,014	91,939 61,261 460,891 373,904	226,762 234,870 1,534,326 1,427,149	123,179 167,312 817,064 760,751	441,880 463,443 2,812,281 2,561,804	1,333,199 1,283,260 9,124,110 7,104,818
Ontario June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	2,215 2,491 19,130 11,658	3,425 3,535 22,832 17,471	5,640 6,026 41,962 29,129	1,095,528 1,206,167 9,186,747 5,822,010	163,936 170,520 1,413,746 732,201	554,527 501,393 3,683,053 3,127,787	591,370 707,208 2,607,644 1,893,741	1,309,833 1,379,121 7,704,443 5,753,729	2,405,361 2,585,288 16,891,190 11,575,739
Manitoba June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	365 267 2,448 1,923	71 319 875 776	436 586 3,323 2,699	89,033 92,833 687,174 508,362	13,080 18,762 54,151 61,959	28,655 29,551 167,419 197,470	20,811 16,108 99,297 119,496	62,546 64,421 320,867 378,925	151,579 157,254 1,008,041 887,287
Saskatchewan June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	264 290 2,261 1,451	170 153 1,232 741	434 443 3,493 2,192	82,239 73,888 656,694 440,876	11,316 5,925 70,228 105,333	32,526 71,931 347,904 357,320	4,409 8,915 87,015 150,660	48,251 86,771 505,147 613,313	130,490 160,659 1,161,841 1,054,189
Alberta June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	1,530 1,413 11,314 6,684	715 1,051 4,847 2,920	2,245 2,464 16,161 9,604	608,313 610,646 4,423,506 2,387,057	126,761 97,623 700,462 493,014	371,482 191,045 1,622,490 1,632,772	82,485 66,787 464,991 1,166,915	580,728 355,455 2,787,943 3,292,701	1,189,041 966,101 7,211,449 5,679,758

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 5 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2010

	Number	of dwelling ι	ınits		Е	stimated value	of construction		
	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-res	sidential		Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
		units				thousands	of dollars		
British Columbia June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	875 824 6,909 3,626	2,154 1,207 9,069 4,158	3,029 2,031 15,978 7,784	609,737 515,788 3,765,507 1,945,806	28,821 19,822 133,392 160,712	134,180 215,398 931,466 957,618	77,271 118,344 526,601 625,267	240,272 353,564 1,591,459 1,743,597	850,009 869,352 5,356,966 3,689,403
Yukon June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	24 15 104 70	40 0 100 44	64 15 204 114	8,126 1,650 34,402 24,088	2,331 610 12,297 15,234	725 2,859 24,804 3,488	11,154 2 12,014 48,561	14,210 3,471 49,115 67,283	22,336 5,121 83,517 91,371
Northwest Territories June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	5 5 30 24	8 0 14 20	13 5 44 44	3,644 1,726 13,123 12,366	4 179 1,287 6,145	1,995 3,343 19,137 26,589	778 78 946 91,783	2,777 3,600 21,370 124,517	6,421 5,326 34,493 136,883
Nunavut June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	11 0 13 22	7 8 15 67	18 8 28 89	4,823 2,716 8,134 24,183	2 0 802 6,700	500 100 24,467 0	0 50 50 36,572	502 150 25,319 43,272	5,325 2,866 33,453 67,455

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

Table 6 Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2010

	Number	of dwelling u	inits		E	stimated value	of construction		
	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-res	idential		Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
		units				thousands			
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia									
June ^r July ^p	20 27	6 27	26 54	5,130 9.748	3,552 457	226 2.104	1,111 1	4,889 2.562	10,019 12,310
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	240	153	393	66,789	9,931	9,855	2,926	22,712	89,501
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	108	99	207	39,982	15,465	17,651	4,672	37,788	77,770
Barrie, Ontario									
June r July p	38 23	184 13	222 36	39,258 10,282	1,642 238	7,248 1.529	5,484 5,281	14,374 7.048	53,632 17,330
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	232	258	490	113,759	3,488	41,169	18,052	62,709	176,468
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	112	61	173	45,999	6,401	24,267	235,247	265,915	311,914
Brantford, Ontario									
June r July p	21 35	15 11	36 46	4,389 7,542	6,548 2,950	2,529 2,671	15,012 16,126	24,089 21,747	28,478 29,289
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	194	123	317	50,342	11,627	16,059	32,372	60,058	110,400
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	114	121	235	27,201	7,186	50,257	19,891	77,334	104,535
Calgary, Alberta									
June r	527 417	275 274	802 691	215,359	6,061	105,489 46,782	45,654	157,204	372,563
July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	3,804	1,684	5,488	185,393 1,505,622	27,063 116,597	447,087	33,590 224,822	107,435 788,506	292,828 2,294,128
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	2,471	751	3,222	841,447	32,747	707,934	687,218	1,427,899	2,269,346
Edmonton, Alberta									
June r	568	242	810	242,405	41,084	151,358	18,869	211,311	453,716
July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	586 3,966	512 2.196	1,098 6,162	269,590 1,856,189	4,702 112,826	70,778 633,303	21,976 96,257	97,456 842,386	367,046 2,698,575
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	1,733	1,256	2,989	832,388	130,798	589,235	156,406	876,439	1,708,827
Greater Sudbury , Ontario									
June r	23 23	1 18	24 41	7,606 10,924	357 392	4,711 10,179	593 27,584	5,661 38,155	13,267 49,079
July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	92	32	124	41,714	6,763	28,594	42,716	36, 133 78,073	119,787
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	98	193	291	67,790	15,576	50,051	23,277	88,904	156,694
Guelph, Ontario									
June	29	49	78	18,537	8,940	1,188	0	10,128	28,665
July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	21 280	28 282	49 562	7,953 112,242	595 39,590	1,979 9,715	0 50,135	2,574 99,440	10,527 211,682
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	169	156	325	53,264	6,023	21,168	49,135	76,326	129,590
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
June ^r	98	270	368	52,980	0	13,559	2,210	15,769	68,749
July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	86 704	38 997	124 1,701	30,921 302,787	3,211 17,228	21,584 66,285	8,375 41,091	33,170 124,604	64,091 427,391
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	543	700	1,243	214,679	27,129	153,879	13,666	194,674	409,353
Hamilton, Ontario									
June ^r	148	60	208	46,186	1,707	16,543	17,041	35,291	81,477
July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	297 1.276	123 949	420 2,225	87,298 520,297	2,289 65,484	29,104 169,573	15,848 103,855	47,241 338,912	134,539 859,209
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	483	381	864	183,425	29,820	182,605	176,515	388,940	572,365
Kelowna, British Columbia									
June r	47	10	57	17,495	645	6,775	1,300	8,720	26,215
July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	49 334	40 409	89 743	30,051 209,895	136 2,645	10,315 46,172	20 16,368	10,471 65,185	40,522 275,080
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	160	284	444	114,987	8,711	69,965	155,942	234,618	349,605
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Table 6 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2010

	Number	of dwelling u	ınits		Е	stimated value	of construction		
-	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-res	sidential		Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
		units				thousands	of dollars		
Kingston, Ontario June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	43 52 337 267	12 0 30 248	55 52 367 515	10,167 9,381 69,161 78,519	313 161 3,821 2,776	2,192 5,098 29,252 33,292	695 241 5,724 7,788	3,200 5,500 38,797 43,856	13,367 14,881 107,958 122,375
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario									
June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	61 107 752 528	214 232 1,080 623	275 339 1,832 1,151	65,334 57,017 370,305 242,993	17,366 3,073 101,745 48,290	59,529 30,022 361,181 155,681	75,178 6,290 304,040 70,885	152,073 39,385 766,966 274,856	217,407 96,402 1,137,271 517,849
London, Ontario June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	143 144 1,090 515	56 25 648 539	199 169 1,738 1,054	46,737 33,181 355,703 191,722	2,992 6,113 19,325 27,343	12,331 27,458 134,100 73,286	8,549 34,864 107,396 44,049	23,872 68,435 260,821 144,678	70,609 101,616 616,524 336,400
Moncton, New Brunswick June ^r July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	29 48 280 241	42 126 518 315	71 174 798 556	9,102 15,202 97,097 73,180	158 164 14,925 4,311	6,536 6,230 28,040 28,423	134 9,451 20,081 72,199	6,828 15,845 63,046 104,933	15,930 31,047 160,143 178,113
Montréal, Quebec June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	518 530 4,121 3,067	1,654 1,468 11,055 7,171	2,172 1,998 15,176 10,238	427,286 397,329 2,857,147 1,966,960	35,824 14,953 163,299 111,771	108,843 111,960 718,550 628,142	52,424 117,389 389,341 402,335	197,091 244,302 1,271,190 1,142,248	624,377 641,631 4,128,337 3,109,208
Oshawa, Ontario June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	124 84 899 352	115 169 393 54	239 253 1,292 406	52,548 53,343 352,993 118,153	3,388 990 8,560 3,908	21,551 7,439 54,010 38,409	28,097 12,811 97,499 127,167	53,036 21,240 160,069 169,484	105,584 74,583 513,062 287,637
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	188 172 1,477 1,266	730 395 3,001 2,384	918 567 4,478 3,650	94,439 79,911 637,293 533,310	11,197 3,364 29,185 88,683	106,313 29,955 342,490 252,736	24,080 39,875 106,929 114,583	141,590 73,194 478,604 456,002	236,029 153,105 1,115,897 989,312
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	78 77 617 470	259 187 1,240 1,039	337 264 1,857 1,509	37,941 32,900 245,378 202,465	57 7,183 12,499 22,360	1,517 4,827 44,168 43,148	7,176 533 26,496 12,900	8,750 12,543 83,163 78,408	46,691 45,443 328,541 280,873
Peterborough, Ontario June ^r July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	32 31 208 133	12 4 47 53	44 35 255 186	8,093 7,636 58,328 41,101	546 112 1,313 3,280	2,088 1,420 17,056 5,513	5 41 16,691 22,281	2,639 1,573 35,060 31,074	10,732 9,209 93,388 72,175
Québec, Quebec June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	198 149 1,329 1,157	474 484 3,613 2,508	672 633 4,942 3,665	116,430 84,304 773,386 622,581	2,969 6,240 58,540 17,965	22,159 23,272 198,274 309,827	22,783 4,565 69,836 60,195	47,911 34,077 326,650 387,987	164,341 118,381 1,100,036 1,010,568

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Table 6 – continued Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2010

	Number	of dwelling u	inits		Е	stimated value	of construction	1	
_	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-res	sidential		Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
_		units				thousands	of dollars		
Regina, Saskatchewan June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	68 72 475 319	52 0 185 307	120 72 660 626	22,137 16,951 150,626 113,544	4,578 346 17,953 50,056	6,866 9,200 118,340 118,725	2,464 1,628 37,214 24,011	13,908 11,174 173,507 192,792	36,045 28,125 324,133 306,336
Saguenay, Quebec June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	39 52 285 222	141 57 414 159	180 109 699 381	22,716 16,202 111,973 88,270	3,232 1,579 8,180 4,646	4,973 5,536 32,646 30,881	3,287 1,187 15,867 26,740	11,492 8,302 56,693 62,267	34,208 24,504 168,666 150,537
Saint John, New Brunswick June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	39 38 291 261	5 8 154 163	44 46 445 424	7,725 8,607 67,376 71,529	284 494 2,979 21,031	877 3,513 32,502 37,742	2,228 20 11,164 18,567	3,389 4,027 46,645 77,340	11,114 12,634 114,021 148,869
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	109 134 950 513	106 127 712 280	215 261 1,662 793	33,838 30,707 255,738 138,735	5,415 3,917 40,463 33,549	12,139 39,610 127,702 90,928	43 5,706 32,736 54,344	17,597 49,233 200,901 178,821	51,435 79,940 456,639 317,556
Sherbrooke, Quebec June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	48 36 550 378	24 51 697 737	72 87 1,247 1,115	15,783 18,140 180,466 162,690	507 454 7,436 8,706	14,025 32,420 72,513 22,787	2,538 11,165 47,106 27,034	17,070 44,039 127,055 58,527	32,853 62,179 307,521 221,217
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	87 48 466 294	81 14 358 181	168 62 824 475	29,624 14,345 167,316 100,970	1,223 2,924 11,536 11,203	5,957 18,652 90,541 73,016	290 410,494 534,405 30,941	7,470 432,070 636,482 115,160	37,094 446,415 803,798 216,130
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	94 103 976 802	44 21 189 297	138 124 1,165 1,099	33,342 30,286 304,290 225,886	56,725 0 57,435 1,397	25,999 8,883 69,148 51,723	155 4,362 22,429 22,401	82,879 13,245 149,012 75,521	116,221 43,531 453,302 301,407
Thunder Bay, Ontario June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	25 34 127 118	4 6 86 5	29 40 213 123	6,329 6,862 42,815 27,439	890 129 1,817 943	3,593 2,765 27,849 16,436	9,330 1,492 15,316 6,895	13,813 4,386 44,982 24,274	20,142 11,248 87,797 51,713
Toronto, Ontario June ^r July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	592 729 5,898 3,550	1,634 2,204 13,826 11,235	2,226 2,933 19,724 14,785	441,788 593,677 4,428,879 2,848,003	54,030 114,721 722,284 223,994	204,692 279,475 1,787,431 1,707,278	298,224 61,454 722,738 522,655	556,946 455,650 3,232,453 2,453,927	998,734 1,049,327 7,661,332 5,301,930

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Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009

Trois-Rivières, Quebec

June r July p

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55,316

31,733 56,132 254,099 155,118

Table 6 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2010

	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					
_	3		Residential	Non-residential				Total	
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional	Total	
							and governmental		

		units		thousands of dollars						
Vancouver, British Columbia June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	409 366 2,883 1,398	1,566 838 5,743 2,468	1,975 1,204 8,626 3,866	388,611 306,532 2,079,017 964,639	15,264 8,109 53,927 63,080	73,620 151,460 595,408 487,218	13,961 31,266 245,189 188,790	102,845 190,835 894,524 739,088	491,456 497,367 2,973,541 1,703,727	
Victoria, British Columbia June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	71 54 578 350	152 125 740 159	223 179 1,318 509	47,074 39,576 318,086 163,142	788 1,575 7,066 11,536	7,188 12,452 53,538 135,545	3,011 4,429 37,697 160,813	10,987 18,456 98,301 307,894	58,061 58,032 416,387 471,036	
Windsor, Ontario June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	55 54 325 168	9 36 105 59	64 90 430 227	11,915 14,674 86,345 51,457	9,091 492 50,483 4,578	4,223 3,818 50,973 24,022	51,966 17,102 161,384 131,648	65,280 21,412 262,840 160,248	77,195 36,086 349,185 211,705	
Winnipeg, Manitoba June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	237 152 1,478 1,019	3 207 509 448	240 359 1,987 1,467	52,232 50,077 429,195 278,540	3,373 9,816 19,755 26,562	17,422 18,385 112,734 133,901	17,069 14,422 67,386 66,195	37,864 42,623 199,875 226,658	90,096 92,700 629,070 505,198	

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

Table 7 Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2010

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
			number	of dwelling unit	s		
Canada June ^r July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	9,581 8,207 58,559 40,117	56 58 254 309	858 937 6,558 4,540	2,353 1,848 11,714 6,336	6,616 5,967 38,832 27,773	569 575 4,777 3,019	20,033 17,592 120,694 82,094
Newfoundland and Labrador June ^r July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	293 230 1,494 1,295	1 0 3 3	4 4 10 23	10 0 27 51	50 36 281 356	5 3 35 23	363 273 1,850 1,751
Prince Edward Island June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	67 49 290 211	0 3 4 7	7 5 28 26	9 0 34 18	26 36 202 105	1 1 5 31	110 94 563 398
Nova Scotia June ^r July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	307 251 1,567 1,432	6 9 36 41	8 12 132 84	38 4 103 87	305 85 1,090 751	5 23 93 71	669 384 3,021 2,466
New Brunswick June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	256 227 1,285 1,357	7 3 26 25	2 6 34 67	16 4 85 89	85 254 940 611	7 4 64 48	373 498 2,434 2,197
Quebec June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	1,965 1,544 12,876 10,278	27 30 114 132	379 262 2,542 1,644	165 169 913 837	2,366 1,925 13,771 9,408	223 182 2,573 1,208	5,125 4,112 32,789 23,507
Ontario June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	2,903 2,796 18,054 11,345	9 7 46 46	190 454 2,061 1,467	1,045 1,024 6,300 3,787	2,164 1,876 13,459 11,241	119 216 924 885	6,430 6,373 40,844 28,771
Manitoba June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	465 344 2,511 2,023	1 2 7 6	8 5 33 24	25 8 94 38	34 304 730 640	6 2 23 77	539 665 3,398 2,808
Saskatchewan June ^r July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	341 314 2,301 1,526	0 1 3 11	12 2 49 38	53 28 433 33	90 117 710 651	15 6 40 20	511 468 3,536 2,279
Alberta June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	1,892 1,463 11,121 6,638	3 2 8 26	154 163 1,304 917	278 194 1,204 505	239 639 2,067 1,384	44 55 275 120	2,610 2,516 15,979 9,590
British Columbia June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	1,052 969 6,914 3,905	2 1 6 3	88 22 342 235	714 411 2,471 856	1,209 695 5,528 2,549	143 83 743 532	3,208 2,181 16,004 8,080

Table 7 – continued Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2010

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
			number o	of dwelling unit	S		
Yukon June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	24 15 103 62	0 0 1 8	2 0 17 9	0 0 44 7	37 0 37 24	1 0 2 4	64 15 204 114
Northwest Territories June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	5 5 30 23	0 0 0 1	2 0 2 0	0 0 0	6 0 12 20	0 0 0 0	13 5 44 44
Nunavut June r July P Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	11 0 13 22	0 0 0 0	2 2 4 6	0 6 6 28	5 0 5 33	0 0 0 0	18 8 28 89

Table 8 Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, July 2010

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
			number o	of dwelling u	ınits		
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	31	0	0	20	6	1	58
Barrie, Ontario	24	0	0	5	8	0	37
Brantford, Ontario	37	0	0	11	0	0	48
Calgary, Alberta	393	0	57	86	128	3	667
Edmonton, Alberta	552	0	90	36	359	27	1,064
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	24	0	0	0	16	2	42
Guelph, Ontario	22	0	0	22	2	4	50
Halifax, Nova Scotia	102	0	4	4	16	15	141
Hamilton, Ontario	313	0	48	71	0	5	437
Kelowna, British Columbia	56	0	0	15	20	5	96
Kingston, Ontario	55	0	0	0	0	0	55
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	113	0	4	80	105	43	345
London, Ontario	152	0	2	22	0	1	177
Moncton, New Brunswick	59	0	0	0	126	0	185
Montréal, Quebec	489	0	65	74	1,015	113	1,756
Oshawa, Ontario	89	0	30	30	109	0	258
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	252	1	66	224	246	20	809
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	182	0	22	165	198	10	577
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	70	1	44	59	48	10	232
Peterborough, Ontario	33	0	0	4	0	0	37
Québec, Quebec	137	1	70	0	341	6	555
Regina, Saskatchewan	70	0	0	0	0	0	70
Saguenay, Quebec	48	0	0	0	38	11	97
Saint John, New Brunswick	47	0	0	4	3	1	55
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	128	1	2	28	91	6	256
Sherbrooke, Quebec	33	0	28	4	10	2	77
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	51	0	2	10	2	0	65
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	120	0	0	0	20	1	141
Thunder Bay, Ontario	36	0	0	0	4	2	42
Toronto, Ontario	770	0	299	528	1,347	30	2.974
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	30	0	6	0	267	6	309
Vancouver. British Columbia	416	0	6	337	454	42	1.255
Victoria, British Columbia	62	0	6	15	96	8	187
Windsor, Ontario	57	0	2	29	5	0	93
Winnipeg, Manitoba	194	0	0	8	197	2	401

Table 9 Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative, January to July 2010

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings	
	number of dwelling units							
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	238	0	0	89	61	4	392	
Barrie, Ontario	232	0	1	40	213	4	490	
Brantford, Ontario	188	0	4	77	38	4	311	
Calgary, Alberta	3,751	0	478	649	544	13	5,435	
Edmonton, Alberta	3,927	0	725	383	955	133	6,123	
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	97	0	0	0	20	13	130	
Guelph, Ontario	260	0	16	208	8	50	542	
Halifax, Nova Scotia	660	2	64	84	804	46	1,660	
Hamilton, Ontario	1,223	0	194	460	251	46	2,174	
Kelowna, British Columbia	344	0	0	89	292	28	753	
Kingston, Ontario	329	5	6	20	1	3	364	
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	728	0	64	299	624	93	1.808	
London, Ontario	1,012	1	9	203	421	15	1,661	
Moncton, New Brunswick	280	4	2	10	493	14	803	
Montréal, Quebec	4,117	Ó	75 6	420	7,078	1,227	13,598	
Oshawa, Ontario	836	Õ	104	161	123	5	1.229	
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	1,981	3	616	1,664	1,629	130	6,023	
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	1,414	Õ	190	1,414	1,307	90	4,415	
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	567	3	426	250	322	40	1,608	
Peterborough, Ontario	211	Õ	0	45	0	2	258	
Québec, Quebec	1.378	1	525	11	2.150	428	4,493	
Regina, Saskatchewan	512	Ó	5	69	110	1	697	
Saguenay, Quebec	313	Ö	ő	0	307	81	701	
Saint John. New Brunswick	282	5	4	23	115	14	443	
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	1,014	1	36	332	306	38	1,727	
Sherbrooke, Quebec	541	Ó	57	11	472	78	1,159	
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	457	1	38	135	90	95	816	
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	901	Ó	4	17	148	20	1,090	
Thunder Bay, Ontario	135	2	2	0	82	20	223	
Toronto, Ontario	5,583	0	1,122	2,789	9,708	208	19,410	
Trois-Rivières. Quebec	231	1	124	2,709	9,708 865	21	1.242	
Vancouver, British Columbia	2,927	Ó	168	1,889	3,255	433	8,672	
Victoria, British Columbia	2,927 575	0	58	97	3,255 465	124	1,319	
Windsor, Ontario	322	0	16	51	28	124	427	
Winnipeg, Manitoba	1,536	0	17	60	418	18	2,049	

Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2010

	Value of construction						
	Residential		Non-residential		Total		
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional			
				and			
				governmental			
		tho	usands of dollars				
Canada							
June r	4,331,500	578,236	1,706,047	996,306	7,612,089		
July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	3,836,090 25,913,289	406,962 3,021,474	1,286,801 8,630,916	1,158,701 5,073,897	6,688,554 42,639,576		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	17,212,815	2,044,497	7,987,327	5,188,782	32,433,421		
Newfoundland and Labrador							
June ^r July ^p	85,324 66,633	117,902 12,360	29,518 11,361	2,134 5,535	234,878 95,889		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	417,891	131,958	88,973	40,377	679,199		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	343,512	4,604	64,446	33,883	446,445		
Prince Edward Island							
June r July p	16,935 14,751	999 1,663	941 3,755	9,230 283	28,105 20,452		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	90,404	7,261	23,113	21,554	142,332		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	62,685	9,413	26,330	3,178	101,606		
Nova Scotia							
June r July p	113,733 84,158	8,080 12,741	34,808 34,257	7,652 12,261	164,273 143,417		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	571,074	50,160	153,900	243,103	1,018,237		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	451,941	46,596	197,395	110,498	806,430		
New Brunswick	50.055	4.404	22.227	10.105	445.074		
June r July p	59,255 62,544	1,124 4,947	36,097 19,721	49,195 40,879	145,671 128,091		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	348,786	28,370	125,452	167,456	670,064		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	321,109	36,786	144,949	147,515	650,359		
Quebec	4 000 000	04.000	075 040	100.047	4 5 4 7 0 5 7		
June r July p	1,039,383 812,597	91,939 61,261	275,918 240,880	139,817 182,251	1,547,057 1,296,989		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	6,074,995	460,891	1,486,689	802,849	8,825,424		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	4,518,149	373,904	1,398,296	760,713	7,051,062		
Ontario	1 207 157	475 077	700 554	E04 270	2 206 050		
June r July P	1,387,157 1,392,049	175,877 171,069	732,554 456,155	591,370 707,208	2,886,958 2,726,481		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	9,016,627	1,370,215	3,599,294	2,607,644	16,593,780		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	6,010,005	724,097	2,979,057	1,893,741	11,606,900		
Manitoba	444 225	12 000	20.655	20.044	176 001		
June r July p	114,335 112,407	13,080 18,762	28,655 29.551	20,811 16.108	176,881 176.828		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	693,304	54,151	167,419	99,297	1,014,171		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	528,844	61,959	197,470	119,496	907,769		
Saskatchewan	102,070	11,316	32,526	4,409	150,321		
June r July p	84,584	5,925	71,931	8,915	171,355		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	661,519	70,228	347,904	87,015	1,166,666		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	451,631	105,333	357,320	150,660	1,064,944		
Alberta June r	715,441	126,761	397,630	82,485	1,322,317		
July P	630,070	97,623	197,490	66,787	991,970		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	4,222,760	700,462	1,638,298	464,991	7,026,511		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	2,426,801	493,014	1,634,369	1,166,915	5,721,099		
British Columbia June r	679,032	28,821	134,180	77,271	919,304		
July p	569,157	19,822	215,398	118,344	922,721		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2010	3,762,777	133,392	931,466	526,601	5,354,236		
Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	2,034,900	160,712	957,618	625,267	3,778,497		

Table 10 – continued

Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2010

	Value of construction						
	Residential		Non-residential		Total		
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental			
		tho	usands of dollars				
Yukon June ^r July ^p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	10,368 2,698 31,895 26,689	2,331 610 12,297 15,234	725 2,859 24,804 3,488	11,154 2 12,014 48,561	24,578 6,169 81,010 93,972		
Northwest Territories June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	3,644 1,726 13,123 12,366	4 179 1,287 6,145	1,995 3,343 19,137 26,589	778 78 946 91,783	6,421 5,326 34,493 136,883		
Nunavut June r July p Cumulative Jan. to July 2010 Cumulative Jan. to July 2009	4,823 2,716 8,134 24,183	2 0 802 6,700	500 100 24,467 0	0 50 50 36,572	5,325 2,866 33,453 67,455		

Table 11 Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, July 2010

	Value of construction					
	Residential		Non-residential		Total	
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
		tho	usands of dollars			
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	10,827	457	2,104	1	13,389	
Barrie, Ontario	12,220	238	1,395	5,281	19,134	
Brantford, Ontario	8,953	2,950	2,437	16,126	30,466	
Calgary, Alberta	184,968	27,063	46,782	33,590	292,403	
Edmonton, Alberta	268,922	4,702	70,778	21,976	366,378	
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	12,859	392	9,288	27,584	50,123	
Guelph, Ontario Halifax, Nova Scotia Hamilton, Ontario Kelowna, British Columbia Kingston, Ontario	9,075	595	1,806	0	11,476	
	36,264	3,211	21,584	8,375	69,434	
	103,448	2,289	26,558	15,848	148,143	
	33,934	136	10,315	20	44,405	
	11,577	161	4,652	241	16,631	
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	63,069	3,073	27,395	6,290	99,827	
London, Ontario	39,810	6,113	25,056	34,864	105,843	
Moncton, New Brunswick	18,824	164	6,230	9,451	34,669	
Montréal, Quebec	375,049	14,953	117,785	117,389	625,176	
Oshawa, Ontario	58,799	990	6,788	12,811	79,388	
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	119,911	10,547	32,412	40,408	203,278	
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	88,692	3,364	27,334	39,875	159,265	
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	31,219	7,183	5,078	533	44,013	
Peterborough, Ontario	9,292	112	1,296	41	10,741	
Québec, Quebec	79,261	6,240	24,483	4,565	114,549	
Regina, Saskatchewan	17,885	346	9,200	1,628	29,059	
Saguenay, Quebec	15,601	1,579	5,824	1,187	24,191	
Saint John, New Brunswick	11,543	494	3,513	20	15,570	
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	31,737	3,917	39,610	5,706	80,970	
Sherbrooke, Quebec St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador Thunder Bay, Ontario Toronto, Ontario	17,270	454	34,107	11,165	62,996	
	17,218	2,924	17,020	410,494	447,656	
	39,124	0	8,883	4,362	52,369	
	8,395	129	2,523	1,492	12,539	
	652,576	114,721	255,023	61,454	1,083,774	
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	44,122	323	5,109	2,544	52,098	
Vancouver, British Columbia	329,739	8,109	151,460	31,266	520,574	
Victoria, British Columbia	43,147	1,575	12,452	4,429	61,603	
Windsor, Ontario	17,252	492	3,484	17,102	38,330	
Winnipeg, Manitoba	58,717	9,816	18,385	14,422	101,340	

Table 12
Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative, January to July 2010

	Value of construction				
_	Residential		Non-residential		Total
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional	
				and	
				governmental	
		tho	usands of dollars		
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	65,903	9,931	9,855	2,926	88,615
Barrie, Ontario	117,080	3,488	45,073	18,052	183,693
Brantford, Ontario	50,386	11,627	15,002	32,372	109,387
Calgary, Alberta	1,425,600	116,597	447,087	224,822	2,214,106
Edmonton, Alberta	1,761,300	112,826	633,303	96,257	2,603,686
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	46,992	6,763	28,811	42,716	125,282
Guelph, Ontario	108,008	39,590	8,939	50,135	206,672
Halifax, Nova Scotia	296,563	17,228	66,285	41,091	421,167
Hamilton, Ontario	517,263	65,484	172,591	103,855	859,193
Kelowna, British Columbia	212,423	2,645	46,172	16,368	277,608
Kingston, Ontario	73,352	3,821	27,906	5,724	110,803
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	372,565	101,745	332,346	304,040	1,110,696
London, Ontario	347,053	19,325	136,362	107,396	610,136
Moncton, New Brunswick	100,639	14,925	28,040	20,081	163,685
Montréal, Quebec	2,694,294	163,299	684,810	389,341	3,931,744
Oshawa, Ontario	334,654	8,560	59,499	97,499	500,212
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	864,504	41,684	405,100	133,425	1,444,713
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	637,293	29,185	365,183	106,929	1,138,590
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	227,211	12,499	39,917	26,496	306,123
Peterborough, Ontario	61,041	1,313	16,797	16,691	95,842
Québec, Quebec	731,944	58,540	191,723	69,836	1,052,043
Regina, Saskatchewan	153,941	17,953	118,340	37,214	327,448
Saguenay, Quebec	118,666	8,180	34,547	15,867	177,260
Saint John, New Brunswick	67,984	2,979	32,502	11,164	114,629
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	256,954	40,463	127,702	32,736	457,855
Sherbrooke, Quebec	174,862	7,436	73,570	47,106	302,974
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	171,240	11,536	93,054	534,405	810,235
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	270,601	57,435	69,148	22,429	419,613
Thunder Bay, Ontario	48,271	1,817	30,525	15,316	95,929
Toronto, Ontario	4,401,655	722,284	1,746,123	722,738	7,592,800
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	185,116	12,258	29,061	15,327	241,762
Vancouver, British Columbia	2,078,253	53,927	595,408	245,189	2,972,777
Victoria, British Columbia	313,960	7,066	53,538	37,697	412,261
Windsor, Ontario	89,385	50,483	42,474	161,384	343,726
Winnipeg, Manitoba	429,646	19,755	112,734	67,386	629,521

Table 13 Value of the non-residential permits by type of building, provinces and territories, July 2010

	Canada	Newfoundland and	Prince Edward	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	
		Labrador	Island	Ocolia	Didiiswick			
_	thousands of dollars							
Total non-residential	2,852,464	29,256	5,701	59,259	65,547	484,392	1,334,432	
Industrial	406,962	12,360	1,663	12,741	4,947	61,261	171,069	
Factories, plants	126,823	0	800	0	2,579	32,703	80,499	
Transportation, utilities	175,637	12,300	0	4,300	656	7,439	48,277	
Mining and agriculture	38,498	0	0	7,403	0	8,267	12,410	
Minor industrial projects, new and	22.22.4		222	4 000	4 = 40	40.050		
improvements 1	66,004	60	863	1,038	1,712	12,852	29,883	
Commercial	1,286,801	11,361	3,755	34,257	19,721	240,880	456,155	
Trade and services	324,990	5,692	2,100	12,550	4,500	74,356	98,742	
Warehouses Service stations	107,096 44,759	1,761 0	750 0	756 265	1,476 0	11,145 1,825	15,649 6.541	
Office buildings	269.869	500	0	13.649	1.303	64.303	112.178	
Recreation	203,619	0	775	1.675	2.213	14.405	107.759	
Hotels, restaurants	119,171	600	0	268	5,649	11,497	45.340	
Laboratories	46,555	0	0	0	3,049	32,926	43,340 615	
Minor commercial projects, new and	+0,000	U	U	U	U	32,320	013	
improvements 1	170,742	2.808	130	5.094	4,580	30,423	69,331	
Institutional and governmental	1.158.701	5,535	283	12.261	40.879	182.251	707.208	
Schools, education	480,608	1,335	0	4,640	16,226	125,657	213,633	
Hospitals, medical	477.735	0	Ö	0	0	5,970	428.754	
Welfare, home	71,988	1,500	Ö	7,000	Õ	33,404	8,650	
Churches, religion	31,230	0	Ō	0	0	3.400	18.210	
Government buildings	48,196	2,337	0	0	21,899	2,324	17,461	
Minor institutional and governmental	-,	,			,	,-	, -	
projects, new and improvements ¹	48,944	363	283	621	2,754	11,496	20,500	
	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavu	
	thousands of dollars							
Total non-residential	64,421	86,771	361,900	353,564	3,471	3,600	150	
Industrial	18,762	5,925	97,623	19,822	610	3,600 179	150	
Factories, plants	1.406	360	5,806	2,670	0	0	(
Transportation, utilities	9.415	2,868	84.357	5,525	500	0	Ò	
Mining and agriculture	6,000	350	1,784	2,284	0	ő	Č	
Minor industrial projects, new and	-,		.,	_,,	•	•		
improvements 1	1,941	2.347	5,676	9,343	110	179	(
Commercial	29,551	71,931	197,490	215,398	2,859	3,343	100	
Trade and services	3,780	17,425	31,032	74,813	0	0	(
Warehouses	1,090	10,185	30,344	33,527	413	0	(
Service stations	1,800	15,449	11,209	5,970	0	1,700	(
Office buildings	11,507	15,814	28,922	20,193	0	1,500	(
Recreation	2,232	4,100	28,962	40,944	554	0	(
Hotels, restaurants	700	4,394	36,878	13,845	0	0	(
Laboratories	0	0	5,451	6,154	1,409	0	(
Minor commercial projects, new and								
improvements 1	8,442	4,564	24,692	19,952	483	143	100	
Institutional and governmental	16,108	8,915	66,787	118,344	2	78	50	
Schools, education	4,281	7,047	50,285	57,504	0	0	(
Hospitals, medical	873	0	1,878	40,260	0	0		
	6,900	0	4,217	10,317	0	0		
Welfare, home	4 000		4,250	2.600	0	0	(
Welfare, home Churches, religion	1,800	970		,	^	^		
Welfare, home Churches, religion Government buildings	1,800 0	0	0	4,175	0	0	(
Welfare, home Churches, religion Government buildings Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements ¹				,	0	0 78	50	

^{1.} 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 approximately 2,400, 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 on Cansim, tables 029-0039 to 029-0040 for the «Capital expenditures by type of asset» and tables 029-0005 to 029-0024 and 032-0001 to 032-0002 for the «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 eighty-eight CDs (data on this geographic group is available on request).

Census metropolitan area (CMA): Its delineation corresponds to the 2006 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 thirty-three CMAs are shown in this publication. Although the 2006 Census defines the Ottawa-Gatineau 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 2006 Census. There are one hundred and eleven 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 bove 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 2006 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 2009, more than 97% 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 (613-951-6321 or 1-800-579-8533). The series presented here is also available on CANSIM: Tables 026-0001 to 026-0008 and 026-0010.

Appendix I

Geographical abbreviations

C Cité / City

CC Chartered community

CÉ Cité

CG Community government CM County (municipality)

CN Colonie de la couronne / Crown colony

COM Community

CT Canton (municipalité de)
CU Cantons unis (municipalité de)

CY City

DM District municipality

HAM Hamlet

ID Improvement district IGD Indian government district

IM Island municipality

IRI Réserve indienne / Indian reserve

LGD Local government district
LOT Township and royalty
M Municipalité / Municipality

MD Municipal district
MÉ Municipalité
MU Municipality
NH Northern hamlet
NL Nisgaa land

NO Non organisé / Unorganized

NV Northern village NVL Nisgaa village

P Paroisse (municipalité de) / Parish

PE Paroisse (municipalité de)

RCR Communauté rurale / Rural community

RDA Regional district electoral area

RG Region

RGM Regional municipality
RM Rural municipality
RV Resort village

S-É Établissement indien / Indian settlement

SA Special area

SC Subdivision municipalité de comté / Subdivision of county municipality

SÉ Établissement / Settlement

SET Settlement

SM Specialized municipality

SNO Subdivision non organisée / Subdivision of unorganized

SV Summer village

T Town

TC Terres réservées aux Cris

ΤI Terre inuite

ΤK Terres réservées aux Naskapis

 TL Teslin land TP Township Ville / Town TV

V Ville VC Village cri Village naskapi VK

Village VL

Village nordique VN