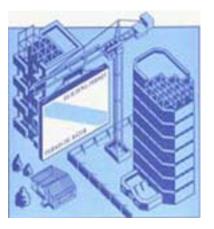
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Highlights

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Analysis – February 2015

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The value of permits in the non-residential sector fell 5.4% to \$2.0 billion in February, marking the second decrease in three months. Quebec and Alberta accounted for much of the decline in non-residential building construction intentions. Ontario registered the biggest gain, followed by British Columbia.

In February, the value of residential building permits rose 1.5% to \$4.1 billion, following an 8.1% decline in January. The increase stemmed from higher construction intentions in six provinces, led by Quebec, followed by British Columbia and Nova Scotia. Ontario saw the largest decline in the residential sector.

Non-residential sector: Lower construction intentions for institutional and commercial buildings

Municipalities issued \$377 million worth of institutional building permits in February, down 20.5% from January and the second straight monthly decline. The decrease came from a variety of buildings, including educational institutions, government buildings, medical facilities and retirement homes. Declines were recorded in five provinces, led by Quebec. British Columbia registered the largest increase.

In the commercial component, the value of permits fell for a second consecutive month, down 6.2% to \$1.2 billion in February. Decreases were posted in three provinces, led by Quebec, followed by Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador. Nationally, the decline came from lower construction intentions for recreational facilities and, to a lesser degree, warehouses. Ontario registered the largest increase in the component.

The value of permits issued for industrial buildings rose 19.2% to \$399 million in February, following a 23.2% decline the previous month. The increase resulted mostly from higher construction intentions for transportation-related buildings and primary industry facilities in Ontario. The gain in Ontario was sufficiently large to offset the declines in seven provinces, with British Columbia and Alberta registering the largest decreases.

Residential sector: Higher construction intentions for multi-family dwellings

The value of multi-family dwelling permits increased 20.7% to \$1.8 billion in February, ending a string of four consecutive monthly declines. The advance was attributable to higher construction intentions in every province except Ontario. Quebec posted the largest advance, followed by British Columbia and Nova Scotia.

Construction intentions for single-family dwellings declined 9.6% to \$2.3 billion, following two consecutive monthly increases. The decrease came from lower construction intentions in every province except Nova Scotia, which posted a slight increase. Quebec, Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario accounted for most of the decline.

Canadian municipalities approved the construction of 15,133 new dwellings in February, up 2.7% from January. The increase was a result of a 9.4% gain in the number of multi-family dwellings to 9,325 units. The number of single-family dwellings declined 6.6% to 5,808 units.

Provinces: Quebec, Ontario and Alberta post large declines

The total value of permits was down in four provinces in February, with Quebec posting the largest decline, followed by Ontario and Alberta.

The large decrease in Quebec occurred as a result of lower construction intentions for commercial and institutional buildings, as well as single-family dwellings. While the value of multi-family dwelling permits issued in Quebec increased significantly, it was not enough to offset declines in the other components.

In Ontario, the decline was attributable to lower construction intentions for residential buildings, mainly multi-family dwellings. In Alberta, the decrease came mostly from single-family dwellings and commercial buildings.

In contrast, the largest gain occurred in British Columbia, where multi-family dwellings and, to a lesser extent, commercial and institutional buildings were responsible for the advance. The increase in Nova Scotia resulted largely from higher construction intentions for multi-family dwellings.

Higher construction intentions in most census metropolitan areas

The total value of building permits was up in 23 of the 34 census metropolitan areas in February, with Vancouver, Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo and Halifax posting the largest increases.

In Vancouver, the increase resulted from higher construction intentions for multi-family dwellings, as well as commercial and institutional buildings. In Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, multiple dwellings and commercial buildings largely explained the increase, while in Halifax, higher construction intentions for multi-family dwellings accounted for most of the gain in February.

Conversely, Toronto and Montréal registered the largest decreases. In Toronto, the decline originated from lower construction intentions for multiple dwellings and, to a lesser degree, single-family houses as well as institutional buildings. In Montréal, which had the biggest gain the previous month, the decrease came from commercial and institutional buildings, as well as single-family dwellings.

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Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data, which facilitates comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions.

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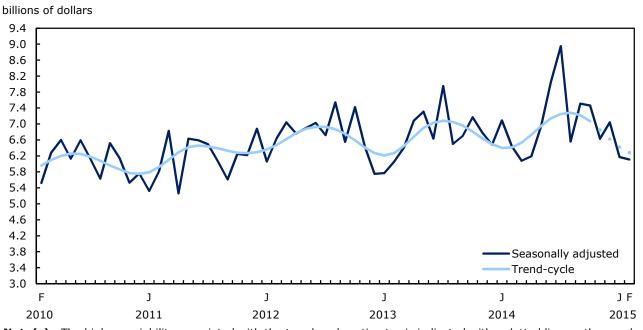
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Data for the current reference month are subject to revision based on late responses. Data for the previous month have been revised.

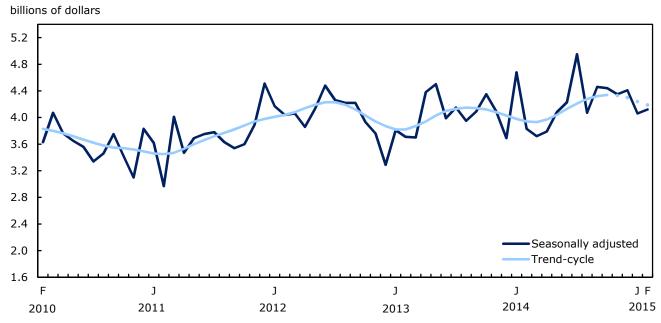
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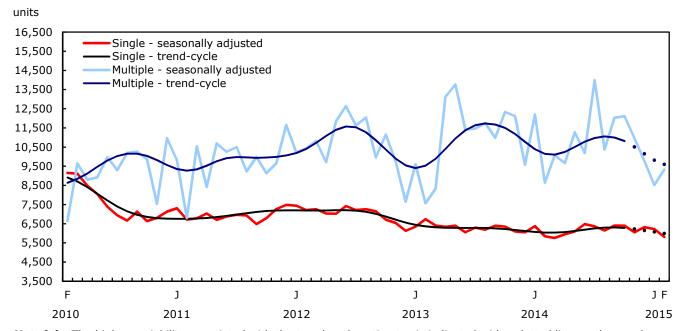
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Value of residential building permits – Total



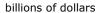
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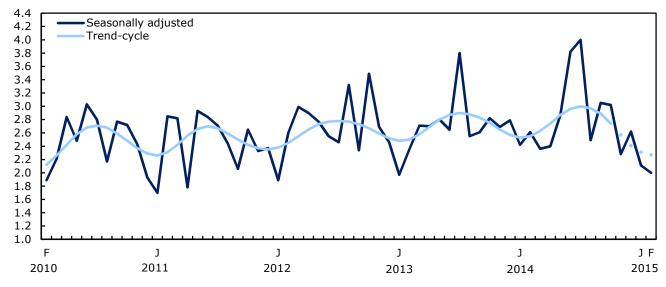
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Number of dwelling units – Single and multiple



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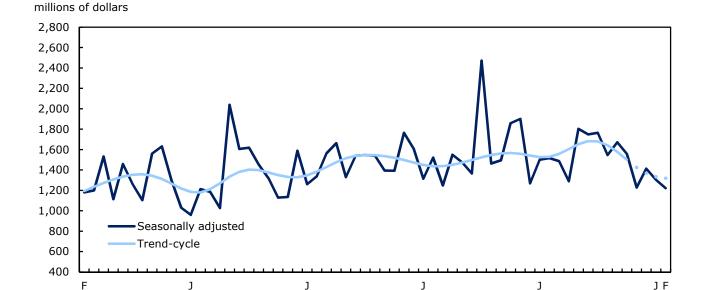
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Value of non-residential building permits – Total





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Value of commercial building permits



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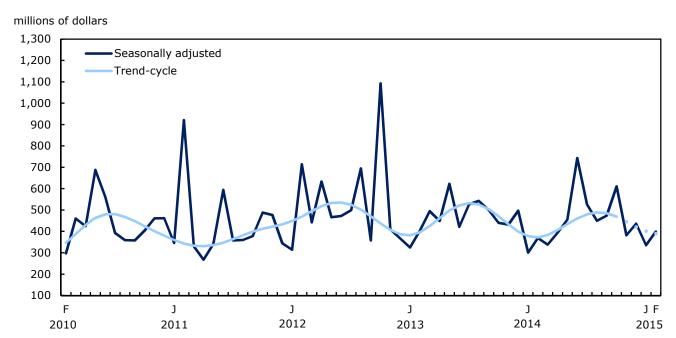
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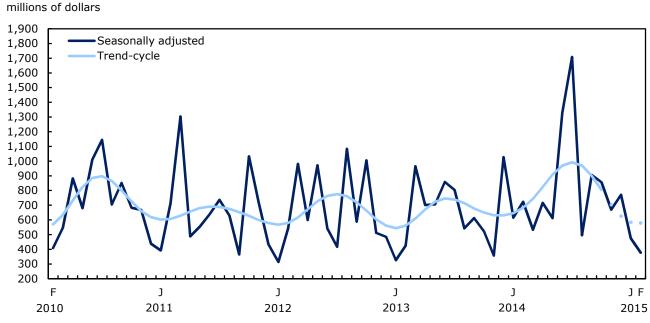
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Chart 6
Value of industrial building permits



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Chart 7
Value of institutional and governmental building permits



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026-0006	Building permits, by type of structure and area, seasonally adjusted, monthly
026-0007	Building permits, dwelling units by type of structure and value and by activity sector, monthly
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- Value of building permits by type

Statistical tables

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

	2015	2015	February	January	December	November	October	September
_	February p	January ^r	to	to	to	to	to	to
	rebidary	ouridary .	January	December	November	October	September	August
_	thousands of	dollars			percentage of	change		
Canada	6,114,612	6,168,004	-0.9	-12.3	6.1	-11.1	-0.6	14.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	56,101	46,637	20.3	-31.1	43.8	-47.2	1.3	-22.6
Prince Edward Island	9,747	18,079	-46.1	-7.2	22.3	10.1	-19.1	17.5
Nova Scotia	118,921	55,757	113.3	-35.9	7.0	-35.3	5.0	34.9
New Brunswick	56,450	42,810	31.9	-31.6	6.5	-19.5	-29.8	55.8
Quebec	1,189,035	1,371,820	-13.3	20.4	0.8	-11.1	-0.8	11.6
Ontario	2,215,137	2,295,806	-3.5	-8.7	-7.2	15.5	-23.5	38.5
Manitoba	181,352	164,440	10.3	-30.4	2.4	25.7	-22.1	9.8
Saskatchewan	187,329	140,374	33.4	0.2	-27.9	-19.8	9.8	-18.3
Alberta	1,186,319	1,253,059	-5.3	-28.1	32.6	-16.3	8.2	-10.5
British Columbia	900,409	767.015	17.4	-24.4	21.4	-44.4	67.7	13.1
Yukon	2,656	5.497	-51.7	-36.6	-26.9	-71.4	244.7	26.2
Northwest Territories	8,656	6,710	29.0	65.8	64.2	-47.5	-71.7	180.5
Nunavut	2,500	0				-100.0	-81.4	100.6

Table 2 Value of non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted

	2015	2015	February	January	December	November	October	September
-	February ^p	January ^r	to	to	to	to	to	to
			January	December	November	October	September	August
_	thousands of	dollars			percentage of	change		
Canada	1,998,335	2,111,941	-5.4	-19.4	15.0	-24.6	-0.9	22.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	16,759	8,467	97.9	-62.6	54.2	-70.8	35.4	-47.8
Prince Edward Island	4,516	3,213	40.6	95.9	-73.7	86.5	-42.2	-34.8
Nova Scotia	21,123	19,565	8.0	-17.0	8.3	-7.5	-68.1	70.4
New Brunswick	20,476	5,795	253.3	-61.3	-37.4	-38.8	-32.8	75.1
Quebec	419,223	714,646	-41.3	71.7	-3.1	-23.0	19.9	10.6
Ontario	898,170	714,999	25.6	-13.3	-10.1	15.8	-45.4	69.3
Manitoba	62,531	63,199	-1.1	-26.5	-0.8	52.1	-46.0	18.2
Saskatchewan	72,903	57,837	26.0	-11.8	-23.9	-6.7	10.3	-7.4
Alberta	285,694	351,645	-18.8	-56.0	72.5	-23.5	11.4	-20.0
British Columbia	192,985	162,530	18.7	-55.5	65.3	-71.3	268.7	8.4
Yukon	1,693	3,832	-55.8	168.0	-84.8	-72.7	466.0	19.1
Northwest Territories	2,262	6,213	-63.6	1,393.5	24.9	-77.3	-89.8	477.0
Nunavut	0	0				-100.0	-97.8	4,550.0

Table 3 Value of residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted

	2015	2015	February	January	December	November	October	September
_	February p	January r	to	to	to	to	to	to
	rebidary	odridary .	January	December	November	October	September	August
_	thousands of	dollars			percentage of	change		
Canada	4,116,277	4,056,063	1.5	-8.1	1.5	-1.9	-0.5	9.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	39,342	38,170	3.1	-15.3	39.1	-16.6	-23.6	19.5
Prince Edward Island	5,231	14,866	-64.8	-16.7	84.1	-12.9	-8.1	90.4
Nova Scotia	97,798	36,192	170.2	-42.9	6.5	-41.7	122.2	1.0
New Brunswick	35.974	37.015	-2.8	-22.3	36.7	2.8	-25.9	36.6
Quebec	769,812	657,174	17.1	-9.2	3.2	-1.7	-12.6	12.3
Ontario	1,316,967	1,580,807	-16.7	-6.4	-5.7	15.4	-3.9	19.1
Manitoba	118,821	101,241	17.4	-32.7	4.2	13.8	-2.7	3.8
Saskatchewan	114,426	82,537	38.6	10.9	-31.0	-27.9	9.5	-23.8
Alberta	900,625	901,414	-0.1	-4.4	10.8	-11.7	6.2	-3.7
British Columbia	707,424	604,485	17.0	-6.9	5.7	-16.3	6.8	14.6
Yukon	963	1,665	-42.2	-77.0	195.2	-64.5	16.8	34.6
Northwest Territories	6,394	497	1,186.5	-86.3	70.4	-34.0	48.4	-36.3
Nunavut	2,500	0				-100.0	-78.5	72.0

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

	2015	2015	February	January	December	November	October	September
<u> </u>	February ^p	January ^r	to January	to December	to November	to October	to September	to August
	units				percentage of	change		
Canada	181,596	176,904	2.7	-8.4	-5.4	-8.1	0.4	11.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,224	1,308	-6.4	-54.0	85.2	-22.9	-14.9	-36.5
Prince Edward Island	156	552	-71.7	-54.0	117.4	-27.0	-25.0	140.0
Nova Scotia	5,604	1,644	240.9	-50.2	4.2	-44.7	147.2	10.3
New Brunswick	588	1,524	-61.4	-48.6	47.9	-9.2	-42.3	70.6
Quebec	43,476	34,776	25.0	-14.9	5.7	-0.1	-20.7	29.3
Ontario	56,388	65,292	-13.6	-0.3	-18.3	17.0	-8.9	44.0
Manitoba	4,524	4,692	-3.6	-47.9	-21.3	67.7	1.8	-16.6
Saskatchewan	7,080	4,404	60.8	37.5	-52.3	-24.2	22.8	-35.0
Alberta	34,932	36,024	-3.0	-4.8	12.8	-34.2	22.8	-18.2
British Columbia	27,204	26,532	2.5	4.6	-2.0	-29.8	15.8	8.9
Yukon	144	156	-7.7	-80.0	91.2	-15.0	11.1	2.9
Northwest Territories	60	0		-100.0	700.0	-72.7	120.0	-66.7
Nunavut	216	0				-100.0	-50.0	100.0

Table 5 Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2015

	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					
•	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-res	idential		Total
		dwellings	dwellings		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
		units				thousands	of dollars		
Canada January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	6,221 5,808 12,029 12,216	8,521 9,325 17,846 20,841	14,742 15,133 29,875 33,057	4,056,063 4,116,277 8,172,340 8,505,309	334,686 398,990 733,676 669,679	1,302,625 1,222,038 2,524,663 3,018,144	474,630 377,307 851,937 1,338,024	2,111,941 1,998,335 4,110,276 5,025,847	6,168,004 6,114,612 12,282,616 13,531,156
Newfoundland and Labrador January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	103 96 199 234	6 6 12 167	109 102 211 401	38,170 39,342 77,512 100,785	160 3,671 3,831 38,137	8,307 4,804 13,111 23,958	0 8,284 8,284 8,585	8,467 16,759 25,226 70,680	46,637 56,101 102,738 171,465
Prince Edward Island January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	45 9 54 73	1 4 5 24	46 13 59 97	14,866 5,231 20,097 21,219	575 322 897 886	1,963 2,301 4,264 15,393	675 1,893 2,568 4,128	3,213 4,516 7,729 20,407	18,079 9,747 27,826 41,626
Nova Scotia January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	95 97 192 233	42 370 412 226	137 467 604 459	36,192 97,798 133,990 97,348	7,108 3,558 10,666 6,269	12,053 16,870 28,923 35,163	404 695 1,099 4,266	19,565 21,123 40,688 45,698	55,757 118,921 174,678 143,046
New Brunswick January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	104 44 148 262	23 5 28 93	127 49 176 355	37,015 35,974 72,989 84,152	235 2,018 2,253 2,192	4,494 14,919 19,413 33,808	1,066 3,539 4,605 10,126	5,795 20,476 26,271 46,126	42,810 56,450 99,260 130,278
Quebec January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	838 715 1,553 1,774	2,060 2,908 4,968 5,821	2,898 3,623 6,521 7,595	657,174 769,812 1,426,986 1,610,557	68,292 64,262 132,554 148,663	394,037 214,955 608,992 456,140	252,317 140,006 392,323 338,343	714,646 419,223 1,133,869 943,146	1,371,820 1,189,035 2,560,855 2,553,703
Ontario January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	2,232 2,299 4,531 4,006	3,209 2,400 5,609 6,061	5,441 4,699 10,140 10,067	1,580,807 1,316,967 2,897,774 2,869,369	148,756 239,044 387,800 268,834	446,908 540,360 987,268 1,240,018	119,335 118,766 238,101 560,737	714,999 898,170 1,613,169 2,069,589	2,295,806 2,215,137 4,510,943 4,938,958
Manitoba January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	240 240 480 582	151 137 288 469	391 377 768 1,051	101,241 118,821 220,062 226,651	13,056 12,370 25,426 14,477	35,157 39,243 74,400 93,449	14,986 10,918 25,904 26,246	63,199 62,531 125,730 134,172	164,440 181,352 345,792 360,823
Saskatchewan January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	222 196 418 645	145 394 539 362	367 590 957 1,007	82,537 114,426 196,963 263,275	9,631 3,621 13,252 7,262	40,332 62,003 102,335 141,322	7,874 7,279 15,153 17,610	57,837 72,903 130,740 166,194	140,374 187,329 327,703 429,469
Alberta January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	1,562 1,469 3,031 3,212	1,440 1,442 2,882 4,173	3,002 2,911 5,913 7,385	901,414 900,625 1,802,039 2,068,406	58,544 50,389 108,933 135,935	247,107 191,144 438,251 600,332	45,994 44,161 90,155 246,000	351,645 285,694 637,339 982,267	1,253,059 1,186,319 2,439,378 3,050,673

Table 5 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2015

	Number	of dwelling u	ınits		Е	stimated value	of construction		
•	Singles 1	Multiples	Total	Residential		Non-res	idential		Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
		units				thousands	of dollars		
British Columbia January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	769 627 1,396 1,166	1,442 1,640 3,082 3,418	2,211 2,267 4,478 4,584	604,485 707,424 1,311,909 1,150,653	28,329 18,783 47,112 47,006	105,966 132,724 238,690 368,101	28,235 41,478 69,713 120,809	162,530 192,985 355,515 535,916	767,015 900,409 1,667,424 1,686,569
Yukon January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	11 11 22 28	2 1 3 11	13 12 25 39	1,665 963 2,628 5,653	0 0 0 0	297 1,415 1,712 2,423	3,535 278 3,813 1,128	3,832 1,693 5,525 3,551	5,497 2,656 8,153 9,204
Northwest Territories January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	0 5 5 0	0 0 0 0	0 5 5 0	497 6,394 6,891 1,391	0 952 952 18	6,004 1,300 7,304 5,637	209 10 219 46	6,213 2,262 8,475 5,701	6,710 8,656 15,366 7,092
Nunavut January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	0 0 0 1	0 18 18 16	0 18 18 17	0 2,500 2,500 5,850	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2,400	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2,400	0 2,500 2,500 8,250

^{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, 2015

	Number	r of dwelling	units		Estir	mated value	of construction	n	
	Singles 1	Multiples		Residential		Non-res	idential		Total
			dwellings	_	Industrial (Institutional and governmental	Total	
		units				thousands	of dollars		
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	17	73	90	11,525	587	125	100	812	12,337
	25	7	32	5,706	117	130	5,980	6,227	11,933
	42	80	122	17,231	704	255	6,080	7,039	24,270
	24	6	30	6,196	13,748	3,579	7,111	24,438	30,634
Barrie, Ontario January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	9	0	9	3,534	198	2,350	785	3,333	6,867
	37	0	37	12,150	51	9,018	4	9,073	21,223
	46	0	46	15,684	249	11,368	789	12,406	28,090
	103	0	103	31,174	718	12,450	7,692	20,860	52,034
Brantford, Ontario January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	27	155	182	32,614	3,738	2,006	0	5,744	38,358
	67	11	78	25,575	360	2,549	9	2,918	28,493
	94	166	260	58,189	4,098	4,555	9	8,662	66,851
	47	12	59	11,166	617	1,515	1,250	3,382	14,548
Calgary, Alberta January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	486	385	871	294,868	1,877	76,874	30,862	109,613	404,481
	418	298	716	253,611	6,892	89,552	8,322	104,766	358,377
	904	683	1,587	548,479	8,769	166,426	39,184	214,379	762,858
	1,187	1,525	2,712	844,799	10,455	208,877	61,368	280,700	1,125,499
Edmonton, Alberta January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	612	914	1,526	427,989	17,340	97,187	3,488	118,015	546,004
	620	1,004	1,624	489,656	10,915	63,244	3,157	77,316	566,972
	1,232	1,918	3,150	917,645	28,255	160,431	6,645	195,331	1,112,976
	1,077	2,080	3,157	811,603	25,760	148,191	31,161	205,112	1,016,715
Greater Sudbury, Ontario January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	2	2	4	1,490	465	2,606	741	3,812	5,302
	0	10	10	2,828	278	1,760	9,623	11,661	14,489
	2	12	14	4,318	743	4,366	10,364	15,473	19,791
	7	0	7	5,934	702	10,054	3,678	14,434	20,368
Guelph, Ontario January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	27	178	205	66,096	2,847	2,149	10	5,006	71,102
	30	44	74	16,989	3,099	1,012	300	4,411	21,400
	57	222	279	83,085	5,946	3,161	310	9,417	92,502
	48	98	146	30,308	1,677	8,679	10,260	20,616	50,924
Halifax, Nova Scotia January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	29	0	29	13,496	1,287	5,874	286	7,447	20,943
	36	328	364	76,379	67	11,024	33	11,124	87,503
	65	328	393	89,875	1,354	16,898	319	18,571	108,446
	76	150	226	48,329	1,121	12,285	3,561	16,967	65,296
Hamilton, Ontario January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	198	24	222	87,142	23,884	30,808	7,057	61,749	148,891
	138	98	236	81,421	28,741	17,487	7,769	53,997	135,418
	336	122	458	168,563	52,625	48,295	14,826	115,746	284,309
	235	247	482	144,630	4,422	49,538	8,886	62,846	207,476
Kelowna, British Columbia January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	34	69	103	30,636	181	3,376	12,924	16,481	47,117
	24	18	42	17,290	351	5,246	1,720	7,317	24,607
	58	87	145	47,926	532	8,622	14,644	23,798	71,724
	75	78	153	50,119	1,115	6,631	3,290	11,036	61,155

Table 6 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2015

	Number	of dwelling	units		Esti	mated value	of construction	n	
-	Singles 1	Multiples		Residential		Non-res	sidential		Total
			dwellings	-	Industrial (Institutional and governmental	Total	
_		units				thousands	of dollars		
Kingston, Ontario January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	4 10 14 40	0 120 120 3	4 130 134 43	2,175 22,207 24,382 13,158	169 0 169 611	4,798 1,103 5,901 47,655	269 10,211 10,480 252,343	5,236 11,314 16,550 300,609	7,411 33,521 40,932 313,767
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	90 120 210 86	16 1,188 1,204 409	106 1,308 1,414 495	37,077 153,546 190,623 113,913	4,790 7,113 11,903 13,362	6,206 28,476 34,682 34,069	9,305 20,307 29,612 12,470	20,301 55,896 76,197 59,901	57,378 209,442 266,820 173,814
London, Ontario January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	89 79 168 185	184 8 192 50	273 87 360 235	70,126 33,276 103,402 77,701	2,578 6,508 9,086 13,431	5,110 13,633 18,743 14,977	4,668 36,243 40,911 20,119	12,356 56,384 68,740 48,527	82,482 89,660 172,142 126,228
Moncton, New Brunswick January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	28 24 52 38	14 2 16 18	42 26 68 56	11,132 7,998 19,130 17,135	85 1 86 1,486	1,111 11,077 12,188 9,724	300 113 413 330	1,496 11,191 12,687 11,540	12,628 19,189 31,817 28,675
Montréal, Quebec January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	241 172 413 462	931 1,866 2,797 2,975	1,172 2,038 3,210 3,437	284,996 438,015 723,011 762,712	28,635 21,402 50,037 57,441	306,909 143,305 450,214 291,445	195,321 95,003 290,324 183,203	530,865 259,710 790,575 532,089	815,861 697,725 1,513,586 1,294,801
Oshawa, Ontario January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	67 41 108 208	55 22 77 118	122 63 185 326	41,446 23,274 64,720 104,996	1,171 2,486 3,657 4,868	6,148 5,117 11,265 33,263	233 408 641 1,237	7,552 8,011 15,563 39,368	48,998 31,285 80,283 144,364
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	53 156 209 203	44 126 170 878	97 282 379 1,081	31,766 81,428 113,194 232,392	470 3,482 3,952 10,085	55,281 59,785 115,066 125,947	39,555 6,108 45,663 26,167	95,306 69,375 164,681 162,199	127,072 150,803 277,875 394,591
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	26 40 66 70	126 58 184 697	152 98 250 767	25,131 25,966 51,097 113,345	143 16 159 1,970	2,734 5,468 8,202 10,991	284 1,350 1,634 26,881	3,161 6,834 9,995 39,842	28,292 32,800 61,092 153,187
Peterborough, Ontario January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	5 28 33 15	3 0 3 11	8 28 36 26	3,060 6,073 9,133 8,131	97 431 528 1,424	3,459 71 3,530 1,251	348 601 949 150	3,904 1,103 5,007 2,825	6,964 7,176 14,140 10,956
Québec, Quebec January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	91 50 141 180	510 446 956 778	601 496 1,097 958	89,864 74,641 164,505 179,664	6,807 82 6,889 1,212	22,834 15,191 38,025 36,882	12,020 18,559 30,579 13,673	41,661 33,832 75,493 51,767	131,525 108,473 239,998 231,431

Table 6 - continued Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2015

-	Number	of dwelling	units		Estir	mated value	of construction	n	
	Singles 1	Multiples		Residential		Non-res	sidential		Total
			dwellings	-	Industrial (Institutional and governmental	Total	
		units				thousands	of dollars		
Regina, Saskatchewan January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	66	22	88	20,883	4,695	12,343	2,607	19,645	40,528
	46	180	226	32,405	2,537	24,511	6,627	33,675	66,080
	112	202	314	53,288	7,232	36,854	9,234	53,320	106,608
	191	117	308	70,253	538	59,356	1,392	61,286	131,539
Saguenay, Quebec January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	22	17	39	9,686	32	1,843	776	2,651	12,337
	18	17	35	7,488	5,601	1,104	7,297	14,002	21,490
	40	34	74	17,174	5,633	2,947	8,073	16,653	33,827
	61	61	122	27,994	2,020	4,074	11,771	17,865	45,859
Saint John, New Brunswick January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	18	0	18	5,337	0	139	361	500	5,837
	0	0	0	7,297	85	1,741	266	2,092	9,389
	18	0	18	12,634	85	1,880	627	2,592	15,226
	48	8	56	17,664	258	17,511	1,146	18,915	36,579
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	88	119	207	40,900	3,299	14,370	362	18,031	58,931
	85	212	297	61,485	544	24,113	59	24,716	86,201
	173	331	504	102,385	3,843	38,483	421	42,747	145,132
	277	209	486	135,039	3,590	35,754	16,203	55,547	190,586
Sherbrooke, Quebec January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	24	58	82	16,733	114	3,547	22,666	26,327	43,060
	48	127	175	30,116	131	7,347	2,825	10,303	40,419
	72	185	257	46,849	245	10,894	25,491	36,630	83,479
	93	169	262	46,195	1,078	6,582	13,520	21,180	67,375
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	87 150 237 112	21 32 53 74	108 182 290 186	32,345 49,421 81,766 51,240	86 685 771 9,536	8,933 24,236 33,169 30,112	2,745 35 2,780 5,071	11,764 24,956 36,720 44,719	44,109 74,377 118,486 95,959
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	45 47 92 112	6 4 10 136	51 51 102 248	23,361 24,603 47,964 64,041	160 3,628 3,788 36,954	7,296 2,437 9,733 15,328	0 8,084 8,084 8,526	7,456 14,149 21,605 60,808	30,817 38,752 69,569 124,849
Thunder Bay, Ontario January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	0	3	3	900	47	471	163	681	1,581
	4	1	5	1,800	0	14,798	50	14,848	16,648
	4	4	8	2,700	47	15,269	213	15,529	18,229
	6	56	62	12,824	1,137	4,393	1,366	6,896	19,720
Toronto, Ontario January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	1,013	2,214	3,227	914,551	56,895	270,697	45,683	373,275	1,287,826
	897	550	1,447	578,622	97,720	314,262	18,015	429,997	1,008,619
	1,910	2,764	4,674	1,493,173	154,615	584,959	63,698	803,272	2,296,445
	1,482	3,727	5,209	1,546,717	91,126	732,547	73,144	896,817	2,443,534
Trois-Rivières, Quebec January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	2	43	45	6,190	72	1,865	502	2,439	8,629
	17	12	29	5,913	9,201	1,178	1,389	11,768	17,681
	19	55	74	12,103	9,273	3,043	1,891	14,207	26,310
	15	112	127	28,831	1,197	12,893	1,408	15,498	44,329

Table 6 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2015

	Number	of dwelling	units		Estir	mated value	of construction	n	
	Singles 1	Multiples		Residential		Non-res	sidential		Total
			dwellings	-	Industrial (Commercial	Institutional and governmental	Total	
		units				thousands	of dollars		
Vancouver, British Columbia January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	279 252 531 486	933 1,213 2,146 2,846	1,212 1,465 2,677 3,332	330,906 490,887 821,793 803,353	8,981 8,580 17,561 10,341	61,384 87,583 148,967 276,765	4,637 25,525 30,162 53,358	75,002 121,688 196,690 340,464	405,908 612,575 1,018,483 1,143,817
Victoria, British Columbia January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	53 58 111 84	46 138 184 55	99 196 295 139	34,818 46,528 81,346 43,317	325 380 705 1,434	12,339 2,980 15,319 13,080	1,380 4,639 6,019 39,934	14,044 7,999 22,043 54,448	48,862 54,527 103,389 97,765
Windsor, Ontario January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	15 34 49 73	61 6 67 4	76 40 116 77	17,514 16,020 33,534 22,732	2,681 7,016 9,697 547	7,460 11,036 18,496 22,049	2,575 60 2,635 5,158	12,716 18,112 30,828 27,754	30,230 34,132 64,362 50,486
Winnipeg, Manitoba January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	128 136 264 355	85 129 214 382	213 265 478 737	67,329 87,624 154,953 153,465	4,407 1,814 6,221 2,728	27,761 29,869 57,630 68,633	14,673 6,864 21,537 16,188	46,841 38,547 85,388 87,549	114,170 126,171 240,341 241,014

^{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, 2015

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
			number	of dwelling units	S		
Canada January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	3,924 3,400 7,324 7,617	5 2 7 23	587 692 1,279 1,705	1,294 1,089 2,383 3,107	4,714 6,436 11,150 13,039	706 490 1,196 1,228	11,230 12,109 23,339 26,719
Newfoundland and Labrador January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	26 16 42 63	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 9	6 6 12 149	0 0 0 9	32 22 54 230
Prince Edward Island January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	11 2 13 17	0 0 0	0 0 0 2	0 0 0 0	0 4 4 21	1 0 1 1	12 6 18 41
Nova Scotia January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	45 45 90 108	0 1 1 8	2 0 2 8	0 0 0 11	0 318 318 137	16 16 32 20	63 380 443 292
New Brunswick January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	18 10 28 49	0 0 0 1	2 0 2 0	12 0 12 34	8 2 10 54	1 3 4 6	41 15 56 144
Quebec January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	320 478 798 959	4 1 5 10	106 168 274 467	25 111 136 301	666 2,021 2,687 3,252	257 205 462 430	1,378 2,984 4,362 5,419
Ontario January r February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	1,564 1,083 2,647 2,287	1 0 1 3	111 56 167 487	766 431 1,197 1,559	2,081 1,698 3,779 3,617	220 107 327 261	4,743 3,375 8,118 8,214
Manitoba January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	145 136 281 391	0 0 0 1	18 10 28 32	23 12 35 53	66 111 177 312	3 2 5 18	255 271 526 807
Saskatchewan January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	117 113 230 384	0 0 0	22 2 24 58	4 8 12 0	73 351 424 233	46 33 79 71	262 507 769 746
Alberta January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	1,161 1,036 2,197 2,487	0 0 0 0	242 354 596 610	266 345 611 802	846 692 1,538 2,628	86 51 137 133	2,601 2,478 5,079 6,660
British Columbia January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	516 475 991 864	0 0 0 0	84 102 186 41	198 181 379 332	968 1,215 2,183 2,616	74 73 147 278	1,840 2,046 3,886 4,131

Table 7 – continued

Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2015

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
			number o	of dwelling units	3		
Yukon January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	1 1 2 7	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 1 1 0	0 0 0 10	2 0 2 1	3 2 5 18
Northwest Territories January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	0 5 5 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 5 5 0
Nunavut January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 6	0 18 18 10	0 0 0 0	0 18 18 17

Table 8 Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, February 2015

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
			number o	of dwelling u	units		
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	21	0	0	0	6	1	28
Barrie, Ontario	19	0	0	0	0	0	19
Brantford, Ontario	34	0	0	10	0	1	45
Calgary, Alberta	326	0	64	138	92	4	624
Edmonton, Alberta	484	0	278	182	513	31	1,488
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	0	0	0	0	2	8	10
Guelph, Ontario	15	0	12	20	0	12	59
Halifax, Nova Scotia	22	0	0	0	313	15	350
Hamilton, Ontario	70	0	0	43	54	1	168
Kelowna, British Columbia	20	0	0	2	13	3	38
Kingston, Ontario	5	0	0	4	116	0	125
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	61	0	0	42	1,142	4	1,249
London, Ontario	40	Õ	3	4	0	1	48
Moncton, New Brunswick	6	Õ	Õ	Ó	Ö	2	8
Montréal, Quebec	130	Õ	22	80	1,454	54	1.740
Oshawa, Ontario	21	Õ	2	12	0	8	43
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	109	Õ	48	43	77	9	286
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	79	Ö	6	43	69	8	205
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	30	ŏ	42	0	8	1	81
Peterborough, Ontario	14	ŏ	0	Ö	ő	Ö	14
Québec, Quebec	39	0	33	6	297	48	423
Regina, Saskatchewan	32	Ö	0	ő	176	4	212
Saguenay, Quebec	14	0	0	0	4	11	29
Saint John, New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	60	0	2	8	175	27	272
Sherbrooke, Quebec	37	0	26	16	30	37	146
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	76	0	2	19	9	2	108
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	11	0	0	0	4	0	15
Thunder Bay, Ontario	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Toronto, Ontario	455	0	24	195	294	37	1,005
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	455 13	0	4	195	29 4 4	2	1,005
Vancouver, British Columbia	208	0	88 88	156	926	43	1,421
	206 48	0	2	9	120	43 7	1,421
Victoria, British Columbia	48 17	-				•	23
Windsor, Ontario Winnipeg, Manitoba	102	0	2 10	4 12	0 107	0	23

Table 9 Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative, January to February 2015

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
			number o	of dwelling u	units		
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	34	0	0	0	79	1	114
Barrie, Ontario	26	0	0	0	0	0	26
Brantford, Ontario	56	0	0	11	153	2	222
Calgary, Alberta	736	0	126	232	312	13	1,419
Edmonton, Alberta	1,000	0	448	323	1,066	81	2,918
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	2	0	0	0	4	8	14
Guelph, Ontario	37	0	12	38	148	24	259
Halifax, Nova Scotia	38	0	0	0	313	15	366
Hamilton, Ontario	230	0	0	64	55	3	352
Kelowna, British Columbia	47	0	0	9	74	4	134
Kingston, Ontario	8	0	0	4	116	0	128
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	134	0	2	50	1,142	10	1,338
London, Ontario	111	Õ	3	188	0	2	304
Moncton, New Brunswick	12	Õ	2	12	Ö	2	28
Montréal, Quebec	249	ő	50	97	1,733	225	2,354
Oshawa, Ontario	75	Õ	33	30	0	14	152
Ottawa-Gatineau. Ontario/Quebec	165	ő	56	66	142	24	453
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	122	ŏ	10	66	73	21	292
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	43	ŏ	46	0	69	3	161
Peterborough, Ontario	18	ŏ	0	Ö	2	1	21
Québec, Quebec	84	ŏ	62	6	519	68	739
Regina, Saskatchewan	76	Ö	16	ő	178	8	278
Saguenay, Quebec	25	0	0	0	4	20	49
Saint John. New Brunswick	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	118	0	8	12	242	69	449
Sherbrooke, Quebec	49	Ö	43	24	34	39	189
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	146	0	6	36	9	2	199
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	30	0	0	0	10	0	40
Thunder Bay, Ontario	2	0	2	0	0	2	6
Toronto, Ontario	1,273	0	86	618	1,946	114	4,037
Trois-Rivières. Quebec	1,273	0	4	010	1,940	5	4,037
Vancouver. British Columbia	427	0	140	339	1,573	94	2.573
Victoria, British Columbia	90	0	4	9	1,573	14	2,373
Windsor, Ontario	29	0	4	4	59	0	96
Winnipeg, Manitoba	218	0	28	35	151	0	432

Table 10 Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2015

		Valı	ue of construction		
·	Residential		Non-residential		Total
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional	
				and	
				governmental	
<u>-</u>		tho	usands of dollars		
Canada					
January r	2,824,649	242,679	1,127,393	322,281	4,517,002
February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	2,939,375 5,764,024	329,994 572,673	964,624 2,092,017	317,924 640,205	4,551,917 9,068,919
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	6,112,360	518,125	2,521,018	1,147,265	10,298,768
Newfoundland and Labrador					
January ^r	10,927	160	7,633	0	18,720
February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	6,991 17,918	3,671 3,831	3,171 10,804	8,284 8,284	22,117 40,837
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	41,087	38,137	18,258	8,585	106,067
Prince Edward Island					
January r	3,576	575	1,963	675	6,789
February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	1,354 4,930	322 897	2,301 4,264	1,893 2.568	5,870 12,659
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	5,642	886	15,393	4,128	26,049
Nova Scotia					
January ^r	14,711	4,845	9,767	404	29,727
February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	77,219 91,930	963 5,808	14,146 23,913	695 1,099	93,023 122,750
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	56,247	2,163	27,080	4,266	89,756
New Brunswick					
January r	7,381	235	4,494	1,066	13,176
February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	4,660 12,041	2,018 2,253	14,919 19,413	3,539 4,605	25,136 38,312
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2013	20,006	2,192	33,808	10,126	66,132
Quebec					
January r	278,570	49,759	311,326	99,968	739,623
February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	588,632 867,202	48,167 97,926	142,840 454,166	80,623 180,591	860,262 1,599,885
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	1,008,373	104,992	306,693	147,584	1,567,642
Ontario					
January r	1,268,590	81,284	377,472	119,335	1,846,681
February P Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	809,566 2,078,156	195,545 276,829	378,284 755,756	118,766 238,101	1,502,161 3,348,842
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	2,164,191	172,859	970,228	560,737	3,868,015
Manitoba					
January r February p	67,893 71,352	9,396 7,961	35,157 39,243	14,986 10,918	127,432 129,474
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	139,245	17,357	74,400	25,904	256.906
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	159,986	7,712	93,449	26,246	287,393
Saskatchewan	40.540	0.004	40.000		407.050
January r February p	49,513 87,510	9,631 3,621	40,332 62,003	7,874 7,279	107,350 160,413
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	137,023	13,252	102,335	15,153	267,763
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	147,331	7,262	141,322	17,610	313,525
Alberta	640.077	E0 E44	225 742	45.004	000 250
January r February p	648,077 661,571	58,544 50,389	235,743 181,844	45,994 44,161	988,358 937,965
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	1,309,648	108,933	417,587	90,155	1,926,323
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	1,505,037	135,935	554,593	246,000	2,441,565
British Columbia	474,601	28,250	97,205	28,235	628,291
January r February p	625,814	26,250 16,385	123,158	20,235 41,478	806,835
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015	1,100,415	44,635	220,363	69,713	1,435,126
Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	996,058	45,969	349,734	120,809	1,512,570

Table 10 – continued Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2015

		Valı	ue of construction		
•	Residential		Non-residential		Total
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
_		tho	usands of dollars		
Yukon January ^r February ^p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	760 259 1,019 2,374	0 0 0 0	297 1,415 1,712 2,423	3,535 278 3,813 1,128	4,592 1,952 6,544 5,925
Northwest Territories January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	50 1,947 1,997 178	0 952 952 18	6,004 1,300 7,304 5,637	209 10 219 46	6,263 4,209 10,472 5,879
Nunavut January r February p Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2015 Cumulative Jan. to Feb. 2014	0 2,500 2,500 5,850	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2,400	0 0 0 0	0 2,500 2,500 8,250

Table 11 Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, February 2015

		Valu	ue of construction		
	Residential		Non-residential		Total
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional	
				and	
				governmental	
		tho	usands of dollars		
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	4,951	87	130	5,980	11,148
Barrie, Ontario	6,939	50	6,477	4	13,470
Brantford, Ontario	13,885	352	1.831	9	16.077
Calgary, Alberta	195,599	6,892	89,552	8,322	300,365
Edmonton, Alberta	379,760	10,915	63,244	3,157	457,076
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	2,107	272	1,264	9,623	13,266
Guelph, Ontario	11,954	3,029	727	300	16.010
Halifax, Nova Scotia	70,021	67	11,024	33	81,145
Hamilton, Ontario	53,353	28.094	12.560	7.769	101,776
Kelowna, British Columbia	14,925	262	5,246	1.720	22,153
Kingston, Ontario	20,474	0	792	10,211	31,477
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	131,093	6,953	20,453	20,307	178,806
London, Ontario	19,471	6,362	9,792	36,243	71,868
Moncton, New Brunswick	1,073	[′] 1	11,077	113	12,264
Montréal, Quebec	364,163	21,402	102,194	55,890	543,649
Oshawa, Ontario	14,050	2,430	3,675	408	20,563
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	75,323	3,420	46,840	6,902	132,485
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	55,376	3,404	42,941	6,108	107,829
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	19,947	16	3,899	794	24,656
Peterborough, Ontario	3,183	421	51	601	4,256
Québec, Quebec	60,594	82	10,833	10,918	82,427
Regina, Saskatchewan	27,795	2,537	24,511	6,627	61,470
Saguenay, Quebec	5,217	5,601	787	4,293	15,898
Saint John, New Brunswick	831	85	1,741	266	2,923
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	52,674	544	24,113	59	77,390
Sherbrooke, Quebec	22,601	131	5.239	1,662	29,633
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	29,286	670	17.408	35	47,399
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	4,894	3,628	2,437	8,084	19,043
Thunder Bay, Ontario	948	0	10,629	50	11,627
Toronto, Ontario	360,617	95,522	225,723	18,015	699,877
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	4,205	9,201	840	817	15,063
Vancouver, British Columbia	466,208	6,398	87,583	25.525	585,714
Victoria, British Columbia	42,284	283	2,980	4,639	50,186
Windsor, Ontario	9,349	6,858	7,927	60	24,194
Winnipeg, Manitoba	61,510	1,814	29,869	6,864	100,057

Table 12
Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative, January to February 2015

	Value of construction						
_	Residential		Total				
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental			
	thousands of dollars						
Abbotsford-Mission, British Columbia	15,524	669	255	6,080	22,528		
Barrie, Ontario	9,736	177	8,499	789	19,201		
Brantford, Ontario	44,247	2,747	3,557	9	50,560		
Calgary, Alberta	422,265	8,769	166,426	39,184	636,644		
Edmonton, Alberta	705,154	28,255	160,431	6,645	900,485		
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	3,448	570	3,506	10,364	17,888		
Guelph, Ontario	75,981	4,853	2,576	310	83,720		
Halifax, Nova Scotia	75,994	1,354	16,898	319	94,565		
Hamilton, Ontario	123,389	43,396	39,068	14,826	220,679		
Kelowna, British Columbia	41,500	442	8,622	14,644	65,208		
Kingston, Ontario	22,243	108	4,920	10,480	37,751		
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario	161,312	10,022	25,793	29,612	226,739		
London, Ontario	82,871	8,014	14,189	40,911	145,985		
Moncton, New Brunswick	3,903	86	12,188	413	16,590		
Montréal, Quebec	508,162	50,037	356,425	132,947	1,047,571		
Oshawa, Ontario	49,969	3,180	8,965	641	62,755		
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	114,667	3,864	96,670	46,569	261,770		
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	82,051	3,705	90,506	45,663	221,925		
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	32,616	159	6,164	906	39,845		
Peterborough, Ontario	5,895	483	3,027	949	10,354		
Québec, Quebec	106,640	6,889	29,748	15,660	158,937		
Regina, Saskatchewan	42,120	7,232	36,854	9,234	95,440		
Saguenay, Quebec	9,860	5,633	2,314	4,599	22,406		
Saint John, New Brunswick	2,005	85	1,880	627	4,597		
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	82,371	3,843	38,483	421	125,118		
Sherbrooke, Quebec	30,812	245	8,177	10,604	49,838		
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	55,651	725	25,094	2,780	84,250		
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	14,320	3,788	9,733	8,084	35,925		
Thunder Bay, Ontario	1,737	30	11,034	213	13,014		
Toronto, Ontario	1,159,974	131,974	458,635	63,698	1,814,281		
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	7,319	9,273	2,385	1,015	19,992		
Vancouver, British Columbia	761,373	15,309	148,967	30,162	955,811		
Victoria, British Columbia	71,139	605	15,319	6,019	93,082		
Windsor, Ontario	25,768	8,576	14,346	2,635	51,325		
Winnipeg, Manitoba	119,979	6,221	57,630	21,537	205,367		

Table 13 Value of non-residential building permits, by type of building, provinces and territories, unadjusted, February 2015

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	
	thousands of dollars							
Total non-residential Industrial	1,612,542 329,994	15,126 3,671	4,516 322	15,804 963	20,476 2,018	271,630 48,167	692,595 195,545	
Factories, plants	126,676	0	300	364	0	9,885	82,320	
Transportation, utilities	117,599	0	0	0	600	24,155	69,506	
Mining and agriculture	51,089	3,628	0	0	930	9,325	29,624	
Minor industrial projects, new and improvements 1	34,630	43	22	599	488	4,802	14,095	
Commercial Trade and continue	964,624	3,171 0	2,301	14,146	14,919	142,840	378,284	
Trade and services Warehouses	243,505 87.086	0	1,950 0	1,750 0	10,300 1,135	59,695 6.800	99,665 8.137	
Service stations	13.854	0	0	0	1,135	7,542	2.372	
Office buildings	309.681	2,186	0	9.056	0	29.916	201.211	
Recreation	92,529	2,100	ő	0,000	1,000	5,931	1.748	
Hotels, restaurants	88,462	0	Ō	350	0	9,026	22,516	
Laboratories	825	0	0	0	0	0	500	
Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹	128,682	985	351	2,990	2,484	23,930	42,135	
Institutional and governmental	317,924	8,284	1,893	695	3,539	80,623	118,766	
Schools, education	138,900	0	1,860	0	1,987	31,576	80,320	
Hospitals, medical	49,875	0	0	0	935	8,062	6,672	
Welfare, home Churches, religion	71,967 5,115	0	0	0	0	29,561 715	18,077 1.650	
Government buildings	31.005	8,000	0	567	0	6,183	5,473	
Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements 1	21,062	284	33	128	617	4,526	6,574	
	21,002	201		120	017	1,020	0,07 1	
	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut	
	thousands of dollars							
Total non-residential	58,122	72,903	276,394	181,021	1,693	2,262	0	
Industrial	7,961	3,621	50,389	16,385	. 0	952	0	
Factories, plants	1,275	2,637	20,765	9,130	0	0	0	
Transportation, utilities	975	0	21,350	1,013	0	0	0	
Mining and agriculture	4,469	0	706	1,587	0	820	0	
Minor industrial projects, new and improvements 1	1,242	984	7,568	4,655	0	132	0	
Commercial Trade and services	39,243 2,635	62,003 5,825	181,844 29,623	123,158 30,712	1,415 1,350	1,300 0	0 0	
Warehouses	7.091	6,972	48,078	8,873	0	0	0	
							0	
					0	0		
Service stations	570	758	2,362	250	0	0 1.300		
					0 0 0	0 1,300 0	0	
Service stations Office buildings	570 4,792	758 13,503	2,362 37,664	250 10,053	0	1,300	0 0 0	
Service stations Office buildings Recreation Hotels, restaurants Laboratories	570 4,792 18,470 1,435 0	758 13,503 7,500 22,437 0	2,362 37,664 20,149 18,044 325	250 10,053 37,731 14,654 0	0 0 0 0	1,300 0 0 0	0 0 0	
Service stations Office buildings Recreation Hotels, restaurants Laboratories Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹	570 4,792 18,470 1,435 0 4,250	758 13,503 7,500 22,437 0 5,008	2,362 37,664 20,149 18,044 325 25,599	250 10,053 37,731 14,654 0 20,885	0 0 0 0 0 65	1,300 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	
Service stations Office buildings Recreation Hotels, restaurants Laboratories Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹ Institutional and governmental	570 4,792 18,470 1,435 0 4,250 10,918	758 13,503 7,500 22,437 0 5,008 7,279	2,362 37,664 20,149 18,044 325 25,599 44,161	250 10,053 37,731 14,654 0 20,885 41,478	0 0 0 0 65 278	1,300 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	
Service stations Office buildings Recreation Hotels, restaurants Laboratories Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹ Institutional and governmental Schools, education	570 4,792 18,470 1,435 0 4,250 10,918 3,685	758 13,503 7,500 22,437 0 5,008 7,279	2,362 37,664 20,149 18,044 325 25,599 44,161 4,025	250 10,053 37,731 14,654 0 20,885 41,478 15,447	0 0 0 0 65 278 0	1,300 0 0 0 0 0 10	0 0 0 0 0 0	
Service stations Office buildings Recreation Hotels, restaurants Laboratories Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹ Institutional and governmental Schools, education Hospitals, medical	570 4,792 18,470 1,435 0 4,250 10,918 3,685 515	758 13,503 7,500 22,437 0 5,008 7,279 0	2,362 37,664 20,149 18,044 325 25,599 44,161 4,025 29,690	250 10,053 37,731 14,654 0 20,885 41,478 15,447 4,001	0 0 0 0 65 278 0	1,300 0 0 0 0 0 10	0 0 0 0 0 0	
Service stations Office buildings Recreation Hotels, restaurants Laboratories Minor commercial projects, new and improvements Institutional and governmental Schools, education Hospitals, medical Welfare, home	570 4,792 18,470 1,435 0 4,250 10,918 3,685 515	758 13,503 7,500 22,437 0 5,008 7,279 0 850	2,362 37,664 20,149 18,044 325 25,599 44,161 4,025 29,690 4,918	250 10,053 37,731 14,654 0 20,885 41,478 15,447 4,001 18,561	0 0 0 0 65 278 0 0	1,300 0 0 0 0 0 10 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
Service stations Office buildings Recreation Hotels, restaurants Laboratories Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹ Institutional and governmental Schools, education Hospitals, medical	570 4,792 18,470 1,435 0 4,250 10,918 3,685 515	758 13,503 7,500 22,437 0 5,008 7,279 0	2,362 37,664 20,149 18,044 325 25,599 44,161 4,025 29,690	250 10,053 37,731 14,654 0 20,885 41,478 15,447 4,001	0 0 0 0 65 278 0	1,300 0 0 0 0 0 10	0 0 0 0 0 0	

^{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 the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) 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 CMHC Housing Starts and Completions 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's Head Office and another copy to the local office of the CMHC. 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 CMHC. survey are subject to follow-up by telephone.

The reports received at Statistics Canada's 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: Components of the building permits for which seasonal variation is present are seasonally adjusted using the X-12 ARIMA method. Seasonally adjusted data for the total number of housing units and the aggregate value of building permits are obtained indirectly, i.e., by adding up their seasonally adjusted components. Specifically, the total number of dwelling units is obtained by summing the seasonally adjusted data for single-family and multi-family units. The total value of building permits is obtained by summing the following components: residential, industrial, commercial and institutional. In cases where the component series contains no apparent seasonality, unadjusted values are used in the place of seasonally adjusted values in these aggregations.

At the end of the year, the seasonally adjusted time series are revised to take into account the most recent seasonal fluctuations at the same time as a revision to the previous year of the unadjusted data. As a result, revisions for the seasonally adjusted estimates extending back three years are made with the release of January building permits data.

As a complement to the seasonally adjusted series, trend-cycle estimates are produced to indicate the long-term underlying movement of a series and may also be used as early indicators of the direction of the short-term trend (within the current year). Both the seasonally adjusted and trend-cycle estimates are subject to revision as new data points are added to the series. These revisions could be large and even lead to a reversal of movement, especially at the end of the trend series. The higher variability associated with the trend-cycle estimates is indicated with a dotted line for the most recent four months on the graphs.

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 2011 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 2011 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 2011 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 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 2011 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 2014, 98% 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. unpublished tables or address special requests, to the Building Construction and Property Value 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 City / Cité

CC Chartered community
CG Community government

CN Crown colony / Colonie de la couronne

COM Community

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

CV City / Ville CY City

DM District municipality

HAM Hamlet

ID Improvement district IGD Indian government district

IM Island municipality

IRI Indian reserve / Réserve indienne

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

MD Municipal district
MÉ Municipalité
MU Municipality
NH Northern hamlet
NL Nisga'a land

NO Unorganized / Non organisé

NV Northern village NVL Nisgaa village

P Parish / Paroisse (municipalité de)

PE Paroisse (municipalité de)

RCR Rural community / Communauté rurale

RDA Regional district electoral area

RG Region

RGM Regional municipality
RM Rural municipality
RV Resort village

S-É Indian settlement / Établissement indien

SA Special area

SC Subdivision of county municipality / Subdivision municipalité de comté

SÉ Settlement / Établissement

SET Settlement

SG Self-government / Autonomie gouvernementale

SM Specialized municipality

SNO Subdivision of unorganized / Subdivision non organisée

SV Summer village

T Town

TC Terres réservées aux Cris

ΤI Terre inuite

ΤK Terres réservées aux Naskapis

Teslin land TL TP Township TV Town / Ville Ville ٧ VC Village cri Village naskapi VK VLVillage

VN Village nordique

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census of Population.

http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/ref/dict/table-tableau/table-tableau-5-eng.cfm