

62 001

Published by Authority of Hon. W. D. Euler, M.P.,  
Minister of Trade and Commerce  
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE  
DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS  
GENERAL STATISTICS BRANCH  
OTTAWA - CANADA.

Issued September 17, 1936.

---

Dominion Statistician: R. H. Coats, LL.D., F.R.S.C., F.S.S. (Hon.)  
In Charge Employment Statistics: M. E. K. Roughsedge.

---

BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1936,  
AND AUGUST, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building permits issued during August, 1936, was smaller than in the preceding month, and was also less than in August of last year; during the month under review, the 58 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$3,672,845, as compared with \$4,615,502 in July, 1936, and \$4,311,968 in August, 1935. There was, therefore, a decrease of 20.4 p.c. in the first comparison, and of 14.8 p.c. in the second.

The value of the building authorized in the first eight months of the present year was \$25,788,767; this was lower than the aggregate of \$33,348,881 reported in the period January-August, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first eight months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for this period in each of the last five years had been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 350 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$1,500,000 and more than 1,500 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$1,850,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,700,000 and \$2,300,000, respectively.

As compared with July, 1936, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan reported gains of \$63,721 and \$108,923, respectively. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$484,977 or 36.6 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year; the largest increase of \$508,938 or 154.0 p.c. was in Quebec. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$790,531 or 81.6 p.c. in Nova Scotia was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto and Vancouver showed decreases as compared with July, 1936, and also with August, 1935, while in Montreal and Winnipeg there was a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Sydney, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Westmount, Chatham, London, Niagara Falls, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Mamloops and Victoria recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during August, and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based on the January-August total in 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given, (average 1926=100).





Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months, (1926=100)
1936	\$3,672,845	\$25,788,767	23.6	84.7
1935	4,311,968	33,348,881	30.5	81.2
1934	3,764,425	17,433,272	16.0	82.8
1933	1,910,809	14,407,111	13.2	77.0
1932	3,823,251	32,576,464	29.8	77.7
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.0
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	99.2
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	133.0	96.4
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.2
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	100.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	103.1
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.0
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	89.3	111.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	79.0	143.8

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was lower than in 1935, although it was higher than in 1934 or 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of building permits issued by 58 cities during July and August, 1936, and August, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Name of the person  
 Address  
 City  
 State  
 Zip

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1001	1001	1001	1001	1001
1002	1002	1002	1002	1002
1003	1003	1003	1003	1003
1004	1004	1004	1004	1004
1005	1005	1005	1005	1005
1006	1006	1006	1006	1006
1007	1007	1007	1007	1007
1008	1008	1008	1008	1008
1009	1009	1009	1009	1009
1010	1010	1010	1010	1010
1011	1011	1011	1011	1011
1012	1012	1012	1012	1012
1013	1013	1013	1013	1013
1014	1014	1014	1014	1014
1015	1015	1015	1015	1015
1016	1016	1016	1016	1016
1017	1017	1017	1017	1017
1018	1018	1018	1018	1018
1019	1019	1019	1019	1019
1020	1020	1020	1020	1020
1021	1021	1021	1021	1021
1022	1022	1022	1022	1022
1023	1023	1023	1023	1023
1024	1024	1024	1024	1024
1025	1025	1025	1025	1025

The following information is for your information only. It is not intended to be used for any other purpose. The information is provided for your reference only. It is not intended to be used for any other purpose. The information is provided for your reference only. It is not intended to be used for any other purpose.



## Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	August, 1936	July, 1936	August, 1935
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 8,280	\$ 18,035	\$ 4,800
Nova Scotia	178,411	114,690	968,942
x Halifax	128,000	96,445	963,107
New Glasgow	440	5,375	800
x Sydney	49,971	12,870	5,035
New Brunswick	24,936	60,290	24,835
Fredericton	9,100	10,000	1,050
x Moncton	2,375	37,685	5,870
x Saint John	13,461	12,605	17,915
Quebec	839,479	1,324,456	330,541
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	659,822	1,198,971	257,416
x Quebec	66,307	32,825	55,080
Shawinigan Falls	6,325	5,375	600
x Sherbrooke	17,300	40,200	5,500
x Three Rivers	9,100	6,085	700
x Westmount	44,625	41,000	11,245
Ontario	1,815,415	2,245,194	2,325,083
Belleville	8,200	6,490	86,200
x Brantford	16,195	24,445	31,621
Chatham	14,000	9,500	8,806
x Fort William	15,350	29,800	12,125
Galt	34,775	6,810	41,740
x Guelph	12,045	17,220	12,325
x Hamilton	119,810	90,550	142,470
x Kingston	29,020	42,715	11,206
x Kitchener	44,036	43,780	106,083
x London	88,315	77,730	30,410
Niagara Falls	17,555	6,405	705
Oshawa	27,745	9,650	71,980
x Ottawa	222,032	199,450	752,715
Owen Sound	3,625	21,782	4,621
x Peterborough	23,523	52,134	38,357
x Port Arthur	32,260	27,413	10,645
x Stratford	1,330	2,715	4,680
x St. Catharines	185,954	261,905	54,585
x St. Thomas	475	4,705	Nil
Sarnia	32,845	13,905	9,254
Sault Ste. Marie	27,050	17,690	26,505
x Toronto	555,014	776,851	702,478
York and East York Townships	203,745	295,190	133,090
Welland	20,317	15,454	4,470
x Windsor	62,565	101,802	13,450
Riverside	1,750	1,425	1,925
Woodstock	15,884	87,678	12,637
Manitoba	154,985	172,800	102,985
x Brandon	4,595	1,600	27,385
St. Boniface	20,140	2,950	1,300
x Winnipeg	130,250	168,250	74,300
Saskatchewan	144,332	35,409	40,115
x Moose Jaw	1,835	13,065	17,240
x Regina	121,122	14,969	6,555
x Saskatoon	21,375	7,375	16,320
Alberta	130,352	168,484	121,715
x Calgary	30,100	59,904	58,002
x Edmonton	54,880	93,875	53,310
Lethbridge	44,412	12,230	10,403
Medicine Hat	960	2,475	Nil
British Columbia	376,655	476,144	392,952
Kamloops	10,060	3,070	1,685
Nanaimo	7,610	14,610	900
x New Westminster	43,600	91,450	10,950
Prince Rupert	225	235	22,015
x Vancouver	261,690	338,520	308,585
North Vancouver	2,890	3,695	1,315
x Victoria	50,580	24,564	47,502
Total - 58 Cities	3,672,845	4,615,502	4,311,968
Total - x35 Cities	3,154,912	4,045,473	3,865,167

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY  
BIBLIOTHÈQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010544930