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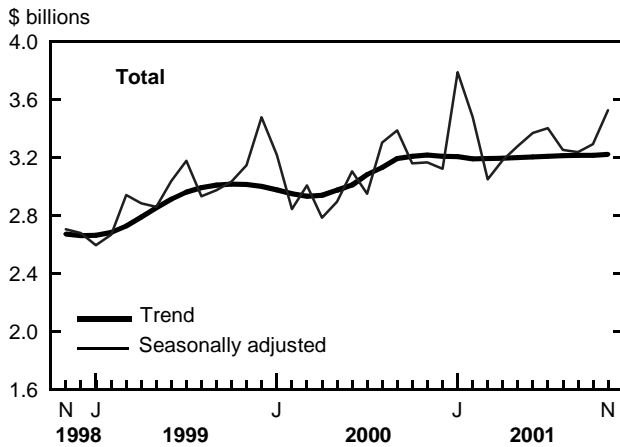
Builders took out just over \$3.5 billion worth of building permits, up 7.1% from October, the highest monthly level since January 2001.

Construction intentions in the housing sector hit \$2.0 billion, up 6.6% from October and the best monthly performance since February 1990. The increase, the sixth in the past seven months, was powered by strong demand for both single- and multi-family dwellings.

In November, substantial gains in the industrial and commercial components pushed up non-residential permits 7.8% from October to \$1.5 billion.

On a year-to-date basis, municipalities issued \$36.9 billion worth of permits from January to the end of November, up 9.0% from the first 11 months of 2000. Every component advanced in both the residential and non-residential sectors.

Total value of permits rose in November



Eighteen of the 26 census metropolitan areas saw increases on a year-to-date basis. Montréal recorded the biggest increase in dollar terms, on the strength

#### Note to readers

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

The Building and Demolitions Permits Monthly Survey covers 2,500 municipalities representing 94% of the population. It provides an early indication of building activity. The communities representing the other 6% 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.

of construction projects for office buildings as well as proposed retail trade projects. Vancouver came a distant second in the wake of strong construction intentions for multi-family dwellings.

#### Fourth straight monthly increase in multi-family permits

The value of building permits for multi-family dwellings jumped 17.3% to \$604 million in November, the fourth straight monthly gain. Permits for single-family dwellings also contributed to the overall increase in the residential sector, rising 2.6% to \$1.4 billion.

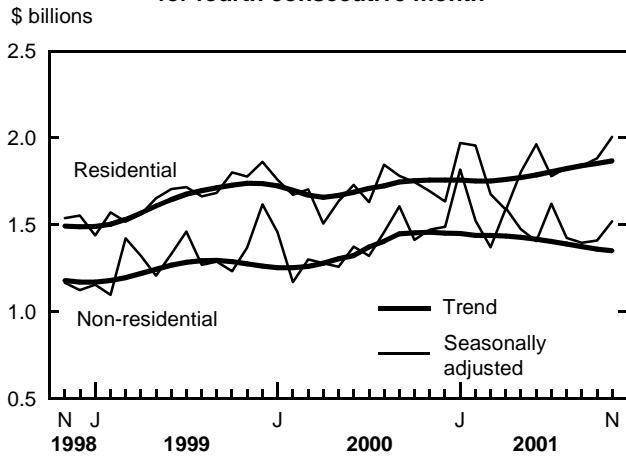
Low mortgage rates and their positive impact on housing affordability, tight vacancy rates for apartments in several areas, and a high level of immigration contributed to the dynamic housing market in 2001.

Among the provinces, a tremendous increase in the value of multi-family permits in the Toronto area led Ontario to the largest advance (in dollars) in the residential sector (+13.3% to \$966 million). In contrast, British Columbia posted the largest decline (-32.0% to \$200 million) following a strong October.

On a year-to-date basis, municipalities issued \$20.3 billion in residential permits from January to November, up 8.5% from the same period in 2000. It was a record level for the first 11 months of any year. Both single- and multi-family dwellings contributed to this advance.

The largest gain among the provinces (in dollars) in the cumulative value of residential permits occurred in Quebec (+14.8%), closely followed by British Columbia. Nova Scotia showed the largest retreat from 2000 (-13.6%).

**Residential sector was up for fourth consecutive month**



**Industrial, commercial intentions fuelled non-residential gains**

The non-residential sector rebounded in November from a marginal gain in October and two consecutive prior monthly declines.

The value of permits in the industrial component jumped 21.7% to \$409 million, largely because of a gain in the utility and transportation category. Ontario recorded the largest growth (+120.5% to \$180 million), resulting mainly from high construction intentions in the Kitchener region.

The value of commercial permits increased 9.3% to \$683 million, largely the result of gains in the warehouses category. Alberta recorded the largest growth (+65.8% to \$175 million), the result of high construction intentions in both the Calgary and Edmonton regions.

However, intentions in the institutional component declined 4.5% to \$429 million in November, pushed down by lower construction intentions in the welfare service category. After a strong showing in October, Ontario posted the largest drop in this component.

In November, the largest increase in non-residential permits (in dollars) occurred in Alberta (+62.5% to \$313 million), driven mainly by gains in the three components in the Calgary region. The largest decrease was in British Columbia (-28.0% to \$108 million).

On a year-to-date basis, non-residential building intentions rose 9.6% to \$16.6 billion from January to November, their best showing for the first 11 months of any year since 1989.

The strongest year-to-date advance was posted by the institutional component (+35.3% to \$4.5 billion). Permits for commercial projects reached \$8.5 billion,

up 3.2% from the same period in 2000, while those in the industrial component were virtually unchanged (+0.2%) at \$3.6 billion.

Low interest rates, good corporate profits in 2000, and steady household and government expenditures are consistent with these strong cumulative increases.

For the January-to-November period, marked increases in commercial permits issued for the Montreal area led Quebec to the largest gain among the provinces (+28.6% to \$3.7 billion); all three components grew.

In contrast, declines in all non-residential components in the Halifax region led Nova Scotia to the largest decline (-34.4% to \$228 million).

**Value of building permits**

Census metropolitan area	Oct. 2001 <sup>r</sup>		Nov. 2001 <sup>p</sup>		Oct. to Nov. 2001		Jan. to Nov. 2001		Jan.-Nov. 2000 to Jan.-Nov. 2001	
	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change
St. John's	14.6	18.2	25.2	170.3	161.1	170.3	5.7			
Halifax	12.9	20.8	61.5	462.8	289.9	37.4	-37.4			
Saint John	7.9	5.7	-28.6	90.1	74.7	-17.2				
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	4.5	7.2	60.5	115.3	160.2	38.9				
Québec	59.3	55.1	-7.1	497.9	627.5	26.0				
Sherbrooke	9.4	12.3	30.4	119.8	130.9	9.3				
Trois-Rivières	7.3	10.5	43.0	110.1	104.1	-5.4				
Montréal	389.8	409.4	5.0	2,966.2	3,986.7	34.4				
Hull	14.6	18.6	27.6	288.9	325.7	12.7				
Ottawa	127.1	116.4	-8.4	1,369.3	1,328.5	-3.0				
Oshawa	71.7	48.9	-31.8	610.5	531.1	-13.0				
Toronto	676.4	751.2	11.1	7,693.7	7,804.9	1.4				
Hamilton	60.8	77.2	26.9	668.1	787.6	17.9				
St. Catharines-Niagara	31.1	19.3	-38.0	465.2	366.3	-21.3				
Kitchener	84.1	106.4	26.4	715.2	918.1	28.4				
London	50.5	68.4	35.4	401.3	644.9	60.7				
Windsor	43.6	51.6	18.4	487.2	515.3	5.8				
Sudbury	13.1	44.4	238.2	72.1	113.5	57.4				
Thunder Bay	9.2	3.7	-59.4	87.3	92.7	6.2				
Winnipeg	35.5	40.9	15.1	488.6	395.9	-19.0				
Regina	10.6	18.0	69.5	132.2	201.0	52.1				
Saskatoon	26.3	55.3	110.3	230.9	279.0	20.9				
Calgary	178.9	292.9	63.7	2,120.2	2,111.4	-0.4				
Edmonton	124.2	162.6	30.9	1,144.3	1,326.5	15.9				
Vancouver	257.2	185.2	-28.0	2,452.4	2,785.0	13.6				
Victoria	36.6	21.0	-42.8	263.9	333.5	26.4				

<sup>r</sup> Revised data.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary data.

**Note:** Figures may not add to totals due to rounding.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 026-0001 to 026-0008, 026-0010 and 026-0011.**

The November 2001 issue of *Building permits* (64-001-XIE, \$14/\$145) will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

The December 2001 building permits estimate will be released on February 6.

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**Value of building permits**

	October 2001 <sup>r</sup>	November 2001 <sup>p</sup>	October to November 2001	January to November 2000	January to November 2001	January–November 2000 to January–November 2001
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions		% change	\$ millions		% change
<b>Canada</b>	<b>3,292.3</b>	<b>3,527.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>33,827.3</b>	<b>36,862.1</b>	<b>9.0</b>
Residential	1,881.6	2,005.6	6.6	18,708.6	20,296.4	8.5
Non-residential	1,410.7	1,521.4	7.8	15,118.7	16,565.7	9.6
Newfoundland	23.4	25.3	8.2	262.0	277.6	5.9
Residential	17.3	18.8	8.5	157.6	163.3	3.6
Non-residential	6.0	6.5	7.3	104.4	114.3	9.5
Prince Edward Island	15.4	11.6	-24.2	93.1	195.1	109.4
Residential	6.1	5.4	-12.0	50.8	56.6	11.4
Non-residential	9.3	6.3	-32.2	42.4	138.5	227.0
Nova Scotia	43.9	46.2	5.2	818.5	635.3	-22.4
Residential	29.6	37.6	26.9	471.0	407.1	-13.6
Non-residential	14.3	8.6	-39.7	347.5	228.1	-34.4
New Brunswick	53.5	39.2	-26.7	456.3	498.8	9.3
Residential	23.6	28.4	20.5	243.5	258.4	6.1
Non-residential	29.9	10.8	-63.8	212.8	240.4	13.0
Quebec	647.7	683.8	5.6	5,789.8	7,042.9	21.6
Residential	320.2	352.4	10.1	2,907.5	3,337.2	14.8
Non-residential	327.4	331.3	1.2	2,882.3	3,705.8	28.6
Ontario	1,451.0	1,589.2	9.5	15,927.9	16,571.7	4.0
Residential	852.5	965.7	13.3	9,466.3	9,856.1	4.1
Non-residential	598.5	623.5	4.2	6,461.6	6,715.7	3.9
Manitoba	67.7	76.7	13.2	801.8	693.6	-13.5
Residential	33.8	36.1	6.9	320.2	321.2	0.3
Non-residential	34.0	40.6	19.5	481.6	372.5	-22.7
Saskatchewan	56.7	91.7	61.6	577.5	715.2	23.8
Residential	15.4	22.2	43.7	235.6	213.1	-9.5
Non-residential	41.3	69.5	68.3	341.9	502.1	46.8
Alberta	473.2	648.4	37.0	4,894.6	5,432.7	11.0
Residential	280.8	335.8	19.6	2,650.0	3,052.0	15.2
Non-residential	192.4	312.6	62.5	2,244.6	2,380.7	6.1
British Columbia	444.8	308.4	-30.7	4,082.1	4,667.3	14.3
Residential	294.9	200.4	-32.0	2,158.1	2,577.6	19.4
Non-residential	149.9	108.0	-28.0	1,924.1	2,089.7	8.6
Yukon	1.6	3.1	87.6	53.5	50.9	-4.9
Residential	0.9	1.3	46.2	13.6	17.8	31.2
Non-residential	0.8	1.8	134.9	39.9	33.1	-17.2
Northwest Territories	12.2	3.0	-75.4	22.9	61.2	167.0
Residential	6.0	1.5	-75.3	10.5	23.0	118.3
Non-residential	6.2	1.5	-75.6	12.4	38.2	208.4
Nunavut	1.2	0.4	-66.4	47.2	19.9	-57.9
Residential	0.5	0.1	-76.8	24.0	13.2	-45.0
Non-residential	0.7	0.3	-58.5	23.2	6.7	-71.2

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## OTHER RELEASES

### Help-wanted Index

December 2001

The Help-wanted Index (1996=100) dropped 5.3% from November to 126. This continues the general downward trend observed since October 2000. All provinces recorded monthly declines: Prince Edward Island (-7.2%), Alberta (-7.0%) and British Columbia (-5.7%) saw the largest.

Compared with December 2000, the national index was down 27.6%, the largest year-over-year decrease in recent years.

### Help-wanted Index (1996=100)

	Dec. 2000	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Nov. to Dec. 2001	Dec. to Dec. 2001
	Seasonally adjusted and smoothed		% change		
<b>Canada</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-27.6</b>
Newfoundland	203	191	187	-2.1	-7.9
Prince Edward Island	245	209	194	-7.2	-20.8
Nova Scotia	163	142	135	-4.9	-17.2
New Brunswick	184	158	155	-1.9	-15.8
Quebec	165	129	122	-5.4	-26.1
Ontario	192	139	132	-5.0	-31.3
Manitoba	175	162	158	-2.5	-9.7
Saskatchewan	140	144	142	-1.4	1.4
Alberta	177	157	146	-7.0	-17.5
British Columbia	142	105	99	-5.7	-30.3

Available on CANSIM: tables 277-0001 and 277-0002.

**Note:** The Help-wanted Index is compiled from the number of help-wanted ads published in 22 newspapers in 20 major metropolitan areas. It is considered an indicator of labour demand, measuring companies' intentions to hire new workers. These indices have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed to ease month-to-month comparisons.

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### Steel primary forms

Week ending December 29, 2001 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending December 29 totalled 270 618 metric tonnes, down 9.6% from 299 459 tonnes a week earlier but up 26.8%

from 213 368 tonnes in the same week of 2000. The year-to-date total at the end of the reference week was 14 995 762 tonnes, down 8.5% from 16 385 165 in the same period of 2000.

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### Steel primary forms

Week ending December 22, 2001 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending December 22 totalled 299 459 metric tonnes, down 1.0% from 302 369 tonnes a week earlier but up 48.7% from 201 412 tonnes in the same week of 2000. The year-to-date total at the end of the reference week was 14 725 144 tonnes, down 8.9% from 16 171 797 in the same period of 2000.

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### Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products

August 2001

Net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons totalled 13 665 643 cubic metres in August, down 0.2% from August 2000. Year-to-date receipts to the end of August were 109 695 681 cubic metres, up 4.0% over the same period in 2000. Net receipts of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products totalled 6 714 810 cubic metres in August, down 4.2% from August 2000. Year-to-date receipts were 51 768 035 cubic metres, down 5.0% from the same period in 2000.

Pipeline exports of crude oil totalled 6 071 277 cubic metres, a decrease of 2.8% from August 2000, and pipeline imports were 2 370 792 cubic metres, an increase of 0.5%. Year-to-date exports totalled 50 832 460 cubic metres, up 4.2% from the same period of 2000. Year-to-date imports stood at 18 732 988 cubic metres, a rise of 9.2%.

August deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries totalled 6 281 841 cubic

metres, up 1.1% from August 2000. Deliveries of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products decreased 22.7% to 452 384 cubic metres. Year-to-date deliveries of crude oil to refineries totalled 47 197 675 cubic metres, up 0.5% from the same period in 2000.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 133-0001 to 133-0005,**

The August 2001 issue of *Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products*, Vol. 51, no. 8 (55-001-XIB, \$9/\$86) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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## **Aircraft movement statistics**

November 2001 (preliminary)

In November, 387,638 take-offs and landings were recorded at the 43 Canadian airports with Nav Canada air traffic control towers, down 2.4% from November 2000.

The November monthly report is available on Transport Canada's Web site at this URL: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/report/TP143e/tp143.htm>.

For more information concerning this Web site, contact Michel Villeneuve (613-990-3825; [villenm@tc.gc.ca](mailto:villenm@tc.gc.ca)) or Sheila Rajani (613-993-9822; [rajanis@tc.gc.ca](mailto:rajanis@tc.gc.ca)).

November statistics for the 55 Canadian airports with Nav Canada flight service stations are also available.

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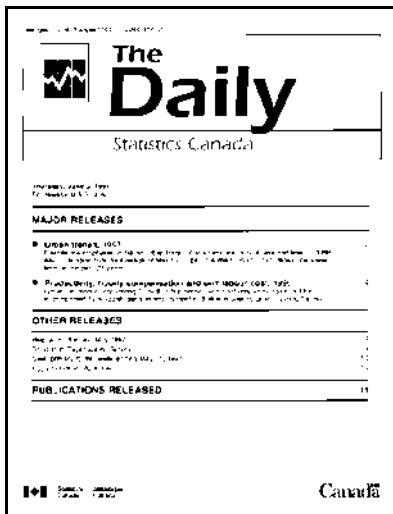
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