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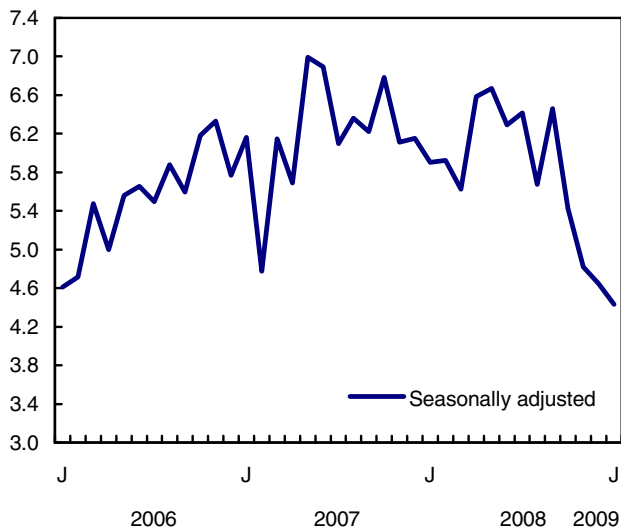
In the residential sector, the value of permits fell 17.5% to \$2.2 billion with declines in both multi-family and single-family permits.

The value of permits in the non-residential sector increased 12.2% to \$2.3 billion. This was due mainly to higher construction intentions for institutional and commercial permits in Ontario.

The total value of intentions fell in every province except Ontario, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island.

The value of permits decreases in January

\$ billions



Residential sector: Intentions down for both single- and multi-family permits

Municipalities issued \$696 million worth of permits for multi-family dwellings in January, down 36.2% from December.

Ontario accounted for most of the decline at the national level, although seven provinces reported a

Note to readers

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

The Building Permits Survey covers 2,400 municipalities representing 95% of the population. It provides an early indication of building activity. The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small, and their levels of building activity have little impact on the total.

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

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

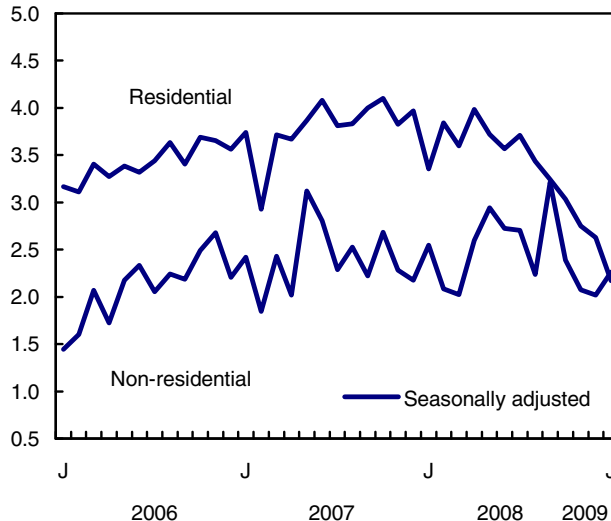
decrease. Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and British Columbia were the only provinces showing increases.

The value of single-family permits decreased 4.3% to \$1.5 billion. Alberta, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia accounted for January's drop.

Municipalities approved 11,065 new dwellings in January, down 19.4%. This was mainly due to a 33.0% decrease in multi-family units to 5,180. The number of single-family units approved declined 1.9% to 5,885 units.

The non-residential sector increases while the residential sector retreats

\$ billions



Non-residential sector: Increases in both institutional and commercial components

Strong growth in the values of both institutional and commercial permits in Ontario was the main factor behind January's increase in the non-residential sector.

Permits in the institutional component increased by 64.2% to \$833 million. This increase was largely the result of higher construction intentions for medical buildings in Ontario.

In the commercial component, the value of permits increased 12.4% to \$1.2 billion. The increase resulted mostly from higher construction intentions for storage and recreational buildings in Ontario.

The value of industrial permits remained volatile and fell 50.7% to \$207 million, following a 30.7% increase in December. January's decline was due mostly to lower construction intentions for manufacturing buildings in Quebec and Ontario.

Permits down in most provinces

The value of building permits fell in seven provinces in January.

The most significant declines occurred in Quebec (-19.8% to \$960 million and Alberta (-22.4% to \$585 million). In both, the decrease was due to lower construction intentions in the residential and non-residential sectors.

Ontario reported a 13.1% increase to \$2.0 billion. This was a result of higher construction intentions in institutional and commercial buildings, which more than offset a decrease in the value of residential permits.

Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island also reported an increase as a result of gains in both residential and non-residential sectors.

Metropolitan areas: Large decreases in Toronto and Montréal

The total value of permits was down in 19 of the 34 census metropolitan areas.

Permit values declined 12.9% in Toronto, as lower construction intentions in the multi-family component more than offset increases in the non-residential sector and single-family permits.

In Montréal, permit values fell 19.7% as a result of decreases in both residential and non-residential sectors.

In contrast, Barrie and Oshawa posted the largest increases, mainly the result of higher construction intentions in the institutional component.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2802.

The January 2009 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001-XWE, free) will soon be available.

The building permit release for February will be on April 6.

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Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area¹

	September 2008	October 2008	November 2008	December 2008 ^r	January 2009 ^p	December 2008 to January 2009
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions					% change
Total	4,379.2	3,863.3	3,486.5	3,491.6	3,147.3	-9.9
St. John's	41.2	52.3	43.9	59.3	28.6	-51.7
Halifax	70.9	54.9	58.3	28.6	30.1	5.2
Moncton	27.4	24.6	13.5	20.6	10.0	-51.6
Saint John	27.8	24.1	27.2	28.2	10.2	-64.0
Saguenay	36.1	15.7	26.2	170.0	12.0	-92.9
Québec	147.5	116.0	78.5	101.0	128.5	27.2
Sherbrooke	26.6	30.8	29.3	18.4	20.0	9.2
Trois-Rivières	30.5	35.6	48.6	25.8	11.5	-55.5
Montréal	555.1	605.0	561.0	534.2	428.8	-19.7
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	246.3	279.7	189.7	134.7	142.7	6.0
Gatineau part	55.0	50.0	62.8	83.6	60.3	-27.9
Ottawa part	191.3	229.7	126.9	51.1	82.4	61.4
Kingston	15.5	16.1	13.2	10.7	11.6	8.3
Peterborough	11.4	19.1	13.7	6.1	6.2	2.3
Oshawa	61.3	15.8	59.1	19.7	116.7	493.1
Toronto	1,065.6	840.6	684.5	1,094.2	953.6	-12.9
Hamilton	112.9	72.6	59.0	87.2	31.3	-64.1
St. Catharines-Niagara	58.6	23.8	35.4	34.6	12.7	-63.2
Kitchener	58.8	79.3	89.1	85.5	48.0	-43.9
Brantford	31.8	13.5	10.4	10.9	8.1	-26.2
Guelph	17.1	84.2	8.5	5.2	8.1	54.7
London	77.7	52.9	29.1	48.1	40.6	-15.4
Windsor	16.9	11.1	12.8	6.5	23.7	265.4
Barrie	18.5	29.1	24.9	18.0	229.2	1,171.1
Greater Sudbury	31.8	23.8	16.2	35.0	8.1	-76.9
Thunder Bay	8.0	8.3	8.4	5.7	5.7	-0.1
Winnipeg	121.3	83.2	65.8	84.1	66.0	-21.5
Regina	29.5	36.0	47.2	42.3	72.8	72.2
Saskatoon	180.0	54.6	38.3	48.3	53.5	10.7
Calgary	272.7	318.6	457.9	200.1	174.3	-12.9
Edmonton	349.9	274.9	292.4	286.3	237.4	-17.1
Kelowna	70.0	34.3	30.6	15.8	38.6	144.0
Abbotsford	6.4	16.2	8.3	3.6	5.7	58.6
Vancouver	476.8	456.6	356.1	193.3	139.2	-28.0
Victoria	77.4	59.9	49.3	29.5	33.7	14.3

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1. Go online to view the census subdivisions that comprise the census metropolitan areas.

Note: Data may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

Value of building permits, by province and territory

	September 2008	October 2008	November 2008	December 2008 ^r	January 2009 ^p	December 2008 to January 2009
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions					% change
Canada	6,458.2	5,426.1	4,820.8	4,647.1	4,432.7	-4.6
Residential	3,244.6	3,036.8	2,748.7	2,630.2	2,169.1	-17.5
Non-residential	3,213.7	2,389.2	2,072.0	2,016.8	2,263.6	12.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	67.9	75.1	66.4	83.0	51.7	-37.7
Residential	46.6	46.3	56.1	69.8	49.1	-29.7
Non-residential	21.3	28.8	10.4	13.1	2.6	-80.4
Prince Edward Island	23.5	17.8	17.6	16.2	22.8	41.0
Residential	11.5	9.0	8.5	14.2	16.2	13.8
Non-residential	12.0	8.7	9.1	2.0	6.6	236.8
Nova Scotia	141.1	103.1	107.6	102.4	88.4	-13.6
Residential	61.5	59.0	48.2	47.5	50.2	5.7
Non-residential	79.6	44.1	59.4	54.9	38.2	-30.4
New Brunswick	114.2	105.9	78.9	94.9	75.6	-20.3
Residential	67.1	48.1	49.6	41.9	42.9	2.5
Non-residential	47.1	57.8	29.3	53.0	32.7	-38.3
Quebec	1,202.5	1,283.3	1,104.6	1,197.8	960.3	-19.8
Residential	770.3	754.4	750.6	685.9	650.7	-5.1
Non-residential	432.2	529.0	354.0	511.9	309.5	-39.5
Ontario	2,428.3	1,845.7	1,497.8	1,770.5	2,003.2	13.1
Residential	1,051.3	1,078.1	914.1	1,065.3	766.8	-28.0
Non-residential	1,377.0	767.6	583.8	705.2	1,236.4	75.3
Manitoba	178.4	142.5	101.7	119.8	114.2	-4.7
Residential	115.9	93.9	71.8	83.6	74.6	-10.8
Non-residential	62.6	48.6	29.9	36.1	39.6	9.5
Saskatchewan	329.2	140.4	154.8	138.8	183.7	32.4
Residential	79.3	90.7	75.0	71.0	100.4	41.5
Non-residential	249.9	49.7	79.8	67.8	83.3	22.8
Alberta	1,031.8	830.6	1,045.2	754.6	585.4	-22.4
Residential	439.4	429.3	438.7	361.0	225.0	-37.7
Non-residential	592.4	401.3	606.6	393.5	360.4	-8.4
British Columbia	913.5	861.1	604.9	357.3	345.4	-3.3
Residential	585.7	413.7	326.1	187.0	191.6	2.4
Non-residential	327.8	447.4	278.9	170.3	153.9	-9.6
Yukon	5.3	6.7	7.0	2.7	1.4	-46.6
Residential	4.0	4.4	6.3	2.7	1.3	-53.4
Non-residential	1.3	2.3	0.8	0.0	0.2	1,627.3
Northwest Territories	9.7	9.1	26.9	9.1	0.4	-95.1
Residential	0.8	5.4	0.8	0.3	0.3	9.8
Non-residential	9.0	3.8	26.1	8.9	0.2	-98.2
Nunavut	13.0	4.7	7.0	0.0	0.0	...
Residential	11.3	4.6	3.0	0.0	0.0	...
Non-residential	1.6	0.1	4.1	0.0	0.0	...

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Performing arts 2007

Canada's live performing arts industry generated operating revenues of \$1.2 billion in 2007, up 2.8% from the previous year. These revenues were split almost equally between the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors.

The operating profit margin for the industry as a whole rose slightly from 5.7% in 2006 to 5.9%.

For the for-profit companies, the margin rose from 10.3% in 2006 to 11.6% in 2007, while for not-for-profit companies, it declined from 1.2% to 0.1%. All performing arts disciplines posted a surplus, except not-for-profit theatre, which incurred a loss of 1.6%.

Musical groups and artists (everything from orchestras to rock groups) accounted for 29% of total operating revenue in 2007, while theatre companies accounted for 27%.

The remaining 44% was split among musical theatre groups, including opera companies, as well as dance companies and a miscellaneous category that includes circuses and ice skating shows.

Operating expenses for the industry totalled just under \$1.2 billion. Nearly one-third of operating expenses of performing arts companies consisted of salaries, wages and benefits paid to employees.

The salary and wage expense does not include fees paid to contract workers.

Note: All data in this release are expressed in current dollars

Available on CANSIM: table 361-0009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3108.

Selected details from the 2007 Survey of Service Industries: Performing Arts are available online in the publication *Performing Arts* (87F0003XWE, free), from the *Publications* module of our website. These tables include breakdowns of data by province and industry (North American Industrial Classification System). Researchers can request special tabulations on a cost-recovery basis.

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Selected financial statistics for performing arts, by industry and type of establishment

	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Operating revenue		Operating expenses		Operating profit margin	
	\$ thousands				%	
All						
Theatre (except musical) companies	341,556	333,617	334,695	330,365	2.0	1.0
Musical theatre and opera companies (including dinner theatre)	170,783	181,550	169,154	175,431	1.0	3.4
Dance companies	x	x	x	x	x	x
Musical groups and artists	335,461	362,047	283,350	308,579	15.5	14.8
Other performing arts companies (including multidisciplinary)	x	x	x	x	x	x
Total	1,207,630	1,241,265	1,139,372	1,167,722	5.7	5.9
For-profit						
Theatre (except musical) companies	46,993	44,314	41,880	36,351	10.9	18.0
Musical theatre and opera companies (including dinner theatre)	94,588	102,672	93,487	99,303	1.2	3.3
Dance companies	x	x	x	x	x	x
Musical groups and artists	182,159	210,860	131,413	157,851	27.9	25.1
Other performing arts companies (including multidisciplinary)	x	x	x	x	x	x
Total	590,616	628,454	530,011	555,546	10.3	11.6
Not-for-profit						
Theatre (except musical) companies	294,563	289,303	292,814	294,014	0.6	-1.6
Musical theatre and opera companies (including dinner theatre)	76,195	78,878	75,667	76,128	0.7	3.5
Dance companies	80,645	81,643	76,389	79,726	5.3	2.3
Musical groups and artists	153,296	151,187	151,937	150,728	0.9	0.3
Other performing arts companies (including multidisciplinary)	12,309	11,800	12,554	11,580	-2.0	1.9
Total	617,008	612,811	609,361	612,176	1.2	0.1

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Farm product prices

January 2009

Prices received by farmers in January for grains, oilseeds, specialty crops, potatoes, cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs and dairy products are now available.

The January Ontario feeder cattle price was \$96.97 per hundredweight, up 4% from December 2008, and up 22% from January 2008 when the price was \$79.68.

The Saskatchewan flaxseed price in January was \$460.45 per metric tonne, down 4% from December 2008. The flaxseed price in Saskatchewan has decreased 12% from January 2008 when it stood at \$520.69.

Farm commodity prices are now available on CANSIM. Prices for over 35 commodities are available by province, some series going back 20 years.

Available on CANSIM: table 002-0043.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3436.

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Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports

2008

The number of aircraft take-offs and landings at Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and/or flight service stations continued to increase in 2008. These 95 airports reported 6.21 million movements in 2008 compared with 6.07 million movements in 2007, up 2.3% (+140,518 movements).

Itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) were up 2.1% (+88,081 movements) in 2008 compared with a year earlier.

Local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) increased 2.9% (+52,437 movements) in 2008 compared with 2007.

Available on CANSIM: tables 401-0023 to 401-0036.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

The 2008 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: NAV CANADA Towers and Flight Service Stations: Annual Report (TP 577)* (51-209-XWE, free), will soon be available.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Poultry and eggs

October to December 2008

Year-end figures for egg production in 2008 reached 579.9 million dozen, up 0.4% from 2007. The value of eggs was \$823.0 million, an increase of 7.9% from 2007. In December 2008, production was up 1.6% compared with December of 2007.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0017 to 003-0020, 003-0022, 003-0038, 003-0039 and 003-0079.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3425 and 5039.

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Domestic travel

First quarter 2008 (preliminary)

The preliminary data of domestic travel from the Travel Survey of Residents of Canada for the first quarter of 2008 are now available.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3810.

For more information, or to obtain data, contact Client Services (613-951-9169; 1-800-307-3382; fax: 613-951-2909; cult.tourstats@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the concepts, questionnaires, methods or data quality of this release, contact Marinka Ménard (613-951-9602; marinka.menard@statcan.gc.ca), Culture Tourism, and the Centre for Education Statistics. ■

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