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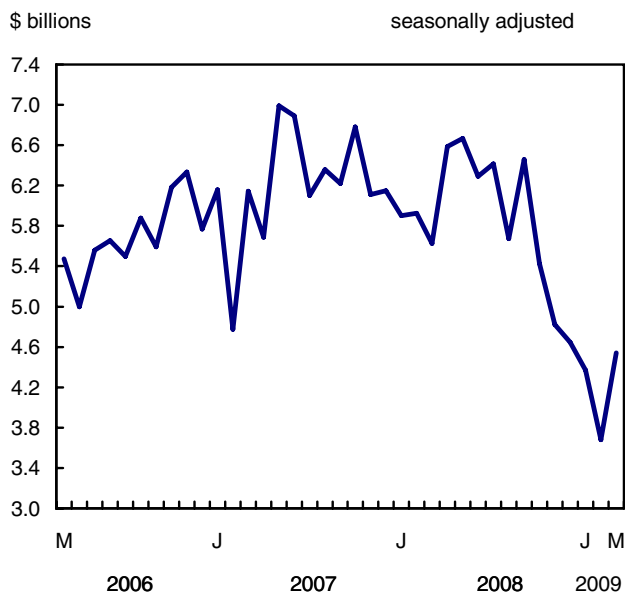
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Value of permits increases in March



Intentions in the non-residential sector rose 47.9% to \$2.3 billion, in the wake of increases in the commercial and institutional components in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta.

In the residential sector, the value of permits advanced 5.0% to \$2.2 billion. This increase was

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.

the result of higher construction intentions in both multi-family and single-family permits.

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

Following a 30.0% decrease in February, the value of the non-residential sector increased in six provinces, mainly as a result of gains in the commercial and institutional components.

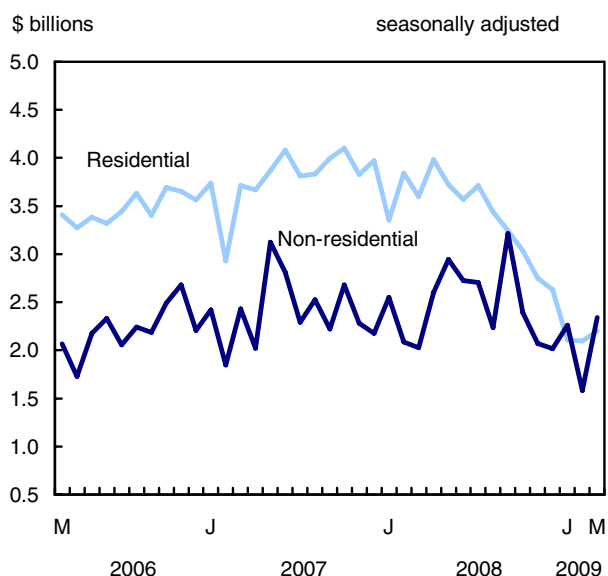
In the commercial component, the value of permits increased 45.6% to \$1.4 billion. This increase came mostly from higher construction intentions for office buildings in Ontario.

Permits in the institutional component increased 89.2% to \$722 million, following a 54.2% decline in February. This increase was largely the result of higher construction intentions for medical buildings in British Columbia and government and education buildings in Ontario.

In the industrial component, the value of permits fell 8.8% to \$216 million following a 14.7% increase in February. The decline in March was due to lower

construction intentions in Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Both the non-residential and residential sectors increase



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

Municipalities issued \$817 million worth of multi-family permits in March, up 7.3% from February. Quebec and Alberta accounted for most of the increase, although four other provinces showed higher intentions for the construction of multiple dwellings. In contrast, British Columbia posted a large decline.

Single-family permits halted their eight-month decline, increasing 3.7% to \$1.4 billion. Ontario and Alberta accounted for most of the gain.

Municipalities approved 11,305 new dwellings in March, up 10.5%. This was due to a 26.5% increase in multi-family units to 6,479. The number of single-family units approved declined 5.6% to 4,826 units.

Permits up in half of the provinces

The value of building permits increased in half of the provinces in March.

The most significant increases occurred in Ontario (+45.7% to \$1.8 billion), Quebec (+30.3% to \$1.0 billion) and Alberta (+34.1% to \$696 million). The increases were mostly a result of higher construction intentions in the non-residential sector.

Declines occurred in the Atlantic provinces, except for Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as Manitoba and British Columbia.

Permits up in most census metropolitan areas

The total value of permits was up in 24 of the 34 census metropolitan areas.

Permits values increased in Toronto as higher construction intentions in all non-residential components more than offset decreases in the residential sector.

The increase in permit value in Edmonton came from both the residential and non-residential sectors.

The value of building permits in Vancouver fell 42% to \$192 millions, the sixth decline in seven months. This was a result of drops in all components except for permits for industrial projects.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2802.

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

The April building permit estimate will be released on June 4.

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Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area¹

	November 2008	December 2008	January 2009	February 2009 ^r	March 2009 ^p	February to March 2009
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions					% change
Total	3,486.5	3,491.6	3,147.6	2,597.6	3,450.9	32.8
St. John's	43.9	59.3	27.2	41.5	76.0	83.1
Halifax	58.3	28.6	30.2	46.9	27.7	-41.0
Moncton	13.5	20.6	10.0	68.8	16.4	-76.2
Saint John	27.2	28.2	10.2	21.8	15.3	-29.8
Saguenay	26.2	170.0	11.9	6.8	13.5	99.8
Québec	78.5	101.0	129.0	84.9	145.6	71.5
Sherbrooke	29.3	18.4	19.8	16.3	33.3	104.5
Trois-Rivières	48.6	25.8	11.5	13.3	19.5	46.7
Montréal	561.0	534.2	423.4	332.6	407.7	22.6
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	189.7	134.7	142.9	146.5	233.0	59.0
Gatineau part	62.8	83.6	59.4	35.7	42.6	19.1
Ottawa part	126.9	51.1	83.4	110.8	190.4	71.9
Kingston	13.2	10.7	11.6	18.4	5.3	-71.3
Peterborough	13.7	6.1	6.3	4.9	9.1	85.3
Oshawa	59.1	19.7	117.1	19.1	20.6	7.7
Toronto	684.5	1,094.2	960.9	569.7	917.3	61.0
Hamilton	59.0	87.2	32.0	39.3	138.0	250.6
St. Catharines-Niagara	35.4	34.6	13.0	37.5	42.6	13.4
Kitchener	89.1	85.5	47.7	66.1	115.4	74.6
Brantford	10.4	10.9	8.2	15.8	32.3	105.1
Guelph	8.5	5.2	8.2	20.8	16.1	-22.2
London	29.1	48.1	40.9	29.1	51.4	76.5
Windsor	12.8	6.5	23.8	10.1	8.5	-16.0
Barrie	24.9	18.0	229.5	4.2	16.5	295.6
Greater Sudbury	16.2	35.0	8.3	18.7	14.1	-25.0
Thunder Bay	8.4	5.7	5.7	5.2	2.9	-43.3
Winnipeg	65.8	84.1	61.7	50.1	54.9	9.6
Regina	47.2	42.3	73.3	38.2	31.9	-16.5
Saskatoon	38.3	48.3	53.9	26.1	37.3	43.1
Calgary	457.9	200.1	175.2	197.1	236.5	20.0
Edmonton	292.4	286.3	236.7	166.9	295.1	76.8
Kelowna	30.6	15.8	38.7	20.7	38.6	86.0
Abbotsford	8.3	3.6	5.7	9.2	26.7	191.1
Vancouver	356.1	193.3	139.5	331.3	192.2	-42.0
Victoria	49.3	29.5	33.8	119.7	159.7	33.4

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

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

Value of building permits, by province and territory

	November 2008	December 2008	January 2009	February 2009 ^r	March 2009 ^p	February to March 2009
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions					% change
Canada	4,820.8	4,647.1	4,370.0	3,679.3	4,543.1	23.5
Residential	2,748.7	2,630.2	2,108.5	2,096.3	2,201.2	5.0
Non-residential	2,072.0	2,016.8	2,261.5	1,583.1	2,341.9	47.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	66.4	83.0	49.3	61.2	94.6	54.6
Residential	56.1	69.8	44.6	53.3	65.0	22.0
Non-residential	10.4	13.1	4.7	7.9	29.6	273.7
Prince Edward Island	17.6	16.2	12.6	46.1	12.3	-73.3
Residential	8.5	14.2	6.7	6.5	6.6	1.1
Non-residential	9.1	2.0	5.8	39.6	5.8	-85.5
Nova Scotia	107.6	102.4	88.3	83.2	62.1	-25.4
Residential	48.2	47.5	50.1	63.1	45.1	-28.6
Non-residential	59.4	54.9	38.2	20.0	17.0	-15.1
New Brunswick	78.9	94.9	75.3	116.8	58.8	-49.7
Residential	49.6	41.9	42.7	37.0	40.4	9.2
Non-residential	29.3	53.0	32.6	79.8	18.3	-77.0
Quebec	1,104.6	1,197.8	933.6	767.5	1,000.3	30.3
Residential	750.6	685.9	619.9	525.0	609.8	16.2
Non-residential	354.0	511.9	313.7	242.4	390.5	61.1
Ontario	1,497.8	1,770.5	2,009.4	1,246.6	1,816.6	45.7
Residential	914.1	1,065.3	779.0	745.3	769.2	3.2
Non-residential	583.8	705.2	1,230.4	501.3	1,047.4	109.0
Manitoba	101.7	119.8	109.5	116.7	89.6	-23.2
Residential	71.8	83.6	70.1	64.6	66.1	2.3
Non-residential	29.9	36.1	39.4	52.1	23.5	-54.9
Saskatchewan	154.8	138.8	181.0	98.7	117.7	19.2
Residential	75.0	71.0	97.8	51.3	56.4	9.8
Non-residential	79.8	67.8	83.3	47.3	61.3	29.4
Alberta	1,045.2	754.6	573.2	519.2	696.5	34.1
Residential	438.7	361.0	219.5	237.0	309.3	30.5
Non-residential	606.6	393.5	353.7	282.2	387.2	37.2
British Columbia	604.9	357.3	331.5	614.6	584.6	-4.9
Residential	326.1	187.0	174.2	309.0	223.8	-27.6
Non-residential	278.9	170.3	157.4	305.6	360.7	18.0
Yukon	7.0	2.7	5.8	3.8	2.4	-36.7
Residential	6.3	2.7	3.6	2.6	2.3	-10.5
Non-residential	0.8	0.0	2.2	1.2	0.1	-92.2
Northwest Territories	26.9	9.1	0.4	4.0	1.7	-57.1
Residential	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.2	131.4
Non-residential	26.1	8.9	0.2	3.5	0.6	-84.3
Nunavut	7.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	6.0	518.5
Residential	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	6.0	518.5
Non-residential	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...

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Farm product prices

March 2009

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

The March Alberta slaughter cattle price was \$86.46 per hundredweight, up 11.2% from February, and up 16.4% from March 2008 when the price was \$74.29.

The Ontario wheat price was \$173.35 per metric tonne in March, down 10.6% from February. The wheat price in Ontario has decreased 37.4% from March 2008 when it stood at \$276.75.

Note: 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.

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Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports

February 2009

The number of take-offs and landings at the 117 airports without air traffic control towers

reached 33,165 movements in February, down 9.5% compared with the 36,655 take-offs and landings for the 117 airports reported in February 2008. Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador, was the most active site in February with 1,815 movements.

Available on CANSIM: tables 401-0021 and 401-0022.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

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Newspaper publishers

2007

Data on the newspaper publishing industry are now available for 2007.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4710.

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