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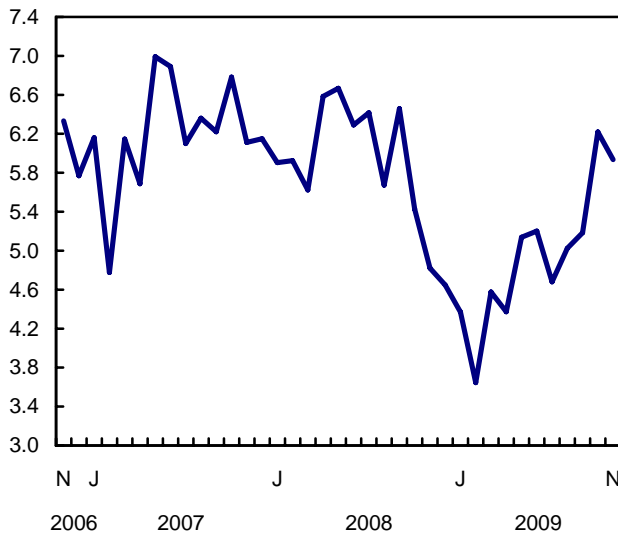
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The decline in November was due to decreases in the non-residential sector, which outweighed increases in the residential sector.

Total value of permits

\$ billions seasonally adjusted



In the residential sector, the value of permits continued its upward trend. Construction intentions, which have started to approach their pre-downturn levels, rose 9.1% to \$3.8 billion in November, a fourth consecutive monthly increase. Ontario and British Columbia accounted for most of the gains at the national level.

In the non-residential sector, municipalities issued \$2.1 billion worth of permits in November, down 21.9% from October. This decrease occurred mainly as a result of declines in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec.

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.

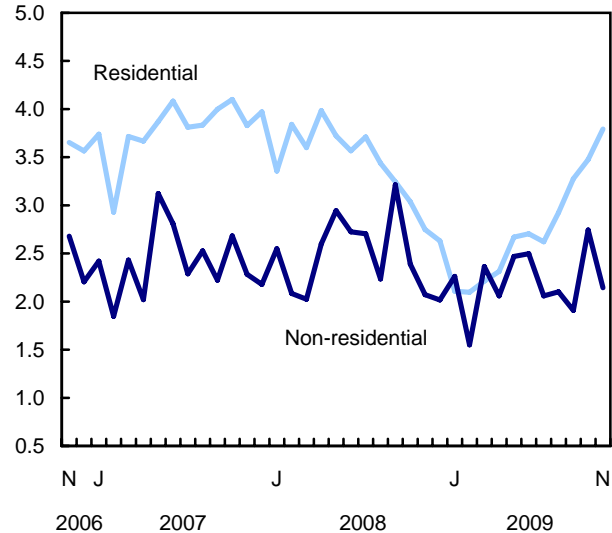
The value of planned construction activities shown in this release excludes engineering projects (e.g., waterworks, sewers or culverts) and land.

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 total value of building intentions fell in four provinces: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec and Prince Edward Island.

Residential and non-residential sectors

\$ billions seasonally adjusted



Non-residential sector: Decreases in industrial and institutional components

Building intentions declined in the industrial and institutional components of the non-residential sector in November.

In the industrial component, intentions fell 57.6% to \$296 million in November, following strong gains in October. Overall, seven provinces reported lower construction intentions, in particular Alberta, Quebec and Ontario.

In the institutional component, municipalities issued permits worth \$675 million, down 26.4% following a 53.1% gain in October. Alberta and Saskatchewan posted the largest declines. This was mainly as a result of decreases in building permits for educational buildings projects.

The value of commercial building permits increased 3.9% to \$1.2 billion. The advance was due primarily to construction intentions for recreational buildings and office buildings in Alberta and British Columbia.

Residential sector: Higher intentions for single- and multi-family permits

Municipalities issued \$1.3 billion worth of building permits for multi-family dwellings in November, 23.3% more than in October. This was fuelled by higher construction intentions in seven provinces, in particular, Ontario and British Columbia.

The value of building permits for single-family dwellings increased for a ninth consecutive month, rising 2.9% in November to \$2.5 billion. Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and British Columbia posted the largest increases. Quebec registered a significant decline in single-family construction intentions.

Nationally, municipalities approved the construction of 17,589 new dwelling units in November, up 9.7%.

The increase was largely attributable to multi-family dwellings, which increased 16.7% to 8,850 units in November. The number of single-family dwellings approved rose 3.4% to 8,739 units.

Largest declines in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec

The value of building permits decreased in four provinces, offsetting the increases in the other six provinces.

The largest declines occurred in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec. These provinces

recorded declines mainly in the value of permits in the non-residential sector, which had increased in October.

Ontario posted the largest advance in November, reflecting gains in single- and multi-family dwellings as well as in institutional permits.

Ontario was followed by British Columbia, which registered gains in single and multiple dwellings and in the commercial component of the non-residential sector.

Value of permits down in half of the metropolitan areas

The total value of permits declined in half of the 34 census metropolitan areas.

The largest declines were in Calgary and Toronto. In both municipalities, the increase in the value of residential permits was insufficient to offset declines in all three components of the non-residential sector.

In contrast, Vancouver and Hamilton registered increases. In Vancouver, the gain originated from multiple-family dwellings as well as from the commercial and institutional components of the non-residential sector.

In Hamilton, the increase came from building permits for the residential sector and for commercial buildings.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2802.

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

Building permits data for December will be released on February 4.

To order data, contact Jasmine Gaudreault (toll-free 1-800-579-8533; 613-951-6321; bdp_information@statcan.gc.ca). For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Nicole Charron (613-951-0087), Investment and Capital Stock Division. □

Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area¹

	November 2008	September 2009	October 2009 ^p	November 2009 ^r	October to November 2009	November 2008 to November 2009
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions				% change	
Total	3,486.5	3,772.0	4,601.3	4,469.5	-2.9	28.2
St. John's	43.9	29.0	37.8	53.1	40.6	21.1
Halifax	58.3	55.7	46.9	69.1	47.3	18.5
Moncton	13.5	21.5	31.9	18.6	-41.8	37.3
Saint John	27.2	76.8	16.4	22.1	34.4	-18.7
Saguenay	26.2	19.5	25.2	14.2	-43.7	-45.9
Québec	78.5	187.5	129.3	137.1	6.0	74.6
Sherbrooke	29.3	31.0	30.9	31.6	2.3	7.8
Trois-Rivières	48.6	37.7	35.0	39.5	12.9	-18.7
Montréal	561.0	507.8	577.6	535.7	-7.2	-4.5
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	189.7	189.4	190.8	279.8	46.7	47.5
Gatineau part	62.8	41.2	34.1	34.6	1.3	-44.9
Ottawa part	126.9	148.2	156.6	245.3	56.6	93.2
Kingston	13.2	97.4	11.5	12.8	11.9	-2.9
Peterborough	13.7	9.9	27.9	11.7	-58.1	-14.9
Oshawa	59.1	60.9	88.5	73.8	-16.5	24.9
Toronto	684.5	733.8	1,056.1	962.5	-8.9	40.6
Hamilton	59.0	50.5	60.2	158.2	162.8	168.1
St. Catharines-Niagara	35.4	79.8	28.2	74.4	164.0	110.0
Kitchener	89.1	108.4	79.9	104.9	31.3	17.7
Brantford	10.4	7.3	5.3	4.7	-10.0	-54.4
Guelph	8.5	13.6	32.2	27.8	-13.5	228.9
London	29.1	93.3	57.1	110.7	94.0	280.6
Windsor	12.8	15.4	36.1	22.7	-37.1	78.0
Barrie	24.9	11.9	38.4	19.1	-50.2	-23.1
Greater Sudbury	16.2	15.5	33.2	21.5	-35.3	33.2
Thunder Bay	8.4	10.5	12.7	6.0	-53.0	-29.0
Winnipeg	65.8	57.8	80.2	139.3	73.7	111.6
Regina	47.2	29.9	85.6	33.4	-61.0	-29.2
Saskatoon	38.3	58.9	127.3	47.9	-62.4	25.1
Calgary	457.9	311.1	593.6	312.4	-47.4	-31.8
Edmonton	292.4	363.4	594.3	526.6	-11.4	80.1
Kelowna	30.6	30.2	25.9	33.0	27.3	8.1
Abbotsford-Mission	8.3	13.8	14.0	12.3	-12.2	47.8
Vancouver	356.1	376.9	344.9	484.2	40.4	36.0
Victoria	49.3	65.9	46.4	68.6	47.9	39.2

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

	November 2008	September 2009	October 2009 ^r	November 2009 ^p	October to November 2009	November 2008 to November 2009
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions				% change	
Canada	4,820.8	5,184.5	6,220.0	5,935.1	-4.6	23.1
Residential	2,748.7	3,276.1	3,475.6	3,791.9	9.1	37.9
Non-residential	2,072.0	1,908.4	2,744.4	2,143.2	-21.9	3.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	66.4	51.9	68.5	81.8	19.4	23.2
Residential	56.1	41.5	41.6	66.1	59.0	17.9
Non-residential	10.4	10.4	26.9	15.7	-41.6	52.0
Prince Edward Island	17.6	20.3	14.1	11.1	-21.3	-37.0
Residential	8.5	12.9	10.3	6.9	-32.3	-18.5
Non-residential	9.1	7.5	3.9	4.2	7.9	-54.4
Nova Scotia	107.6	124.9	105.7	137.7	30.2	27.9
Residential	48.2	86.0	61.4	70.4	14.7	46.0
Non-residential	59.4	38.9	44.3	67.2	51.8	13.3
New Brunswick	78.9	136.7	90.1	97.6	8.3	23.6
Residential	49.6	49.5	54.4	64.0	17.7	29.1
Non-residential	29.3	87.1	35.7	33.6	-6.0	14.4
Quebec	1,104.6	1,175.7	1,260.4	1,114.5	-11.6	0.9
Residential	750.6	733.0	787.8	772.8	-1.9	3.0
Non-residential	354.0	442.7	472.6	341.6	-27.7	-3.5
Ontario	1,497.8	1,812.5	2,101.1	2,276.3	8.3	52.0
Residential	914.1	1,110.1	1,236.9	1,442.9	16.6	57.9
Non-residential	583.8	702.3	864.2	833.4	-3.6	42.8
Manitoba	101.7	105.7	135.6	186.4	37.4	83.3
Residential	71.8	74.4	85.2	115.7	35.9	61.2
Non-residential	29.9	31.3	50.5	70.7	39.9	136.4
Saskatchewan	154.8	140.4	276.8	125.3	-54.7	-19.1
Residential	75.0	63.2	77.0	80.6	4.7	7.4
Non-residential	79.8	77.3	199.8	44.7	-77.6	-44.0
Alberta	1,045.2	917.4	1,457.6	1,112.9	-23.7	6.5
Residential	438.7	597.0	635.8	623.3	-2.0	42.1
Non-residential	606.6	320.4	821.8	489.6	-40.4	-19.3
British Columbia	604.9	674.8	671.0	775.9	15.6	28.3
Residential	326.1	495.4	479.6	536.0	11.8	64.4
Non-residential	278.9	179.4	191.4	239.9	25.3	-14.0
Yukon	7.0	13.2	23.1	7.8	-66.5	10.2
Residential	6.3	8.2	4.9	6.8	40.4	8.8
Non-residential	0.8	5.0	18.3	0.9	-94.9	21.2
Northwest Territories	26.9	5.1	13.7	5.2	-61.7	-80.6
Residential	0.8	1.6	0.5	3.5	590.6	346.4
Non-residential	26.1	3.6	13.1	1.7	-87.0	-93.5
Nunavut	7.0	6.0	2.2	2.6	18.5	-62.6
Residential	3.0	3.3	0.4	2.6	580.1	-11.3
Non-residential	4.1	2.6	1.8	0.0	-99.9	-100.0

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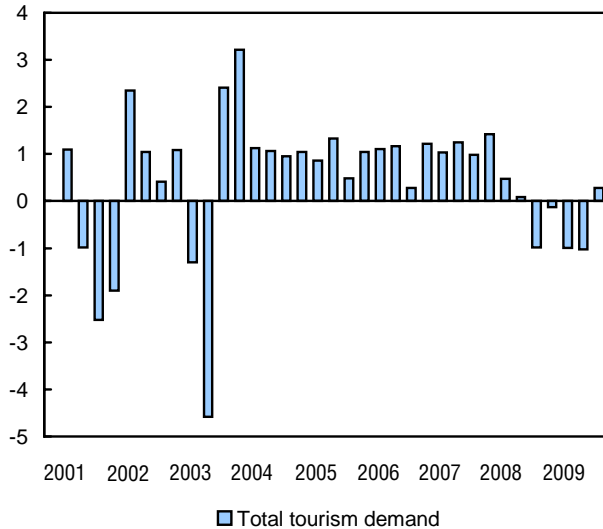
National tourism indicators

Third quarter 2009

Tourism spending in Canada increased 0.3% in real terms in the third quarter, as expenditures by Canadians advanced while those of international visitors fell.

Turnaround in tourism spending

% change - preceding quarter, adjusted for seasonal variation and price change



This was the first increase in tourism spending in five quarters, ending the longest downturn since the early 1990s. From the second quarter of 2008 to the second quarter of 2009, tourism spending fell 3.1% in real terms. This was still well short of the 5.8% drop related to the severe acute respiratory syndrome episode during the first two quarters of 2003.

Spending by Canadians on tourism advances

Spending by Canadians on tourism in Canada increased 0.9% in real terms in the third quarter, following four quarters of decline.

Outlays were higher across all major tourism categories. Spending on accommodation was up 1.6% in the third quarter, following a 2.8% decline in the previous quarter. Expenditures on passenger air

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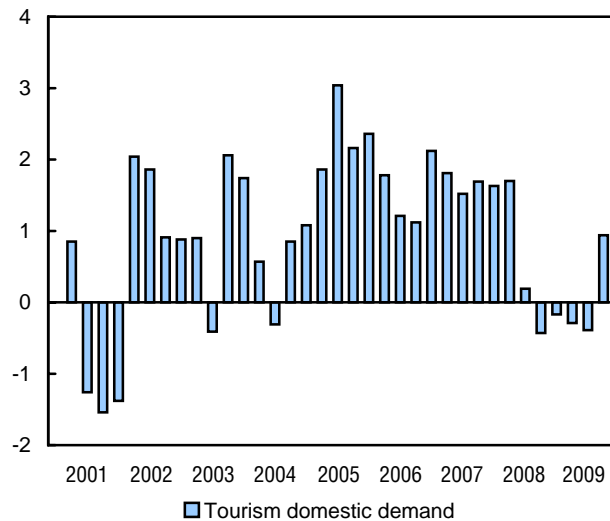
Growth rates of tourism spending and gross domestic product are expressed in real terms (i.e., adjusted for price change) as well as adjusted for seasonal variations, unless otherwise indicated. Employment data are also seasonally adjusted. Associated percentage changes are presented at quarterly rates.

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transportation also rebounded, as travel abroad increased compared with the previous quarter.

Tourism domestic spending advances

% change - preceding quarter, adjusted for seasonal variation and price change



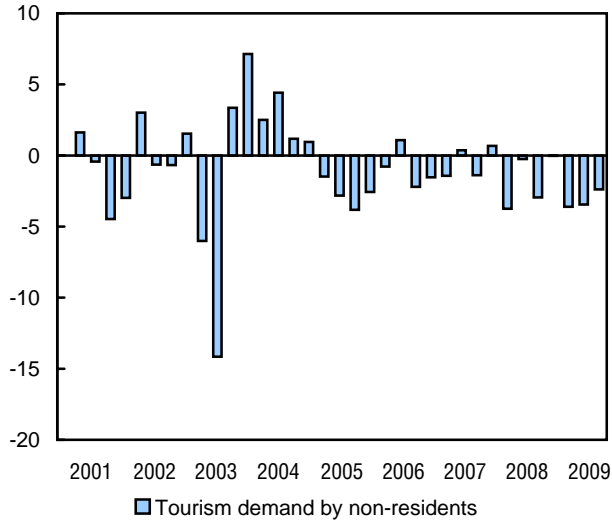
Spending was lower for travel services and other transportation, including by taxi and water.

Spending by international visitors down again

Spending by international visitors fell 2.4% in real terms in the third quarter, the seventh consecutive quarterly decrease. This brought international tourism spending in Canada to a level 15.4% below where it stood in the fourth quarter of 2007.

Non-resident spending declines again

% change - preceding quarter, adjusted for seasonal variation and price change



Outlays by international visitors were down across the board, with weakness notably in recreation and entertainment, vehicle fuel and repairs and parts and accommodation. The number of overnight travellers to Canada from the United States and other countries was down 1.7% during the quarter, while the number of same-day travellers fell 8.6%.

Tourism contributes positively to economic growth

Tourism gross domestic product expanded 0.4% in real terms in the third quarter, the first increase in five quarters. The strength came from renewed activity in the air transportation and accommodation industries. Declines continued in other tourism industries, including recreation and entertainment and travel services.

Tourism employment was unchanged from the previous quarter. Job gains were registered in the air and accommodation industries, while fewer jobs were found in other industries, notably food and beverage services and travel services.

Available on CANSIM: tables 387-0001 to 387-0010.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 1910.

The third quarter 2009 issue of *National Tourism Indicators, Quarterly Estimates* (13-009-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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National tourism indicators

	Third quarter 2008	Fourth quarter 2008	First quarter 2009	Second quarter 2009	Third quarter 2009	Second quarter to third quarter 2009
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions at 2002 prices					% change
Total tourism expenditures						
Tourism demand in Canada	16,702	16,679	16,514	16,346	16,391	0.3
Tourism demand by non-residents	3,532	3,531	3,404	3,287	3,209	-2.4
Tourism domestic demand	13,170	13,148	13,110	13,059	13,182	0.9
Transportation						
Tourism demand in Canada	6,137	6,143	6,050	6,002	6,056	0.9
Tourism demand by non-residents	994	986	943	904	881	-2.6
Tourism domestic demand	5,143	5,158	5,107	5,098	5,176	1.5
Accommodation						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,604	2,596	2,564	2,485	2,494	0.4
Tourism demand by non-residents	835	838	815	786	767	-2.3
Tourism domestic demand	1,770	1,758	1,749	1,699	1,727	1.6
Food and beverage services						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,326	2,320	2,305	2,298	2,298	0.0
Tourism demand by non-residents	543	539	507	483	478	-1.0
Tourism domestic demand	1,782	1,781	1,798	1,815	1,820	0.3
Other tourism commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,681	2,680	2,664	2,637	2,621	-0.6
Tourism demand by non-residents	454	456	449	436	420	-3.8
Tourism domestic demand	2,227	2,224	2,216	2,201	2,201	0.0
Other commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,954	2,940	2,930	2,923	2,921	-0.1
Tourism demand by non-residents	706	712	690	677	663	-2.2
Tourism domestic demand	2,248	2,227	2,240	2,246	2,258	0.5

National tourism indicators

	Third quarter 2008	Fourth quarter 2008	First quarter 2009	Second quarter 2009	Third quarter 2009	Second quarter to third quarter 2009
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions at current prices					% change
Total tourism expenditures						
Tourism demand in Canada	18,904	18,477	18,074	17,781	17,827	0.3
Tourism demand by non-residents	3,890	3,878	3,696	3,542	3,445	-2.8
Tourism domestic demand	15,014	14,599	14,378	14,239	14,382	1.0
Transportation						
Tourism demand in Canada	7,307	6,870	6,581	6,448	6,515	1.0
Tourism demand by non-residents	1,097	1,061	998	943	908	-3.7
Tourism domestic demand	6,210	5,809	5,583	5,505	5,606	1.8
Accommodation						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,875	2,897	2,800	2,656	2,639	-0.7
Tourism demand by non-residents	922	936	891	840	812	-3.3
Tourism domestic demand	1,953	1,961	1,909	1,816	1,826	0.6
Food and beverage services						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,729	2,747	2,748	2,759	2,783	0.9
Tourism demand by non-residents	637	638	604	579	578	-0.1
Tourism domestic demand	2,092	2,109	2,144	2,180	2,204	1.1
Other tourism commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,905	2,890	2,860	2,824	2,804	-0.7
Tourism demand by non-residents	507	508	498	484	466	-3.7
Tourism domestic demand	2,398	2,382	2,362	2,340	2,338	-0.1
Other commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	3,087	3,073	3,085	3,094	3,087	-0.2
Tourism demand by non-residents	727	735	706	696	679	-2.3
Tourism domestic demand	2,361	2,337	2,379	2,399	2,407	0.4

Cement

November 2009

Data on cement are now available for November.

Available on CANSIM: tables 303-0060 and 303-0061.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2140.

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Natural gas liquids and liquefied petroleum gases

April to June 2009

Data on the supply and demand for natural gas liquids and liquefied petroleum gases are now available for April to June.

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Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products

September 2009

Data on the net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons, liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products, pipeline exports of crude oil and deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries are now available for September.

Available on CANSIM: tables 133-0001 to 133-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2148 and 2191.

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