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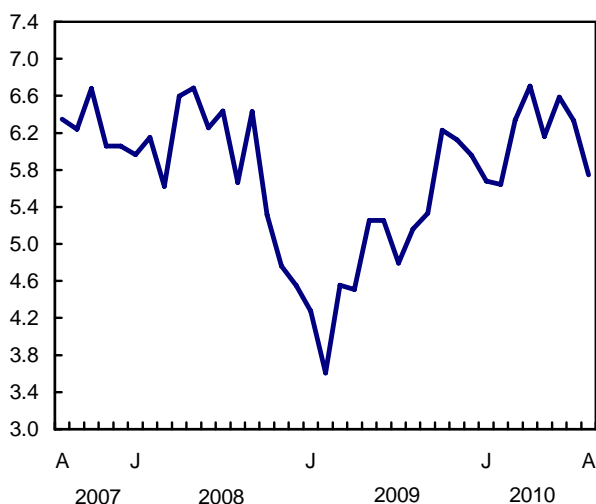
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Total value of permits

\$ billions



In the non-residential sector, municipalities issued \$2.2 billion worth of permits, down 22.9% from July. This decrease occurred mainly as a result of declines in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec.

After four months of decline, the value of the residential sector increased 2.0% to \$3.5 billion, thanks to a substantial gain in permits for multi-family dwellings, particularly in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec.

The total value of building intentions increased in five provinces: New Brunswick, British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Residential sector: Higher intentions for multi-family dwellings

Municipalities issued \$1.5 billion worth of permits for multi-family dwellings in August, up 12.9% from

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.

Revision

Preliminary data are provided for the current reference month. Revised data, based on late responses, are updated for the previous month.

July and the highest value since July 2008. British Columbia accounted for most of the increase, although five other provinces also registered higher intentions for the construction of multi-family dwellings. In contrast, Alberta posted the largest decline.

The value of single-family permits decreased 4.9% to \$2.0 billion. Intentions in this component have fallen in the last five months. Alberta and Ontario accounted for most of the decline at the national level in August.

Municipalities approved the construction of 16,764 new dwellings in August, down 0.3% from July. The 10.8% decrease in the number of single-family dwellings, which totalled 6,488, more than offset the 7.7% increase in the number of multi-family dwellings, which totalled 10,276.

Non-residential sector: Decreases in all three components

Building intentions declined in all three components of the non-residential sector in August.

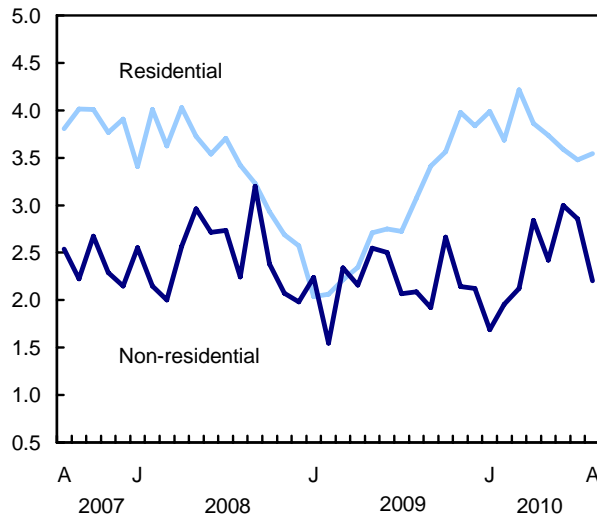
After two consecutive monthly increases that brought the level to a new high, the value of permits in the institutional component fell 38.9% to \$705 million in August. Ontario recorded the largest decrease, due to lower construction intentions for health care facilities. The decrease in Quebec came mostly from lower intentions for educational facilities.

In the commercial component, municipalities issued permits worth \$1.1 billion, down 12.2% from July. Lower construction intentions were spread across a wide variety of buildings, such as office buildings, laboratories and hotels. Commercial building intentions fell in six provinces.

In the industrial component, intentions fell 11.5% to \$369 million, the third consecutive monthly decline. The decrease in August came mostly from manufacturing buildings in Ontario and utility buildings in Alberta. Industrial construction intentions fell in seven provinces.

Residential and non-residential sectors

\$ billions



Largest declines in Ontario and Alberta

In August, the value of building permits was down in five provinces.

The largest decreases occurred in Ontario and Alberta. In Ontario, the decline was the result of lower intentions in the non-residential sector and single-family permits. In Alberta, the decrease came from the residential sector and the industrial component.

The most significant increases were in New Brunswick and British Columbia. In New Brunswick, the increase in the value of permits came mainly from institutional and industrial permits. The gain in British Columbia was due to the residential sector.

Permit values down in more than half of census metropolitan areas

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

The largest declines occurred in St. Catharines–Niagara, Trois-Rivières and Montréal. In St. Catharines–Niagara and Montréal, the decrease came from the non-residential sector after strong increases in the previous month. In Trois-Rivières, the decline came from both residential and non-residential sectors.

In contrast, Vancouver and Saint John posted the largest gains. In Vancouver, the increase was driven by higher construction intentions for multi-family dwellings. In Saint John, the gain was mainly the result of higher institutional permits.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2802.

The August 2010 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001-X, free) will be available soon.

The September building permit data will be released on November 5.

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.

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Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits

	August 2009	June 2010	July 2010 ^r	August 2010 ^p	July to August 2010	August 2009 to August 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	value in \$ millions				% change	
Total	5,159.9	6,587.0	6,333.8	5,748.0	-9.2	11.4
Residential	3,073.7	3,588.3	3,476.7	3,544.5	2.0	15.3
Single ¹	2,208.1	2,168.3	2,137.3	2,032.5	-4.9	-8.0
Multiple	865.6	1,420.1	1,339.4	1,512.1	12.9	74.7
Non-residential	2,086.1	2,998.7	2,857.2	2,203.5	-22.9	5.6
Industrial	293.2	566.3	417.2	369.1	-11.5	25.9
Commercial	1,058.7	1,452.7	1,286.3	1,129.7	-12.2	6.7
Institutional	734.2	979.7	1,153.7	704.6	-38.9	-4.0
	number of units				% change	
Total dwellings	13,880	17,923	16,814	16,764	-0.3	20.8
Single ¹	7,510	7,514	7,275	6,488	-10.8	-13.6
Multiple	6,370	10,409	9,539	10,276	7.7	61.3

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Included in this category are the following types of dwellings: single-detached, mobile home and cottage.

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

Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area¹

	August 2009	June 2010	July 2010 ^r	August 2010 ^p	July to August 2010	August 2009 to August 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions				% change	
Total	3,672.9	4,728.2	4,759.5	4,174.9	-12.3	13.7
St. John's	39.4	116.2	43.8	56.3	28.6	43.1
Halifax	45.2	68.7	64.4	48.7	-24.4	7.6
Moncton	17.5	15.9	31.8	16.8	-46.9	-3.8
Saint John	15.3	11.1	12.5	47.2	277.4	208.1
Saguenay	25.3	34.2	24.7	31.9	29.0	26.0
Québec	152.9	164.3	117.6	129.8	10.4	-15.1
Sherbrooke	37.6	32.9	60.5	30.2	-50.0	-19.5
Trois-Rivières	22.1	31.7	56.1	12.5	-77.7	-43.5
Montréal	497.2	624.4	637.9	595.6	-6.6	19.8
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	199.1	282.7	197.9	214.7	8.5	7.8
Gatineau part	35.6	46.7	45.2	63.9	41.2	79.3
Ottawa part	163.5	236.0	152.7	150.9	-1.2	-7.7
Kingston	16.6	13.4	14.8	30.3	105.1	82.3
Peterborough	34.1	10.7	9.1	8.2	-9.9	-75.8
Oshawa	38.5	105.6	74.4	52.4	-29.6	35.9
Toronto	812.0	998.7	1,018.4	1,021.4	0.3	25.8
Hamilton	44.9	81.5	133.8	158.3	18.3	252.4
St. Catharines–Niagara	39.1	37.1	446.2	27.0	-94.0	-31.0
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	57.7	217.4	96.0	58.5	-39.1	1.4
Brantford	17.6	28.5	29.2	15.1	-48.5	-14.7
Guelph	12.6	28.7	10.4	23.8	128.2	89.4
London	80.9	70.6	101.6	65.3	-35.7	-19.2
Windsor	13.6	77.2	36.0	35.9	-0.1	164.7
Barrie	31.3	53.6	17.3	31.2	81.0	-0.1
Greater Sudbury	28.9	13.3	49.0	14.4	-70.5	-50.1
Thunder Bay	5.7	20.1	11.2	16.0	43.1	182.5
Winnipeg	77.8	90.1	92.3	105.6	14.4	35.8
Regina	37.4	36.0	28.2	50.7	79.9	35.4
Saskatoon	48.0	51.4	79.0	44.2	-44.0	-7.9
Calgary	247.5	372.6	291.7	260.6	-10.7	5.3
Edmonton	360.0	453.7	365.3	329.1	-9.9	-8.6
Kelowna	145.0	26.2	40.5	50.4	24.5	-65.3
Abbotsford–Mission	14.0	10.0	12.3	7.9	-36.0	-43.8
Vancouver	384.9	491.5	497.6	547.8	10.1	42.3
Victoria	73.0	58.1	58.1	36.9	-36.4	-49.4

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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

	August 2009	June 2010	July 2010 ^r	August 2010 ^p	July to August 2010	August 2009 to August 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions				% change	
Canada	5,159.9	6,587.0	6,333.8	5,748.0	-9.2	11.4
Residential	3,073.7	3,588.3	3,476.7	3,544.5	2.0	15.3
Non-residential	2,086.1	2,998.7	2,857.2	2,203.5	-22.9	5.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	63.0	202.0	76.3	82.9	8.6	31.6
Residential	42.7	52.5	47.0	50.1	6.5	17.3
Non-residential	20.3	149.6	29.3	32.8	12.1	61.6
Prince Edward Island	20.0	23.7	17.1	12.7	-25.8	-36.8
Residential	12.8	12.5	11.4	6.9	-39.6	-46.3
Non-residential	7.3	11.2	5.7	5.8	1.6	-20.2
Nova Scotia	107.6	141.0	131.0	109.4	-16.5	1.7
Residential	74.7	90.5	70.6	64.6	-8.6	-13.6
Non-residential	32.9	50.5	60.4	44.8	-25.8	36.4
New Brunswick	82.1	126.5	116.0	125.4	8.1	52.7
Residential	50.6	40.1	50.1	47.3	-5.6	-6.6
Non-residential	31.5	86.4	65.9	78.1	18.5	148.1
Quebec	1,091.3	1,333.2	1,276.2	1,256.3	-1.6	15.1
Residential	744.0	891.3	815.1	868.2	6.5	16.7
Non-residential	347.3	441.9	461.1	388.1	-15.8	11.7
Ontario	1,728.6	2,405.4	2,556.5	2,084.0	-18.5	20.6
Residential	1,076.2	1,095.5	1,186.0	1,220.5	2.9	13.4
Non-residential	652.3	1,309.8	1,370.4	863.5	-37.0	32.4
Manitoba	131.0	151.6	155.4	161.3	3.8	23.1
Residential	70.2	89.0	91.6	105.0	14.6	49.5
Non-residential	60.8	62.5	63.8	56.3	-11.6	-7.4
Saskatchewan	141.2	130.5	160.4	164.7	2.7	16.6
Residential	63.5	82.2	74.4	68.6	-7.8	8.0
Non-residential	77.7	48.3	85.9	96.0	11.8	23.6
Alberta	834.9	1,189.0	959.3	851.9	-11.2	2.0
Residential	571.9	608.3	605.7	481.2	-20.6	-15.9
Non-residential	263.0	580.7	353.6	370.7	4.9	40.9
British Columbia	924.8	850.0	870.7	879.8	1.0	-4.9
Residential	358.4	609.7	517.1	620.6	20.0	73.2
Non-residential	566.5	240.3	353.6	259.1	-26.7	-54.3
Yukon	15.4	22.3	6.9	2.7	-61.5	-82.8
Residential	2.3	8.1	3.1	2.5	-18.9	10.4
Non-residential	13.1	14.2	3.8	0.1	-96.5	-99.0
Northwest Territories	2.3	6.4	5.3	4.9	-8.6	112.8
Residential	1.2	3.6	1.7	1.0	-43.4	-17.8
Non-residential	1.1	2.8	3.6	3.9	8.0	253.9
Nunavut	17.6	5.3	2.9	12.2	326.5	-30.4
Residential	5.3	4.8	2.7	8.1	198.0	53.5
Non-residential	12.3	0.5	0.2	4.1	2,653.3	-66.4

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Production of poultry and eggs

August 2010 (preliminary)

Data on the production of poultry and eggs are now available for August.

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

The third quarter 2010 issue of *Poultry and Eggs Statistics*, Vol. 7, no. 3 (23-015-X, free), will be released in November.

For more information, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Sandra Venturino (613-951-9278; sandra.venturino@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Production and value of ranch-raised pelts

2009

Data on the production and value of ranch-raised pelts are now available for 2009.

The publication *Fur Statistics* contains data on the production, value, supply and disposition of ranch-raised mink and fox. Data are available at the provincial and national levels.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0014 and 003-0015.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3426.

The publication *Fur Statistics*, 2009, Vol. 7 (23-013-X, free), is now available from the *Key Resources* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991) or David Thibodeau (902-843-4501; david.thibodeau@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Production and value of wildlife pelts

2008-2009

Data on the production and value of wildlife pelts are now available for 2008-2009.

Data are available at the provincial, territorial and national levels.

Available on CANSIM: table 003-0013.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3428.

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