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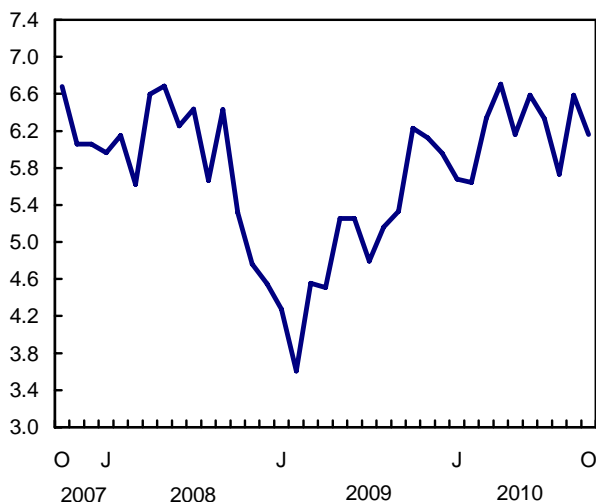
Building permits

October 2010

Municipalities issued building permits worth \$6.2 billion in October, down 6.5% from September, when permits were up 14.9%. The October value of permits remains comparable to levels prior to the economic downturn. A decline in both the residential and non-residential sectors in Ontario and Quebec led the October decrease.

Total value of permits

\$ billions



In the residential sector, the value of permits fell 11.2% from September to \$3.4 billion in October, following two consecutive monthly gains. The decrease was due to declines in both single- and multi-family permits issued in Ontario and Quebec.

The value of permits in the non-residential sector remained at \$2.7 billion. Higher commercial and industrial construction intentions offset a decline in the value of building permits for institutional projects.

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.

The total value of permits decreased in half of the provinces, led by Ontario and Quebec. Newfoundland and Labrador had the largest increase.

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

The value of building permits for single-family units fell 9.4% from September to \$2.0 billion in October. This was the sixth decrease in seven months. The October decline was attributable to decreases in seven provinces, led by Ontario and Quebec.

Municipalities issued \$1.4 billion worth of building permits for multi-family dwellings in October, down 13.6% from September. The decline came in the wake of two consecutive monthly gains. As in the case of single-family permits, Ontario and Quebec posted the largest decreases.

Municipalities approved the construction of 16,218 new dwellings in October, down 6.6% from September. The decrease was caused by both single-family dwellings, which fell 8.5% to 6,524 units, and multi-family dwellings, which declined 5.4% to 9,694 units.

Non-residential sector: Increases in the commercial and industrial components

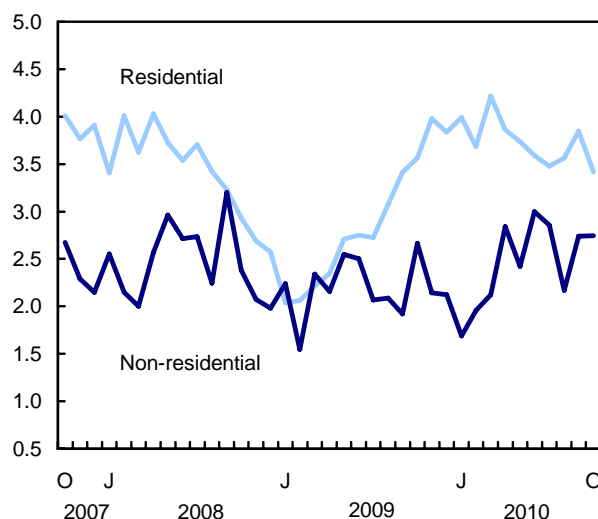
The value of commercial building permits totalled \$1.7 billion in October, up 8.8% from September. This was the highest level since May 2008, following a substantial 38.4% increase in September 2010. Higher construction intentions for a wide variety of buildings, including laboratories, warehouses and retail stores, offset lower demand for office building permits in Ontario and Quebec.

Following four months of declines, industrial construction intentions rose 12.2% to \$408 million. The increase was mainly attributable to manufacturing plants in Ontario and primary sector buildings in Quebec. Construction intentions for industrial buildings were up in eight provinces.

The value of institutional building permits fell 20.4% to \$685 million, following a 23.7% increase in September. The decline was due primarily to construction intentions for educational institutions, medical facilities and religious buildings in Ontario.

Residential and non-residential sectors

\$ billions



Largest decreases in Ontario and Quebec

The value of building permits was down in five provinces in October.

The largest declines were in Ontario and Quebec. Both provinces experienced large decreases in both the residential and non-residential sectors. New Brunswick, Alberta and Prince Edward Island also registered declines.

In contrast, Newfoundland and Labrador, British Columbia and Saskatchewan posted the largest gains. In Newfoundland and Labrador, the value of all permit types was up, led by institutional building permits. In British Columbia, the increase was mainly due to multi-family and non-residential permits. In Saskatchewan, the increase was widespread except for permits for multi-family dwellings.

Declines in half of the census metropolitan areas

The total value of permits declined in half of Canada's census metropolitan areas.

Toronto had the largest decrease as a result of declines in the residential sector. Gatineau, Guelph and Hamilton followed with declines in both sectors.

The biggest gains were in Vancouver and St. John's. In Vancouver, the increase was mainly attributable to institutional and multi-family permits. The advance in St. John's was due to institutional permits.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2802.

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

The November 2010 building permit data will be released on January 10, 2011.

To order data, contact Joanne Bureau (toll-free 1-800-579-8533; 613-951-9689; 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, Canada

	October 2009	August 2010	September 2010 ^r	October 2010 ^p	September to October 2010	October 2009 to October 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	value in \$ millions				% change	
Total	6,228.6	5,732.1	6,588.6	6,161.4	-6.5	-1.1
Residential	3,565.6	3,565.4	3,846.7	3,416.9	-11.2	-4.2
Single ¹	2,495.3	2,037.3	2,226.6	2,017.7	-9.4	-19.1
Multiple	1,070.3	1,528.1	1,620.1	1,399.2	-13.6	30.7
Non-residential	2,663.0	2,166.7	2,741.9	2,744.4	0.1	3.1
Industrial	626.1	374.1	363.1	407.5	12.2	-34.9
Commercial	1,119.7	1,097.0	1,518.5	1,652.3	8.8	47.6
Institutional	917.2	695.6	860.3	684.7	-20.4	-25.3
	number of units				% change	
Total dwellings	16,098	16,843	17,369	16,218	-6.6	0.7
Single ¹	8,430	6,571	7,127	6,524	-8.5	-22.6
Multiples	7,668	10,272	10,242	9,694	-5.4	26.4

^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 to totals as a result of rounding.

Value of building permits, by province and territory

	October 2009	August 2010	September 2010 ^r	October 2010 ^p	September to October 2010	October 2009 to October 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions				% change	
Canada	6,228.6	5,732.1	6,588.6	6,161.4	-6.5	-1.1
Residential	3,565.6	3,565.4	3,846.7	3,417.0	-11.2	-4.2
Non-residential	2,663.0	2,166.7	2,741.9	2,744.4	0.1	3.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	67.1	84.7	79.9	188.3	135.8	180.6
Residential	40.3	51.6	57.5	60.0	4.3	48.8
Non-residential	26.8	33.1	22.4	128.4	473.7	379.0
Prince Edward Island	14.3	14.2	33.8	20.4	-39.7	42.3
Residential	10.4	8.6	9.6	11.9	24.2	13.9
Non-residential	3.9	5.5	24.2	8.5	-65.0	119.4
Nova Scotia	106.0	112.9	112.6	169.5	50.5	59.8
Residential	61.8	65.7	76.9	80.7	4.9	30.7
Non-residential	44.3	47.2	35.7	88.8	148.7	100.4
New Brunswick	89.7	124.1	96.9	73.7	-23.9	-17.9
Residential	54.1	47.3	49.0	42.0	-14.2	-22.3
Non-residential	35.6	76.8	47.8	31.7	-33.8	-11.2
Quebec	1,269.6	1,226.0	1,342.2	1,097.3	-18.2	-13.6
Residential	789.1	848.2	823.0	667.8	-18.9	-15.4
Non-residential	480.4	377.8	519.2	429.5	-17.3	-10.6
Ontario	2,090.5	2,089.5	2,671.4	2,193.0	-17.9	4.9
Residential	1,315.4	1,221.6	1,400.0	1,057.8	-24.4	-19.6
Non-residential	775.1	867.9	1,271.4	1,135.2	-10.7	46.5
Manitoba	135.9	161.4	138.0	168.1	21.8	23.7
Residential	85.3	106.1	92.4	107.1	15.9	25.5
Non-residential	50.5	55.3	45.6	61.0	33.7	20.7
Saskatchewan	275.9	164.6	149.6	228.0	52.4	-17.3
Residential	76.1	68.5	87.7	100.7	14.9	32.4
Non-residential	199.8	96.1	61.9	127.3	105.6	-36.3
Alberta	1,464.4	851.6	853.4	835.9	-2.1	-42.9
Residential	642.3	481.6	489.8	480.7	-1.9	-25.2
Non-residential	822.1	370.0	363.7	355.2	-2.3	-56.8
British Columbia	676.0	877.7	1,085.7	1,169.2	7.7	73.0
Residential	484.6	653.7	756.4	798.9	5.6	64.8
Non-residential	191.4	224.0	329.2	370.3	12.5	93.5
Yukon	23.3	8.2	17.5	6.4	-63.5	-72.5
Residential	5.1	3.3	2.9	2.9	-1.2	-42.8
Non-residential	18.3	4.9	14.6	3.5	-75.9	-80.8
Northwest Territories	13.4	5.1	6.5	6.0	-8.1	-55.2
Residential	0.4	1.1	1.3	1.2	-11.0	183.0
Non-residential	12.9	3.9	5.2	4.8	-7.3	-63.0
Nunavut	2.5	12.3	1.2	5.7	386.3	128.1
Residential	0.7	8.2	0.2	5.2	2,815.0	704.8
Non-residential	1.8	4.1	1.0	0.4	-57.9	-77.4

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

Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area¹

	October 2009	August 2010	September 2010 ^r	October 2010 ^p	September to October 2010	October 2009 to October 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions			% change		
Total: Census metropolitan areas	4,585.1	4,144.6	4,775.5	4,619.7	-3.3	0.8
St. John's	37.2	57.6	54.5	149.6	174.6	301.5
Halifax	47.3	48.8	51.8	114.9	121.8	142.8
Moncton	32.2	16.8	33.0	17.2	-47.9	-46.7
Saint John	16.0	45.9	14.1	9.2	-34.6	-42.3
Saguenay	25.8	31.9	31.0	7.1	-77.1	-72.5
Québec	130.4	130.3	122.6	143.0	16.6	9.6
Sherbrooke	31.4	30.3	38.1	33.2	-12.8	6.0
Trois-Rivières	35.7	12.6	34.1	11.4	-66.7	-68.1
Montréal	574.2	563.3	504.8	506.7	0.4	-11.8
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	196.1	215.1	406.6	198.4	-51.2	1.2
Gatineau part	32.9	64.1	196.7	50.4	-74.4	53.4
Ottawa part	163.2	151.0	209.9	148.0	-29.5	-9.3
Kingston	12.8	30.4	15.4	42.1	173.3	228.4
Peterborough	29.0	8.3	9.5	11.5	20.0	-60.6
Oshawa	92.5	52.6	46.9	58.3	24.2	-37.0
Toronto	1,005.9	1,021.8	1,221.5	1,039.4	-14.9	3.3
Hamilton	63.2	158.9	195.2	83.9	-57.0	32.8
St. Catharines–Niagara	30.5	27.1	42.8	123.1	187.8	303.9
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	83.3	58.8	89.6	97.8	9.1	17.4
Brantford	5.8	15.1	8.7	51.2	490.6	789.9
Guelph	32.7	23.9	139.1	15.7	-88.7	-52.1
London	59.9	65.6	60.2	53.1	-11.8	-11.5
Windsor	37.6	36.0	23.6	21.9	-7.3	-41.8
Barrie	39.7	31.4	52.7	32.9	-37.6	-17.1
Greater Sudbury	33.4	14.5	23.7	36.1	52.1	8.2
Thunder Bay	13.8	16.1	23.7	17.7	-25.6	27.9
Winnipeg	80.4	105.2	78.6	107.8	37.2	33.9
Regina	85.1	50.8	24.6	55.7	126.6	-34.6
Saskatoon	127.7	44.4	73.3	90.4	23.4	-29.2
Calgary	594.6	260.1	266.9	237.4	-11.0	-60.1
Edmonton	596.4	328.6	266.8	287.4	7.7	-51.8
Kelowna	26.0	50.3	52.9	30.8	-41.7	18.8
Abbotsford–Mission	14.2	7.8	19.7	10.8	-45.1	-23.8
Vancouver	347.6	547.4	699.4	855.3	22.3	146.0
Victoria	46.7	36.9	49.9	69.0	38.3	47.6

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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.

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Farm Product Price Index

September 2010

Prices farmers received for their commodities rose 5.7% in September from September 2009, as the increasing livestock and animal product index offset declines in the crops index.

The prices producers received for livestock and animal products in September rose 13.1% compared with September 2009, as increases were recorded in all livestock commodities except poultry. The two largest contributors to the livestock index, cattle and calves and hogs, have posted year-over-year increases in the previous four and six months respectively. Cattle and hog inventories on Canadian farms have declined steadily over the last four years.

The prices producers received for crops in September were 1.4% lower compared with the same month in 2009, led by declines in specialty crops and grains. The overall crop index continued its year-over-year downward trend, which had began in December 2008 when tight world grain and oilseed supplies were replenished by record harvests.

The total crops index fell 6.1% in September compared with the August index, as all commodities recorded decreases except specialty crops and oilseeds.

In September, the overall livestock and animal products index was up 0.6% from August, led by increases in dairy and poultry.

Note: The growth rate of the total Farm Product Price Index (FPPI) is derived from a weighted average of the component indices using a different set of weights in consecutive months, it is not a weighted average of the growth rates of its crop and livestock components. Given this, the growth rate of the composite FPPI can lie outside the growth rate of these components.

Available on CANSIM: tables 002-0021 and 002-0022.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5040.

The September 2010 issue of *Farm Product Price Index*, Vol. 10, no. 9 (21-007-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, or to order data, call Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gail-Ann Breese (204-983-3445; fax 204-983-7543; gailann.breese@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division.

Farm Product Price Index

	September 2009 ^r	August 2010 ^r	September 2010 ^p	September 2009 to September 2010	August to September 2010
	(1997=100)			% change	
Farm Product Price Index	106.0	116.8	112.0	5.7	-4.1
Crops	118.5	124.5	116.9	-1.4	-6.1
Grains	101.6	108.6	95.5	-6.0	-12.1
Oilseeds	112.2	117.5	118.5	5.6	0.9
Specialty crops	147.2	130.3	132.1	-10.3	1.4
Fruit	113.2	132.0	127.5	12.6	-3.4
Vegetables	127.9	126.3	125.8	-1.6	-0.4
Potatoes	190.9	243.7	195.0	2.1	-20.0
Livestock and animal products	99.0	111.3	112.0	13.1	0.6
Cattle and calves	94.2	106.1	106.1	12.6	0.0
Hogs	55.8	89.3	87.4	56.6	-2.1
Poultry	120.0	110.0	110.2	-8.2	0.2
Eggs	103.5	109.3	108.7	5.0	-0.5
Dairy	141.1	140.8	142.1	0.7	0.9

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Asphalt roofing

October 2010

Data on asphalt roofing are now available for October. Revised data for August and September are also available.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0052.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2123.

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Coal and coke statistics

September 2010

Data on coal and coke are now available for September.

Available on CANSIM: tables 135-0001 and 135-0002.

Table 135-0001: Coke data.

Table 135-0002: Coal data.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2003 and 2147.

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Electricity supply and disposition

2009

Data from the annual Electricity Supply and Disposition Survey are now available for 2009. The survey provides data on the amount of electricity generated, inter-provincial movements of electricity, imports, exports and sales to ultimate customers.

Available on CANSIM: tables 127-0007 and 127-0008.

Table 127-0007: Electric power generation by class of electricity producer.

Table 127-0008: Supply and disposition of electric power.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2194.

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