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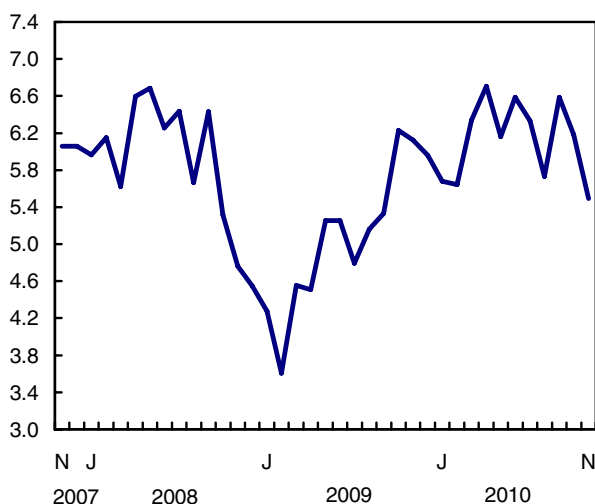
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Total value of permits

\$ billions



Following two consecutive monthly gains, permits in the non-residential sector fell 16.1% to \$2.3 billion in November. The decline came mainly from lower construction intentions in the commercial and institutional components.

The value of residential permits fell 7.2% to \$3.2 billion, also the second monthly decline in a row. Most of the decrease came from British Columbia, where municipalities reported drops in both single- and multi-family dwellings following three consecutive monthly gains in the residential sector.

The total value of permits decreased in seven provinces, led by British Columbia, Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador. Quebec experienced the largest increase by far.

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.

Non-residential sector: Declines in commercial and institutional components

In the commercial component, the value of permits fell 23.4% to \$1.3 billion in November, after two consecutive monthly increases. The lower construction intentions came mostly from laboratories in Ontario, which had posted a large gain in October. A decrease in construction intentions for recreational buildings in many provinces also contributed to the decline.

The value of permits in the institutional component declined for a second consecutive month, falling 7.8% to \$647 million in November. The decline was largely a result of lower construction intentions for educational institutions in all provinces except New Brunswick.

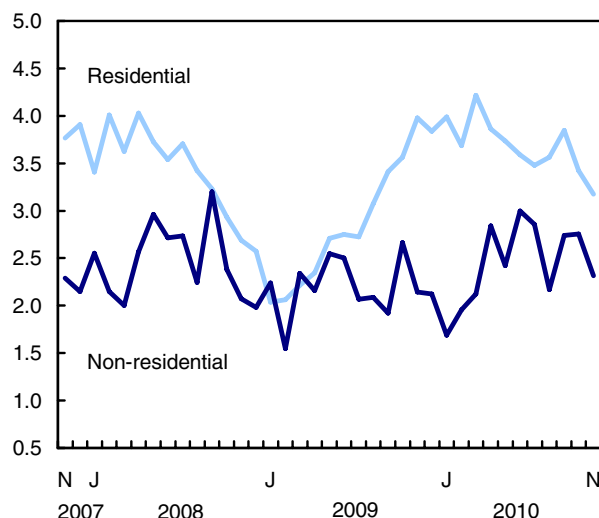
In the industrial component, the value of permits edged down 0.9% to \$406 million in November. Decreases were widespread among many types of buildings and among most provinces. These decreases were almost offset by combined gains in transportation buildings in Ontario and utilities' buildings in Alberta.

Residential sector: Intentions down for multi-family permits

The value of building permits for multi-family dwellings fell 22.4% to \$1.1 billion in November, reaching its lowest level since February 2010.

Nationally, municipalities approved 14,136 new dwellings in November, down 13.4% from October. The decline came from multi-family dwellings, which fell 24.1% to 7,428 units, while single-family dwellings rose 2.6% to 6,708 units.

\$ billions



The largest declines occurred in British Columbia, Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador. After six

Quebec posted the largest gain, with an increase in every component except industrial buildings.

In contrast, gains occurred in Montréal, Victoria and Gatineau. Building permits in Montréal increased in every component except for commercial buildings. The increase in Victoria and Gatineau came from the non-residential sector, led by commercial buildings.

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

	November 2009	September 2010	October 2010 ^r	November 2010 ^p	October to November 2010	November 2009 to November 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions				% change	
Total	6,123.0	6,588.6	6,179.6	5,490.3	-11.2	-10.3
Residential	3,979.6	3,846.7	3,423.7	3,177.1	-7.2	-20.2
Single ¹	2,658.4	2,226.6	2,019.6	2,087.4	3.4	-21.5
Multiple	1,321.2	1,620.1	1,404.1	1,089.7	-22.4	-17.5
Non-residential	2,143.4	2,741.9	2,755.9	2,313.2	-16.1	7.9
Industrial	297.8	363.1	409.4	405.9	-0.9	36.3
Commercial	1,178.9	1,518.5	1,645.4	1,260.6	-23.4	6.9
Institutional	666.7	860.3	701.1	646.7	-7.8	-3.0
	number of units				% change	
Total dwellings	17,930	17,369	16,316	14,136	-13.4	-21.2
Single ¹	8,990	7,127	6,535	6,708	2.6	-25.4
Multiples	8,940	10,242	9,781	7,428	-24.1	-16.9

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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

	November 2009	September 2010	October 2010 ^r	November 2010 ^p	October to November 2010	November 2009 to November 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions				% change	
Canada	6,123.0	6,588.6	6,179.6	5,490.3	-11.2	-10.3
Residential	3,979.6	3,846.7	3,423.7	3,177.1	-7.2	-20.2
Non-residential	2,143.4	2,741.9	2,755.9	2,313.2	-16.1	7.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	74.8	79.9	191.1	96.8	-49.3	29.5
Residential	59.2	57.5	61.1	63.8	4.3	7.8
Non-residential	15.6	22.4	129.9	33.1	-74.5	112.0
Prince Edward Island	11.2	33.8	20.5	24.3	18.1	116.0
Residential	7.1	9.6	12.1	15.6	29.5	121.2
Non-residential	4.2	24.2	8.5	8.6	1.8	107.0
Nova Scotia	137.5	112.6	170.1	124.6	-26.8	-9.4
Residential	70.3	76.9	81.1	82.9	2.2	17.9
Non-residential	67.3	35.7	89.1	41.7	-53.2	-38.0
New Brunswick	97.9	96.9	82.9	83.8	1.0	-14.4
Residential	63.0	49.0	42.2	46.5	10.3	-26.1
Non-residential	34.9	47.8	40.7	37.2	-8.6	6.7
Quebec	1,129.7	1,342.2	1,104.0	1,329.9	20.5	17.7
Residential	790.0	823.0	675.2	776.0	14.9	-1.8
Non-residential	339.7	519.2	428.8	553.9	29.2	63.1
Ontario	2,437.3	2,671.4	2,189.1	2,040.2	-6.8	-16.3
Residential	1,608.6	1,400.0	1,055.3	1,147.7	8.8	-28.6
Non-residential	828.8	1,271.4	1,133.8	892.5	-21.3	7.7
Manitoba	192.3	138.0	169.8	147.1	-13.4	-23.5
Residential	116.4	92.4	108.4	84.7	-21.8	-27.2
Non-residential	75.9	45.6	61.4	62.4	1.6	-17.8
Saskatchewan	125.0	149.6	226.1	173.5	-23.3	38.8
Residential	80.3	87.7	98.6	117.1	18.8	45.8
Non-residential	44.7	61.9	127.5	56.5	-55.7	26.4
Alberta	1,120.3	853.4	844.3	795.0	-5.8	-29.0
Residential	630.8	489.8	487.1	447.6	-8.1	-29.0
Non-residential	489.5	363.7	357.2	347.4	-2.7	-29.0
British Columbia	779.3	1,085.7	1,163.7	658.4	-43.4	-15.5
Residential	538.7	756.4	793.3	388.5	-51.0	-27.9
Non-residential	240.6	329.2	370.3	269.8	-27.1	12.2
Yukon	8.6	17.5	6.4	13.3	107.0	53.4
Residential	7.7	2.9	2.9	5.2	79.7	-32.7
Non-residential	0.9	14.6	3.5	8.1	129.4	766.1
Northwest Territories	5.3	6.5	6.0	1.7	-71.9	-68.4
Residential	3.9	1.3	1.2	0.6	-51.6	-85.0
Non-residential	1.5	5.2	4.8	1.1	-77.0	-24.3
Nunavut	3.7	1.2	5.7	1.8	-67.7	-50.6
Residential	3.7	0.2	5.2	0.9	-83.7	-76.9
Non-residential	0.0	1.0	0.4	1.0	135.5	...

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Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area¹

	November 2009	September 2010	October 2010 ^r	November 2010 ^p	October to November 2010	November 2009 to November 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions			% change		
Total: Census metropolitan areas	4,631.5	4,775.5	4,622.3	3,899.2	-15.6	-15.8
St. John's	50.7	54.5	149.8	59.8	-60.1	17.9
Halifax	69.1	51.8	115.8	81.5	-29.6	18.0
Moncton	18.9	33.0	17.2	26.1	51.5	38.2
Saint John	21.8	14.1	9.2	18.9	105.2	-13.1
Saguenay	14.6	31.0	7.1	19.2	168.8	31.1
Québec	137.5	122.6	144.9	115.9	-20.0	-15.7
Sherbrooke	31.9	38.1	33.4	22.6	-32.3	-29.3
Trois-Rivières	40.5	34.1	11.4	22.0	92.5	-45.8
Montréal	537.1	504.8	510.6	600.7	17.7	11.9
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	290.1	406.6	198.1	289.6	46.2	-0.2
Gatineau part	34.2	196.7	50.6	103.5	104.5	202.2
Ottawa part	255.9	209.9	147.5	186.1	26.2	-27.3
Kingston	13.7	15.4	42.0	40.8	-2.8	197.9
Peterborough	12.7	9.5	11.4	11.9	4.3	-6.5
Oshawa	78.1	46.9	58.1	52.0	-10.5	-33.3
Toronto	1,070.7	1,221.5	1,036.2	873.8	-15.7	-18.4
Hamilton	164.4	195.2	83.7	77.7	-7.2	-52.8
St. Catharines-Niagara	78.4	42.8	122.9	46.4	-62.3	-40.9
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo	108.2	89.6	97.5	114.3	17.2	5.6
Brantford	5.2	8.7	51.1	10.0	-80.4	91.5
Guelph	33.2	139.1	15.6	30.0	91.5	-9.7
London	114.9	60.2	52.9	71.7	35.6	-37.5
Windsor	24.3	23.6	21.8	24.1	10.5	-0.6
Barrie	21.2	52.7	32.8	17.2	-47.7	-18.8
Greater Sudbury	22.1	23.7	36.0	43.4	20.3	95.8
Thunder Bay	6.6	23.7	17.6	4.1	-76.7	-38.0
Winnipeg	140.0	78.6	109.2	86.9	-20.4	-38.0
Regina	32.8	24.6	55.1	32.1	-41.7	-2.0
Saskatoon	48.3	73.3	88.8	84.5	-4.9	74.7
Calgary	316.8	266.9	239.0	227.0	-5.0	-28.3
Edmonton	527.4	266.8	289.7	285.1	-1.6	-45.9
Kelowna	33.2	52.9	30.6	23.4	-23.7	-29.5
Abbotsford-Mission	12.6	19.7	10.8	19.0	76.2	50.8
Vancouver	485.6	699.4	853.3	338.2	-60.4	-30.4
Victoria	69.0	49.9	68.6	129.5	88.9	87.6

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

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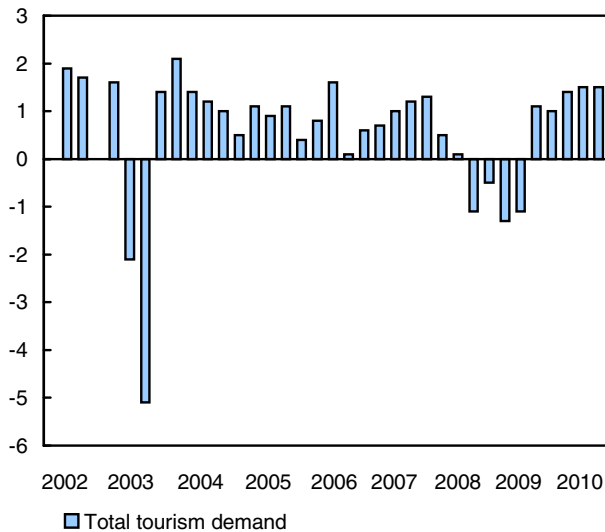
National tourism indicators

Third quarter 2010

Spending on tourism in Canada rose 1.5% in real terms in the third quarter, a fifth consecutive quarterly increase.

Fifth consecutive increase in tourism spending

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



Canadians' spending on tourism in Canada continued to trend upward, while spending by international visitors rose following a second-quarter decline.

Tourism spending has fully recovered from the year-long downturn that began in the third quarter of 2008. It stood 2.6% higher in the third quarter than the level reached before the decline began.

Canadians spending more at home

Canadians' spending on tourism in Canada increased for the fifth consecutive quarter, advancing 1.6% from the second quarter.

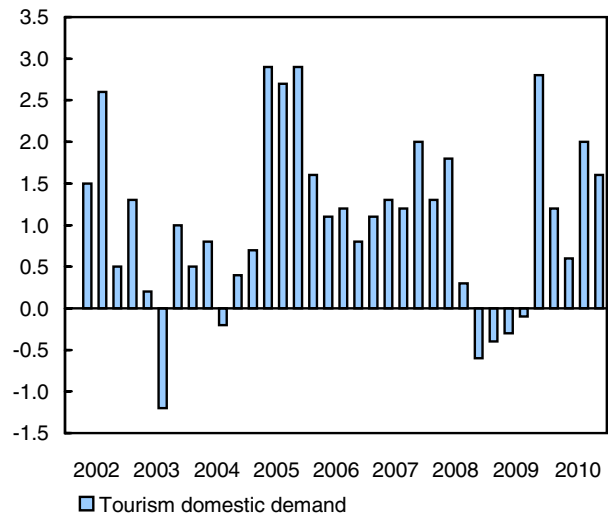
A 3.8% gain in spending on passenger air transport, the largest component of tourism spending, was the main contributor to the increase in domestic demand. Spending on most other transport items, such as bus transportation and vehicle rentals, was down.

Note to readers

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

Domestic tourism spending continues up

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



Canadians' spending on vehicle fuel and travel services increased notably.

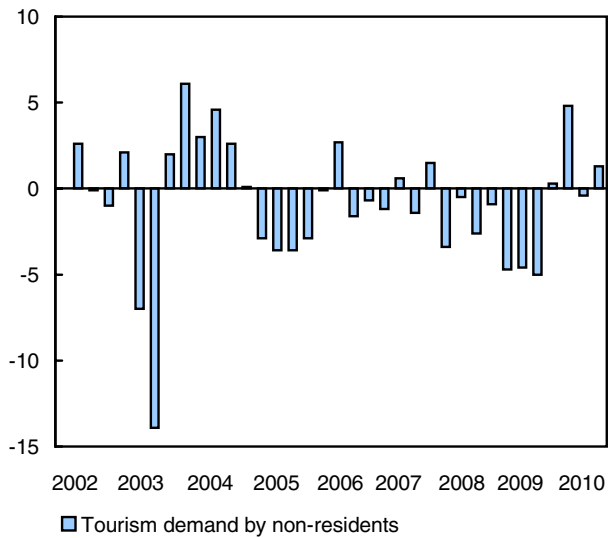
Increased spending by international visitors in Canada

Spending by international visitors in Canada increased 1.3% in the third quarter, following a 0.4% decline in the second quarter. Travel from both the United States and overseas countries was up.

Spending increased across the board, most notably on vehicle fuel (+4.2%), accommodation (+2.2%) and travel services (+3.1%).

Increase in spending by international visitors

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



Expansion in tourism gross domestic product and employment

Tourism gross domestic product increased 1.1% in the third quarter. Gains were registered across all tourism industries, led by accommodation (+1.5%).

Tourism employment rose 0.7%, boosted by strong job gains in the accommodation industry (+2.0%). The travel services industry also added tourism jobs.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 1910.

The third quarter 2010 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 2009	Fourth quarter 2009	First quarter 2010	Second quarter 2010	Third quarter 2010	Second quarter to third quarter 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	millions of dollars at 2002 prices					% change
Total tourism expenditures						
Tourism demand in Canada	15,698	15,860	16,076	16,318	16,568	1.5
Tourism demand by non-residents	3,074	3,082	3,229	3,217	3,258	1.3
Tourism domestic demand	12,625	12,776	12,847	13,101	13,310	1.6
Transportation						
Tourism demand in Canada	6,063	6,118	6,155	6,366	6,518	2.4
Tourism demand by non-residents	852	850	910	910	919	1.0
Tourism domestic demand	5,212	5,267	5,245	5,456	5,599	2.6
Accommodation						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,319	2,354	2,394	2,430	2,453	0.9
Tourism demand by non-residents	749	755	777	776	793	2.2
Tourism domestic demand	1,569	1,599	1,617	1,654	1,660	0.4
Food and beverage services						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,195	2,207	2,237	2,232	2,241	0.4
Tourism demand by non-residents	501	503	529	527	534	1.3
Tourism domestic demand	1,695	1,703	1,708	1,705	1,707	0.1
Other tourism commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,429	2,444	2,472	2,472	2,494	0.9
Tourism demand by non-residents	354	354	372	365	368	0.8
Tourism domestic demand	2,075	2,090	2,100	2,107	2,126	0.9
Other commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,692	2,737	2,818	2,818	2,862	1.6
Tourism demand by non-residents	618	620	641	639	644	0.8
Tourism domestic demand	2,074	2,117	2,177	2,179	2,218	1.8

National tourism indicators

	Third quarter 2009	Fourth quarter 2009	First quarter 2010	Second quarter 2010	Third quarter 2010	Second quarter to third quarter 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	millions of dollars at current prices					% change
Total tourism expenditures						
Tourism demand in Canada	17,351	17,760	18,250	18,300	18,771	2.6
Tourism demand by non-residents	3,384	3,421	3,639	3,591	3,678	2.4
Tourism domestic demand	13,967	14,340	14,611	14,709	15,093	2.6
Transportation						
Tourism demand in Canada	6,515	6,766	6,855	6,959	7,217	3.7
Tourism demand by non-residents	872	890	952	946	973	2.9
Tourism domestic demand	5,642	5,877	5,903	6,013	6,244	3.8
Accommodation						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,538	2,603	2,752	2,688	2,712	0.9
Tourism demand by non-residents	821	833	893	858	875	2.0
Tourism domestic demand	1,717	1,769	1,859	1,830	1,837	0.4
Food and beverage services						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,666	2,692	2,746	2,747	2,794	1.7
Tourism demand by non-residents	608	615	649	649	665	2.5
Tourism domestic demand	2,058	2,079	2,097	2,098	2,129	1.5
Other tourism commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,728	2,757	2,799	2,808	2,876	2.4
Tourism demand by non-residents	422	421	443	439	454	3.4
Tourism domestic demand	2,306	2,336	2,356	2,369	2,422	2.2
Other commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,904	2,942	3,098	3,098	3,172	2.4
Tourism demand by non-residents	661	662	702	699	711	1.7
Tourism domestic demand	2,244	2,279	2,396	2,399	2,461	2.6

Production of poultry and eggs

November 2010 (preliminary)

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

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

The fourth quarter 2010 issue of the *Poultry and Eggs Statistics*, Vol. 7, no. 4 (23-015-X, free), will be released in March 2011.

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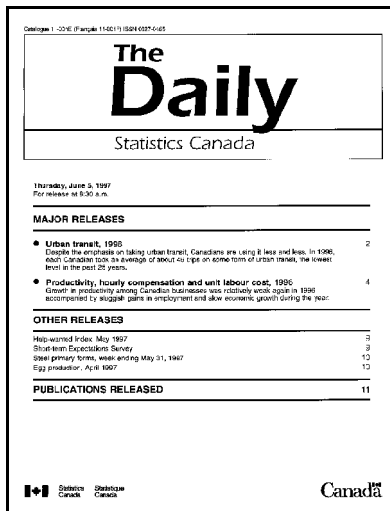
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