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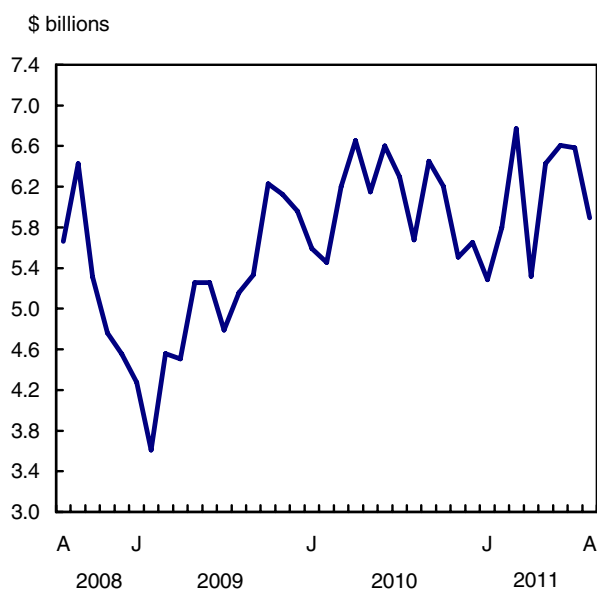
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Total value of permits



Declines in the value of permits in Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia more than offset increases in the six other provinces.

In the non-residential sector, the value of permits fell 16.6% to \$2.3 billion, a second consecutive monthly decrease. The largest declines were in Ontario and Saskatchewan.

In the residential sector, the value of permits decreased 6.0% to \$3.6 billion after three consecutive monthly increases. The largest declines occurred

Note to readers

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data, which facilitates 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 (for example, 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.

Revisions

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

in Ontario and Quebec, particularly in construction intentions for multiple-family dwelling permits in Ontario.

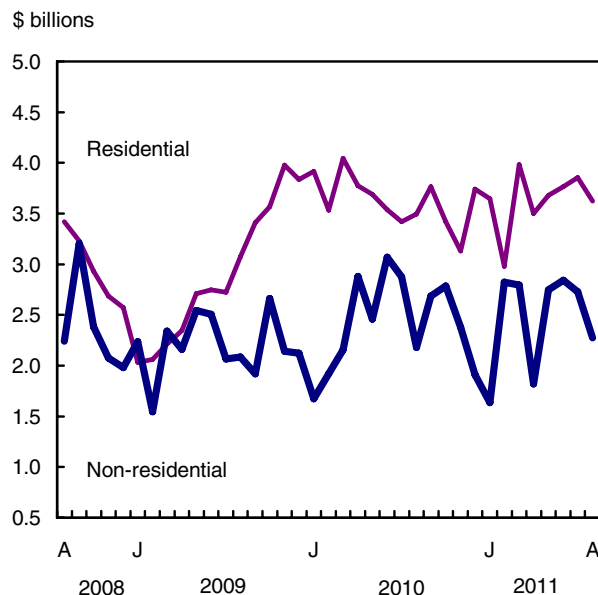
Non-residential sector: Construction intentions down in commercial and institutional components

In the commercial component, municipalities issued permits worth \$1.3 billion in August, 20.6% less than the previous month. Permit values declined the most for office buildings, hotels and restaurants as well as recreational buildings. Commercial construction intentions fell in every province.

In the institutional component, the value of permits decreased 17.1% to \$629 million, following three monthly increases. The decline was mainly the result of lower construction intentions for educational facilities in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Quebec.

In the industrial component, the value of permits rose 1.8% to \$371 million, following a 40.6% decline the previous month. Alberta led the gains with higher construction intentions in utilities and transportation as well as in manufacturing. These were offset by declines in the same building categories in Ontario.

Residential and non-residential sectors



Residential sector: Single and multiple-family construction intentions decline

The value of building permits for multiple-family dwellings decreased 8.9% to \$1.4 billion in August. Intentions were down in five provinces, led by Ontario and Quebec. The largest increase was in British Columbia.

Construction intentions for single-family dwellings declined 4.1% to \$2.2 billion in August, after two monthly gains. The largest declines occurred in Alberta and Quebec.

Nationally, municipalities approved 15,903 new dwellings, down 10.0% from July. The number of multiple-family dwellings fell 13.9% to 9,098 units, while the number of single-family dwellings declined 4.4% to 6,805 units.

Permit values down in four provinces

In August, the total value of building permits decreased in four provinces.

The largest declines were in Ontario and Quebec, as permits for multiple-family dwellings were down in

both provinces. In addition, construction intentions in the institutional component were down in Ontario, while commercial construction intentions declined in Quebec.

The largest gains occurred in Alberta, British Columbia and New Brunswick. In Alberta, construction intentions increased the most in the industrial and institutional components. Higher construction intentions for multiple-family dwellings led the increases in British Columbia and New Brunswick.

Construction intentions down in more than half of the census metropolitan areas

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

The largest decline occurred in Toronto, led by decreases in the institutional component and multiple-family dwellings. In Montréal, declines occurred in the residential sector and the commercial component, while in Edmonton, construction intentions decreased for single-family dwellings and in the commercial component.

The largest increases were in Calgary, Québec and Oshawa. In Calgary, the advance was primarily attributable to multiple-family dwellings and commercial permits. In Québec, the gain originated from higher intentions in the non-residential sector. In Oshawa, the increase was a result of higher commercial construction intentions.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2802.

The August 2011 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001-X, free) will be available soon.

The September building permit data will be released on November 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 Don Overton (613-951-1239), Investment and Capital Stock Division.

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

	August 2010	June 2011	July 2011 ^r	August 2011 ^p	July to August 2011	August 2010 to August 2011
	\$ millions				% change	
Total	5,676.8	6,606.4	6,581.9	5,896.0	-10.4	3.9
Residential	3,495.4	3,765.2	3,854.0	3,621.3	-6.0	3.6
Single ¹	2,014.8	2,209.5	2,287.6	2,194.8	-4.1	8.9
Multiple	1,480.6	1,555.8	1,566.4	1,426.6	-8.9	-3.6
Non-residential	2,181.4	2,841.1	2,727.9	2,274.7	-16.6	4.3
Industrial	379.2	613.7	364.8	371.4	1.8	-2.1
Commercial	1,098.5	1,579.7	1,604.3	1,274.3	-20.6	16.0
Institutional	703.7	647.7	758.8	629.0	-17.1	-10.6
	number of units				% change	
Total dwellings	16,669	17,228	17,677	15,903	-10.0	-4.6
Single ¹	6,620	7,004	7,115	6,805	-4.4	2.8
Multiple	10,049	10,224	10,562	9,098	-13.9	-9.5

^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 – Seasonally adjusted

	August 2010	June 2011	July 2011 ^r	August 2011 ^p	July to August 2011	August 2010 to August 2011
	\$ millions				% change	
Canada	5,676.8	6,606.4	6,581.9	5,896.0	-10.4	3.9
Residential	3,495.4	3,765.2	3,854.0	3,621.3	-6.0	3.6
Non-residential	2,181.4	2,841.1	2,727.9	2,274.7	-16.6	4.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	81.5	92.0	97.1	100.9	3.9	23.8
Residential	48.4	62.4	64.2	56.6	-11.8	16.9
Non-residential	33.1	29.6	32.9	44.3	34.6	33.9
Prince Edward Island	14.2	23.8	26.0	28.8	10.8	102.5
Residential	8.7	12.1	11.5	16.5	43.9	90.0
Non-residential	5.5	11.8	14.5	12.3	-15.4	122.0
Nova Scotia	113.1	121.5	174.5	128.4	-26.4	13.6
Residential	65.9	82.0	85.7	82.4	-3.8	25.0
Non-residential	47.2	39.5	88.8	46.0	-48.2	-2.5
New Brunswick	124.3	85.3	82.5	107.4	30.1	-13.6
Residential	47.1	55.3	41.0	66.8	62.9	41.8
Non-residential	77.2	30.1	41.5	40.6	-2.2	-47.4
Quebec	1,181.2	1,657.1	1,332.3	1,206.4	-9.4	2.1
Residential	795.5	866.8	906.5	824.0	-9.1	3.6
Non-residential	385.7	790.3	425.8	382.4	-10.2	-0.8
Ontario	2,093.7	2,299.9	2,472.6	1,932.2	-21.9	-7.7
Residential	1,221.4	1,237.1	1,362.8	1,158.5	-15.0	-5.2
Non-residential	872.3	1,062.8	1,109.7	773.7	-30.3	-11.3
Manitoba	146.8	186.0	133.0	148.8	11.9	1.4
Residential	91.4	122.9	90.5	96.3	6.4	5.4
Non-residential	55.3	63.1	42.4	52.5	-23.6	-5.2
Saskatchewan	167.5	229.6	294.5	211.2	-28.3	26.1
Residential	70.5	138.0	138.2	123.7	-10.5	75.5
Non-residential	97.1	91.6	156.3	87.6	-44.0	-9.8
Alberta	856.2	1,001.8	1,107.9	1,176.4	6.2	37.4
Residential	484.2	566.5	642.8	615.4	-4.3	27.1
Non-residential	372.0	435.3	465.2	561.0	20.6	50.8
British Columbia	874.1	887.8	815.0	842.6	3.4	-3.6
Residential	650.0	606.2	501.3	572.8	14.3	-11.9
Non-residential	224.0	281.6	313.7	269.9	-14.0	20.5
Yukon	7.9	15.8	36.4	9.1	-75.1	14.7
Residential	3.0	10.4	8.0	5.5	-31.1	83.3
Non-residential	4.9	5.3	28.4	3.5	-87.5	-27.4
Northwest Territories	5.0	2.0	3.1	2.0	-36.6	-60.6
Residential	1.1	1.7	0.6	1.1	84.2	0.0
Non-residential	3.8	0.3	2.5	0.8	-66.5	-78.4
Nunavut	11.3	3.8	7.0	1.8	-73.9	-84.0
Residential	8.1	3.8	0.9	1.8	101.8	-77.6
Non-residential	3.2	0.0	6.1	0.0	-100.0	-100.0

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Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area – Seasonally adjusted¹

	August 2010	June 2011	July 2011 ^r	August 2011 ^p	July to August 2011	August 2010 to August 2011
	\$ millions				% change	
Total, census metropolitan areas	4,101.0	5,086.9	4,768.3	4,159.5	-12.8	1.4
St. John's	57.4	56.4	65.7	48.0	-26.9	-16.4
Halifax	48.8	72.3	80.2	77.5	-3.4	58.7
Moncton	17.2	33.8	19.5	25.6	31.6	48.9
Saint John	46.1	10.9	14.0	22.2	58.1	-51.9
Saguenay	32.4	34.2	26.2	26.8	2.0	-17.4
Québec	124.2	182.1	115.7	163.6	41.4	31.7
Sherbrooke	29.1	32.3	33.6	24.6	-26.8	-15.7
Trois-Rivières	11.9	15.5	26.6	33.5	26.0	181.3
Montréal	531.0	974.3	704.8	535.5	-24.0	0.8
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	213.1	204.0	223.9	172.6	-22.9	-19.0
Gatineau part	60.0	46.6	47.3	57.5	21.6	-4.2
Ottawa part	153.1	157.4	176.6	115.0	-34.9	-24.9
Kingston	29.7	22.8	42.1	38.7	-8.2	30.5
Peterborough	8.4	17.7	16.2	9.6	-41.1	13.3
Oshawa	52.8	95.4	51.9	98.9	90.6	87.3
Toronto	1,022.1	945.2	1,217.0	825.7	-32.2	-19.2
Hamilton	160.3	114.3	113.2	144.0	27.2	-10.2
St. Catharines–Niagara	27.9	40.2	47.6	28.0	-41.2	0.3
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	58.4	149.3	141.0	64.7	-54.1	10.9
Brantford	15.2	10.1	6.2	25.9	315.1	70.0
Guelph	24.4	14.8	16.2	18.2	12.0	-25.5
London	65.8	231.0	85.2	58.5	-31.2	-11.1
Windsor	36.1	28.3	29.6	18.1	-38.9	-50.0
Barrie	33.0	33.4	37.3	71.9	92.7	118.0
Greater Sudbury	14.8	20.9	27.9	27.6	-1.1	86.9
Thunder Bay	17.1	28.2	11.9	9.2	-22.4	-45.9
Winnipeg	91.9	105.3	85.9	87.1	1.5	-5.2
Regina	51.6	50.3	74.8	52.6	-29.6	2.1
Saskatoon	45.7	108.2	100.5	109.9	9.4	140.7
Calgary	260.9	446.0	372.9	461.0	23.6	76.7
Edmonton	331.6	311.1	363.1	291.3	-19.8	-12.2
Kelowna	50.7	62.6	23.4	18.1	-22.5	-64.2
Abbotsford–Mission	7.7	19.0	14.3	18.5	29.8	139.8
Vancouver	547.3	527.7	519.7	494.1	-4.9	-9.7
Victoria	36.5	89.2	60.2	58.0	-3.7	58.8

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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.



Farm product prices

August 2011

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

The August Saskatchewan non-board wheat price was \$192.91 per tonne, down 4.9% from July but up 35.4% from August 2010 when the price was \$142.50.

The Quebec hogs price in August was \$93.24 per hundredweight, up 10.6% from July and 19.3% higher than August 2010 when it stood at \$78.17.

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.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3436.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Nickeisha Patterson (613-951-3249; fax: 613-951-3868; nickeisha.patterson@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Production of poultry and eggs

August 2011 (preliminary)

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5039.

The third quarter 2011 issue of the *Poultry and Eggs Statistics*, Vol. 7, no. 3 (23-015-X, free), will be released in November.

For more information, call Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Emily Makosky (613-951-2442; emily.makosky@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

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