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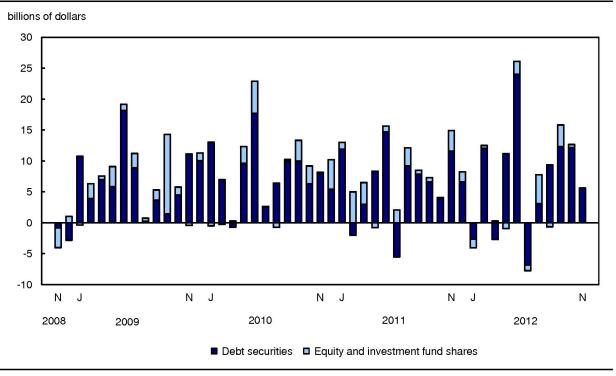
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Chart 1 Foreign portfolio investment in Canadian securities

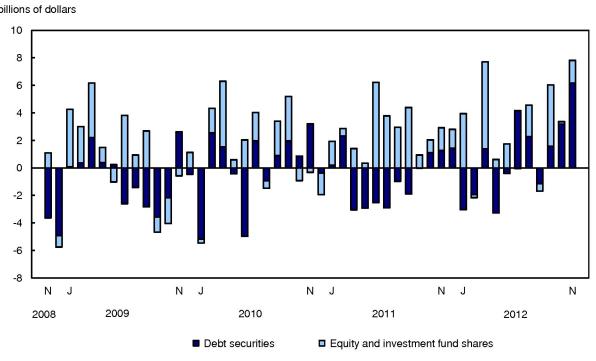


Canadians add US government bonds to their holdings

Acquisitions of foreign debt securities by Canadian investors expanded to \$6.2 billion in November. This was the highest investment since March 2007 and the third consecutive monthly acquisition.

Chart 2
Canadian portfolio investment in foreign securities

billions of dollars



Activity in November was led by a \$5.7 billion record purchase of US government bonds, mostly short-term instruments. This resulted in a net acquisition of US government bonds between January and November 2012, compared with a net divestment for the same period in 2011 when acquisitions were focused on equities.

The Canadian dollar traded above par against the US dollar for a fourth straight month in November, while the long-term interest rate differentials between Canada and United States remained relatively stable.

Canadian investment in foreign equities focuses on US stocks

Canadian investors added \$1.6 billion of foreign equities to their portfolios in November, all in US shares. Acquisitions were led by demand from pension funds and followed a reduction in holdings of US equities in October. US stock prices edged up 0.3% in November, following a 2.0% decline in October.

Foreign investment in the Canadian debt market slows

Non-residents purchased \$5.6 billion of Canadian debt securities in November, the lowest amount since July. Foreign investment in the Canadian money market was \$3.8 billion, led by federal Treasury bills. There were also some acquisitions of private corporate paper.

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Chart 3
Foreign portfolio investment in federal government debt securities

Foreign investment in Canadian bonds fell to \$1.7 billion in November from \$15.5 billion in October. Foreign acquisitions of federal bonds slowed for a second month to \$2.0 billion, again focusing on short-term bonds. Foreign purchases of corporate bonds were reduced to \$2.9 billion, split between federal government enterprise and private corporate bonds. Investments in Canadian bonds were further moderated by a \$3.2 billion reduction in foreign holdings of provincial government bonds, mainly because of retirements of US dollar bonds.

Cross-border investment in Canadian shares down for a second straight month

Foreign investment in Canadian equities slowed for a second month, amounting to an inflow of \$38 million in November. Canadian share prices declined for the first time since May. On a year-to-date basis, foreign acquisitions of Canadian equities on the secondary market have been reduced considerably, from \$15.8 billion in 2011 to \$2.2 billion in 2012.

Note to readers

The data series on international transactions in securities cover portfolio transactions in equity and investment fund shares, bonds and money market instruments for both Canadian and foreign issues.

Equity and investment fund shares include common and preferred equities as well as units/shares of investment funds.

Debt securities include bonds and money market instruments.

Bonds have an original term to maturity of more than one year.

Money market instruments have an original term to maturity of one year or less.

Government of Canada paper includes treasury bills and US-dollar Canada bills.

All values in this release are net transactions unless otherwise stated.

Table 1
Canada's international transactions in securities

	September 2012	October 2012	November 2012	January to November 2011 ¹	January to November 2012 ¹
			millions of dollars		
Foreign investment in Canadian					
securities	15.827	12.667	5.616	89.114	85,218
Debt securities	12,338	12,137	5,579	69,563	77,541
Money market instruments	3,225	-3,353	3,845	28,499	7,832
Governments	609	-3,118	3,282	26,051	-673
Federal government	445	-1,483	3,303	25,396	-3,247
Other governments	164	-1,635	-20	654	2,574
Corporations	2,616	-235	562	2,448	8,505
Government business enterprises	1,139	364	-690	661	336
Private corporations .	1,476	-599	1,252	1,787	8,169
Bonds	9,113	15,490	1,734	41,064	69,709
Governments	8,939	8,152	-1,139	22,397	44,082
Federal government	5,940	3,608	2,006	9,969	31,092
Other governments	2,999	4,544	-3,145	12,428	12,989
Corporations	174	7,338	2,872	18,668	25,627
Government business enterprises	-138	-1,588	1,529	7,533	6,451
Private corporations	312	8,926	1,343	11,134	19,176
Equity and investment fund shares	3,489	530	38	19,551	7,678
Canadian investment in foreign					
securities	6,028	3,363	7,813	15,527	29,344
Debt securities	1,577	3,185	6,169	-9,349	8,980
Money market instruments	-452	298	-59	-1,118	-717
Bonds	2,029	2,887	6,228	-8,231	9,697
Equity and investment fund shares	4,451	178	1,644	24,876	20,364

^{1.} Cumulative transactions.

Note(s): In this table, a positive value denotes an increase in investment and a negative value denotes a decrease in investment. Transactions are recorded on a net basis.

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Data on Canada's international transactions in securities for December will be released on February 19.

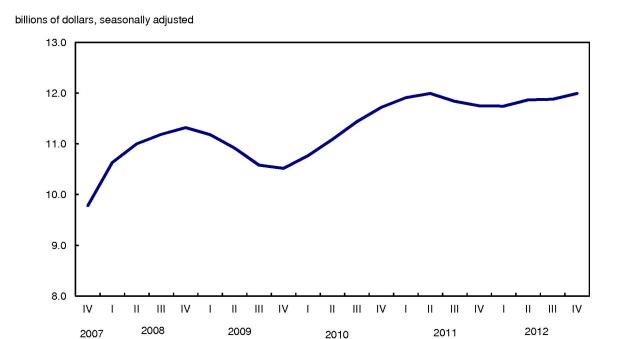
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Investment in non-residential building construction, fourth quarter 2012

Investment in non-residential building construction amounted to \$12.0 billion in the fourth quarter, up 1.0% from the previous quarter. This was the third consecutive quarterly increase and was led by higher spending for commercial and industrial buildings.

Chart 1 Investment in non-residential building construction



Investment in non-residential building construction was up in six provinces, with the largest increases occurring in Quebec and British Columbia.

The gain in Quebec was spread among the institutional, industrial and commercial components, while in British Columbia the increase was in the commercial and industrial components.

The largest declines in total investment were in Ontario and Alberta. In Ontario, institutional investment was down, while in Alberta the decrease occurred in both the commercial and industrial components.

Census metropolitan areas

Investment increased in 18 of 34 census metropolitan areas. The largest increases were in Vancouver, Montréal, Ottawa and Edmonton.

In Vancouver, investment rose in commercial, institutional and industrial buildings. In Montréal, spending was up for the sixth consecutive quarter, led by gains in the institutional and industrial components. Investment grew in all three components in Ottawa and Edmonton.

The largest declines occurred in Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo, Calgary and Toronto. In Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo, investment declined for the sixth consecutive quarter as spending fell across all three components.

In Calgary, total investment fell following five consecutive quarters of growth. This drop was the result of declines in both the institutional and commercial components. In Toronto, the decrease was attributable to lower institutional spending.

Commercial component

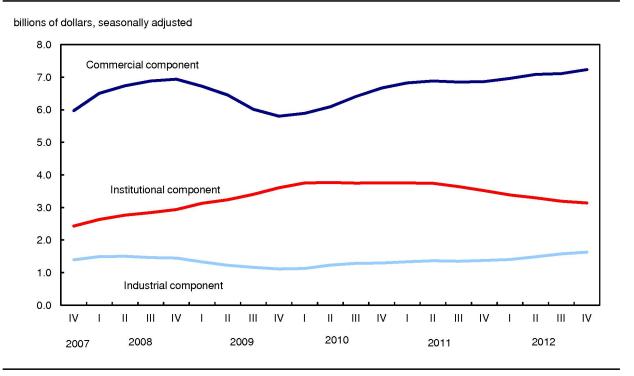
Commercial building investment increased 1.7% to \$7.2 billion, the fifth consecutive quarterly gain. Investment rose in seven provinces, and was led by higher spending on construction of retail and wholesale outlets.

The largest gains in commercial investment were in British Columbia and Ontario. In British Columbia, it rose 7.8% to \$855 million, mostly attributable to higher spending for office buildings and retail and wholesale outlets.

In Ontario, investment rose 1.1% to \$2.6 billion. The biggest contributors were retail and wholesale outlets and storage facilities.

Commercial investment was down for the second consecutive quarter in Alberta, falling 0.4% to \$1.6 billion.

Chart 2
Commercial, institutional and industrial components



Industrial component

Industrial investment was up for the fifth consecutive quarter, rising 3.3% to \$1.6 billion. The largest gains occurred in Quebec and Ontario.

Investment in Quebec rose 9.6% to \$315 million, with most of the gain attributable to higher spending in the construction of manufacturing plants and maintenance buildings.

In Ontario, investment increased 4.1% to \$579 million, led by spending for utility buildings and maintenance facilities.

The largest decline occurred in Newfoundland and Labrador, where investment fell 21.1% to \$47 million, as construction of some manufacturing plants neared completion.

Institutional component

Spending in the institutional component totalled \$3.1 billion in the fourth quarter, a 1.8% decline from the previous quarter. Nationally, it was the eighth consecutive quarterly decline in this component. Institutional investment fell in five provinces.

The largest decline was in Ontario, where investment fell 5.5% to \$1.6 billion, the fifth consecutive quarterly decline. This reflected lower spending on the construction of educational buildings and health care facilities.

The largest increase occurred in Quebec, where investment rose for the third consecutive quarter. Institutional spending increased 6.7% to \$571 million. Most of the increase was attributed to higher spending for health care facilities.

Note to readers

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data expressed in current dollars, which facilitates comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends.

Investments in non-residential building construction exclude engineering construction (such as for highways, sewers, bridges and oil and gas pipelines). This series is based on the Building Permits Survey of municipalities, which collects information on construction intentions.

Work put-in-place patterns are assigned to each type of structure (industrial, commercial and institutional). These work patterns are used to distribute the value of building permits according to project length. Work put-in-place patterns differ according to the value of the construction project; a project worth several million dollars will usually take longer to complete than will a project of a few hundred thousand dollars.

Additional data from the Capital and Repair Expenditures Survey are used to create this investment series. Investments in non-residential building data are benchmarked to Statistics Canada's System of National Accounts of non-residential building investment series.

For the purpose of this release, the census metropolitan area of Ottawa–Gatineau (Ontario/Quebec) is divided into two areas: the Ottawa part and the Gatineau part.

Table 1 Investment in non-residential building construction, by building type, by province and territory – Seasonally adjusted

	Fourth quarter 2011	Third quarter 2012	Fourth quarter 2012	Third quarter to fourth quarter 2012	Fourth quarter 2011 to fourth quarter 2012
	millions of dollars			% change	
Canada	11,751	11,878	11,994	1.0	2.1
Industrial	1,372	1,573	1,626	3.3	18.5
Commercial	6,862	7,111	7,231	1.7	5.4
Institutional	3,516	3,193	3,137	-1.8	-10.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	259	202	198	-1.9	-23.5
Industrial	106	60	47	-21.1	-55.7
Commercial	87	95	109	14.4	24.6
Institutional	66	47	43	-10.4	-35.4
Prince Edward Island	41	38	39	3.2	-4.1
Industrial	7	9	8	-2.1	17.0
Commercial	17	19	21	10.9	22.9
Institutional	17	11	10	-6.0	-40.1
Nova Scotia	204	190	191	0.1	-6.7
Industrial	14	22	22	-0.1	58.5
Commercial	124	124	126	1.1	0.9
Institutional	66	44	43	-2.6	-34.7
New Brunswick	189	148	148	-0.3	-21.9
Industrial	17	15	14	-9.6	-21.7
Commercial	87	79	77	-2.7	-11.6
Institutional	84	54	57	5.8	-32.5
Quebec	1,938	2,089	2,167	3.8	11.8
Industrial	267	288	315	9.6	18.3
Commercial	1,196	1,266	1,280	1.2	7.1
Institutional	476	535	571	6.7	20.1
Ontario	4,849	4,805	4,766	-0.8	-1.7
Industrial	478	556	579	4.1	21.2
Commercial	2,565	2,608	2,636	1.1	2.8
Institutional	1,807	1,640	1,550	-5.5	-14.2
Manitoba	274	304	313	3.0	14.5
Industrial	29	44	51	14.8	76.9
Commercial	153	181	177	-2.4	15.6
Institutional	92	79	86	9.1	-6.7
Saskatchewan	392	456	462	1.4	17.8
Industrial	42	50	51	1.6	20.6
Commercial	238	278	283	1.8	19.0
Institutional	113	128	129	0.7	14.2
Alberta	2,248	2,317	2,306	-0.5	2.6
Industrial	298	372	366	-1.7	22.7
Commercial	1,620	1,656	1,649	-0.4	1.8
Institutional	329	289	291	0.8	-11.6
British Columbia	1,294	1,303	1,373	5.4	6.1
Industrial	108	153	168	10.2	55.2
Commercial	740	793	855	7.8	15.6
Institutional	446	357	350	-2.1	-21.6

Table 1 Investment in non-residential building construction, by building type, by province and territory – Seasonally adjusted

	Fourth quarter 2011	Third quarter 2012	Fourth quarter 2012	Third quarter to fourth quarter 2012	Fourth quarter 2011 to fourth quarter 2012
Yukon	34	16	15	-6.3	-55.9
Industrial	5	4	5	2.8	-10.1
Commercial	18	3	4	18.0	-79.8
Institutional	11	8	7	-19.9	-38.1
Northwest Territories	17	4	3	-9.8	-80.1
Industrial	0	1	0	-47.2	-0.5
Commercial	9	3	3	10.3	-68.9
Institutional	8	0	0	-54.7	-97.2
Nunavut	10	6	13	103.3	28.5
Industrial	0	0	0		32.9
Commercial	8	6	12	106.3	51.8
Institutional	2	0	0	-2.0	-77.9

^{...} not applicable

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

Table 2 Investment in non-residential building construction, by census metropolitan area¹– Seasonally adjusted

	Fourth quarter 2011	Third quarter 2012	Fourth quarter 2012	Third quarter to fourth quarter 2012	Fourth quarter 2011 to fourth quarter 2012
	millions of dollars		% change		
Total: Census metropolitan areas	8,705	8,983	9,171	2.1	5.4
St. John's	112	96	109	12.9	-3.1
Halifax	103	107	114	5.7	10.6
Moncton	65	47	56	17.8	-14.3
Saint John	37	25	24	-4.9	-34.9
Saguenay	42	51	53	3.7	27.5
Québec	211	225	246	9.5	16.9
Sherbrooke	63	58	60	4.2	-4.6
Trois-Rivières	44	39	49	27.0	12.6
Montréal	938	1,138	1,177	3.4	25.5
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	477	483	520	7.5	8.9
Gatineau part	107	96	95	-1.8	-11.4
Ottawa part	371	387	425	9.9	14.8
Kingston	66	50	50	0.3	-24.6
Peterborough	23	27	26	-2.3	16.6
Oshawa	88	105	123	16.8	38.9
Toronto	2,196	2,380	2,357	-1.0	7.3
Hamilton	223	241	258	7.1	16.0
St. Catharines–Niagara	205	122	108	-11.4	-47.1
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	291	222	196	-11.7	-32.5
Brantford	36	33	32	-1.2	-9.7
Guelph	64	62	59	-4.3	-7.4
London	248	248	236	-5.2	-5.1
Windsor	92	94	103	9.0	11.0
Barrie	72	63	55	-13.2	-23.6
Greater Sudbury	70	38	42	9.1	-40.6
Thunder Bay	53	44	37	-15.5	-30.4
Winnipeg	190	214	228	6.7	20.3
Regina	105	118	129	9.3	23.5
Saskatoon	152	181	175	-3.4	14.7
Calgary	854	920	895	-2.7	4.9
Edmonton	651	608	643	5.7	-1.2
Kelowna	67	47	44	-7.1	-34.7
Abbotsford–Mission	55	48	46	-3.2	-15.8
Vancouver	707	754	832	10.5	17.8
Victoria	106	92	88	-4.4	-16.8

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

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

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Summary Elementary and Secondary School Indicators for Canada, the Provinces and Territories, 2006/2007 to 2010/2011

Just over 5 million students were enrolled in public elementary and secondary school programs in Canada during the 2010/2011 school year, the lowest enrolment since 2006/2007.

Over the five-year period, the number of young Canadians enrolled in an elementary or secondary public school decreased annually. This trend was consistent with the changes in the size of the school-aged population over this period. In 2006/2007, young Canadians enrolled in public schools represented 15.7% of the total population. By 2010/2011, this proportion fell to 14.7%.

Nationally, regular second language program enrolments decreased by 6.8%. However, Alberta posted a 14.2% increase over the five-year period.

On the other hand, second language immersion program enrolments increased in almost every province and territory at a rate of 12.1% nationally.

In most provinces and territories, there was a marked increase in enrolments in minority language programs over the five-year period, with the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Alberta posting percentage changes greater than or equal to 20%. Minority language programs allow children from the linguistic minority of a province or territory to pursue their education in their first official language.

Between 2009/2010 and 2010/2011, the number of students who obtained a secondary school diploma from a public institution decreased by 1.0%, falling from 352,000 graduates to 349,000.

Over the five-year period, however, there was a 9.5% increase nationally. Ontario posted the largest increase at 16.7%, followed by Nunavut (+14.6%), Quebec (+11.5%), Manitoba (+6.1%), Alberta (+3.5%) and British Columbia (+3.3%). The number of graduates from public institutions remained stable or declined in the other provinces and territories.

There were fewer students per educator in 2010/2011 compared with 2006/2007. The national student-educator ratio in public schools edged down over the five-year period, falling from 14.7 in 2006/2007 to 13.9 in 2010/2011.

The reason for the decrease in the number of students per educator over the five-year period across Canada varied. In some cases, it was because of a decline in student enrolment while in other cases, it was a consequence of an increase in the number of educators/pedagogical support.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5102.

The report, "Summary Elementary and Secondary School Indicators for Canada, the Provinces and Territories, 2006/2007 to 2010/2011," is now available as part of the *Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics: Research Papers* (81-595-M, free) series. From the *Key resource* module of our website choose *Publications*. The report examines trends in enrolment, graduates and the number of educators as well as basic financial statistics, such as total spending and spending per student, in elementary and secondary schools between 2006/2007 and 2010/2011.

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Civil aviation operating statistics, November 2012

Operational data on civil aviation are now available for November.

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New motor vehicle sales, November 2012

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Automotive equipment rental and leasing, 2011

Data on the automotive equipment rental and leasing industry are now available for 2011.

The 2011 edition of the publication *Automotive Equipment Rental and Leasing*, which contains industry highlights along with financial data including revenues, expenses, and operating profit margins, is now available.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 352-0008, 352-0011 and 352-0012.

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The publication *Automotive Equipment Rental and Leasing*, 2011 (63-242-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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