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Releases

Residential construction investment, fourth quarter 2014

Residential construction investment rose 6.8% to \$28.5 billion in the fourth quarter compared with the same quarter in 2013. Renovation spending accounted for most of the increase at the national level, rising 10.3% to \$12.9 billion. Single-family dwellings (+5.1% to \$6.8 billion), row houses (+13.6% to \$1.2 billion) and apartments (+3.5% to \$3.8 billion) also contributed to the gain.

Total investment in residential construction was up in eight provinces in the fourth quarter, led by Ontario, followed by Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia. The advance in Ontario (+7.3% to \$10.7 billion) was the result of increased investment in renovations and, to a lesser extent, single-family dwellings. The gain in Quebec (+6.7% to \$5.2 billion) also resulted from higher renovation spending, although apartments and row houses also contributed. Alberta's advance (+6.8% to \$4.6 billion) stemmed from higher investment in both single-family dwellings and apartments, while most of British Columbia's gain (+6.7% to \$4.5 billion) came from single-family dwellings and renovations.

Overall for the year, residential construction investment totalled \$109.5 billion, up 3.8% from the previous year. This marked the fifth consecutive yearly increase. The majority of the gain came from higher renovation spending (+7.3% to \$50.6 billion), followed by row houses (+15.2% to \$4.4 billion) and single-family dwellings (+1.9% to \$26.0 billion).

In 2014, Alberta posted the largest increase (+12.2% to \$18.2 billion), followed by Ontario (+3.3% to \$39.5 billion) and British Columbia (+5.8% to \$16.3 billion). Conversely, every Atlantic province saw lower construction spending, except New Brunswick, which posted a slight increase (+0.3% to \$1.6 billion) compared with 2013.

Note to readers

Data on residential construction investment are not seasonally adjusted and most comparisons in this release are between the fourth quarter of 2014 and the fourth quarter of 2013. Some comparisons are made between the investment values for the full year of 2014 and the previous year. Data are expressed in current dollars and are available at national and provincial levels.

A new revision schedule has been implemented. Annual revisions of the three most recent calendar years will take place during the release of the third quarter data at the beginning of December, rather than in June, as was previously the practice.

With this release, data for the first quarter to the third quarter of 2014 have been revised. Unless otherwise stated, the highlights are ranked in terms of dollar change rather than percentage change.

Available in CANSIM: table [026-0013](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5016](#).

Data on residential construction investment for the first quarter will be released on June 3.

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Investment in non-residential building construction (revised data), fourth quarter 2014

Following the release of the Canadian economic accounts for the fourth quarter, revised data on investment in non-residential building for the fourth quarter are now available.

Note to readers

Data for the first quarter to the third quarter of 2014 have also been revised.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5014](#).

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Canadian foreign post indexes, March 2015

Data on Canadian foreign post indexes are now available for March.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2322](#).

The March 2015 issue of *Canadian Foreign Post Indexes* ([62-013-X](#)) is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Civil Court Survey, 2013/2014

Civil Court Survey data for 2013/2014 are now available.

Note to readers

This survey collects information on family and non-family civil court cases at both the superior and provincial/territorial court levels from nine reporting provinces and territories (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut). Survey data provide information on civil court caseload, type and length of case and type of court activity, among other measures.

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