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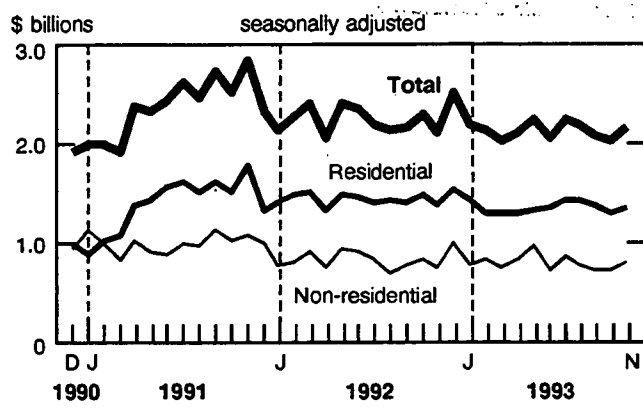
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Building Permits

November 1993 (Preliminary)

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Value of building permits issued



This jump in total value was largely attributable to the British Columbia (+30.8%) and Quebec (+3.0%) regions. The Prairie region recorded the largest decline (-6.6%).

Residential sector

The value of residential building permits advanced 4.4% in November to \$1,343 million, from October's revised level of \$1,287 million.

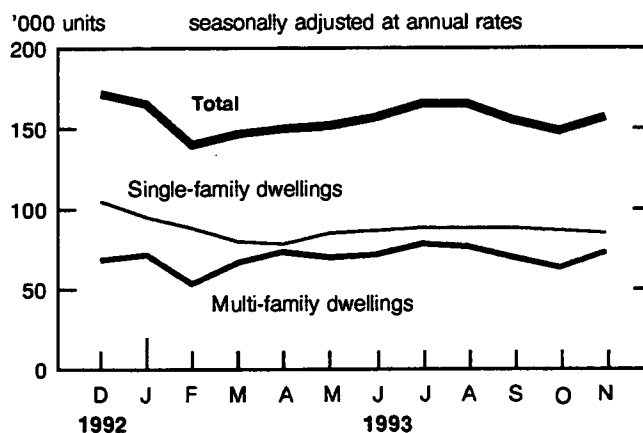
In the residential sector, the British Columbia region exhibited the best performance with a rise of 26.3%.

The multi-family dwelling sector rose 23.9% to \$439 million in November; especially notable were increases in the British Columbia (+65.7%) and Prairie (+54.7%) regions. By contrast, the value of permits in the single-family dwelling sector declined 3.1% to \$904 million.

For January to November 1993, the seasonally adjusted value of residential building permits dropped 5.9% from the corresponding period in 1992. Ontario (-15.4%) and Quebec (-4.8%) reported the largest decreases; British Columbia posted the only increase (+5.1%).

Seasonally adjusted, the total number of dwelling units authorized rose 5.9% in November, to 156,000 units at an annual rate, up from October's revised level of 147,000 units. This upswing was entirely caused by the multi-family dwelling sector (+15.4% to 72,000 units). The British Columbia (+53.6%) and Atlantic (+55.1%) regions were the main contributors to an upsurge in construction activity in the multi-family dwelling sector.

Dwelling units authorized

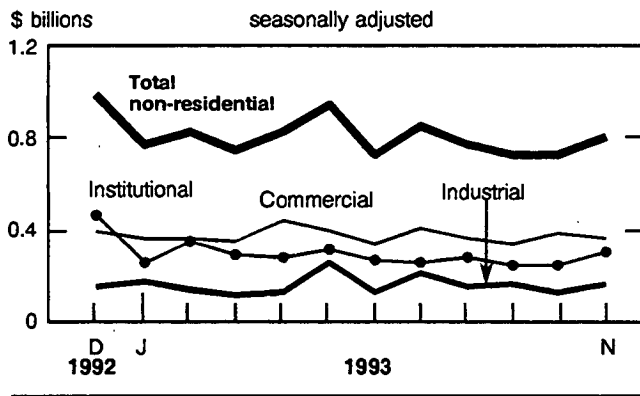


Non-residential sector

In November, the value of non-residential building permits increased 10.5% to \$798 million, up from \$722 million in October. Industrial (+26.7%) and institutional (+27.2%) projects accounted for the increase in the non-residential sector.

Regionally, the most significant gains in the non-residential sector came from British Columbia (+41.3%)—due primarily to an exceptional 89.7% gain in institutional building intentions—and from Ontario (+9.5%), where the value of industrial permits soared 95.4%.

Value of non-residential permits issued



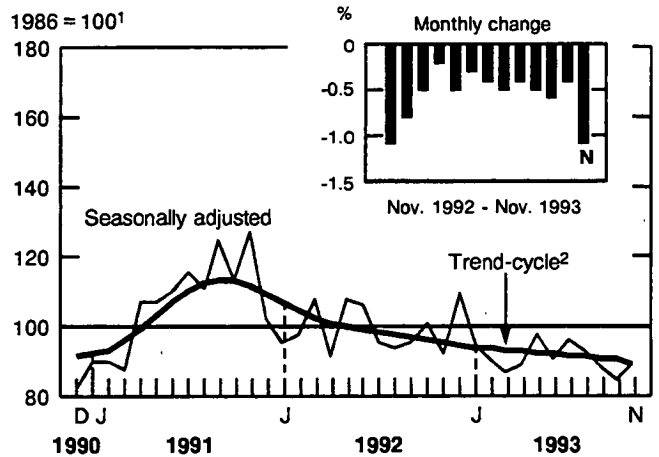
For January to November 1993, the seasonally adjusted value of non-residential building permits fell 2.2% from the same period in 1992. The Prairie region showed the most significant decrease (-18.9%); Quebec reported the largest increase (+12.7%).

Building permits indexes

The short-term trend index for building permits (which smooths irregular month-to-month movements not sustained over a longer period) has been moving downward since October 1991. In November, it decreased 1.1% to 88.7.

The residential building permits short-term trend edged down 0.5% to 100.0 in November, while the non-residential building permits short-term trend fell 2.1% to 73.4.

Building permits indexes



¹ This series is deflated by using the construction input price index, which includes cost of material and labor.

² The trend-cycle shows the seasonally adjusted value of building permits without irregular influences that can obscure the short-term trend.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 80 (levels 3-7, 16-22), 129, 137, 443, 989-992, 994, 995 and 4073.

The November 1993 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$22.10/\$221) will be released on January 26. The residential building permits advance estimate for December will be released on February 1.

For further information on statistics, contact Johanne Bureau (613-951-2583). For analytical information, contact Nathalie Léveillé (613-951-2025), Current Investment Indicators Section, Investment and Capital Stock Division. □

Value of residential and non-residential building permits

Regions and types of construction	October 1993 ^r	November 1993 ^p	November 1992 to November 1993 ^p	October 1993 ^r to November 1993 ^p	October 1993 ^r	November 1993 ^p	November 1992 to November 1993 ^p	October 1993 ^r to November 1993 ^p
	seasonally adjusted				unadjusted			
	\$ thousands		% change		\$ thousands		% change	
Canada								
Total construction	2,009,130	2,140,894	1.7	6.6	2,164,927	2,159,027	12.4	-0.3
Residential	1,287,039	1,343,130	-1.5	4.4	1,335,933	1,307,816	8.6	-2.1
Non-residential	722,091	797,764	7.4	10.5	828,994	851,211	18.7	2.7
Industrial	117,630	149,053	18.9	26.7	142,555	133,547	23.2	-6.3
Commercial	373,571	355,003	0.5	-5.0	420,260	370,398	7.9	-11.9
Institutional	230,890	293,708	11.3	27.2	266,179	347,266	30.9	30.5
Atlantic								
Total construction	118,164	114,546	-4.5	-3.1	133,215	107,543	8.3	-19.3
Residential	74,135	75,579	-8.8	1.9	72,904	66,258	7.9	-9.1
Non-residential	44,029	38,967	5.2	-11.5	60,311	41,285	8.9	-31.5
Industrial	2,297	3,733	-20.2	62.5	2,320	3,697	10.2	59.4
Commercial	35,147	30,483	73.8	-13.3	44,150	33,804	80.5	-23.4
Institutional	6,585	4,751	-68.0	-27.9	13,841	3,784	-76.1	-72.7
Quebec								
Total construction	392,923	404,666	12.9	3.0	421,760	438,095	23.7	3.9
Residential	235,631	242,856	1.9	3.1	224,890	232,302	6.7	3.3
Non-residential	157,292	161,810	34.6	2.9	196,870	205,793	50.7	4.5
Industrial	34,930	22,664	-20.8	-35.1	45,256	23,223	-30.0	-48.7
Commercial	61,328	77,251	15.6	26.0	77,657	92,157	31.6	18.7
Institutional	61,034	61,895	149.7	1.4	73,957	90,413	171.0	22.3
Ontario								
Total construction	695,028	689,663	-2.9	-0.8	770,732	750,465	7.0	-2.6
Residential	429,663	399,011	-1.3	-7.1	474,077	445,791	9.3	-6.0
Non-residential	265,365	290,652	-5.0	9.5	296,655	304,674	3.8	2.7
Industrial	41,999	82,083	23.1	95.4	61,656	75,329	45.1	22.2
Commercial	144,092	118,229	14.3	-17.9	155,410	124,257	10.3	-20.0
Institutional	79,274	90,340	-33.5	14.0	79,589	105,088	-18.6	32.0
Prairies								
Total construction	316,304	295,279	-10.9	-6.6	317,445	245,553	-7.4	-22.6
Residential	208,765	197,859	-13.1	-5.2	207,003	160,879	-7.7	-22.3
Non-residential	107,539	97,420	-6.3	-9.4	110,442	84,674	-7.0	-23.3
Industrial	24,245	27,526	74.4	13.5	19,252	19,152	81.9	-0.5
Commercial	63,114	54,243	11.5	-14.1	67,982	54,480	13.4	-19.9
Institutional	20,180	15,651	-60.4	-22.4	23,208	11,042	-66.0	-52.4
British Columbia¹								
Total construction	486,711	636,740	8.7	30.8	521,775	617,371	23.3	18.3
Residential	338,845	427,825	4.3	26.3	357,059	402,586	17.3	12.8
Non-residential	147,866	208,915	19.1	41.3	164,716	214,785	36.1	30.4
Industrial	14,159	13,047	36.4	-7.9	14,071	12,146	28.3	-13.7
Commercial	69,890	74,797	-36.0	7.0	75,061	65,700	-30.0	-12.5
Institutional	63,817	121,071	147.3	89.7	75,584	136,939	151.0	81.2

¹ Building permits issued for the Yukon and the Northwest Territories are included in the British Columbia region.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department Store Sales Advance Release

December 1993

Department store sales including concessions for December totalled \$2,070 million, off 0.6% from December 1992. Sales for the major department stores were down 3.9% at \$1,112 million, but sales for the junior category were up 3.7% at \$958 million.

Note that this advance release is a very preliminary indicator of data to be published in the Monthly Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area Survey.

For further information on this release, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending January 7, 1994

The number of railway cars loaded during the seven-day period decreased by 9.6% from the same period last year; revenue-freight loaded decreased by 6.8% to 3.5 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, decreased by 9.9% during the same period.

Revenue-freight tonnage loaded as of January 7, 1994 decreased 6.8% from the previous year.

Cumulative data for 1993 have been revised.

For further information, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation

December 1993

Manufacturers shipped 2 640 712 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in December 1993, up 1.9% from 2 590 529 square metres a year earlier but down 26.0% from 3 566 959 square metres the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of December 1993 totalled 31 713 461 square metres, a decrease of 1.3% from the same period in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).

The December 1993 issue of *Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For detailed information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division. ■

Shipments of Rolled Steel

November 1993

Rolled steel shipments for November 1993 totalled 1 155 295 tonnes, up 4.3% from 1 107 246^r (revised) tonnes in October 1993 and up 5.0% from 1 100 366 tonnes in November 1992.

Year-to-date shipments at the end of November 1993 totalled 12 228 213^r tonnes, up 9.7% from 11 144 869 tonnes the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).

The November 1993 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

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