

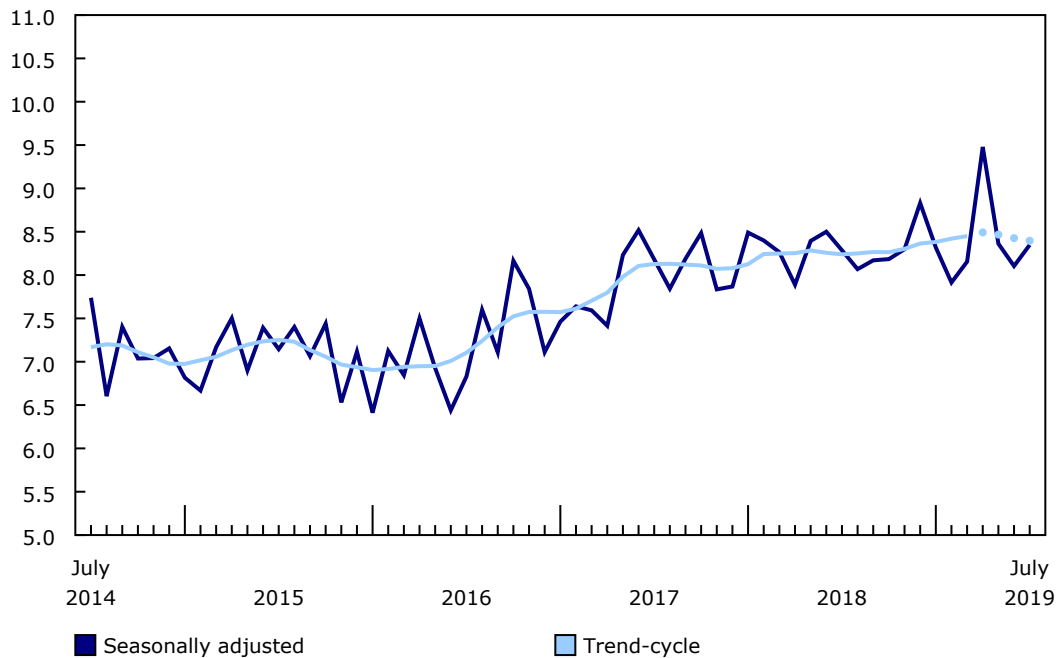
# Building permits, July 2019

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The value of building permits issued by Canadian municipalities rose 3.0% to \$8.3 billion in July, largely due to increases in multi-family and commercial permits. Gains were reported in five provinces, with over one-third of the national increase in British Columbia. Quebec reported the largest decrease, down 4.0% to \$1.6 billion due to lower construction intentions in all components of the non-residential sector.

**Chart 1**  
**Total value of building permits**

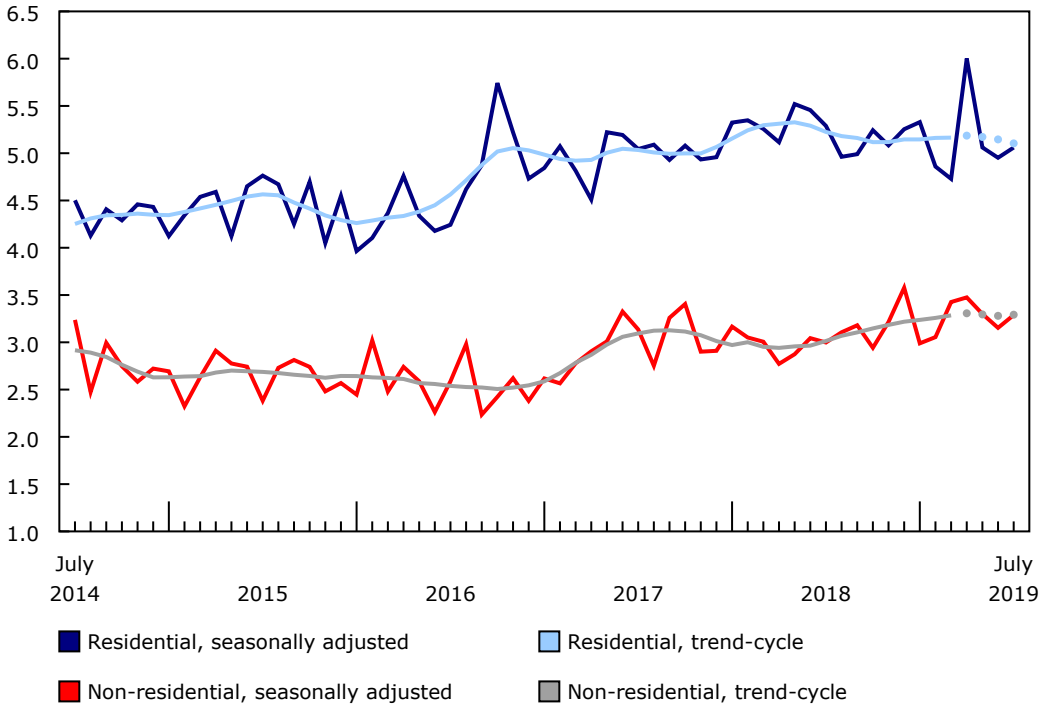
billions of dollars



**Note(s):** The higher variability associated with the trend-cycle estimates is indicated with a dotted line on the chart for the current reference month and the three previous months. For more information, see the note to readers.  
**Source(s):** Table 34-10-0066-01.

**Chart 2**  
**Value of building permits for the residential and non-residential sectors**

billions of dollars



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Infographic 1 – Building permits, July 2019

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## Building permits

Figure 1 Month-to-month change in total value of building permits (seasonally adjusted)

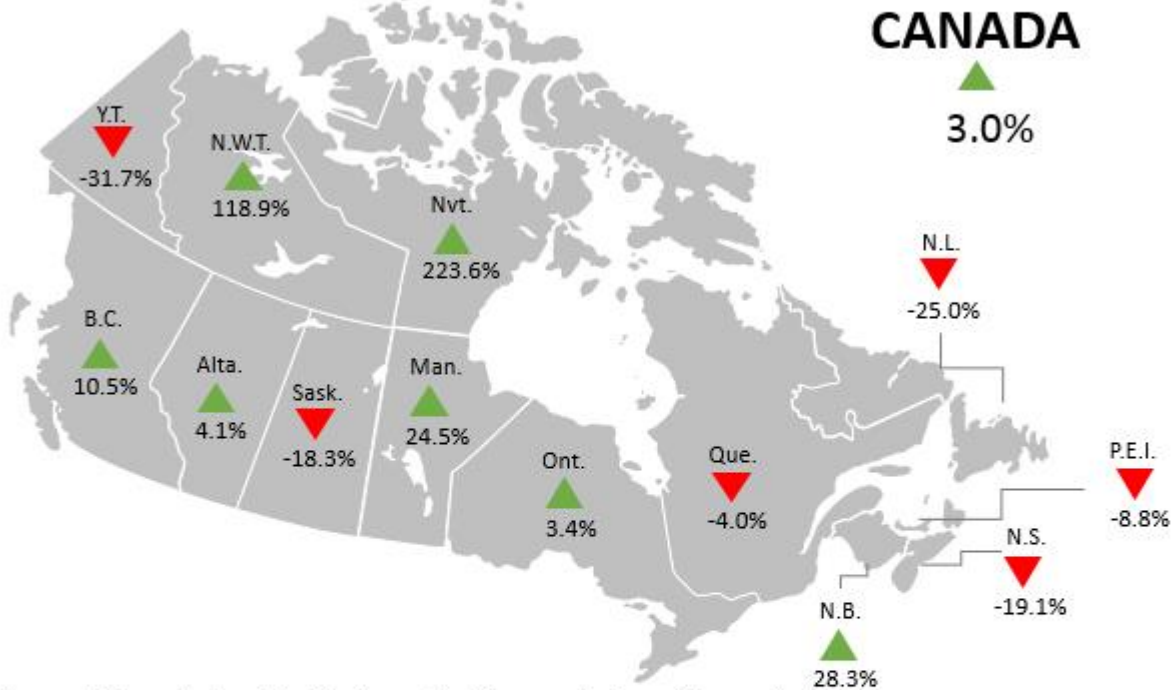


Figure 2 Building permits for residential and non-residential construction in Canada (seasonally adjusted)



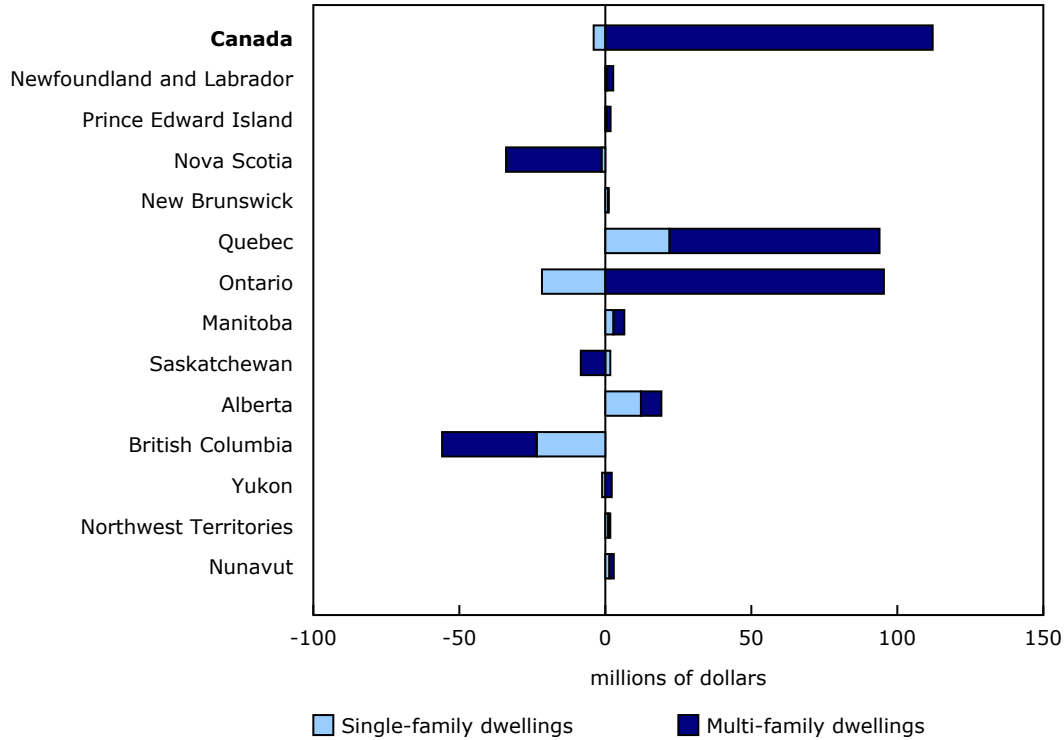
Source: Table 34-10-0066-01—Building permits, by type of construction and type of work.

### Multi-family permits up

The value of permits for multi-family dwellings rose in seven provinces, increasing 4.2% to \$2.8 billion in July. The gain was led by Ontario (+\$95 million) and Quebec (+\$72 million), following declines the previous month in both provinces.

The value of permits for single-family dwellings nationally edged down 0.2%.

**Chart 3**  
**Month-to-month change in the value of residential building permits**



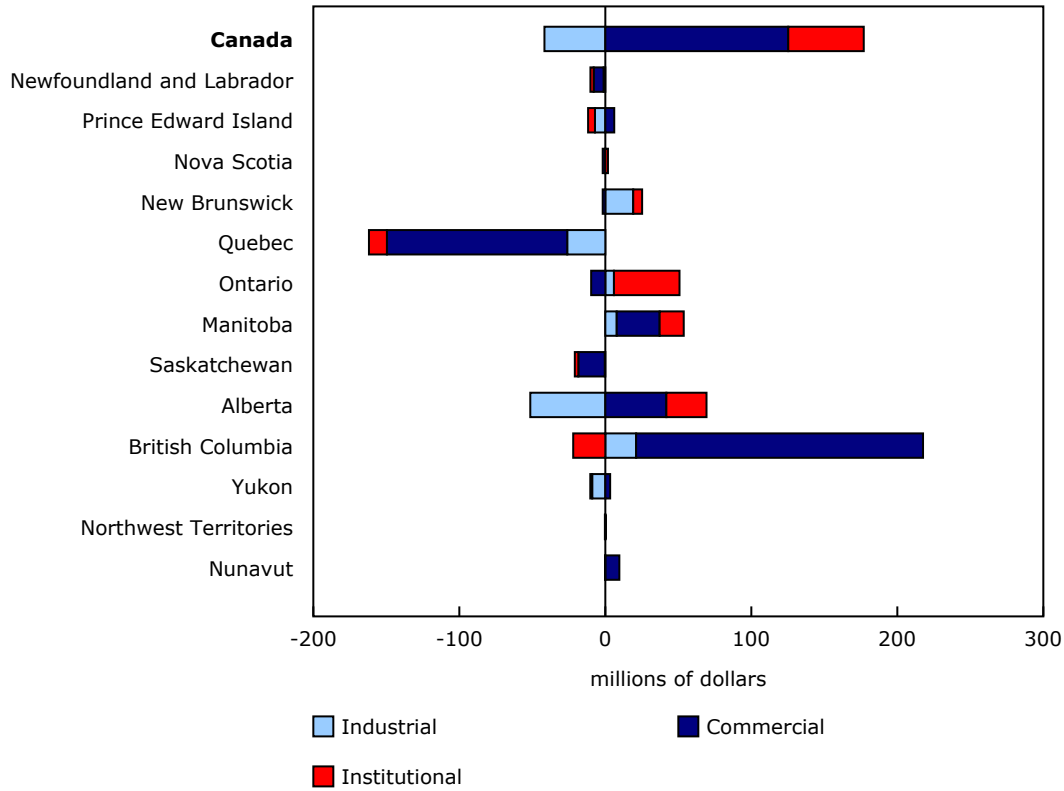
Source(s): Table 34-10-0066-01.

**Increases in commercial permits**

The largest gain was in commercial permits, which rose 6.7% to \$2.0 billion, offsetting three consecutive months of declines. The increase was largely attributable to high-value permits for office buildings in the census metropolitan area of Vancouver.

Six provinces reported declines in the value of industrial permits, down 6.9% to \$558 million.

**Chart 4**  
**Month-to-month change in the value of non-residential building permits**



Source(s): Table 34-10-0066-01.

**Ontario permits continue to grow**

Ontario issued a record high \$3.5 billion in permits in July. This was the fifth consecutive monthly gain, moving the province \$209 million or 6.3% higher than the same month a year earlier. Manitoba (+\$56 million) and New Brunswick (+\$27 million) also reported strong year-over-year gains.

## Note to readers

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data, which facilitate month-to-month comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations. For information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

The Building Permits Survey covers over 2,400 municipalities, representing 95% of the Canadian population. The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small and their levels of building activity have little impact on the total for the entire population.

Building permits data are used as a leading indicator of activity in the construction industry.

The value of planned construction activities presented in this release excludes engineering projects (such as waterworks, sewers or culverts) and land.

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

Unless otherwise specified, the highlights refer to seasonally adjusted current dollars and are ranked in terms of dollar change rather than percentage change.

### Building components

**Single-family dwellings:** Residential buildings containing only one dwelling unit (for example, single-detached house, bungalow, linked home [[linked at the foundation](#)]).

**Multi-family dwellings:** Residential buildings containing multiple dwelling units (for example, apartment, apartment condominium, row house, semi-detached).

**Industrial buildings:** Buildings used in the transformation or production of goods, or related to transportation and communication.

**Commercial buildings:** Buildings used in trade or distribution of goods and services.

**Institutional and government buildings:** Buildings used to house public and semi-public services such as those related to health and welfare, education, or public administration, as well as buildings used for religious services.

### Revision

Unadjusted data for the current reference month are subject to revision based on late responses. Data for the previous month have been revised. Seasonally adjusted data are revised for the previous two months.

Trend-cycle estimates have been added to the charts as a complement to the seasonally adjusted series. Both seasonally adjusted data and trend-cycle estimates are subject to revision as additional observations become available. These revisions could be large and even lead to a reversal of movement, especially at the end of the series. The higher variability associated with trend-cycle estimates is indicated with a dotted line on the chart.

For information on trend-cycle data, see the [StatCan Blog](#) and [Trend-cycle estimates – Frequently asked questions](#).

### Next release

Data on building permits for August will be released on October 8.

**Table 1**  
**Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, Canada – Seasonally adjusted**

	July 2018	May 2019 <sup>r</sup>	June 2019 <sup>r</sup>	July 2019 <sup>p</sup>	June to July 2019	July 2018 to July 2019
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,286.2</b>	<b>8,361.6</b>	<b>8,104.2</b>	<b>8,347.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Residential	5,288.7	5,061.2	4,951.7	5,059.7	2.2	-4.3
Single <sup>1</sup>	2,367.5	2,265.1	2,308.9	2,304.9	-0.2	-2.6
Multiple	2,921.2	2,796.1	2,642.7	2,754.9	4.2	-5.7
Non-residential	2,997.5	3,300.5	3,152.6	3,288.0	4.3	9.7
Industrial	728.6	586.1	599.7	558.0	-6.9	-23.4
Commercial	1,692.4	1,896.7	1,874.0	1,999.3	6.7	18.1
Institutional	576.6	817.7	678.9	730.6	7.6	26.7
	number of units				% change	
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>19,956</b>	<b>19,438</b>	<b>18,232</b>	<b>18,402</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-7.8</b>
Single <sup>1</sup>	5,103	4,831	4,946	4,864	-1.7	-4.7
Multiple	14,853	14,607	13,286	13,538	1.9	-8.9

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1. Included in this category are the following types of dwellings: single-detached, mobile home and cottage.

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

**Source(s):** Table [34-10-0066-01](#).

**Table 2**  
**Value of building permits, by province and territory – Seasonally adjusted**

	July 2018	May 2019 <sup>r</sup>	June 2019 <sup>r</sup>	July 2019 <sup>p</sup>	June to July 2019	July 2018 to July 2019
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>8,286.2</b>	<b>8,361.6</b>	<b>8,104.2</b>	<b>8,347.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Residential</b>	<b>5,288.7</b>	<b>5,061.2</b>	<b>4,951.7</b>	<b>5,059.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-4.3</b>
<b>Non-residential</b>	<b>2,997.5</b>	<b>3,300.5</b>	<b>3,152.6</b>	<b>3,288.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>9.7</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	66.6	33.3	30.5	22.9	-25.0	-65.6
Residential	20.0	12.9	13.5	16.2	19.6	-19.2
Non-residential	46.6	20.4	17.0	6.7	-60.5	-85.6
Prince Edward Island	29.2	58.5	44.1	40.2	-8.8	37.6
Residential	16.0	48.7	25.1	26.9	7.2	68.2
Non-residential	13.2	9.8	19.0	13.3	-29.9	0.7
Nova Scotia	152.1	132.3	177.7	143.7	-19.1	-5.5
Residential	99.9	89.1	127.7	93.8	-26.6	-6.1
Non-residential	52.2	43.2	49.9	49.9	-0.0	-4.4
New Brunswick	84.9	118.6	87.0	111.6	28.3	31.5
Residential	43.5	66.4	53.2	54.4	2.2	25.0
Non-residential	41.4	52.2	33.8	57.2	69.3	38.3
Quebec	1,700.2	1,695.2	1,700.1	1,632.1	-4.0	-4.0
Residential	1,002.8	1,033.0	883.7	977.7	10.6	-2.5
Non-residential	697.5	662.2	816.3	654.4	-19.8	-6.2
Ontario	3,313.9	3,345.1	3,407.9	3,522.7	3.4	6.3
Residential	2,262.3	2,175.5	2,174.0	2,247.7	3.4	-0.6
Non-residential	1,051.6	1,169.6	1,233.9	1,275.0	3.3	21.2
Manitoba	249.1	332.0	245.2	305.4	24.5	22.6
Residential	133.5	178.2	138.5	144.9	4.6	8.6
Non-residential	115.6	153.7	106.7	160.5	50.4	38.8
Saskatchewan	145.5	133.0	150.7	123.2	-18.3	-15.4
Residential	62.2	52.1	63.4	56.7	-10.6	-8.9
Non-residential	83.2	81.0	87.3	66.4	-23.9	-20.2
Alberta	1,073.6	1,031.9	905.7	942.9	4.1	-12.2
Residential	577.5	578.1	538.9	558.1	3.6	-3.3
Non-residential	496.1	453.8	366.8	384.8	4.9	-22.4
British Columbia	1,424.9	1,431.7	1,329.8	1,469.6	10.5	3.1
Residential	1,055.1	818.1	922.8	866.9	-6.1	-17.8
Non-residential	369.7	613.6	407.0	602.7	48.1	63.0
Yukon	14.5	30.6	18.7	12.8	-31.7	-11.7
Residential	7.3	3.4	5.6	6.6	18.8	-9.5
Non-residential	7.1	27.3	13.1	6.1	-53.3	-14.0
Northwest Territories	3.3	6.8	1.3	2.9	119.0	-12.3
Residential	1.8	2.3	0.0	1.7	...	-3.9
Non-residential	1.6	4.5	1.3	1.2	-7.9	-21.7
Nunavut	28.5	12.4	5.5	17.8	223.6	-37.5
Residential	6.8	3.2	5.3	8.2	55.5	19.4
Non-residential	21.7	9.2	0.3	9.7	...	-55.5

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**Table 3**  
**Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area – Seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup>**

	July 2018	May 2019 <sup>r</sup>	June 2019 <sup>r</sup>	July 2019 <sup>p</sup>	June to July 2019	July 2018 to July 2019
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Total, census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>6,593.8</b>	<b>6,542.5</b>	<b>6,300.8</b>	<b>6,566.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
St. John's	48.1	16.2	19.6	9.8	-50.0	-79.6
Halifax	98.7	64.7	124.0	78.4	-36.8	-20.6
Moncton	29.4	49.8	25.6	47.7	86.6	62.0
Saint John	14.4	14.5	13.1	14.3	9.3	-0.7
Saguenay	45.7	24.2	23.4	33.5	43.3	-26.6
Québec	134.8	166.9	291.0	194.0	-33.3	44.0
Sherbrooke	42.2	37.2	49.9	36.6	-26.6	-13.2
Trois-Rivières	22.0	26.2	23.9	19.1	-20.4	-13.3
Montréal	1,045.4	957.3	851.9	799.8	-6.1	-23.5
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	472.5	322.1	318.4	335.0	5.2	-29.1
Gatineau part	71.5	97.4	69.1	67.1	-2.9	-6.1
Ottawa part	401.0	224.7	249.3	267.9	7.5	-33.2
Kingston	25.0	118.4	62.1	24.5	-60.5	-1.7
Bellefleur	14.1	16.8	55.6	34.1	-38.6	142.5
Peterborough	13.3	12.5	18.9	26.3	39.0	97.5
Oshawa	143.4	92.6	55.9	110.6	97.7	-22.9
Toronto	1,522.9	1,547.3	1,587.6	1,665.3	4.9	9.3
Hamilton	154.0	251.6	211.0	127.2	-39.7	-17.4
St. Catharines–Niagara	71.3	114.3	79.0	128.8	63.0	80.7
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	163.1	125.4	233.6	211.4	-9.5	29.6
Brantford	31.7	17.0	21.5	44.2	105.8	39.5
Guelph	53.5	71.7	28.3	73.9	161.2	38.3
London	87.4	137.2	115.0	129.9	13.0	48.5
Windsor	44.5	56.5	42.6	78.6	84.7	76.7
Barrie	34.6	19.1	9.1	26.7	192.8	-22.7
Greater Sudbury	18.1	17.5	24.2	22.0	-9.2	21.4
Thunder Bay	8.7	9.9	10.0	20.9	108.4	141.5
Winnipeg	180.2	238.1	166.4	220.4	32.4	22.3
Regina	33.5	29.5	46.7	33.9	-27.4	1.3
Saskatoon	68.3	68.7	73.6	63.4	-13.9	-7.1
Lethbridge	58.9	25.9	27.1	23.2	-14.2	-60.6
Calgary	433.3	474.4	389.8	431.4	10.7	-0.4
Edmonton	381.4	361.2	292.6	327.9	12.1	-14.0
Kelowna	121.3	66.9	133.1	79.7	-40.1	-34.3
Abbotsford–Mission	32.7	46.7	36.7	63.4	72.6	93.8
Vancouver	862.9	883.0	771.8	950.5	23.1	10.2
Victoria	82.8	61.6	67.7	80.3	18.6	-3.0

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1. Go online to view the census subdivisions that make up the [census metropolitan areas](#).

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