

# Building permits, January 2022

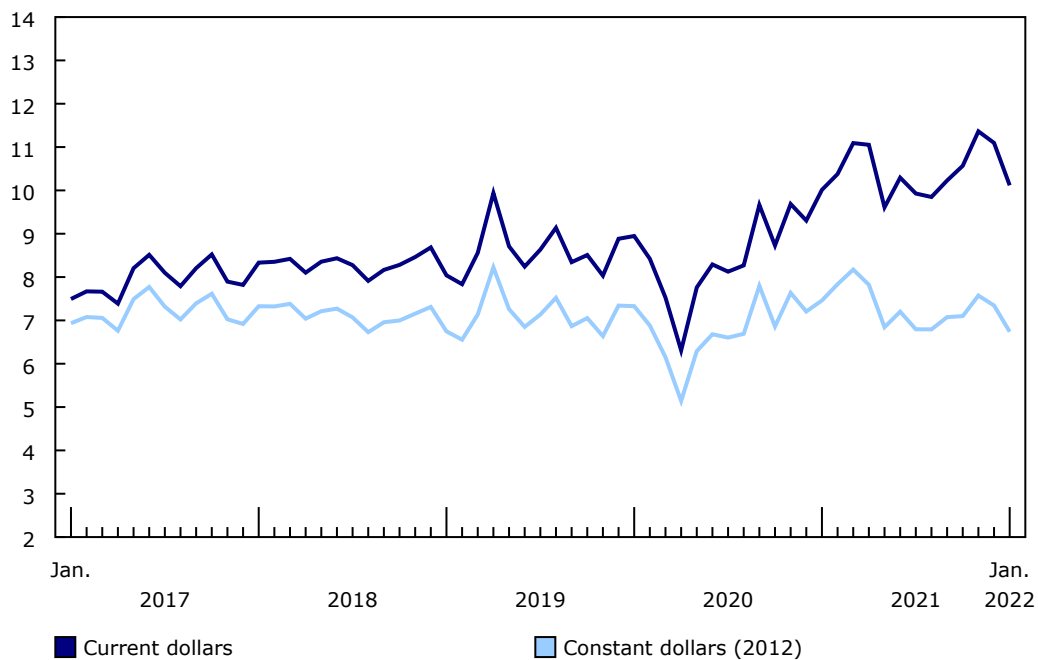
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The total value of building permits decreased 8.8% to \$10.1 billion in January. The residential sector fell 11.6% to \$6.7 billion, while the non-residential sector declined 2.7% to \$3.4 billion.

On a constant dollar basis (2012=100) the total value of building permits declined 8.2%.

**Chart 1**  
**Total value of building permits, seasonally adjusted**

billions of dollars



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

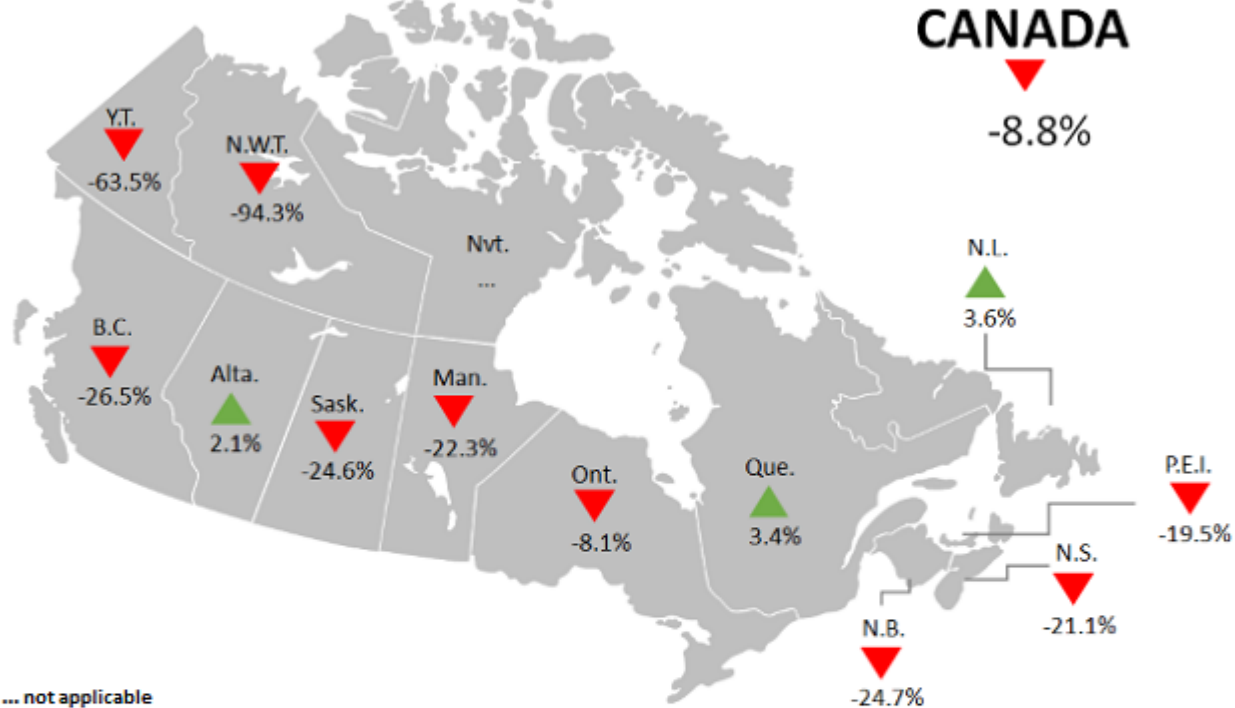


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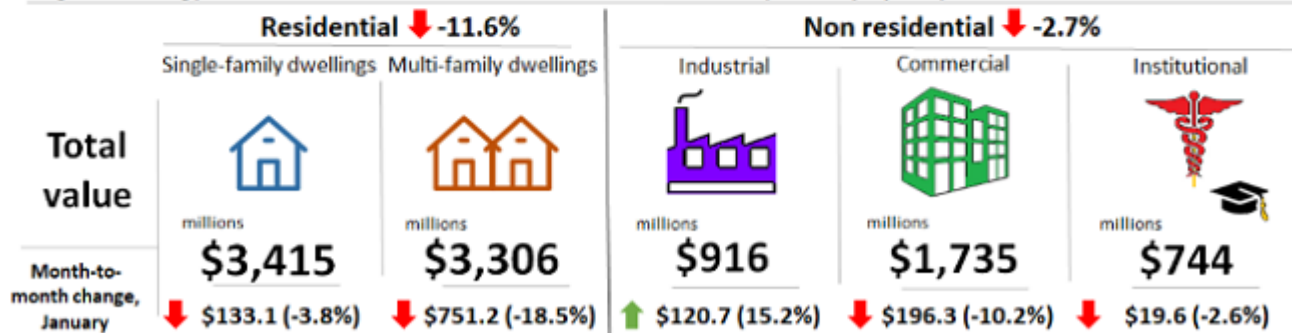
## Building permits

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



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



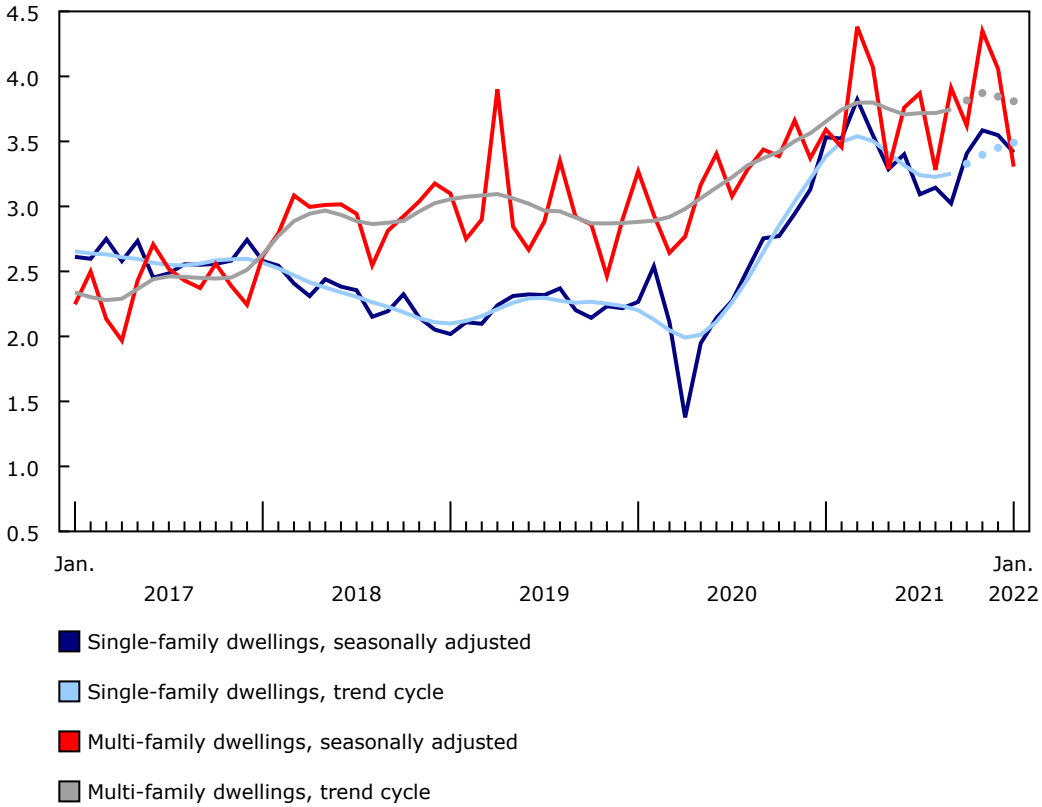
Source: Table 34-10-0066-01—Building permits, by type of structure and type of work.

### Residential sector pulled down by multi-family building intentions

The majority of the drop in the residential sector was in the multi-family component (-18.5%), while intentions for single family homes decreased by 3.8%. Most of the declines for January were in Ontario and British Columbia.

**Chart 2**  
**Value of building permits for the single-family and multi-family components**

billions of dollars

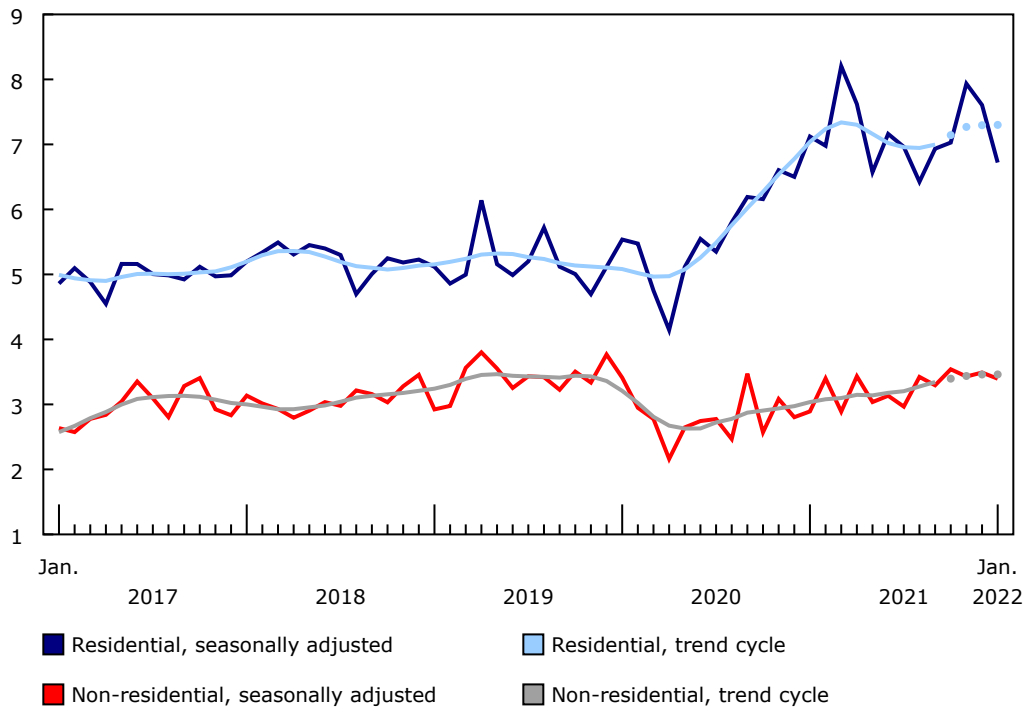


**Note(s):** The higher variability associated with the trend-cycle estimates is indicated with a dotted line on the chart for the current reference month and the previous three months. For more information, see the note to readers.

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

**Chart 3**  
**Value of building permits for the residential and non-residential sectors**

billions of dollars



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### Non-residential sector pulled down by commercial component

The commercial component decreased by 10.2% in January, pulling the non-residential sector lower. Ontario and British Columbia reported the largest declines in this sector. In British Columbia, the decline signified a return to more normal levels following a strong December.

Nationally, the decline in commercial construction intentions was partially offset by a 15.2% increase in the industrial component.

Construction intentions in the institutional component (-2.6%) were slightly lower in January compared with the value in December. Declines in six provinces were mostly offset by strong growth in Ontario (+68.4%), reflecting a \$102 million nursing home permit issued in North Bay.

Nationally, the non-residential sector was down 2.7%.

To explore data using an interactive user interface, visit the [Building permits: Interactive Dashboard](#).

To explore the impact of COVID-19 on the socioeconomic landscape, please consult the [Canadian Economic Dashboard and COVID-19](#).

For more information on housing, please visit the [Housing statistics](#) portal.

Statistics Canada has a [Housing Market Indicators](#) dashboard. This web application provides access to key housing market indicators for Canada, by province and by census metropolitan area. These indicators are updated automatically with new information from monthly releases, giving users access to the latest data.

### Note to readers

As of February 1, 2022, the Building Permits Survey introduced an electronic questionnaire to replace older collection methods such as paper questionnaires, faxes and emails. As Statistics Canada migrates to this new system, data included in this release may see larger than normal monthly revisions.

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

Starting with the March 2021 reference period, monthly constant dollar estimates are available for the entire data series (34-10-0066-01). Constant dollars remove the effects of price changes over time and are calculated using quarterly deflators from the Building Construction Price Index (18-10-0135-01). Typically, the first two months of a quarter use the previous quarter's price level and are revised when the new quarterly price index becomes available.

### Building components

- **Single-family dwellings:** Residential buildings containing only one dwelling unit (e.g., single-detached house, bungalow, linked home [linked at the foundation]).
- **Multi-family dwellings:** Residential buildings containing multiple dwelling units (e.g., apartment, apartment condominium, row house, semi-detached house).
- **Industrial buildings:** Buildings used in the processing or production of goods, or related to transportation and communication.
- **Commercial buildings:** Buildings used in the trade or distribution of goods and services, including office buildings.
- **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 revisions based on late responses. Data for the two previous months have been revised. Seasonally adjusted data for the previous three months have also been revised.

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 could 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 charts.

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

### Next release

Data on building permits for February 2022 will be released on April 4, 2022.

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

	January 2021	November 2021 <sup>r</sup>	December 2021 <sup>r</sup>	January 2022 <sup>p</sup>	December 2021 to January 2022	January 2021 to January 2022
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,013.0</b>	<b>11,363.3</b>	<b>11,096.1</b>	<b>10,116.5</b>	<b>-8.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Residential	7,121.5	7,933.8	7,605.7	6,721.4	-11.6	-5.6
Single <sup>1</sup>	3,531.8	3,585.1	3,548.2	3,415.0	-3.8	-3.3
Multiple	3,589.6	4,348.7	4,057.5	3,306.3	-18.5	-7.9
Non-residential	2,891.6	3,429.4	3,490.4	3,395.2	-2.7	17.4
Industrial	545.6	726.0	795.8	916.5	15.2	68.0
Commercial	1,531.0	2,084.9	1,931.0	1,734.7	-10.2	13.3
Institutional	814.9	618.6	763.6	744.0	-2.6	-8.7
	number of units				% change	
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>25,571</b>	<b>26,542</b>	<b>26,125</b>	<b>22,715</b>	<b>-13.1</b>	<b>-11.2</b>
Single <sup>1</sup>	8,047	6,678	7,181	6,767	-5.8	-15.9
Multiple	17,524	19,864	18,944	15,948	-15.8	-9.0

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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**

	January 2021	November 2021 <sup>r</sup>	December 2021 <sup>r</sup>	January 2022 <sup>p</sup>	December 2021 to January 2022	January 2021 to January 2022
	millions of dollars			% change		
<b>Canada</b>	<b>10,013.0</b>	<b>11,363.3</b>	<b>11,096.1</b>	<b>10,116.5</b>	<b>-8.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Residential</b>	<b>7,121.5</b>	<b>7,933.8</b>	<b>7,605.7</b>	<b>6,721.4</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
<b>Non-residential</b>	<b>2,891.6</b>	<b>3,429.4</b>	<b>3,490.4</b>	<b>3,395.2</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>17.4</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	31.0	31.9	28.3	29.3	3.6	-5.4
Residential	25.8	23.1	22.9	26.9	17.6	4.2
Non-residential	5.2	8.8	5.4	2.4	-55.5	-53.4
Prince Edward Island	41.2	54.4	47.7	38.4	-19.5	-6.8
Residential	27.8	41.2	31.4	34.7	10.5	24.8
Non-residential	13.4	13.2	16.3	3.7	-77.2	-72.3
Nova Scotia	131.6	282.8	230.1	181.6	-21.1	38.0
Residential	106.6	227.0	165.3	147.8	-10.6	38.7
Non-residential	25.0	55.9	64.7	33.8	-47.8	35.0
New Brunswick	124.3	119.2	115.2	86.8	-24.7	-30.2
Residential	96.0	91.3	94.1	63.4	-32.6	-34.0
Non-residential	28.3	27.9	21.1	23.4	10.8	-17.3
Quebec	2,289.3	2,479.8	2,467.9	2,551.8	3.4	11.5
Residential	1,526.7	1,606.1	1,656.1	1,652.7	-0.2	8.3
Non-residential	762.6	873.7	811.9	899.1	10.7	17.9
Ontario	4,384.2	4,651.4	4,644.0	4,269.0	-8.1	-2.6
Residential	3,202.2	3,299.2	3,160.1	2,850.9	-9.8	-11.0
Non-residential	1,182.0	1,352.2	1,483.9	1,418.1	-4.4	20.0
Manitoba	312.9	328.3	341.8	265.5	-22.3	-15.2
Residential	220.6	233.0	248.5	190.9	-23.2	-13.5
Non-residential	92.3	95.3	93.3	74.6	-20.1	-19.2
Saskatchewan	126.3	192.6	136.5	102.9	-24.6	-18.5
Residential	86.0	131.3	81.8	40.8	-50.1	-52.6
Non-residential	40.3	61.3	54.7	62.1	13.5	54.3
Alberta	1,137.7	1,313.8	1,195.5	1,220.7	2.1	7.3
Residential	828.0	754.3	853.5	753.0	-11.8	-9.1
Non-residential	309.7	559.5	342.0	467.7	36.8	51.0
British Columbia	1,426.8	1,896.6	1,859.8	1,366.7	-26.5	-4.2
Residential	998.2	1,523.2	1,285.1	957.4	-25.5	-4.1
Non-residential	428.6	373.5	574.8	409.3	-28.8	-4.5
Yukon	2.5	11.0	6.6	2.4	-63.5	-1.8
Residential	2.3	3.1	6.0	2.0	-67.2	-16.6
Non-residential	0.1	7.9	0.7	0.5	-28.9	294.1
Northwest Territories	5.3	1.4	22.5	1.3	-94.3	-75.9
Residential	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9	-12.0	-32.4
Non-residential	4.0	0.3	21.6	0.4	-98.0	-89.4
Nunavut	0.0 <sup>E</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...
Residential	0.0 <sup>E</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...
Non-residential	0.0 <sup>E</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...

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



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

	January 2021	November 2021 <sup>r</sup>	December 2021 <sup>r</sup>	January 2022 <sup>p</sup>	December 2021 to January 2022	January 2021 to January 2022
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Total, census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>7,287.2</b>	<b>8,718.9</b>	<b>8,007.0</b>	<b>6,725.3</b>	<b>-16.0</b>	<b>-7.7</b>
St. John's	19.4	20.0	18.0	21.0	16.8	8.2
Halifax	54.6	208.0	139.4	99.2	-28.8	81.9
Moncton	49.6	31.2	25.5	23.1	-9.0	-53.3
Saint John	19.3	28.8	27.6 <sup>E</sup>	20.9 <sup>E</sup>	-24.3	7.9
Saguenay	28.9	92.1	36.9	36.9	-0.1	27.4
Québec	221.6	216.4	286.2	206.2	-28.0	-7.0
Sherbrooke	63.1	100.1	66.4	38.0	-42.8	-39.8
Trois-Rivières	27.1	59.3	26.6	34.1	28.3	25.8
Montréal	1,109.2	1,285.5	1,029.9	1,054.0	2.3	-5.0
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario and Quebec	524.2	377.3	545.8	309.6	-43.3	-40.9
Gatineau part	44.0	55.7	144.6	62.3	-56.9	41.5
Ottawa part	480.2	321.6	401.3	247.3	-38.4	-48.5
Kingston	17.4	39.5	15.9	21.1	32.6	21.8
Bellefleur	21.2	23.1	44.5	35.7	-19.7	68.7
Peterborough	11.3	22.3	20.0	40.6	102.9	260.4
Oshawa	139.4	78.3	248.8	92.8	-62.7	-33.4
Toronto	1,994.7	2,220.3	1,770.4	1,794.9	1.4	-10.0
Hamilton	257.9	147.7	161.2	134.5	-16.6	-47.8
St. Catharines–Niagara	101.0	102.1	191.5	129.4	-32.4	28.1
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	152.4	214.4	167.0	166.2	-0.5	9.1
Brantford	22.5	106.4	56.4	35.0	-37.9	55.6
Guelph	23.9	36.2	105.8	46.3	-56.2	93.9
London	151.8	156.1	183.8	211.0	14.8	39.0
Windsor	55.9	103.8	59.9	42.8	-28.5	-23.5
Barrie	31.0	124.5	138.7	51.4	-62.9	65.8
Greater Sudbury	30.8	30.4 <sup>E</sup>	28.4	26.2 <sup>E</sup>	-7.7	-15.0
Thunder Bay	6.5	11.1	10.0	5.9	-40.8	-8.6
Winnipeg	219.4	188.8	233.3	180.9	-22.5	-17.5
Regina	25.3	43.9	34.8	38.1	9.5	50.8
Saskatoon	60.6	95.1	66.1	24.8	-62.5	-59.1
Lethbridge	32.1	23.8	39.1	27.1	-30.7	-15.4
Calgary	509.9	726.6	533.4	556.9	4.4	9.2
Edmonton	359.9	333.3	379.0	378.9	-0.0	5.3
Kelowna	156.3	74.5	109.8	63.1	-42.5	-59.6
Abbotsford–Mission	29.3	51.6	73.0	41.9	-42.6	42.8
Vancouver	613.2	1,191.5	1,029.9	640.6	-37.8	4.5
Victoria	146.6	155.1	103.9	96.0	-7.6	-34.5

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

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

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