

Building permits, April 2022

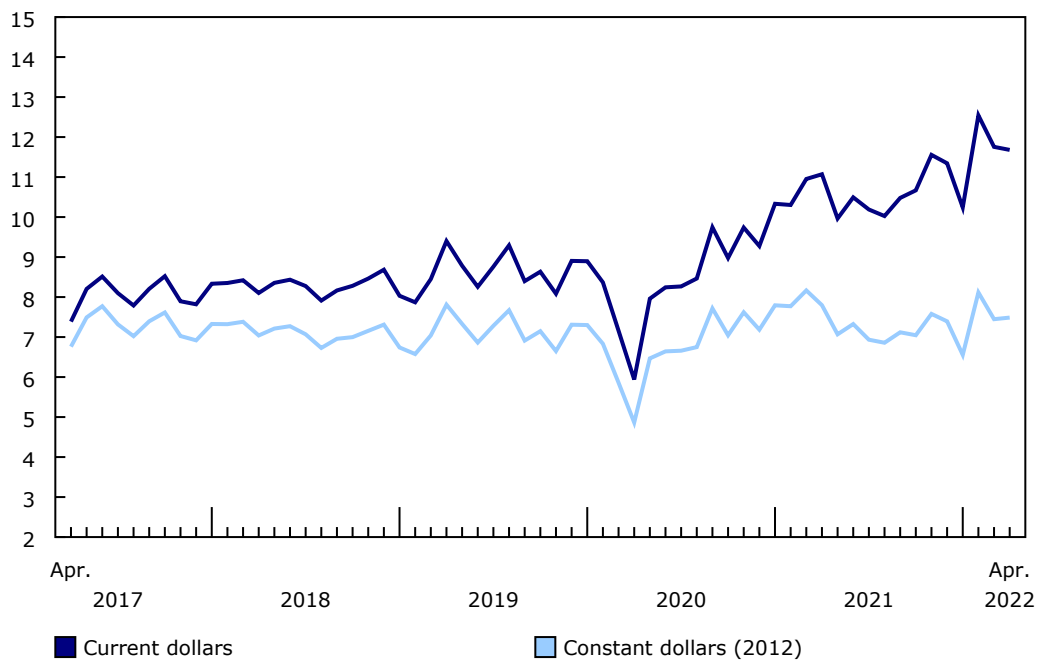
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The total value of building permits in Canada declined 0.6% in April to \$11.7 billion. Decreases in residential permits (-3.3%) were mostly offset by gains in the non-residential sector (+5.0%).

On a constant dollar basis (2012=100), the total value of building permits increased 0.5% to \$7.5 billion.

Chart 1
Total value of building permits, seasonally adjusted

billions of dollars



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

Infographic 1 – Building permits, April 2022

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

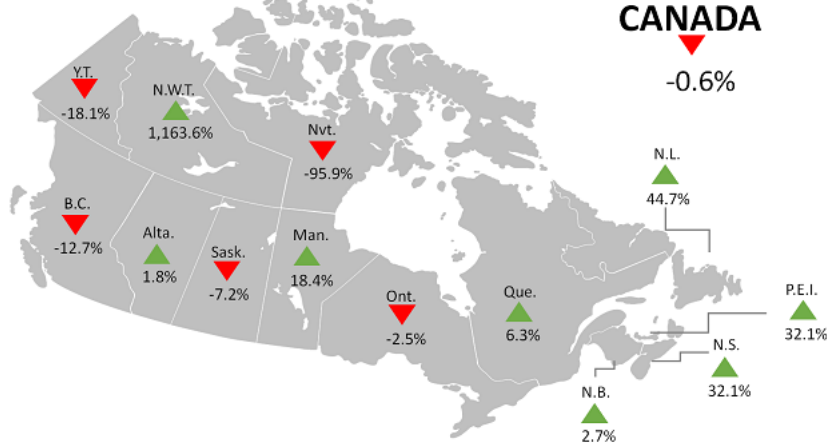
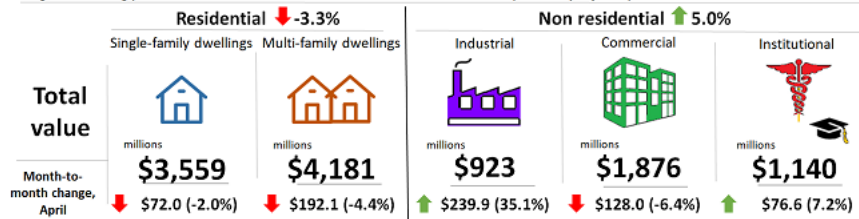


Figure 2 Building permits for residential and non-residential construction in Canada (seasonally adjusted)



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

Residential sector pulls back following strong month

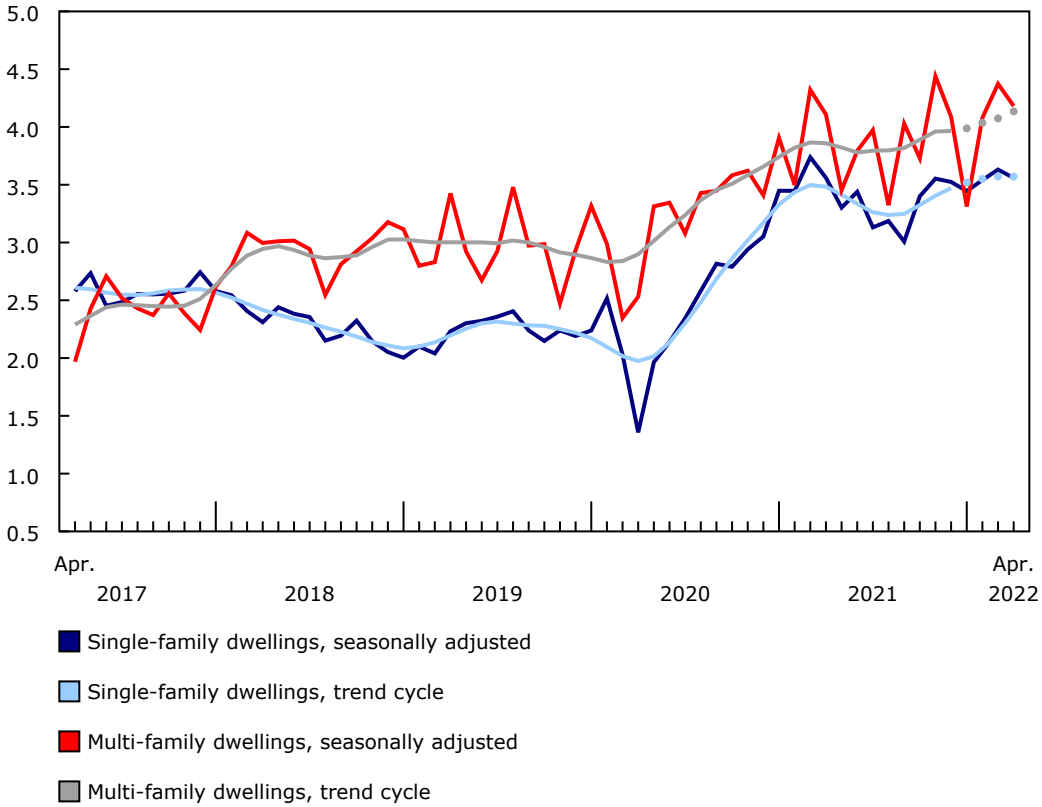
Residential permits in April decreased 3.3% to \$7.7 billion nationally, driven mostly by lower intentions in Ontario and British Columbia, while seven provinces posted increases.

Construction intentions in the single-family home component declined 2.0%, with Alberta (-11.9%) behind much of the decrease.

The value of multi-family building permits pulled back 4.4%, as Ontario (-21.7%) returned to more normal levels following a strong February and March.

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

billions of dollars

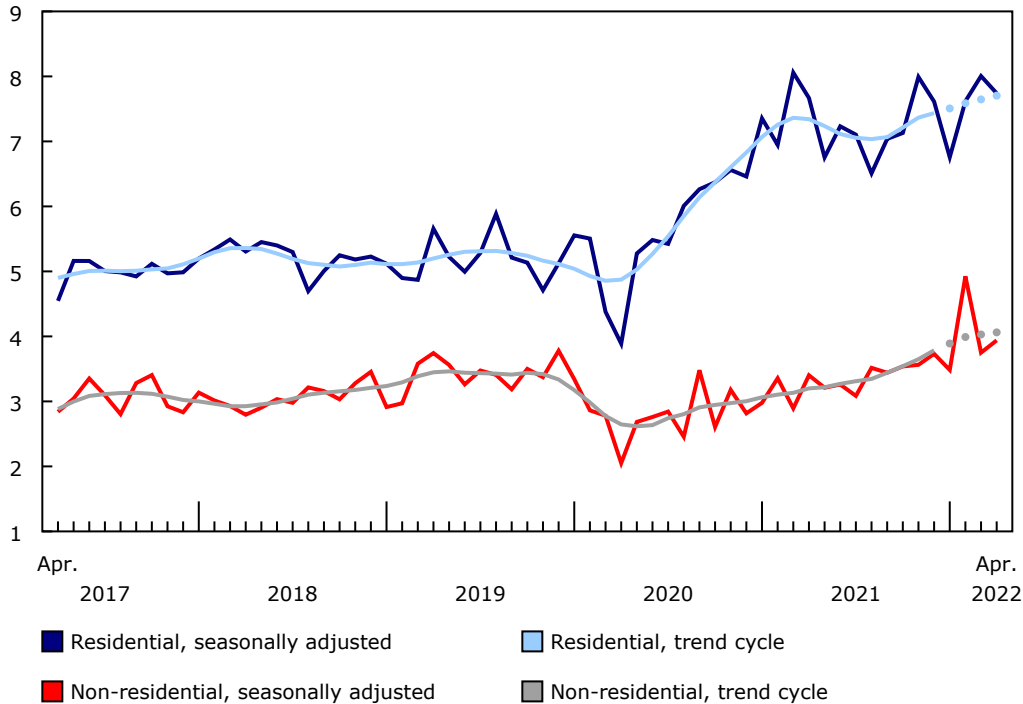


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Chart 3
Value of building permits for the residential and non-residential sectors

billions of dollars



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Ontario pushes up non-residential sector

The total value of permits in the non-residential sector advanced 5.0% to \$3.9 billion in April. The industrial component surged 35.1%, stemming from large gains in Ontario (+48.8%) due to permits for several mining buildings in Greenstone.

Commercial permits decreased 6.4%, with most of the declines in British Columbia as the province returned to more normal levels following a high value permit for the Oakridge Centre redevelopment issued in March.

Construction intentions in the institutional sector rose 7.2%. Ontario posted the largest gain, reflecting the expansion project of the Runnymede Healthcare Centre in Toronto and a new elementary school in Kingsville.

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

To explore the impact of the pandemic 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

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](#).

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. As per Statistics Canada practices, data for the previous year have been revised. Seasonally adjusted data for the previous three years have also been revised.

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

Next release

Data on building permits for May will be released on July 5.

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

	April 2021	February 2022 ^r	March 2022 ^r	April 2022 ^p	March to April 2022	April 2021 to April 2022
	millions of dollars				% change	
Total	11,069.7	12,543.5	11,755.0	11,679.4	-0.6	5.5
Residential	7,667.9	7,618.1	8,004.6	7,740.5	-3.3	0.9
Single ¹	3,559.9	3,539.5	3,631.2	3,559.1	-2.0	-0.0
Multiple	4,108.0	4,078.5	4,373.4	4,181.4	-4.4	1.8
Non-residential	3,401.7	4,925.4	3,750.4	3,938.9	5.0	15.8
Industrial	564.7	686.7	683.0	922.9	35.1	63.4
Commercial	1,939.8	2,162.2	2,004.1	1,876.1	-6.4	-3.3
Institutional	897.3	2,076.6	1,063.4	1,140.0	7.2	27.0
	number of units				% change	
Total dwellings	26,248	25,084	23,070	29,181	26.5	11.2
Single ¹	7,088	6,703	6,264	6,051	-3.4	-14.6
Multiple	19,159	18,381	16,806	23,131	37.6	20.7

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

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

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

	April 2021	February 2022 ^r	March 2022 ^r	April 2022 ^p	March to April 2022	April 2021 to April 2022
	millions of dollars				% change	
Canada	11,069.7	12,543.5	11,755.0	11,679.4	-0.6	5.5
Residential	7,667.9	7,618.1	8,004.6	7,740.5	-3.3	0.9
Non-residential	3,401.7	4,925.4	3,750.4	3,938.9	5.0	15.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	28.8	49.5	56.3	81.4	44.7	182.7
Residential	22.8	37.2	38.1	59.5	56.2	161.5
Non-residential	6.0	12.3	18.1	21.9	20.7	262.4
Prince Edward Island	65.7	68.2	46.8	61.9	32.1	-5.9
Residential	45.1	47.1	39.8	45.0	13.0	-0.1
Non-residential	20.6	21.0	7.0 ^E	16.8	140.7	-18.5
Nova Scotia	111.7	216.1	202.9	268.0	32.1	139.9
Residential	81.3	167.2	162.7	215.6	32.5	165.1
Non-residential	30.4	48.9	40.2	52.4	30.4	72.4
New Brunswick	149.6	141.3	153.2	157.3	2.7	5.2
Residential	118.4	109.7	109.2	122.3	12.0	3.3
Non-residential	31.2	31.6	44.1	35.1	-20.4	12.5
Quebec	2,398.2	2,923.4	2,512.5	2,669.9	6.3	11.3
Residential	1,466.1	1,653.8	1,518.6	1,629.9	7.3	11.2
Non-residential	932.1	1,269.6	994.0	1,040.0	4.6	11.6
Ontario	5,125.3	4,465.3	4,810.4	4,689.2	-2.5	-8.5
Residential	3,753.0	3,160.5	3,423.5	3,024.3	-11.7	-19.4
Non-residential	1,372.4	1,304.9	1,386.9	1,664.9	20.0	21.3
Manitoba	296.1	412.7	292.8	346.8	18.4	17.1
Residential	195.2	200.5	185.0	219.4	18.6	12.4
Non-residential	100.9	212.3	107.9	127.4 ^E	18.1	26.2
Saskatchewan	149.8	149.2	184.4	171.2	-7.2	14.3
Residential	84.5	83.7	110.3	107.1	-2.9	26.7
Non-residential	65.3	65.6	74.2	64.1	-13.6	-1.8
Alberta	1,264.9	1,218.2	1,191.3	1,212.7	1.8	-4.1
Residential	873.0	783.0	780.7	802.1	2.7	-8.1
Non-residential	391.9	435.2	410.7	410.7	-0.0	4.8
British Columbia	1,454.9	2,864.7	2,291.8	2,001.6	-12.7	37.6
Residential	1,008.8	1,355.2	1,627.9	1,498.9	-7.9	48.6
Non-residential	446.2	1,509.5	663.9	502.6	-24.3	12.7
Yukon	21.8	14.4	10.1	8.2	-18.1	-62.1
Residential	17.4	6.8	7.6	5.2	-31.7	-70.3
Non-residential	4.4	7.5	2.5	3.1	22.8	-29.6
Northwest Territories	1.8	6.2	0.9	11.0	...	500.8
Residential	1.6	4.7	0.6	11.0	...	586.8
Non-residential	0.2	1.5	0.3	0.0	-96.3	-95.7
Nunavut	0.9	14.2	1.5	0.1	-95.9	-92.9
Residential	0.8	8.7	0.7	0.1	-91.1	-91.8
Non-residential	0.1	5.5	0.8	0.0	-100.0	-100.0

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Table 3
Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area – Seasonally adjusted¹

	April 2021	February 2022 ^r	March 2022 ^r	April 2022 ^p	March to April 2022	April 2021 to April 2022
	millions of dollars				% change	
Total, census metropolitan areas	8,377.8	9,296.0	8,721.5	8,732.0	0.1	4.2
St. John's	16.0	40.4	34.1	42.4	24.5	165.8
Halifax	33.6	111.3	95.9	169.4	76.6	403.8
Moncton	46.7	51.9	42.3	42.6	0.7	-8.7
Saint John	20.2	19.3	27.1	18.2	-33.0	-10.0
Saguenay	52.3	53.2	28.0	42.0	50.1	-19.8
Québec	270.4	616.1	236.9	210.7	-11.1	-22.1
Sherbrooke	80.8	62.3	65.6	53.8	-17.9	-33.4
Trois-Rivières	50.7	54.7	46.0	39.3	-14.7	-22.6
Montréal	1,037.9	1,252.7	1,121.2	1,389.0	23.9	33.8
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario and Quebec	402.6	448.7	427.0	458.4	7.4	13.9
Gatineau part	70.2	140.9	90.7	162.6	79.3	131.8
Ottawa part	332.4	307.8	336.2	295.7	-12.1	-11.0
Kingston	38.9	49.1	43.8	49.1	12.0	26.0
Bellefleur	27.7	19.0	22.9	49.0	114.2	77.3
Peterborough	35.9	71.9	42.0	61.6	46.5	71.6
Oshawa	217.0	99.9	147.0	251.4	71.0	15.8
Toronto	2,573.2	1,864.3	2,257.2	1,961.1	-13.1	-23.8
Hamilton	181.5	94.7	161.8	213.6	32.0	17.7
St. Catharines–Niagara	196.3	106.2	134.8	174.1	29.2	-11.3
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	220.5	149.0	186.1	164.0	-11.9	-25.6
Brantford	54.1	51.9	58.0	96.1	65.7	77.7
Guelph	30.9	70.5	52.0	31.7	-39.0	2.6
London	270.3	243.8	192.9	146.2	-24.2	-45.9
Windsor	80.9	42.8	59.8	62.5	4.5	-22.7
Barrie	47.8	67.5	230.2	72.9	-68.3	52.4
Greater Sudbury	42.6	24.6	30.9	23.8 ^E	-22.9	-44.1
Thunder Bay	13.1	8.9	5.8	34.1	484.3	160.3
Winnipeg	195.0	271.4	200.2	247.5 ^E	23.6	26.9
Regina	34.6	44.0	52.0	40.7	-21.8	17.6
Saskatoon	63.0	63.8	88.8	95.5	7.5	51.5
Lethbridge	38.5	26.0	31.1	62.1	99.5	61.2
Calgary	621.4	587.6	519.5	595.2	14.6	-4.2
Edmonton	420.7	362.5	378.1	306.6	-18.9	-27.1
Kelowna	97.6	67.8	151.6	114.7	-24.4	17.5
Abbotsford–Mission	24.7	73.4	80.0	81.7	2.2	231.5
Vancouver	686.4	2,010.8	1,300.8	1,174.6	-9.7	71.1
Victoria	154.0	113.9	169.7	156.4	-7.8	1.6

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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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