

# Building permits, August 2022

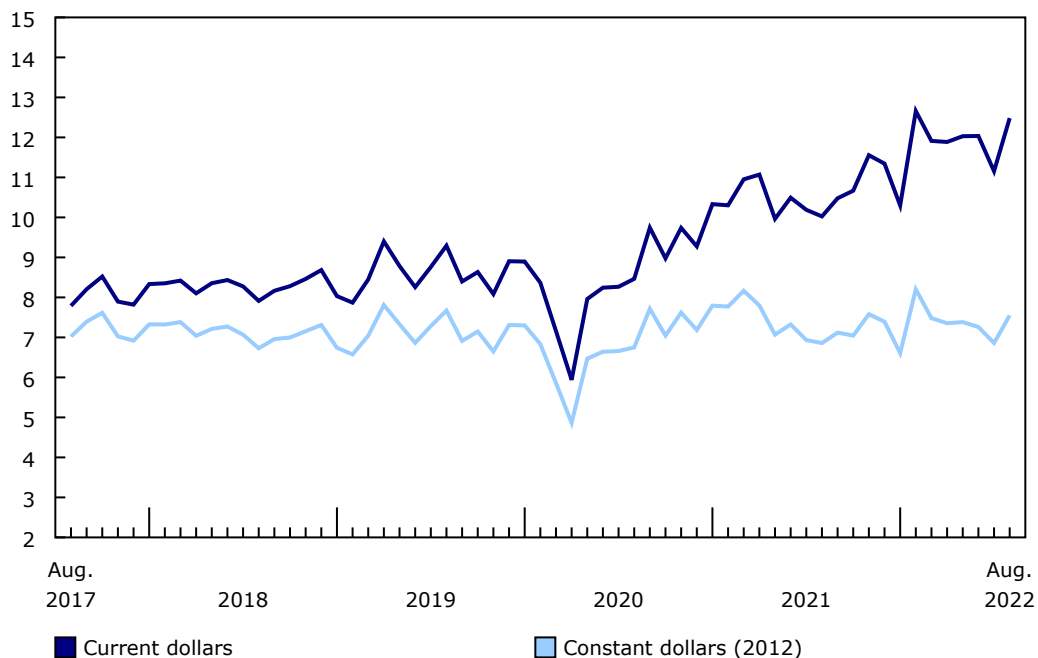
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The total value of building permits in Canada increased 11.9% in August to \$12.5 billion. Both the residential sector (+12.0% to \$8.4 billion) and non-residential sector (+11.8% to \$4.0 billion) saw strong gains, with Ontario causing much of the increase.

On a constant dollar basis (2012=100), the total value of building permits increased 10.0% to \$7.5 billion.

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

billions of dollars



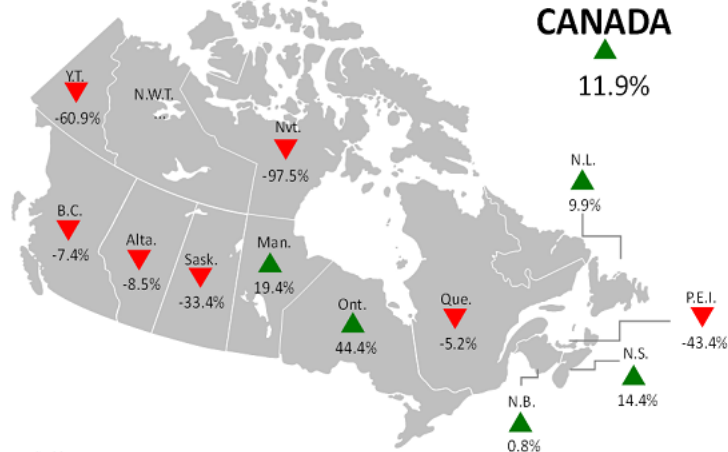
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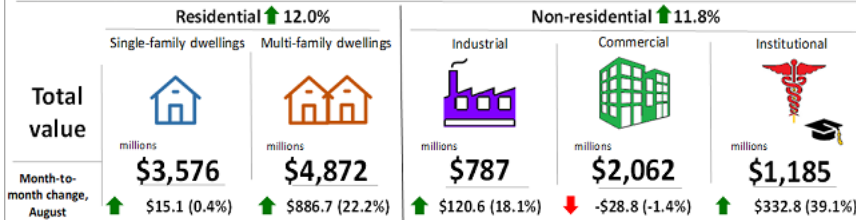
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Figure 1 Month-to-month change in total value of building permits (seasonally adjusted)



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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.



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Multi-family component pushes residential sector to record high

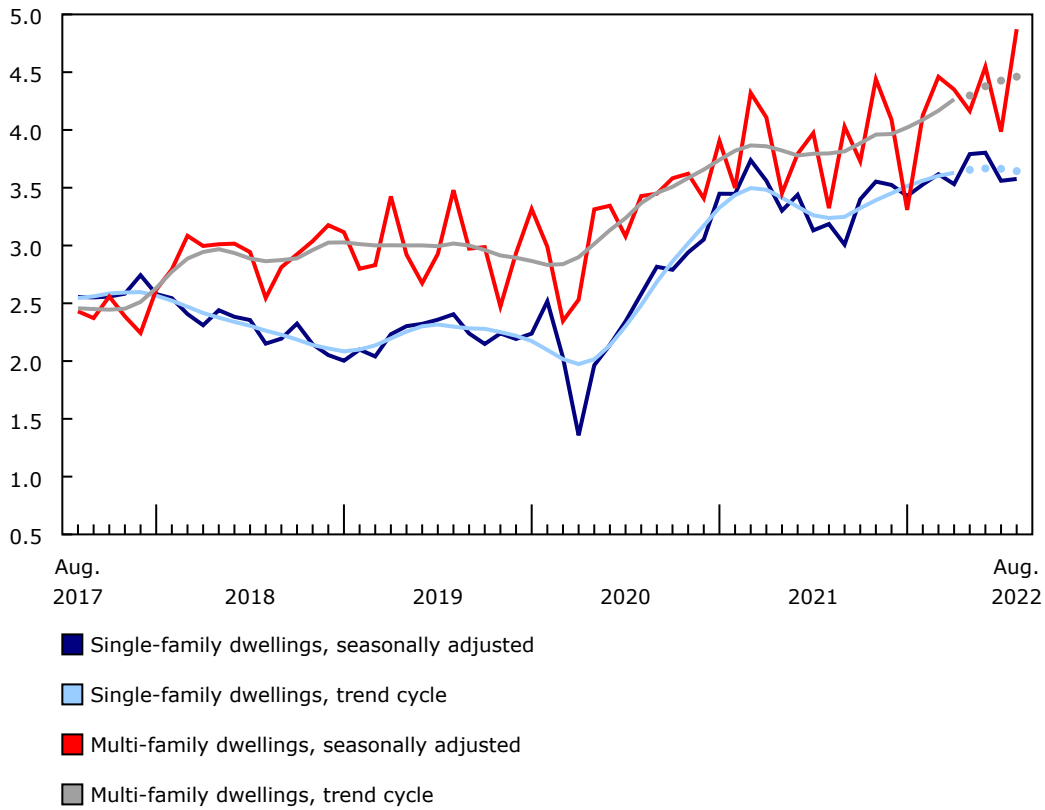
Residential permits in August increased 12.0% to \$8.4 billion nationally. Gains in Ontario offset losses posted in seven provinces.

Construction intentions in the single-family homes component edged up 0.4%.

The value of building permits in the multi-family component sharply increased by 22.2%, largely due to Ontario (+85.3%). A \$480 million permit for a luxury skyscraper in Toronto along with several other permits for apartments resulted in the largest recorded monthly value for the province.

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

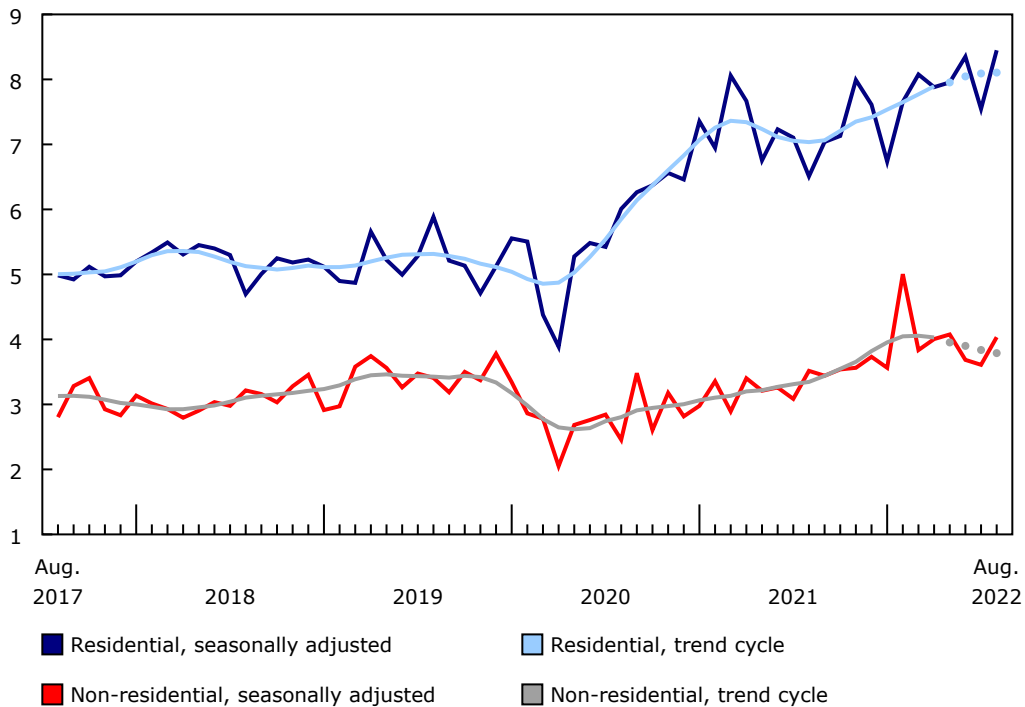
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**Chart 3**  
**Value of building permits for the residential and non-residential sectors**

billions of dollars



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### Ontario drives non-residential sector

The total permit value of the non-residential sector increased 11.8% to \$4.0 billion in August.

The value of building permits in the industrial component rebounded with an increase of 18.1%. Saskatchewan sharply increased by 77.7% with three permits over \$5 million. Nova Scotia also had a notable increase with a variety of smaller permits.

Institutional permit values sharply increased by 39.1%, mainly due to Ontario (+224.2%). Permits for a new school in Hamilton and a new building for the George Brown college in Toronto were behind much of the increase.

Construction intentions in the commercial component decreased 1.4%, largely due to Alberta and Saskatchewan. Conversely, Manitoba saw notable growth in August due to a \$50 million permit for an office building in Winnipeg.

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

To explore the impact of the COVID-19 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. The 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

Data are subject to revisions based on late responses, methodological changes and classification updates. Unadjusted data has been revised for the previous month. Seasonally adjusted data has been revised for the previous three months.

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

### Next release

Data on building permits for September will be released on November 3rd.

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

	August 2021	June 2022 <sup>r</sup>	July 2022 <sup>r</sup>	August 2022 <sup>p</sup>	July to August 2022	August 2021 to August 2022
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,025.3</b>	<b>12,034.7</b>	<b>11,155.3</b>	<b>12,481.7</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>24.5</b>
Residential	6,508.9	8,349.8	7,546.0	8,447.8	12.0	29.8
Single <sup>1</sup>	3,185.7	3,802.5	3,560.5	3,575.6	0.4	12.2
Multiple	3,323.3	4,547.2	3,985.5	4,872.2	22.2	46.6
Non-residential	3,516.4	3,684.9	3,609.3	4,033.9	11.8	14.7
Industrial	569.7	820.4	666.2	786.9	18.1	38.1
Commercial	1,917.0	2,076.6	2,091.0	2,062.2	-1.4	7.6
Institutional	1,029.6	787.8	852.1	1,184.9	39.1	15.1
	number of units				% change	
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>23,211</b>	<b>25,998</b>	<b>22,046</b>	<b>25,699</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>10.7</b>
Single <sup>1</sup>	5,907	6,576	6,371	6,292	-1.2	6.5
Multiple	17,304	19,423	15,675	19,407	23.8	12.2

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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**

	August 2021	June 2022 <sup>r</sup>	July 2022 <sup>r</sup>	August 2022 <sup>p</sup>	July to August 2022	August 2021 to August 2022
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>10,025.3</b>	<b>12,034.7</b>	<b>11,155.3</b>	<b>12,481.7</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>24.5</b>
<b>Residential</b>	<b>6,508.9</b>	<b>8,349.8</b>	<b>7,546.0</b>	<b>8,447.8</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>29.8</b>
<b>Non-residential</b>	<b>3,516.4</b>	<b>3,684.9</b>	<b>3,609.3</b>	<b>4,033.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>14.7</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	30.6	25.9	35.6	39.2	9.9	28.0
Residential	19.0	18.0	27.0	26.2	-3.0	38.1
Non-residential	11.6	7.9	8.6	13.0	50.4	11.6
Prince Edward Island	54.0	73.5	72.8	41.2	-43.4	-23.7
Residential	38.1	49.5	37.6	28.4	-24.6	-25.6
Non-residential	15.9	24.0	35.2	12.9	-63.4	-19.0
Nova Scotia	182.9	224.7	174.9	200.2	14.4	9.4
Residential	131.5	187.3	140.9	161.0	14.3	22.4
Non-residential	51.4	37.5	34.0	39.2	15.1	-23.8
New Brunswick	90.5	127.3	121.4	122.4	0.8	35.2
Residential	69.7	95.8	93.7	84.7	-9.7	21.5
Non-residential	20.9	31.5	27.7	37.7	36.0	80.6
Quebec	2,386.9	2,208.5	2,385.2	2,262.0	-5.2	-5.2
Residential	1,325.8	1,433.3	1,538.3	1,431.4	-6.9	8.0
Non-residential	1,061.1	775.2	847.0	830.7	-1.9	-21.7
Ontario	4,094.0	5,338.7	4,054.7	5,856.9	44.4	43.1
Residential	2,748.9	3,718.7	2,815.0	3,905.4	38.7	42.1
Non-residential	1,345.1	1,620.0	1,239.7	1,951.5	57.4	45.1
Manitoba	347.7	321.0	270.7	323.3	19.4	-7.0
Residential	238.6	222.9	174.8	186.4	6.6	-21.8
Non-residential	109.2	98.1	95.9	136.8	42.7	25.3
Saskatchewan	138.0	215.8	256.6	170.9	-33.4	23.9
Residential	71.2	103.8	107.5	86.7	-19.4	21.8
Non-residential	66.8	111.9	149.0	84.2	-43.5	26.0
Alberta	1,121.9	1,392.5	1,491.4	1,365.4	-8.5	21.7
Residential	716.0	1,004.2	991.9	952.2	-4.0	33.0
Non-residential	405.9	388.3	499.5	413.1	-17.3	1.8
British Columbia	1,522.0	2,010.2	2,253.8	2,086.0	-7.4	37.1
Residential	1,129.7	1,486.9	1,604.0	1,581.1	-1.4	40.0
Non-residential	392.3	523.4	649.8	504.9	-22.3	28.7
Yukon	13.9	75.7	18.8	7.4	-60.9	-47.0
Residential	10.4	15.2	3.7	3.6	-2.0	-65.1
Non-residential	3.5	60.5	15.1	3.7	-75.4	6.9
Northwest Territories	9.6 <sup>E</sup>	3.7	0.6	6.6	...	-30.7
Residential	7.9 <sup>E</sup>	1.9	0.0	0.5	963.8	-93.7
Non-residential	1.6	1.8	0.5	6.1	...	277.6
Nunavut	33.4	17.1	18.7	0.5	-97.5	-98.6
Residential	2.2	12.3	11.5	0.2	-98.0	-89.8
Non-residential	31.1	4.8	7.2	0.2	-96.7	-99.2

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

	August 2021	June 2022 <sup>r</sup>	July 2022 <sup>r</sup>	August 2022 <sup>p</sup>	July to August 2022	August 2021 to August 2022
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Total, census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>7,488.5</b>	<b>9,304.8</b>	<b>8,334.5</b>	<b>9,824.3</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>31.2</b>
St. John's	21.7	13.4	22.1	23.8	7.7	9.7
Halifax	97.8	120.8	99.0	128.7	30.1	31.6
Moncton	37.9	46.7	34.8	23.0	-34.1	-39.3
Saint John	17.3	13.7	17.1	18.3	7.1	5.9
Fredericton	..	35.2	23.4	31.8	35.7	..
Saguenay	64.7	45.6	47.8	28.3	-40.8	-56.3
Québec	227.1	276.5	237.0	164.4	-30.6	-27.6
Sherbrooke	49.7	147.8	78.1	62.7	-19.7	26.4
Trois-Rivières	47.2	43.0	39.0	37.5	-4.0	-20.7
Drummondville	..	37.6	30.9	31.5	2.1	..
Montréal	1,111.6	966.5	1,085.8	1,210.8	11.5	8.9
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario and Quebec	438.0	418.3	432.6	551.1	27.4	25.8
Gatineau part	96.3	89.2	147.3	158.2	7.4	64.3
Ottawa part	341.7	329.1	285.4	392.9	37.7	15.0
Kingston	30.7	38.7	35.5	66.5	87.4	116.5
Belleville	15.0	20.0	48.4	32.4	-33.0	116.4
Peterborough	35.9	18.2	14.7	21.5	46.0	-40.3
Oshawa	140.5	209.5	143.6	335.8	133.8	139.0
Toronto	1,817.9	2,455.4	1,648.0	2,725.4	65.4	49.9
Hamilton	174.3	195.4	146.7	241.0	64.2	38.3
St. Catharines–Niagara	158.1	94.6	101.0	215.0	112.9	36.0
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	176.0	208.2	144.1	236.4	64.0	34.3
Brantford	51.8	136.9	67.9	61.5	-9.5	18.8
Guelph	51.4	144.0	24.7	15.5	-37.0	-69.8
London	159.6	156.0	226.1	279.1	23.4	74.9
Windsor	72.1	200.7	107.1	126.0	17.6	74.7
Barrie	43.0	114.2	121.2	74.3	-38.6	73.0
Greater Sudbury	19.8	32.4	31.9	20.9	-34.5	5.3
Thunder Bay	43.1	24.4	12.0	21.4	79.3	-50.3
Winnipeg	276.6	230.4	185.0	230.3	24.5	-16.7
Regina	39.9	34.8	33.9	28.4	-16.2	-28.8
Saskatoon	66.9	85.7	97.4	81.7	-16.2	22.0
Lethbridge	15.5	25.5	27.7	21.6	-22.2	39.0
Calgary	537.5	679.3	762.4	544.9	-28.5	1.4
Red Deer	..	10.3	16.1	23.8	47.3	..
Edmonton	338.7	495.2	457.1	552.4	20.9	63.1
Kelowna	111.8	124.8	163.0	80.6	-50.5	-27.8
Kamloops	..	29.4	28.3 <sup>E</sup>	25.6 <sup>E</sup>	-9.7	..
Chilliwack	..	23.5	14.7	8.0	-45.4	..
Abbotsford–Mission	47.9	65.5	32.5	38.4	18.1	-19.9
Vancouver	816.2	1,269.2	1,385.3	1,320.3	-4.7	61.8
Victoria	135.3	153.5	224.1	204.4	-8.8	51.1
Nanaimo	..	78.9	21.8	21.6	-0.6	..

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

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