

Building permits, February 2023

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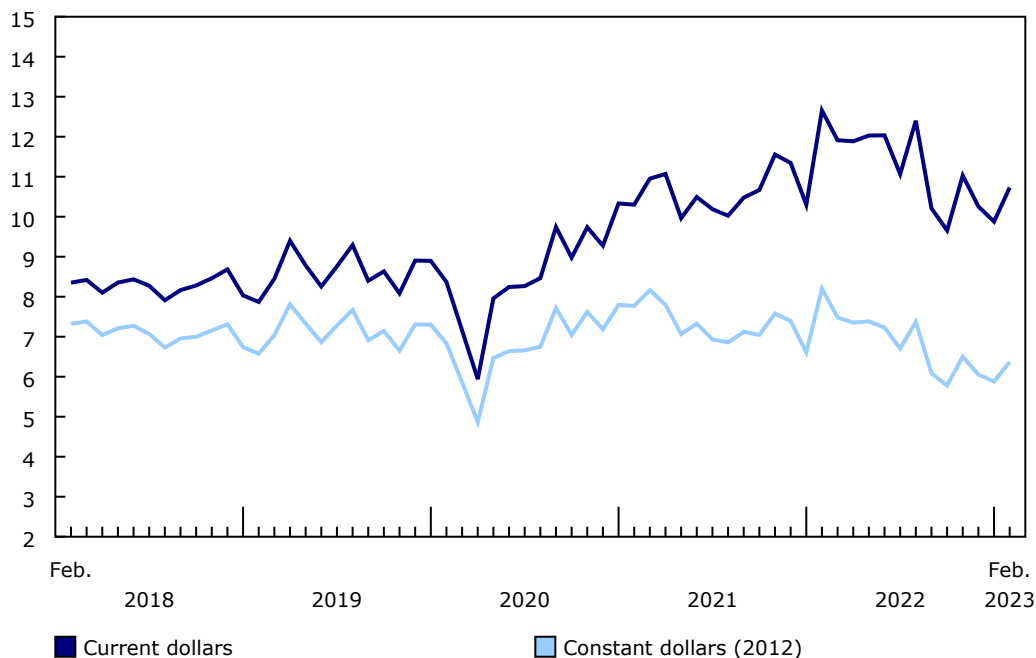
The total value of building permits in Canada advanced 8.6% to \$10.7 billion in February, indicating robust intentions for both the residential (+7.9% to \$6.6 billion) and non-residential (+9.8% to \$4.2 billion) sectors.

Seven provinces reported monthly increases, with notable gains in Ontario (+10.7%) and Alberta (+25.6%).

On a constant dollar basis (2012=100), the total value of building permits went up 8.2% to \$6.4 billion.

Chart 1
Total value of building permits, seasonally adjusted

billions of dollars



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

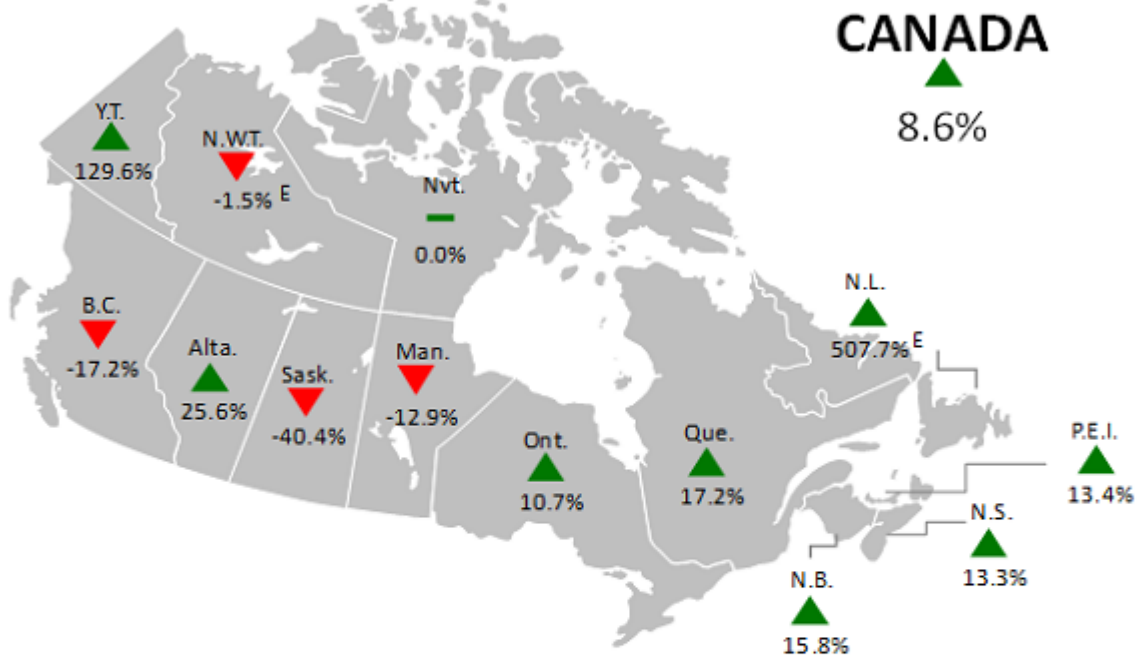


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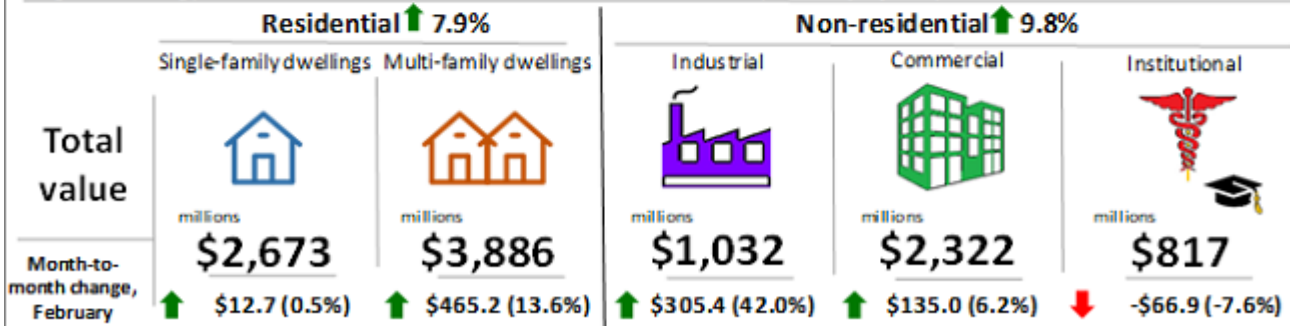
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Figure 1 Month-to-month change in total value of building permits (seasonally adjusted)



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



Source: Table 34-10-0006-01—Building permits, by type of structure and type of work.



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Residential sector breaks two-month dip, advanced by multi-dwelling permits

The multi-dwelling component sharply increased by 13.6%, led by a variety of large value permits in Ontario (+25.4%).

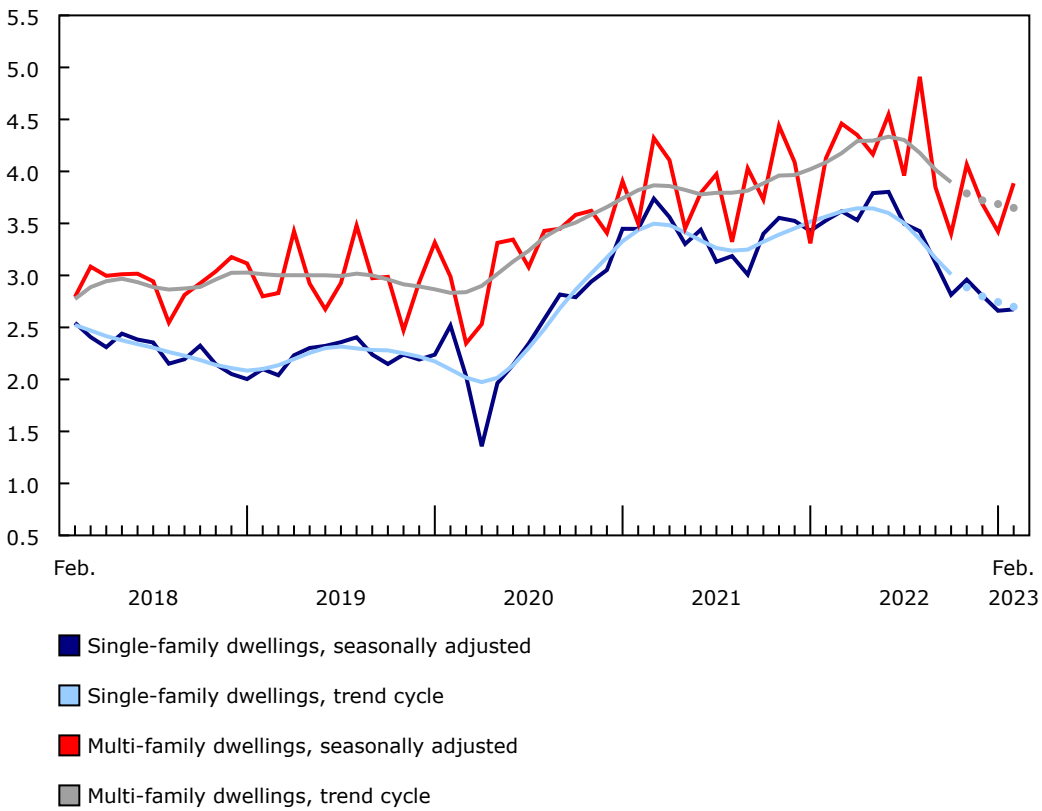
Meanwhile, construction intentions in single-family homes remained stable (+0.5%).

Overall, residential permits gained 7.9% to \$6.6 billion. Permits were issued for 22,900 new units nationally, 3,600 more than the intentions reported in January.

All four eastern provinces saw gains in the value of permits, collectively advancing 25.7% month over month. Conversely, British Columbia (-13.4%), Alberta (-3.9%) and Saskatchewan (-40.6%) reported monthly declines in residential permits.

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

billions of dollars

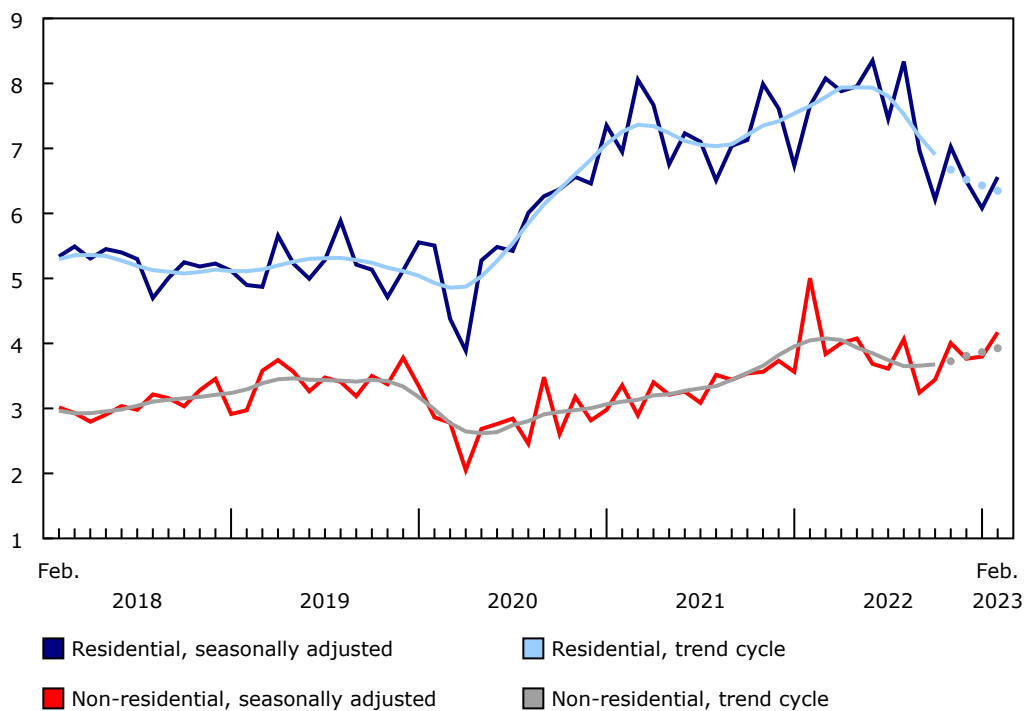


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Chart 3
Value of building permits for the residential and non-residential sectors

billions of dollars



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Alberta bolsters non-residential growth

The total monthly value of non-residential permits increased 9.8% to \$4.2 billion, the highest non-residential value since February 2022. Much of this gain is attributable to several high-value projects in Alberta.

Across the country, gains in the industrial (+42.0%) and commercial (+6.2%) components more than offset losses in the institutional (-7.6%) component.

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

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

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, and 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 March will be released on May 10.

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

	February 2022	December 2022 ^r	January 2023 ^r	February 2023 ^p	January to February 2023	February 2022 to February 2023
	millions of dollars				% change	
Total	12,658.5	10,256.2	9,877.9	10,729.2	8.6	-15.2
Residential	7,654.9	6,492.1	6,081.0	6,558.8	7.9	-14.3
Single ¹	3,528.0	2,804.8	2,660.1	2,672.8	0.5	-24.2
Multiple	4,127.0	3,687.2	3,420.9	3,886.0	13.6	-5.8
Non-residential	5,003.5	3,764.2	3,796.9	4,170.3	9.8	-16.7
Industrial	701.0	769.2	726.3	1,031.7	42.0	47.2
Commercial	2,179.2	2,071.9	2,187.2	2,322.2	6.2	6.6
Institutional	2,123.4	923.1	883.5	816.5	-7.6	-61.5
	number of units				% change	
Total dwellings	24,868	19,692	19,335	22,886	18.4	-8.0
Single ¹	6,666	4,691	4,218	4,123	-2.3	-38.1
Multiple	18,202	15,001	15,117	18,763	24.1	3.1

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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

	February 2022	December 2022 ^r	January 2023 ^r	February 2023 ^p	January to February 2023	February 2022 to February 2023
	millions of dollars				% change	
Canada	12,658.5	10,256.2	9,877.9	10,729.2	8.6	-15.2
Residential	7,654.9	6,492.1	6,081.0	6,558.8	7.9	-14.3
Non-residential	5,003.5	3,764.2	3,796.9	4,170.3	9.8	-16.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	49.9	62.3	31.4	190.6 ^E	507.7	281.9
Residential	37.6	29.0	26.1	26.5	1.2	-29.5
Non-residential	12.3	33.3	5.2	164.2 ^E
Prince Edward Island	42.9	55.4	30.5	34.6	13.4	-19.5
Residential	29.3	30.0	21.8	24.2	11.0	-17.3
Non-residential	13.6	25.4	8.6	10.3	19.5	-24.1
Nova Scotia	218.1	206.0	191.4	216.9	13.3	-0.5
Residential	168.7	163.5	122.1	156.6	28.2	-7.2
Non-residential	49.4	42.6	69.2	60.3	-12.9	22.0
New Brunswick	143.5	125.1	99.4	115.2	15.8	-19.7
Residential	110.9	84.1	63.2	86.0	36.0	-22.4
Non-residential	32.6	41.0	36.2	29.1	-19.6	-10.7
Quebec	2,948.4	1,861.0	1,733.9	2,031.3	17.2	-31.1
Residential	1,660.7	1,030.8	976.8	1,215.8	24.5	-26.8
Non-residential	1,287.7	830.2	757.1	815.6	7.7	-36.7
Ontario	4,487.0	4,282.5	4,230.9	4,682.3	10.7	4.4
Residential	3,175.0	2,765.0	2,574.2	2,960.1	15.0	-6.8
Non-residential	1,312.0	1,517.5	1,656.7	1,722.2	4.0	31.3
Manitoba	423.3	352.4	384.2	334.5	-12.9	-21.0
Residential	201.6	150.3	210.9	217.4	3.1	7.8
Non-residential	221.7	202.1	173.3	117.1	-32.4	-47.2
Saskatchewan	150.3	182.5	153.8	91.7	-40.4	-39.0
Residential	84.4	75.0	84.0	50.0	-40.6	-40.8
Non-residential	65.8	107.5	69.8	41.7	-40.2	-36.7
Alberta	1,223.9	1,199.0	1,204.6	1,513.1	25.6	23.6
Residential	785.5	768.0	828.7	796.7	-3.9	1.4
Non-residential	438.4	431.0	375.9	716.4	90.6	63.4
British Columbia	2,936.9	1,920.1	1,805.7	1,495.9	-17.2	-49.1
Residential	1,381.5	1,387.6	1,164.6	1,008.0	-13.4	-27.0
Non-residential	1,555.4	532.5	641.0	487.9	-23.9	-68.6
Yukon	14.1	8.0	8.5	19.5	129.6	38.7
Residential	6.5	7.7	7.3	16.5	125.3	153.0
Non-residential	7.5	0.2	1.2	3.0	156.7	-60.1
Northwest Territories	6.1	1.4	3.6	3.6 ^E	-1.5	-41.6
Residential	4.6	1.0	1.1	1.0 ^E	-5.2	-77.6
Non-residential	1.5	0.4	2.6	2.6 ^E	0.0	66.1
Nunavut	14.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	...	-100.0
Residential	8.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	...	-100.0
Non-residential	5.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	...	-100.0

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

	February 2022	December 2022 ^r	January 2023 ^r	February 2023 ^p	January to February 2023	February 2022 to February 2023
	millions of dollars				% change	
Total, census metropolitan areas	9,399.3	7,461.7	7,106.8	7,471.0	5.1	-20.5
St. John's	40.4	21.3	16.8	31.8	89.7	-21.2
Halifax	120.4	111.4	88.1	121.4	37.9	0.8
Moncton	56.8	31.0	27.5	19.3	-29.6	-65.9
Saint John	17.4	22.0	20.1	17.7	-11.9	2.1
Fredericton	25.5	15.5	12.7 ^E	23.1	82.7	-9.4
Saguenay	53.8	24.2	57.6	44.4 ^E	-23.0	-17.6
Québec	618.8	215.3	146.5	222.1	51.6	-64.1
Sherbrooke	62.3	47.9	60.0	65.0	8.3	4.4
Trois-Rivières	54.2	89.4	45.2	31.2	-31.0	-42.4
Drummondville	33.6	14.7	10.4	10.4	-0.5	-69.2
Montréal	1,274.8	774.5	717.1	882.8	23.1	-30.7
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario and Quebec	458.2	318.2	292.3	395.2	35.2	-13.8
Gatineau part	139.9	66.1	89.4	61.2	-31.6	-56.3
Ottawa part	318.3	252.1	203.0	334.0	64.6	4.9
Kingston	49.7	25.2	33.4	17.7	-47.1	-64.4
Belleville - Quinte West	20.6	12.6	36.2	39.5	8.9	91.5
Peterborough	71.9	43.0	18.3	11.7	-36.2	-83.7
Oshawa	99.3	51.9	121.2	87.2	-28.0	-12.1
Toronto	1,849.2	2,043.1	2,014.0	1,998.5	-0.8	8.1
Hamilton	97.6	147.0	125.4	163.1	30.0	67.1
St. Catharines–Niagara	107.0	70.8	87.2	118.4	35.8	10.7
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	151.3	235.4	184.0	118.1	-35.8	-22.0
Brantford	51.9	61.9	29.7	93.9	216.3	80.9
Guelph	70.7	54.3	45.1	105.0	132.7	48.5
London	240.5	167.2	125.5	121.6	-3.1	-49.4
Windsor	69.6	87.7	52.3	308.9	490.1	343.6
Barrie	65.4	74.4	81.8	44.8	-45.3	-31.5
Greater Sudbury	24.3	15.3	17.9	18.3	2.6	-24.6
Thunder Bay	8.9	8.9	23.4	61.5	163.5	591.4
Winnipeg	273.2	236.8	205.9	233.1	13.2	-14.7
Regina	44.1	25.7	51.5	28.3	-45.0	-35.7
Saskatoon	63.6	67.9	63.3	28.7	-54.8	-54.9
Lethbridge	26.5	16.8	17.9	17.8	-0.8	-32.9
Calgary	584.9	666.7	616.8	575.6	-6.7	-1.6
Red Deer	22.3	4.9	5.1	15.0	192.9	-32.8
Edmonton	361.3	287.4	294.5	386.8	31.3	7.0
Kelowna	69.5	109.7	80.7	67.5	-16.4	-2.9
Kamloops	25.6	36.5	17.1	11.0	-35.6	-57.0
Chilliwack	29.5	8.5	10.3	21.3	107.9	-27.6
Abbotsford–Mission	74.0	36.2	37.5	74.3	98.4	0.4
Vancouver	2,052.5	1,133.0	1,149.4	741.2	-35.5	-63.9
Victoria	114.7	127.6	122.4	178.3	45.6	55.5
Nanaimo	67.4	36.4	28.5	22.4	-21.4	-66.8

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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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