

Building permits, May 2023

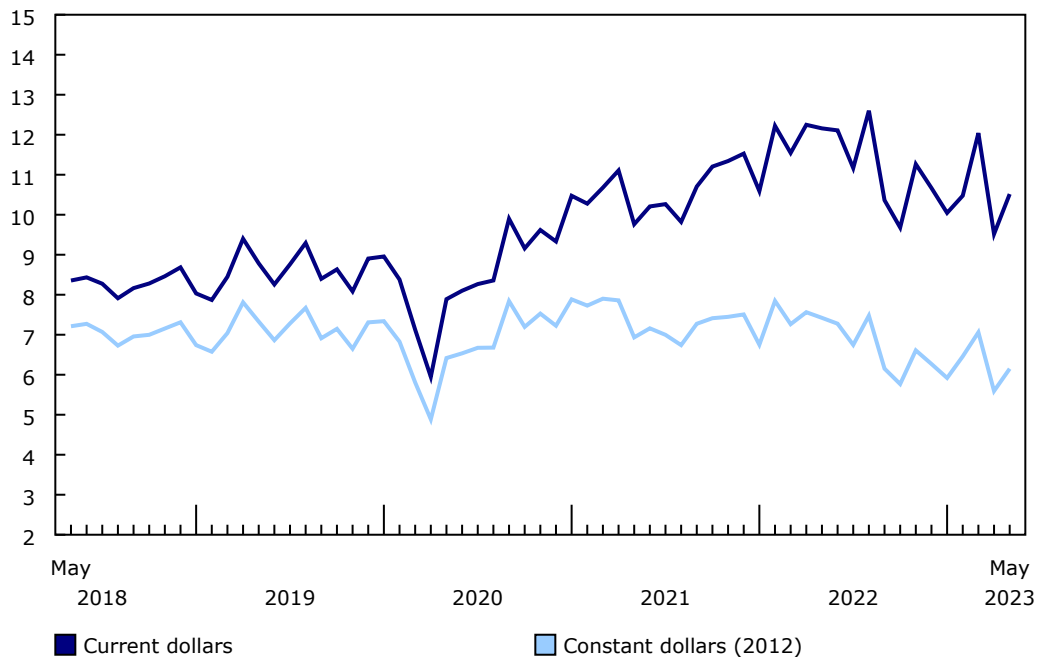
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The total monthly value of building permits in Canada increased 10.5% in May to \$10.5 billion.

On a constant dollar basis (2012=100), the total value of building permits increased 10.0% to \$6.2 billion.

Chart 1
Total value of building permits, seasonally adjusted

billions of dollars



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



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

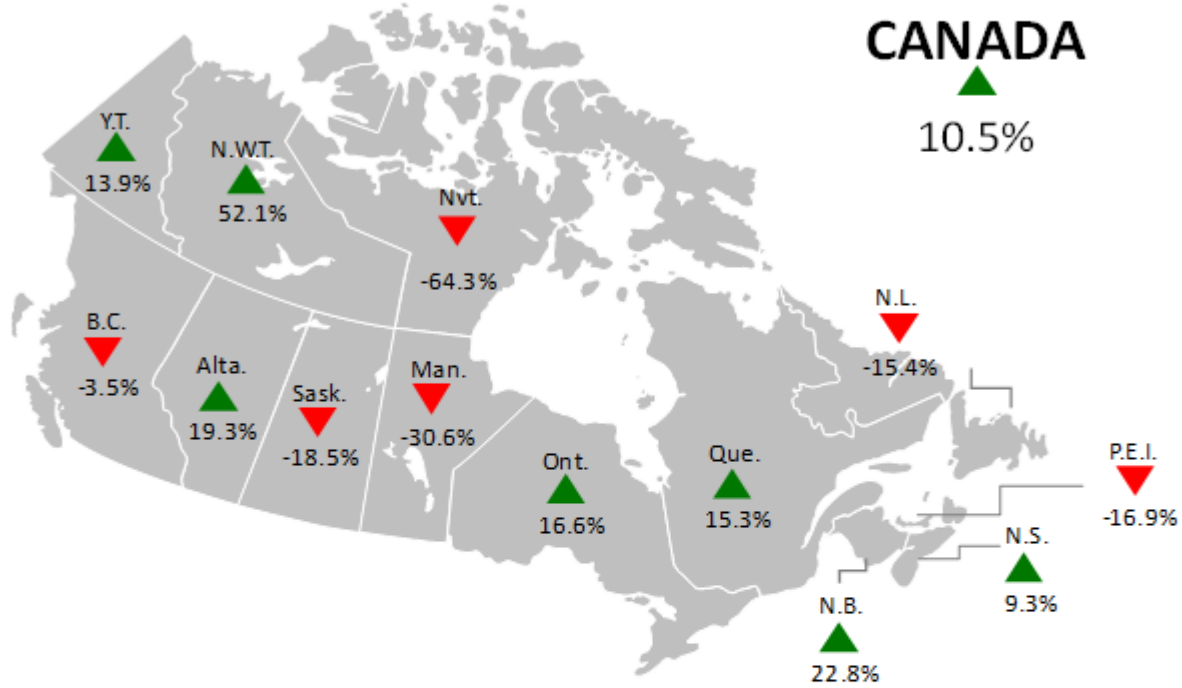
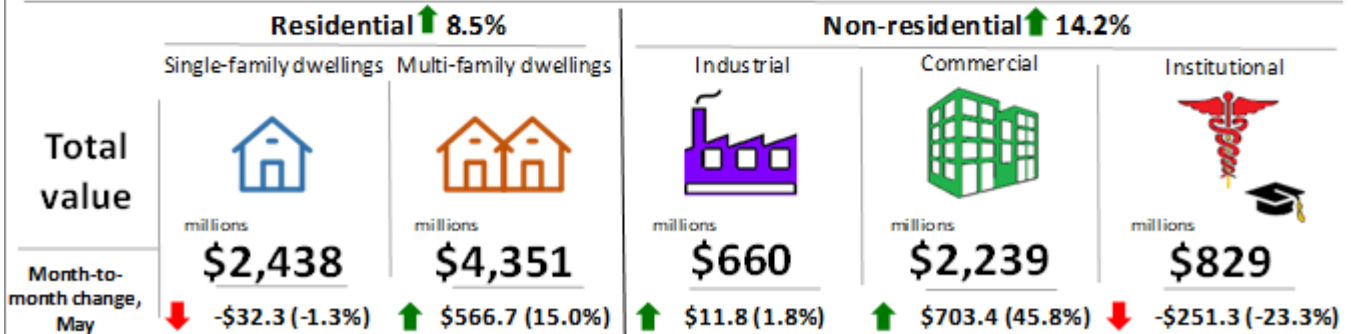


Figure 2 Building permits for residential and non-residential construction in Canada (seasonally adjusted)



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



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Ontario bolsters growth in residential construction intentions

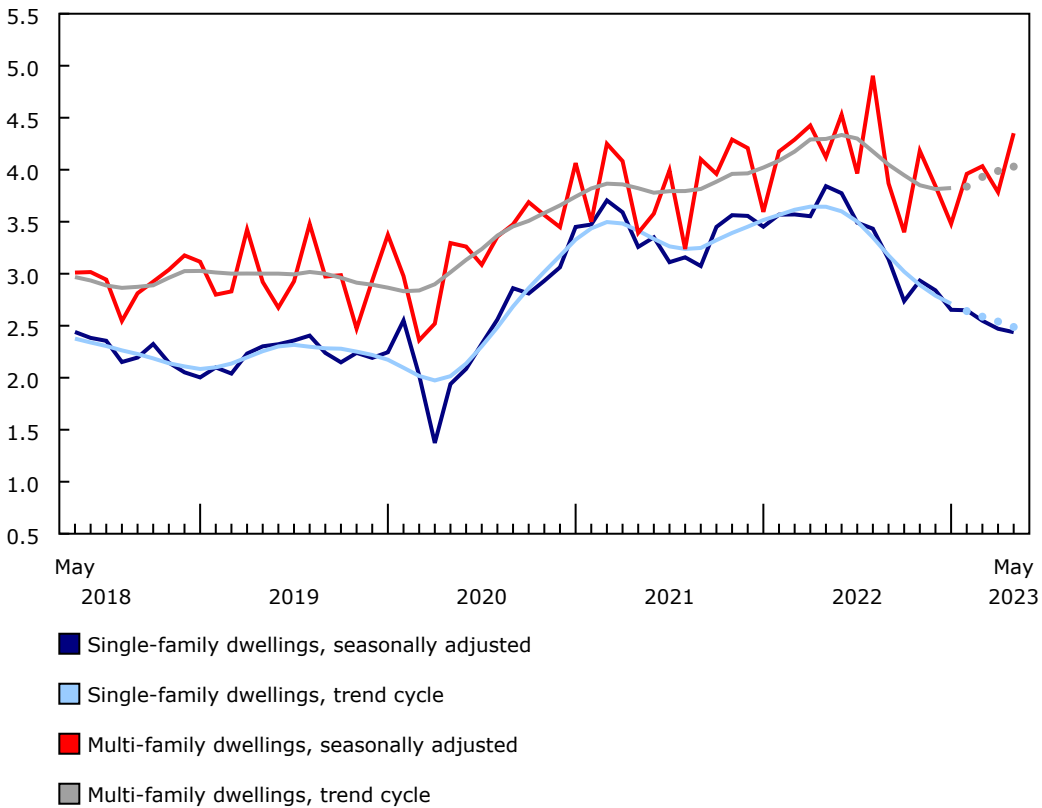
The total monthly value of residential permits rose 8.5% to \$6.8 billion in May, with Ontario contributing to 45.8% of Canada's residential permit values.

Ontario increased 16.3% month over month to \$3.1 billion, led by multi-dwelling permits issued in urban areas. New Brunswick (+27.2% or +\$22.2 million) had the highest provincial growth rate, while Quebec (+10.8% or +\$102.3 million), Alberta (+4.7% or +\$34.5 million) and British Columbia (+3.7% or +\$50.3 million) observed more modest gains.

Across Canada, permits for 3,800 new residential units were issued for single-family homes in May, compared with permits for 17,700 new dwellings in multi-unit buildings.

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

billions of dollars

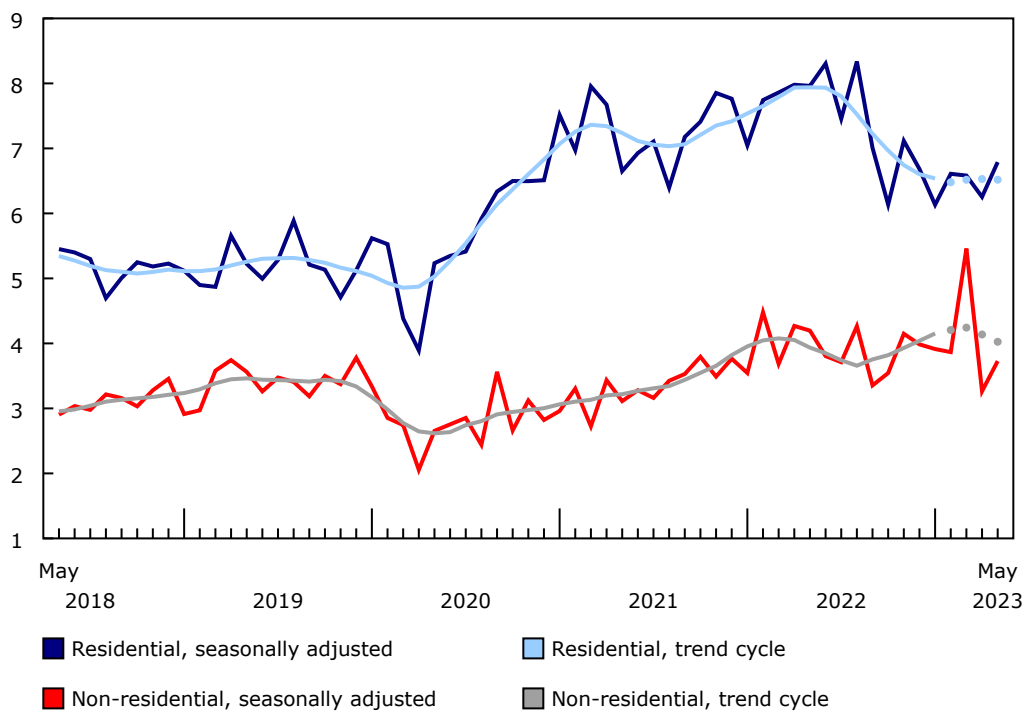


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Chart 3
Value of building permits for the residential and non-residential sectors

billions of dollars



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Commercial projects push non-residential permits up

The total monthly value of non-residential permits rose 14.2% to \$3.7 billion in May.

Commercial permits surged (+45.8% or +\$703.4 million), more than offsetting monthly losses in the institutional component (-23.3% or -\$251.3 million).

Despite overall monthly gains, the value of non-residential construction intentions in May was down 11.2% year over year.

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 have been revised for the previous month. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised for the previous three months.

As per Statistics Canada practices, data from January 2022 to December 2022 have also been revised with this release.

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

Next release

Data on building permits for June will be released on August 9.

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

	May 2022	March 2023 ^r	April 2023 ^r	May 2023 ^p	April to May 2023	May 2022 to May 2023
	millions of dollars				% change	
Total	12,158.5	12,041.0	9,518.3	10,516.6	10.5	-13.5
Residential	7,962.1	6,581.8	6,254.4	6,788.8	8.5	-14.7
Single ¹	3,842.4	2,547.7	2,470.5	2,438.2	-1.3	-36.5
Multiple	4,119.7	4,034.1	3,783.9	4,350.6	15.0	5.6
Non-residential	4,196.4	5,459.2	3,263.9	3,727.8	14.2	-11.2
Industrial	935.0	1,432.3	648.2	660.0	1.8	-29.4
Commercial	2,067.3	2,930.3	1,535.2	2,238.6	45.8	8.3
Institutional	1,194.0	1,096.6	1,080.4	829.2	-23.3	-30.6
	number of units				% change	
Total dwellings	24,551	21,354	19,636	21,568	9.8	-12.2
Single ¹	6,920	3,972	4,007	3,827	-4.5	-44.7
Multiple	17,631	17,382	15,629	17,740	13.5	0.6

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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 [34-10-0066-02](#).

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

	May 2022	March 2023 ^r	April 2023 ^r	May 2023 ^p	April to May 2023	May 2022 to May 2023
	millions of dollars				% change	
Canada	12,158.5	12,041.0	9,518.3	10,516.6	10.5	-13.5
Residential	7,962.1	6,581.8	6,254.4	6,788.8	8.5	-14.7
Non-residential	4,196.4	5,459.2	3,263.9	3,727.8	14.2	-11.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	63.4	41.6	31.5	26.6	-15.4	-58.0
Residential	46.3	24.2	19.8	16.4	-17.0	-64.5
Non-residential	17.2	17.4	11.7	10.2	-12.7	-40.6
Prince Edward Island	42.7	60.3	45.2	37.6	-16.9	-12.0
Residential	22.5	38.4	32.8	21.3	-35.2	-5.5
Non-residential	20.1	21.9	12.3	16.3	31.9	-19.2
Nova Scotia	257.7	250.6	192.9	210.8	9.3	-18.2
Residential	210.2	164.5	143.1	124.3	-13.1	-40.8
Non-residential	47.5	86.2	49.7	86.4	73.8	82.0
New Brunswick	162.1	130.9	127.3	156.3	22.8	-3.6
Residential	116.2	86.4	81.6	103.8	27.2	-10.7
Non-residential	45.9	44.5	45.7	52.5	15.0	14.5
Quebec	2,135.4	2,608.8	1,537.0	1,772.6	15.3	-17.0
Residential	1,150.2	1,020.5	945.3	1,047.6	10.8	-8.9
Non-residential	985.2	1,588.3	591.7	725.0	22.5	-26.4
Ontario	4,734.7	4,938.2	4,181.4	4,877.3	16.6	3.0
Residential	3,237.7	2,885.4	2,674.3	3,111.1	16.3	-3.9
Non-residential	1,497.0	2,052.8	1,507.1	1,766.1	17.2	18.0
Manitoba	329.7	306.2	280.9	194.9	-30.6	-40.9
Residential	217.4	194.6	165.9	109.8	-33.8	-49.5
Non-residential	112.4	111.6	115.0	85.1	-26.0	-24.3
Saskatchewan	187.1	92.2	145.9	118.9	-18.5	-36.4
Residential	104.8	33.6	79.8	49.2	-38.4	-53.1
Non-residential	82.3	58.6	66.0	69.8	5.6	-15.2
Alberta	1,482.0	1,240.0	1,070.4	1,277.2	19.3	-13.8
Residential	1,088.6	751.3	727.0	761.4	4.7	-30.1
Non-residential	393.4	488.8	343.4	515.8	50.2	31.1
British Columbia	2,730.7	2,299.0	1,868.8	1,804.0	-3.5	-33.9
Residential	1,752.5	1,368.7	1,371.7	1,422.0	3.7	-18.9
Non-residential	978.2	930.3	497.1	382.1	-23.1	-60.9
Yukon	19.3	17.7	20.0	22.7	13.9	18.1
Residential	5.7	12.8	5.2	7.0	34.2	22.1
Non-residential	13.6	4.8	14.8	15.8	6.8	16.4
Northwest Territories	4.9	54.6	9.9	15.0	52.1	208.2
Residential	1.4	1.5	0.9	14.3	...	955.1
Non-residential	3.5	53.1	9.0	0.8	-91.3	-77.8
Nunavut	9.0	0.8	7.2	2.6	-64.3	-71.3
Residential	8.9	0.0	7.0	0.6	-91.5	-93.3
Non-residential	0.1	0.8	0.2	2.0	893.5	...

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

	May 2022	March 2023 ^r	April 2023 ^r	May 2023 ^p	April to May 2023	May 2022 to May 2023
	millions of dollars				% change	
Total, census metropolitan areas	9,228.7	9,372.5	7,156.1	8,168.2	14.1	-11.5
St. John's	25.5	26.7	18.2	15.0	-17.6	-41.4
Halifax	179.8	156.0	78.5	119.4	52.1	-33.6
Moncton	67.2	38.5	34.9	47.4	35.8	-29.5
Saint John	15.5	25.2	18.9	20.4	8.0	31.3
Fredericton	37.5	12.7	27.6	20.8	-24.6	-44.4
Saguenay	41.5	47.2	30.1	32.5 ^E	8.0	-21.7
Québec	243.0	166.8	198.5	165.4	-16.7	-32.0
Sherbrooke	47.6	38.7	53.9	52.5	-2.6	10.2
Trois-Rivières	34.4	289.5	82.9	74.8	-9.8	117.3
Drummondville	30.4	21.3	20.4	23.8	16.2	-21.9
Montréal	1,088.0	1,122.8	525.5	643.8	22.5	-40.8
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario and Quebec	393.8	368.2	424.4	507.2	19.5	28.8
Gatineau part	56.9	63.0	106.6	236.7	122.0	316.3
Ottawa part	336.9	305.2	317.8	270.4	-14.9	-19.7
Kingston	40.6	68.0	33.3	34.6	3.9	-14.8
Belleville - Quinte West	45.9	20.6	21.7	41.1	89.1	-10.5
Peterborough	25.2	27.1	70.7	11.8	-83.3	-53.0
Oshawa	127.0	61.4	79.7	99.3	24.5	-21.8
Toronto	1,797.0	2,583.7	2,137.9	2,455.0	14.8	36.6
Hamilton	366.1	185.7	174.8	256.0	46.5	-30.1
St. Catharines–Niagara	251.5	100.8	73.6	89.3	21.3	-64.5
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	218.6	110.5	148.8	240.5	61.6	10.0
Brantford	58.5	91.7	36.8	89.6	143.2	53.3
Guelph	31.1	116.4	84.1	62.5	-25.7	100.9
London	183.4	126.0	127.8	149.0 ^E	16.6	-18.8
Windsor	157.5	343.4	60.4	110.2	82.3	-30.1
Barrie	128.4	216.3	53.2	75.3	41.6	-41.3
Greater Sudbury	17.8	17.4	12.7	27.7	118.1	55.3
Thunder Bay	17.4	9.2	16.0	38.3	138.7	120.2
Winnipeg	221.5	216.8	186.0	146.7	-21.1	-33.8
Regina	32.4	23.4	30.5	50.1	64.6	54.7
Saskatoon	83.6	31.5	66.8	19.5 ^E	-70.8	-76.7
Lethbridge	43.6	19.8	11.1	19.2	73.0	-55.9
Calgary	519.9	631.0	528.3	763.9	44.6	46.9
Red Deer	34.4	2.8	25.9	5.5	-78.6	-83.9
Edmonton	624.1	385.1	311.2	309.9	-0.4	-50.3
Kelowna	178.6	87.5	107.3	114.3	6.5	-36.0
Kamloops	29.1	21.6	12.8	20.6	60.1	-29.3
Chilliwack	28.2	13.5	27.0	54.7	102.8	93.9
Abbotsford–Mission	62.0	70.7	45.0	56.0	24.5	-9.6
Vancouver	1,678.5	1,403.5	1,111.1	1,100.9	-0.9	-34.4
Victoria	182.0	145.3	161.3	128.9	-20.1	-29.1
Nanaimo	112.1	78.4	28.4	20.7	-27.3	-81.6

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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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