

# Building permits, May 2025

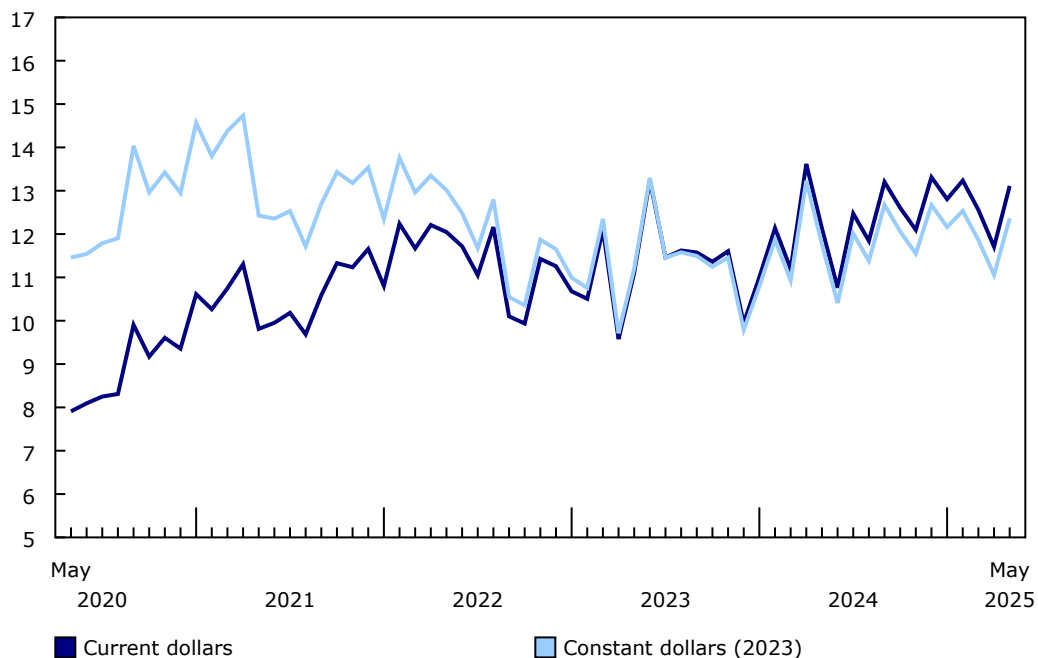
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In May, the total value of building permits issued in Canada rose by \$1.4 billion (+12.0%) to reach \$13.1 billion. The increase in construction intentions was driven by Ontario's institutional component (+\$1.3 billion).

On a constant dollar basis (2023=100), the total value of building permits issued in May increased 11.8% from the previous month and was up 5.1% on a year-over-year basis.

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

billions of dollars



Source(s): Table 34-10-0292-01.

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## Building permits

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

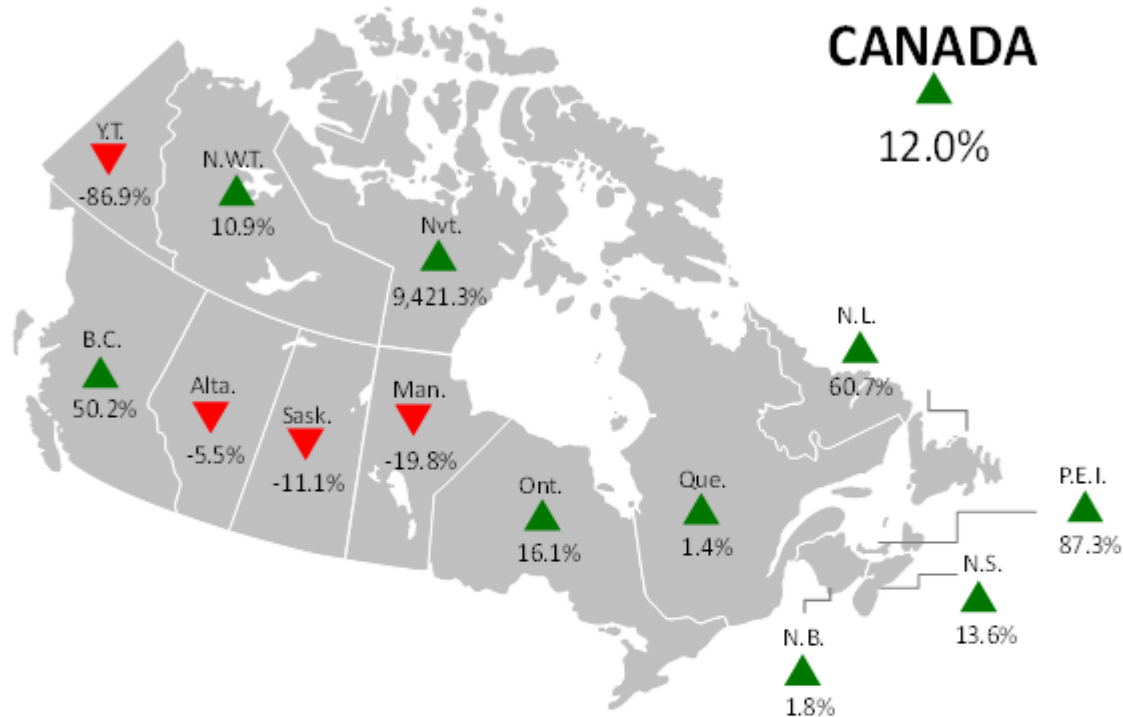
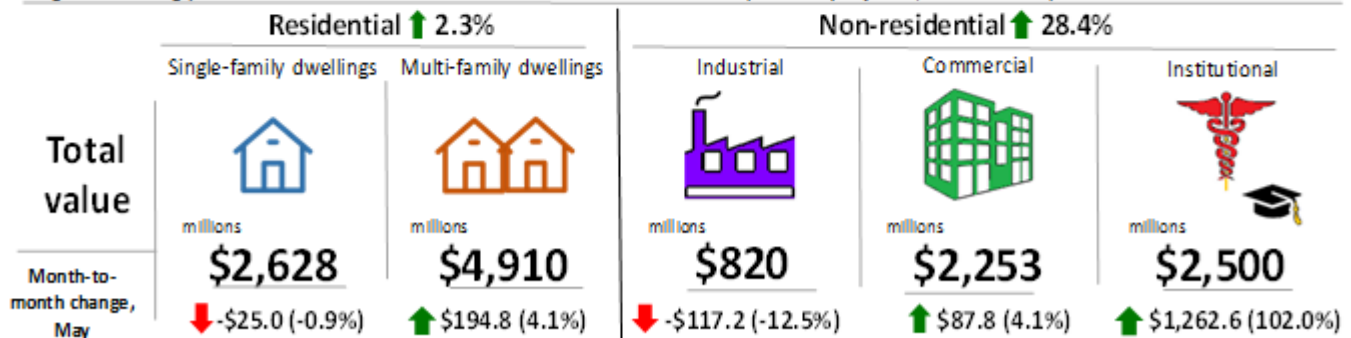


Figure 2 Building permits for residential and non-residential construction in Canada (seasonally adjusted, current dollars)



Source(s): Table 34-10-0292-01—Building permits, by type of building and type of work.

## Ontario's institutional component drives non-residential construction intentions

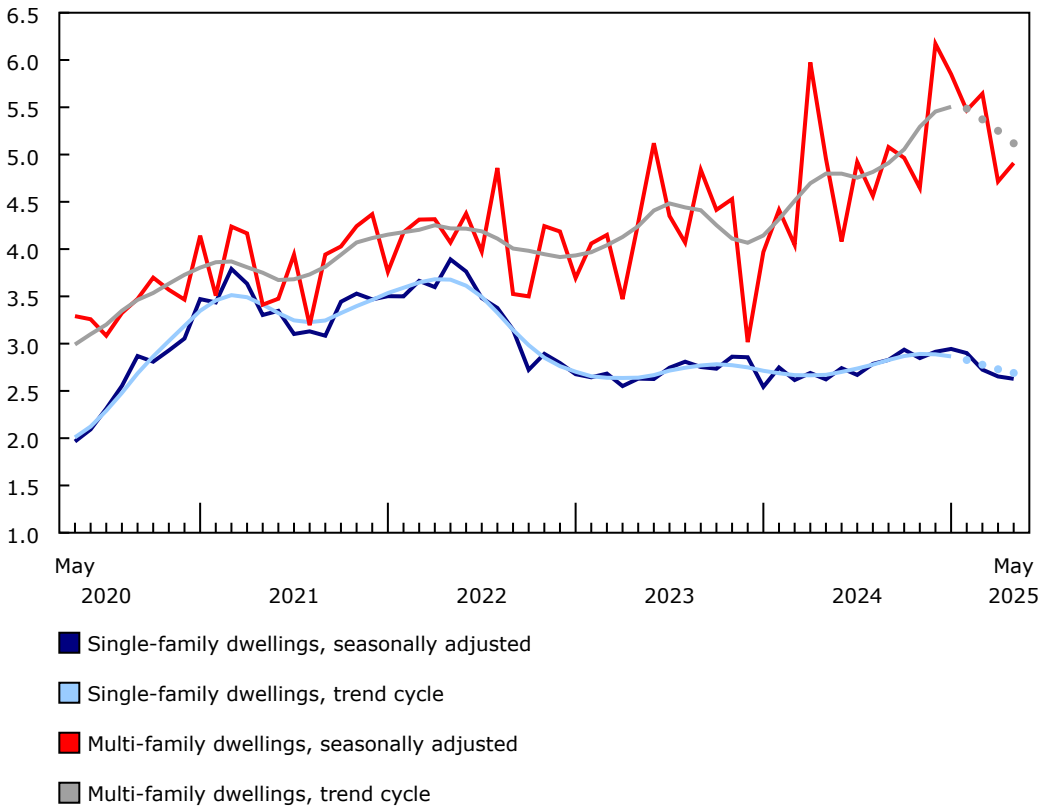
The value of non-residential building permits sharply increased by \$1.2 billion to \$5.6 billion in May, driven by Ontario's institutional component (+\$1.3 billion). Construction intentions for a new hospital in the Niagara census metropolitan area (CMA), which reached almost seven times the average value of major permits in the institutional component, led the growth in Ontario's institutional component. The hospital construction permit also drove the national institutional component upwards to a record \$2.5 billion. In constant dollar terms, the institutional component also reached a series high.

Commercial permit values increased by \$87.8 million to \$2.3 billion in May. Quebec (+\$59.1 million) led the gains recorded in eight provinces and two territories. Ontario permit values (-\$71.9 million) declined the most, after [contributing significantly to growth in the non-residential sector in April](#).

Construction intentions in the industrial component declined by \$117.2 million in May; the largest decline was in Quebec (-\$50.8 million), followed by decreases in six other provinces.

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

billions of dollars

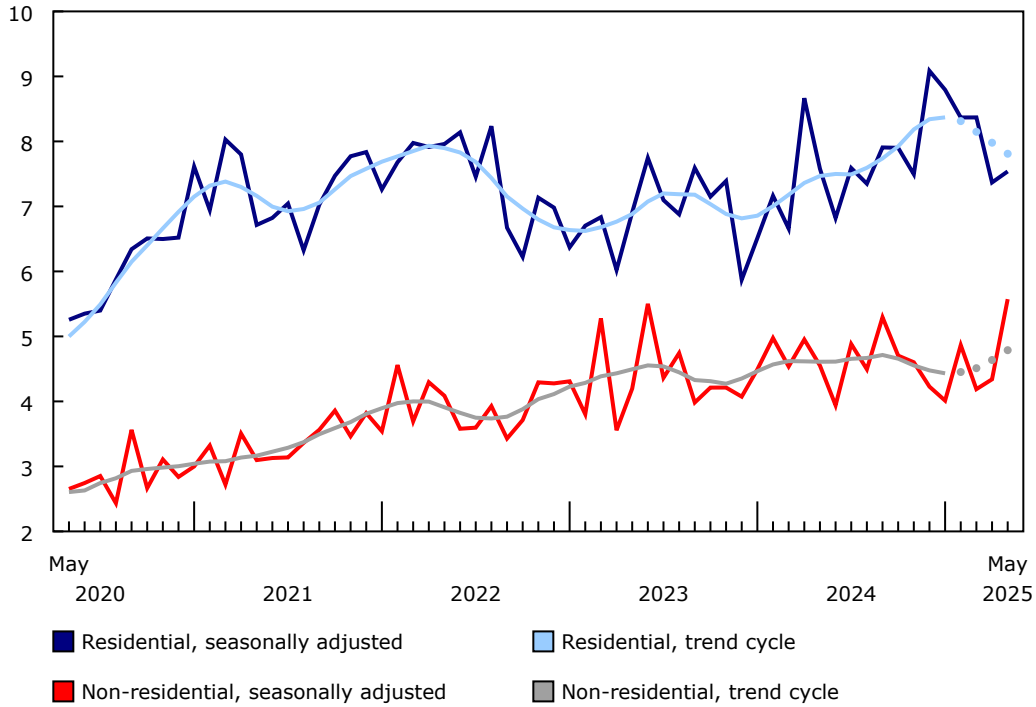


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**Source(s):** Table [34-10-0292-01](#).

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

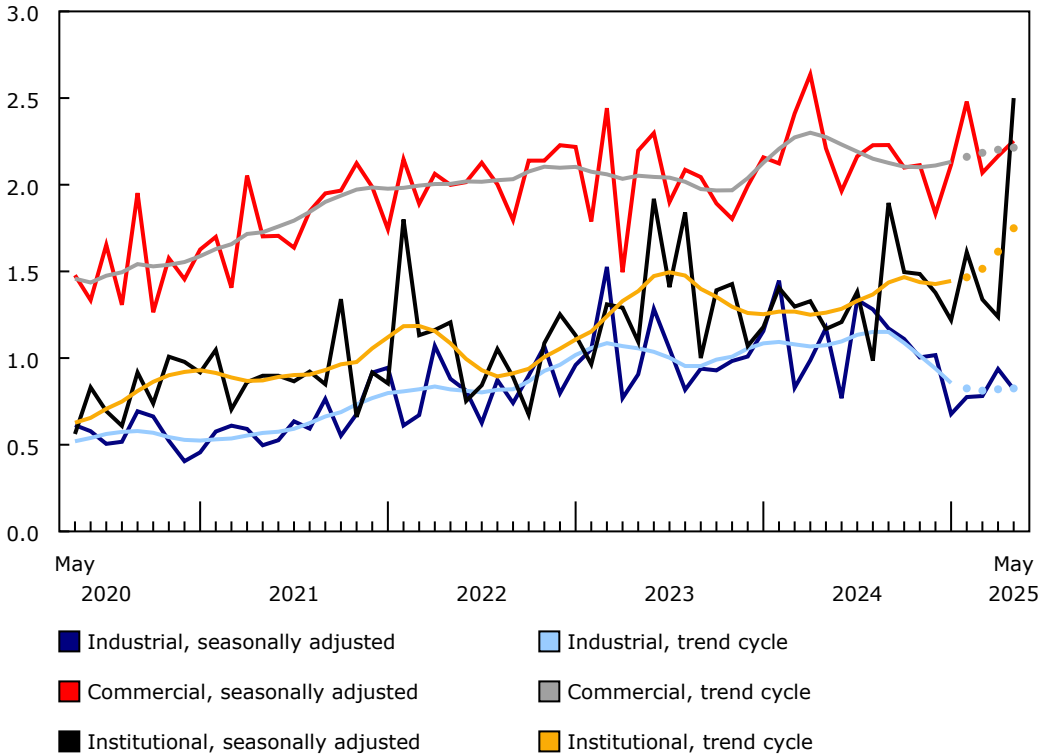
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**Source(s):** Table 34-10-0292-01.

**Chart 4**  
**Value of building permits for the industrial, commercial and institutional components**

billions of dollars



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### British Columbia's multi-family permits lead the residential sector

Residential construction intentions rose by \$169.8 million to \$7.5 billion in May. This increase was primarily led by British Columbia's multi-family component, which grew by \$687.7 million to \$1.5 billion.

British Columbia's multi-family component growth in May was driven by the Vancouver CMA (+\$696.4 million), which rebounded after dipping in April.

Nationally, multi-family permit values increased by \$194.8 million to \$4.9 billion in May. Ontario's multi-family component declined by \$382.8 million, counteracting part of the growth in British Columbia's multi-family component.

The value of single-family permits edged down \$25.0 million to \$2.6 billion in May, with the decline primarily attributed to Ontario (-\$77.5 million) and mitigated by increases in seven provinces and two territories.

Across Canada, a total of 21,000 new multi-unit dwellings and 4,400 new single-family dwellings were authorized for construction in May, reflecting a slight decline of 0.2% in the total number of units authorized from the previous month.

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### 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](#).*

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

*Data may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.*

#### 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 in current dollars have been revised for the previous month; unadjusted data in constant dollars have been revised for the previous two months. Seasonally adjusted data in current dollars have been revised for the previous two months; seasonally adjusted data in constant dollars have been revised for the previous three months.*

#### Next release

*Data on building permits for June will be released on August 12.*

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

	May 2024	March 2025 <sup>r</sup>	April 2025 <sup>r</sup>	May 2025 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2025	May 2024 to May 2025
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,130.4</b>	<b>12,557.0</b>	<b>11,708.0</b>	<b>13,111.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Residential	7,579.2	8,369.4	7,368.5	7,538.2	2.3	-0.5
Single <sup>1</sup>	2,622.0	2,725.1	2,653.2	2,628.2	-0.9	0.2
Multiple	4,957.2	5,644.3	4,715.2	4,910.0	4.1	-1.0
Non-residential	4,551.2	4,187.6	4,339.6	5,572.8	28.4	22.4
Industrial	1,173.4	780.8	937.0	819.9	-12.5	-30.1
Commercial	2,209.6	2,069.1	2,165.0	2,252.8	4.1	2.0
Institutional	1,168.1	1,337.7	1,237.5	2,500.1	102.0	114.0
	number of units				% change	
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>23,829</b>	<b>27,304</b>	<b>25,454</b>	<b>25,408</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>
Single <sup>1</sup>	4,285	4,415	4,221	4,360	3.3	1.8
Multiple	19,544	22,889	21,233	21,048	-0.9	7.7

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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 [34-10-0292-02](#).

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

	May 2024	March 2025 <sup>r</sup>	April 2025 <sup>r</sup>	May 2025 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2025	May 2024 to May 2025
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>12,130.4</b>	<b>12,557.0</b>	<b>11,708.0</b>	<b>13,111.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Residential	7,579.2	8,369.4	7,368.5	7,538.2	2.3	-0.5
Non-residential	4,551.2	4,187.6	4,339.6	5,572.8	28.4	22.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	66.2	74.5	46.6	74.9	60.7	13.1
Residential	42.6	51.7	39.3	45.9	16.9	7.6
Non-residential	23.6	22.8	7.3	29.0	295.2	23.0
Prince Edward Island	49.3	66.7	37.6	70.5	87.3	43.0
Residential	40.1	59.7	31.4	46.2	47.2	15.2
Non-residential	9.2	7.0	6.3	24.3	287.4	164.4
Nova Scotia	312.0	332.7	270.4	307.3	13.6	-1.5
Residential	229.9	203.8	161.5	232.9	44.2	1.3
Non-residential	82.2	128.9	108.9	74.3	-31.7	-9.5
New Brunswick	193.1	180.3	192.1	195.5	1.8	1.3
Residential	95.2	128.5	119.5	111.2	-7.0	16.8
Non-residential	97.9	51.8	72.6	84.3	16.2	-13.9
Quebec	2,330.5	2,366.4	2,490.8	2,524.9	1.4	8.3
Residential	1,403.4	1,643.6	1,664.2	1,711.6	2.9	22.0
Non-residential	927.2	722.9	826.6	813.2	-1.6	-12.3
Ontario	5,329.1	4,462.7	4,698.2	5,452.7	16.1	2.3
Residential	3,346.8	2,730.9	2,659.3	2,199.0	-17.3	-34.3
Non-residential	1,982.3	1,731.8	2,038.9	3,253.7	59.6	64.1
Manitoba	430.5	314.3	410.6	329.4	-19.8	-23.5
Residential	228.2	193.0	244.8	189.4	-22.6	-17.0
Non-residential	202.3	121.3	165.8	140.0	-15.6	-30.8
Saskatchewan	247.5	275.2	290.3	258.0	-11.1	4.2
Residential	121.2	191.9	153.0	105.0	-31.4	-13.4
Non-residential	126.3	83.3	137.3	153.1	11.5	21.2
Alberta	1,589.7	1,774.7	1,707.1	1,612.5	-5.5	1.4
Residential	1,039.4	1,255.0	1,262.1	1,160.2	-8.1	11.6
Non-residential	550.3	519.7	445.0	452.3	1.6	-17.8
British Columbia	1,530.8	2,697.5	1,499.1	2,252.3	50.2	47.1
Residential	1,011.7	1,901.4	1,024.8	1,722.2	68.1	70.2
Non-residential	519.1	796.1	474.3	530.0	11.8	2.1
Yukon	37.8	9.9	61.0	8.0	-86.9	-78.8
Residential	14.0	8.2	4.6	2.3	-51.2	-83.9
Non-residential	23.8	1.6	56.4	5.8	-89.8	-75.8
Northwest Territories	9.9	1.2	4.1	4.5	10.9	-54.6
Residential	5.2	0.7	3.8	3.9	2.1	-26.2
Non-residential	4.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	125.9	-86.1
Nunavut	3.9	0.8	0.2 <sup>E</sup>	20.6	...	421.3
Residential	1.7	0.8	0.2 <sup>E</sup>	8.6	...	412.6
Non-residential	2.3	0.0	0.0 <sup>E</sup>	12.0	...	427.7

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**Source(s):** Table 34-10-0292-01.

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

	May 2024	March 2025 <sup>r</sup>	April 2025 <sup>r</sup>	May 2025 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2025	May 2024 to May 2025
	millions of dollars				% change	
<b>Total, census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>9,861.6</b>	<b>9,921.3</b>	<b>8,711.2</b>	<b>9,410.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-4.6</b>
St. John's	47.0	42.2	33.8	65.1	92.8	38.5
Halifax	209.5	133.7	150.6	188.8	25.3	-9.9
Moncton	45.4	59.3	59.7	43.8	-26.5	-3.5
Saint John	29.6	28.0	53.3	58.4	9.5	97.4
Fredericton	54.9	27.4	18.0	19.8	10.1	-63.9
Saguenay	74.0	44.2	39.2 <sup>E</sup>	38.4 <sup>E</sup>	-1.9	-48.1
Québec	331.2	259.7	204.7	268.7	31.2	-18.9
Sherbrooke	43.2	60.0	63.5	64.0	0.8	48.2
Trois-Rivières	83.0	43.8	88.8	74.3	-16.3	-10.4
Drummondville	39.1	36.3	41.8	40.2	-3.7	2.9
Montréal	992.0	1,025.5	1,074.1	1,065.0	-0.8	7.4
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario and Quebec	407.5	341.6	475.3	345.8	-27.2	-15.1
Gatineau part	82.9	84.0	153.2	110.0	-28.2	32.8
Ottawa part	324.6	257.6	322.1	235.8	-26.8	-27.4
Kingston	73.7	52.6	33.3	37.2	11.5	-49.5
Belleville–Quinte West	18.0	26.3	21.0	47.6	126.5	164.3
Peterborough	92.7	9.6	10.1	10.3	1.7	-88.9
Oshawa	131.4	50.8	93.3	102.4	9.7	-22.1
Toronto	2,754.1	2,017.8	2,166.8	1,753.6	-19.1	-36.3
Hamilton	222.7	470.4	202.1	208.0	2.9	-6.6
St. Catharines–Niagara	184.3	240.0	254.8	504.7	98.1	173.8
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	188.3	194.0	238.2	177.2	-25.6	-5.9
Brantford	32.1	52.0	45.1	87.0	92.9	170.8
Guelph	26.1	16.2	31.7	47.7	50.7	82.6
London	270.5	179.7	202.8 <sup>E</sup>	171.8 <sup>E</sup>	-15.3	-36.5
Windsor	111.3	72.2	112.6	68.0	-39.6	-38.9
Barrie	209.8	104.6	54.4	254.1	367.3	21.1
Greater Sudbury	33.1	27.9	31.6	32.1	1.5	-3.1
Thunder Bay	22.7	16.3	5.9	13.2	123.9	-41.7
Winnipeg	273.0	221.0	282.4	215.0	-23.9	-21.2
Regina	44.6	70.9	52.7	45.8	-13.1	2.7
Saskatoon	112.7	123.2	125.8	95.4	-24.2	-15.4
Lethbridge	93.7	101.0	41.7	47.4	13.8	-49.4
Calgary	769.5	892.9	689.3	617.7	-10.4	-19.7
Red Deer	5.3	5.3	7.9	18.7	136.8	253.1
Edmonton	577.1	512.1	626.9	653.3	4.2	13.2
Kelowna	86.7	84.7	81.0	95.7	18.1	10.3
Kamloops	27.4	9.5	18.7	9.3	-50.2	-66.0
Chilliwack	39.3	15.6	14.9	12.9	-13.5	-67.2
Abbotsford–Mission	68.7	76.6	68.5	44.1	-35.7	-35.9
Vancouver	831.1	2,062.6	646.9	1,537.0	137.6	84.9
Victoria	186.1	106.6	172.6	198.6	15.1	6.7
Nanaimo	19.3	7.5	75.5	31.9	-57.7	65.0

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

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