Investment in building construction, April 2026

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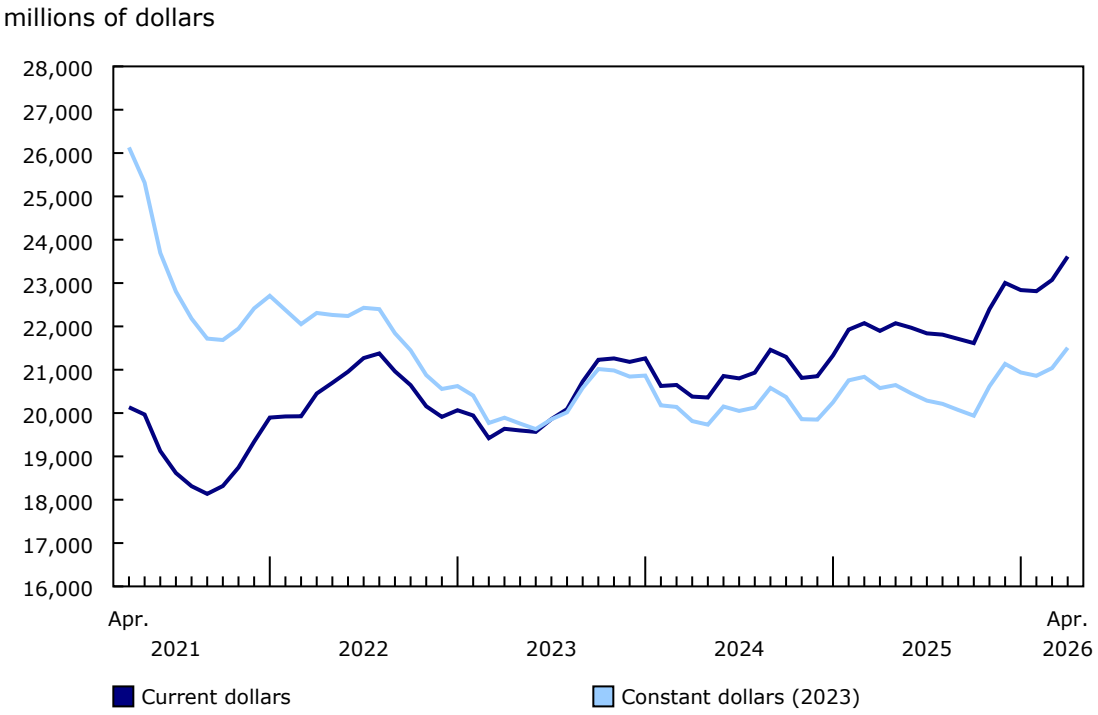
The total value of investment in building construction increased $540.8 million (+2.3%) to $23.6 billion in April. The residential sector rose 3.1%, while the non-residential sector edged up 0.7%. Year over year, investment in building construction grew 7.8% in April.

On a constant dollar basis (2023=100), the total value of investment in building construction in April increased 2.2% from the previous month to $21.5 billion, and it was up 4.5% year over year.

Chart 1
Investment in building construction, seasonally adjusted



Source(s): Table 34-10-0293-01.

Multi-unit component drives growth in residential investment

In April, investment in residential building construction increased $491.9 million to $16.5 billion. Both the multi-unit component (+4.0%) and the single-family component (+2.0%) contributed to the increase.

Investment in multi-unit construction investment was up $338.8 million to $8.8 billion in April. British Columbia (+$231.2 million) led the increase, and it was supported by broad gains across four other provinces and two territories.

Meanwhile, investment in single-family home construction rose $153.1 million to $7.7 billion in April. Growth in Quebec (+$136.0 million) and Ontario (+$83.8 million) was moderated by broad declines across seven provinces and one territory, led by British Columbia (-$23.1 million).

Infographic 1 – Investment in residential building construction, April 2026

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Figure 1 Month-to-month change in residential construction investment (seasonally adjusted)

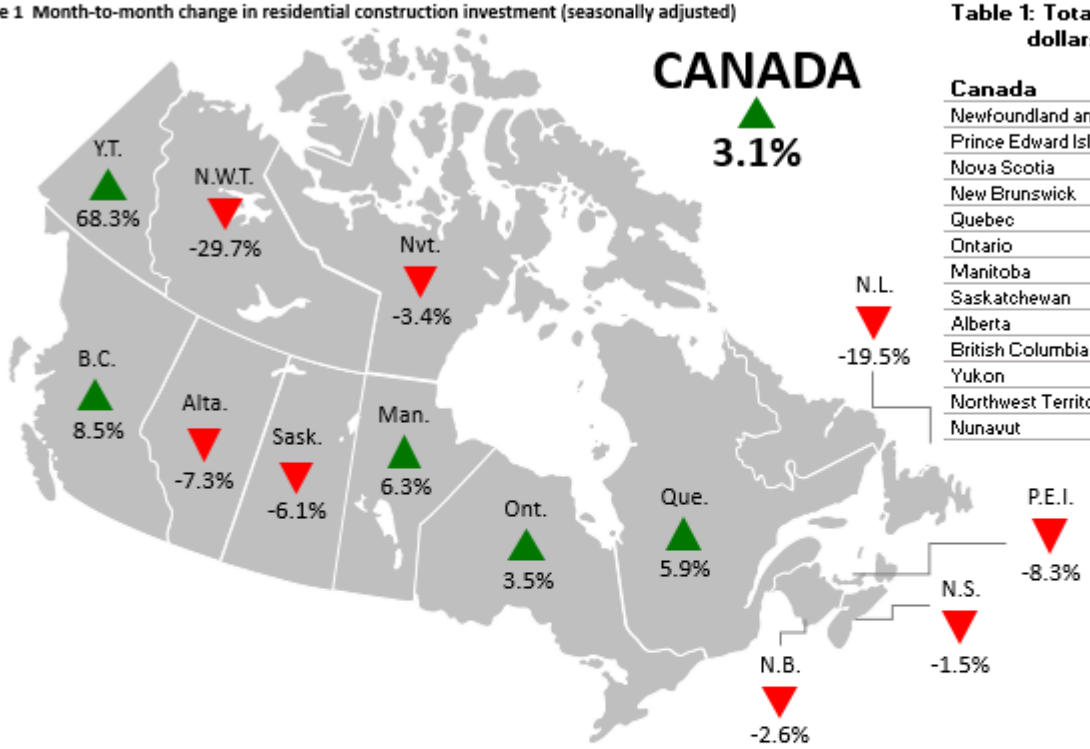
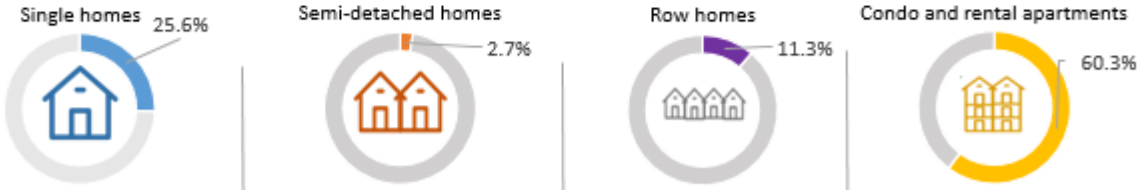


Table 1: Total investment, millions of dollars (seasonally adjusted)

Canada	**$16,475.4**
Newfoundland and Labrador	$159.9
Prince Edward Island	$52.5
Nova Scotia	$416.7
New Brunswick	$350.2
Quebec	$4,408.2
Ontario	$5,470.2
Manitoba	$753.5
Saskatchewan	$354.2
Alberta	$1,720.3
British Columbia	$2,646.7
Yukon	$75.0
Northwest Territories	$7.0
Nunavut	$61.1

Figure 2 Investment in new residential construction, market share and year-over-year change (not seasonally adjusted)



	Single homes	Semi-detached homes	Row homes	Condo and rental apartments
Total investment	millions	millions	millions	millions
Year-over-year change, April	**$1,736.8** -$199.6 (-10.3%)	**$186.1** -$23.1 (-11.0%)	**$768.9** $71.6 (10.3%)	**$4,085.4** $28.7 (0.7%)

Note(s): Single homes value excludes cottages and mobile homes.
Source(s): Table 34-10-0293-01 — Investment in Building Construction.

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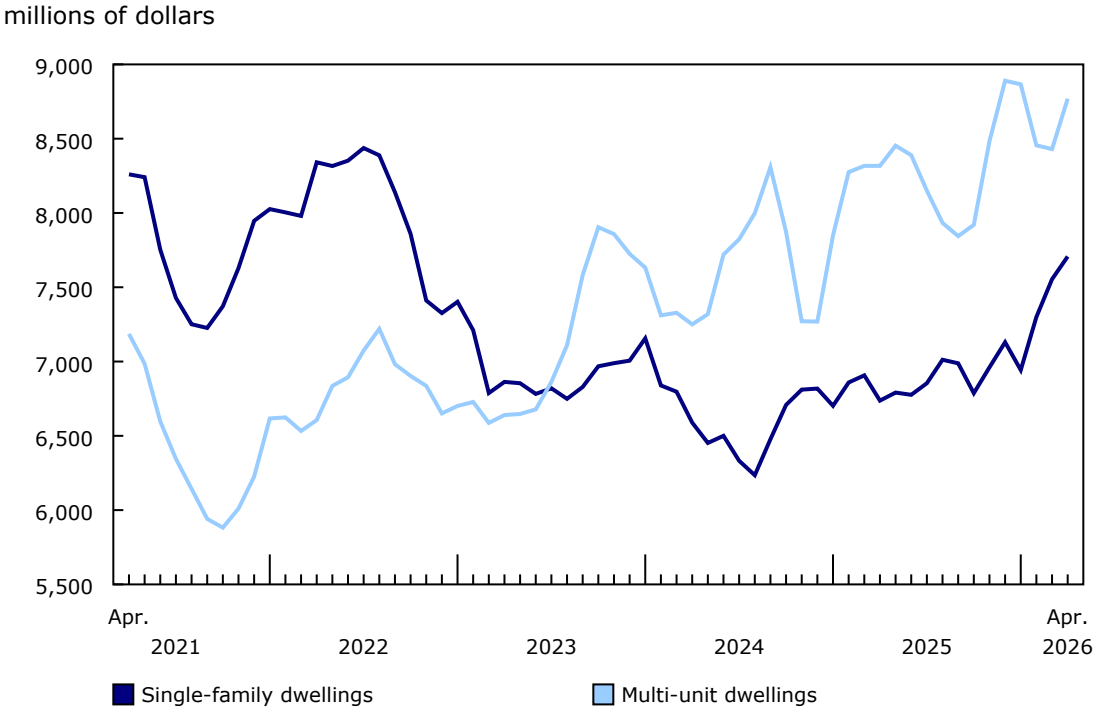
Chart 2
Investment in residential building construction, seasonally adjusted



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Non-residential building investment edges up

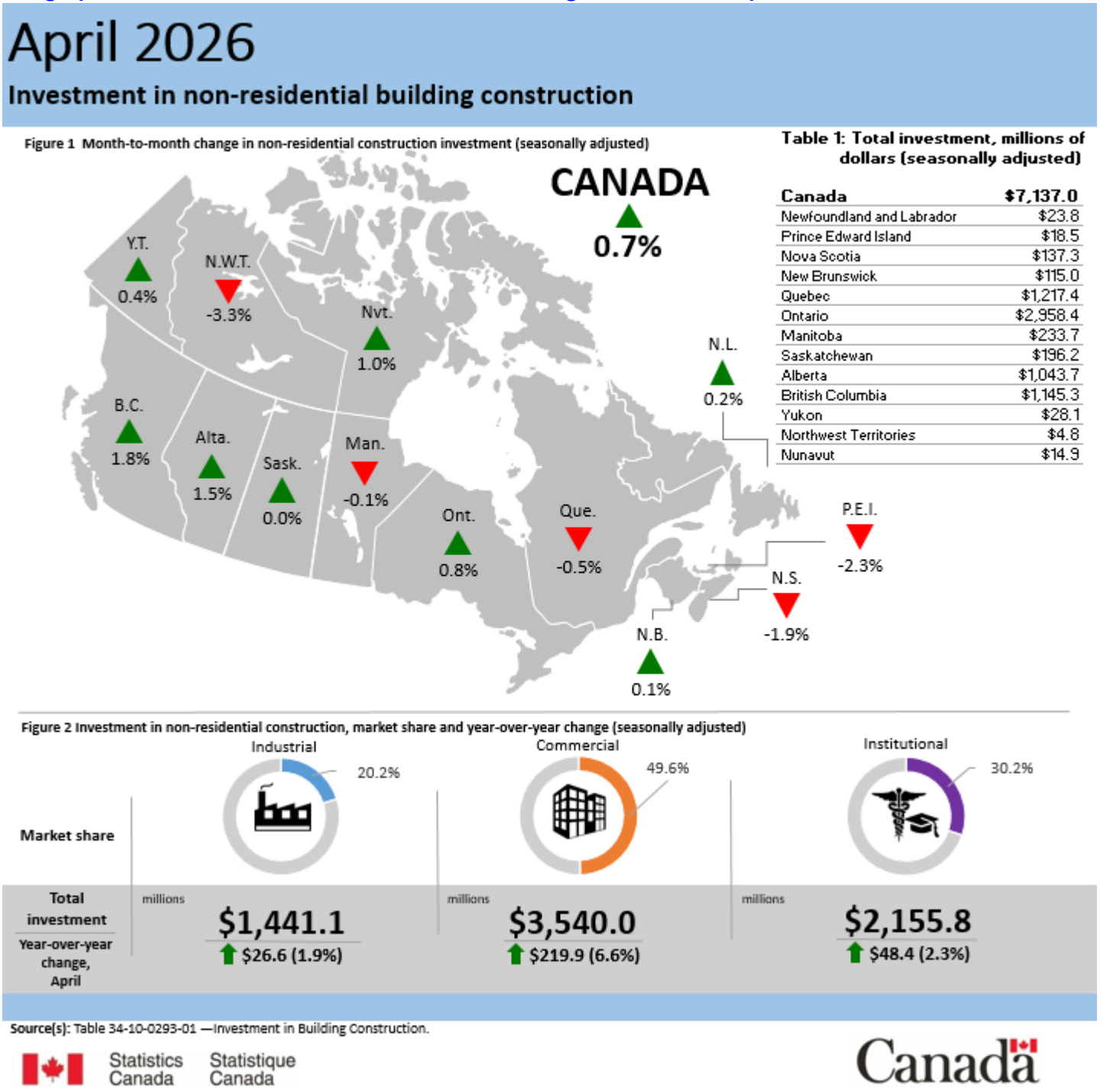
In April, the value of non-residential investment in building construction edged up $49.0 million to $7.1 billion. Increases in the industrial (+3.5%) and commercial (+0.1%) components were moderated by a slight decline in the institutional component (-0.2%).

Investment in the industrial component grew $48.8 million to $1.4 billion in April. Ontario (+$25.8 million), British Columbia (+$16.4 million) and Alberta (+$5.2 million) were the primary contributors to the increase. In total, six provinces and two territories contributed to the growth in this component.

Investment in commercial construction edged up $4.1 million to $3.5 billion in April, led by Alberta (+$10.0 million) and British Columbia (+$3.6 million). The gains in these two provinces were partially offset by declines in Ontario (-$7.9 million) and Quebec (-$1.3 million).

Meanwhile, investment in the institutional component edged down $3.9 million to $2.2 billion in April. Declines in Quebec (-$5.8 million), Manitoba (-$1.6 million) and Nova Scotia (-$1.6 million) were tempered by an increase in Ontario (+$5.3 million).

Infographic 2 – Investment in non-residential building construction, April 2026



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Data are subject to revisions based on late responses, delayed construction start dates for large projects, methodological changes, classification updates, price index updates for constant dollar series, benchmarking and adjustments to ad hoc macroeconomic events. Unadjusted data have been revised back to 2021. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised back to 2018.

Data presented in this release are seasonally adjusted with current dollar values unless otherwise stated. Using seasonally adjusted data allows 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.

Monthly estimates for constant dollars are calculated using quarterly deflators from the Building Construction Price Index (18-10-0289-01). The monthly indexes used for the deflation process were part of a methodology review to increase the quality of the constant dollar and seasonally adjusted series. The indexes previously displayed a step pattern because of less frequent collection.

Detailed data on investment activity by type of building and type of work are now available in the unadjusted current dollar series.

The trade and services subcomponent includes buildings such as retail and wholesale outlets, retail complexes and motor vehicle show rooms. More detailed information can be found on the Integrated Metadatabase at Types of Building Structure - 2.2.1 - Trade and services.

Next release

Data on investment in building construction for May will be released on July 20.

Available tables: table 34-10-0293-01.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5014.

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