

Investment in building construction, August 2019

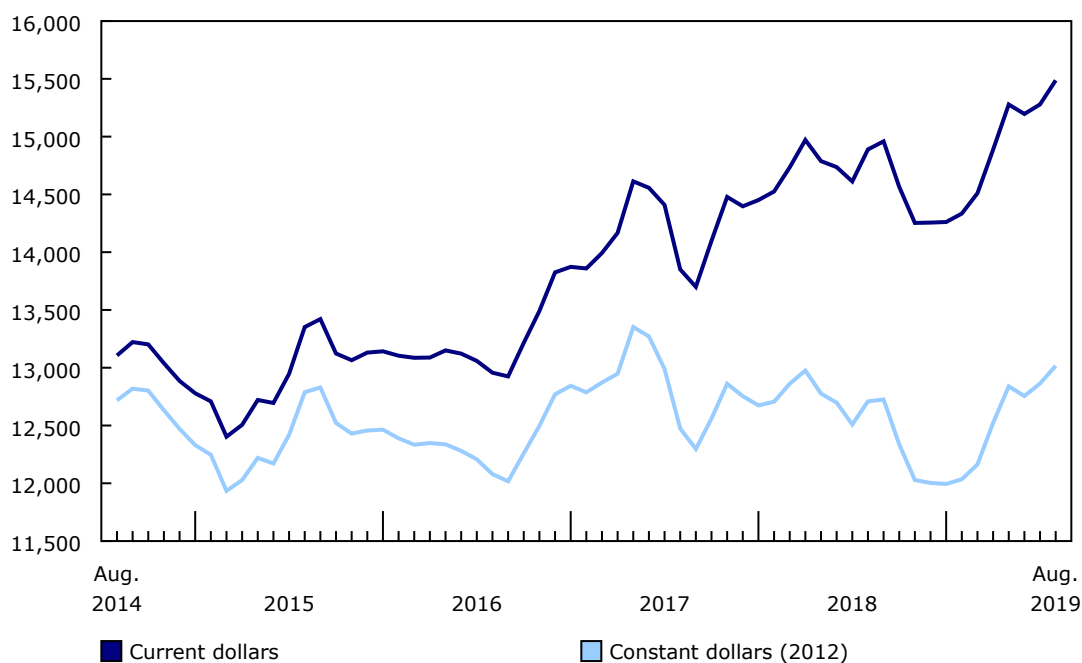
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Total investment in building construction increased 1.4% in August to \$15.5 billion, with gains in both the residential (+1.8% to \$10.6 billion) and non-residential (+0.5% to \$4.9 billion) sectors. On a constant dollar basis (2012=100), investment in building construction increased 1.2% to \$13.0 billion.

For more information on housing, please visit the [Housing Statistics Portal](#).

Chart 1
Investment in building construction

millions of dollars



Source(s): Table 34-10-0175-01.

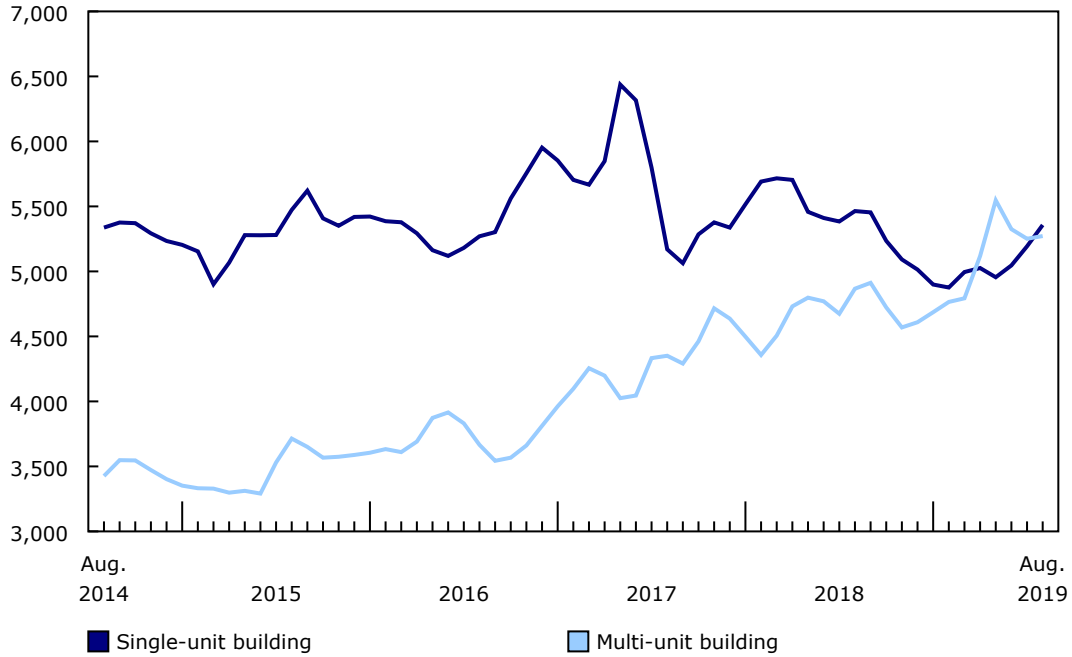
Residential building construction

Investment in residential building construction was up 1.8% in August to \$10.6 billion. The multi-unit component edged up 0.4% to \$5.3 billion, led by Ontario (+\$129.2 million). Investment in single-unit construction increased 3.2% to \$5.4 billion, slightly exceeding multi-unit residential investment. This was partly due to gains in Ontario (+\$94.0 million) and Alberta (+\$47.5 million).



Chart 2
Investment in residential building construction

millions of dollars



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Infographic 1 – Residential construction investment, August 2019

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Residential construction investment

Figure 1 Month-to-month change in residential construction investment

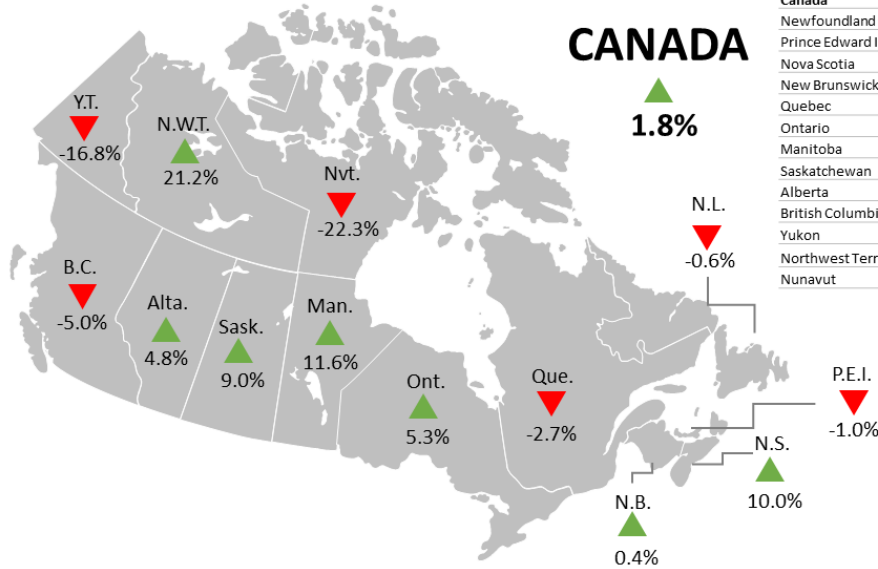
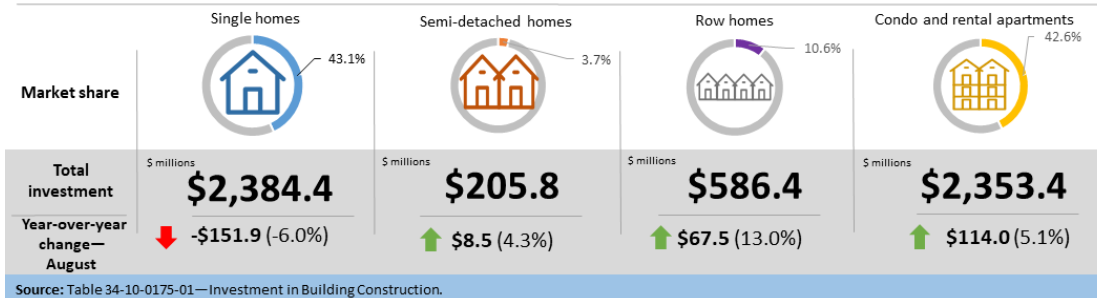


Table 1 Total investment in millions of dollars

Canada	10,628.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	47.4
Prince Edward Island	61.8
Nova Scotia	273.6
New Brunswick	127.1
Quebec	2,162.8
Ontario	4,473.1
Manitoba	362.8
Saskatchewan	161.7
Alberta	1,060.7
British Columbia	1,874.3
Yukon	9.3
Northwest Territories	8.4
Nunavut	6.1

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



Non-residential investment

Non-residential investment was up 0.5% to \$4.9 billion. Both the commercial (+0.8% to \$2.8 billion) and institutional (+0.2% to \$1.1 billion) components edged up. The industrial component (-0.4% to \$905.4 million) edged down in August.

Infographic 2 – Non-residential construction investment, August 2019

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Non-residential construction investment

Figure 1 Month-to-month change in non-residential construction investment

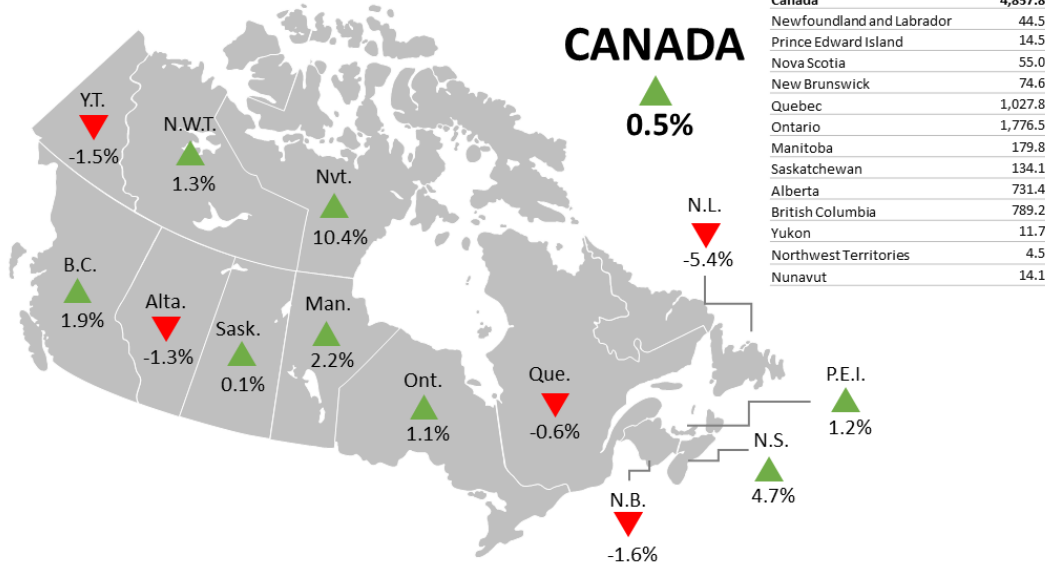
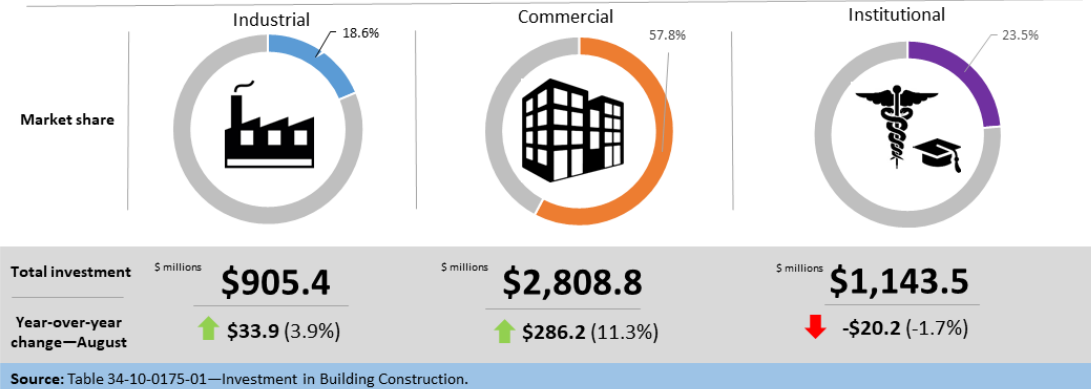


Table 1 Total investment in millions of dollars

Canada	4,857.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	44.5
Prince Edward Island	14.5
Nova Scotia	55.0
New Brunswick	74.6
Quebec	1,027.8
Ontario	1,776.5
Manitoba	179.8
Saskatchewan	134.1
Alberta	731.4
British Columbia	789.2
Yukon	11.7
Northwest Territories	4.5
Nunavut	14.1

Figure 2 Investment in non-residential construction, market share and year-over-year change



Note to readers

Unadjusted data for the current reference month are subject to revision as a result of late responses. Data for the previous month have been revised. Seasonally adjusted data are revised for the previous two months.

Data presented in this release are seasonally adjusted and are expressed in current dollars unless otherwise stated. Using seasonally adjusted data facilitates month-to-month 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 (table 18-10-0135-01). Typically, the first two months of a quarter use the previous quarter's price level and are revised when the new quarterly price index becomes available.

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

As a result of data source constraints, the total value for "type of work – all" may not equal the sum of its parts ("new construction," "renovation," "conversion," and "other"). The component required to complete the summation is "type of structure, minor."

In the type of work series "conversions total," one or more residential dwelling units are created from an existing structure. Deconversions, garages and carports, as well as in-ground swimming pools, are grouped together in the "other types of work" category.

Prior to January 2018, building permits for cottages with a value greater than \$60,000 were automatically reclassified to structure type "single." Beginning in January 2018, building permits received from municipalities for structures coded as cottages, regardless of value, are classified to structure type "cottages."

Effective November 23, 2018, table 34-10-0175-01 contains data on both the residential and non-residential sectors. It replaced tables 34-10-0010-01, 34-10-0011-01 and 34-10-0012-01.

Next release

Data on investment in building construction for September will be released on November 22.

Products

Statistics Canada has a new [Housing Market Indicators Dashboard](#). This web application provides access to key housing market indicators for Canada, by province and by census metropolitan area. These indicators are automatically updated with new information from monthly releases, giving users access to the latest data.

Available tables: table [34-10-0175-01](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5014](#).

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