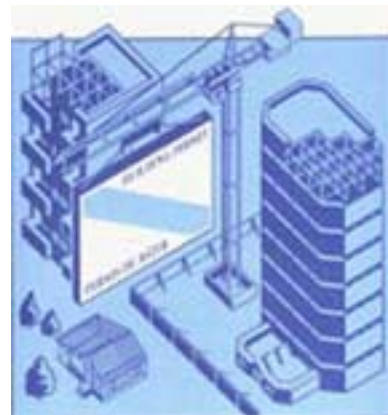




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Highlights

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Builders took out a record \$6.3 billion in building permits in January. January's level was 11.3% higher than December 2006.

These results point to a busy spring on building sites as building permits are a leading indicator for construction activity.

The value of non-residential permits increased 19.3% to a record \$2.6 billion in January, the third monthly gain in four months. January's gain was due largely to surges in the values of both industrial and institutional permits in Ontario.

In the residential sector, the value of building permits rose 6.3% to \$3.7 billion after two monthly declines. This was the third highest monthly level on record. Intentions increased in both single- and multi-family components.

Note to readers

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data, which ease comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations.

The Building Permits Survey covers 2,380 municipalities representing 95% of the population. It provides an early indication of building activity. The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small, and their levels of building activity have little impact on the total.

The value of planned construction activities shown in this release excludes engineering projects (e.g., waterworks, sewers or culverts) and land.

For the purpose of the Building Permits release, the census metropolitan area of Ottawa—Gatineau is divided into two areas: Ottawa—Gatineau (Quebec part) and Ottawa—Gatineau (Ontario part).

Provincially, the largest gain (in dollars) occurred in Ontario, where municipalities approved \$2.6 billion worth of permits in January, thanks to a new record high in the non-residential sector.

On the other hand, the value of building permits fell in six provinces. The biggest decline in terms of dollars occurred in Alberta, where a large drop in commercial and industrial permits more than offset a gain in the housing sector.

Residential: Record-high value of single-family permits

Municipalities set a record for the value of building permits for single-family units for a second consecutive month. They issued \$2.4 billion in single-family permits, up 2.8% from December. A major contributing factor was higher construction costs.

Demand remained high for single-family dwellings, as municipalities authorized 10,220 new units, a slight 0.6% decline from December. This level was 3.0% higher than the monthly average of 9,920 units set in 2006.

The demand for new-single family units has been on an upward trend since the middle of 2006.

Following two monthly declines, the value of multi-family permits rebounded, rising 13.8% in January to \$1.3 billion. The increase was powered by gains in the three types of multi-family dwellings (apartments/condominiums, semi-detached and row houses).

In January alone, permits for 10,005 new multi-family units were issued, up 27.4% from December. A vast majority of the January permits were for new apartments/condominiums.

Among the provinces, six showed increases in their value of housing permits in January. The largest gains (in dollars) were recorded in British Columbia (+16.7% to \$719 million) and in Alberta (+15.1% to \$758 million). The gains in both provinces were due to jumps in the values of single- and multi-family permits.

The housing sector continued to be positively affected by the very dynamic economy in Western Canada. Other contributing factors were advantageous mortgage rates, the continued strength in full-time employment and in personal disposable income as well as the high level of immigration.

Non-residential: Strong rebound in institutional and industrial components

Strong growth in the values of both institutional and industrial permits was the main factor behind the new monthly record in the non-residential sector.

Permits in the institutional sector rebounded a spectacular 69.3% to \$620 million, after falling 51.1% in December. It was a fourth monthly increase over the last six months, and was largely the result of higher construction intentions for medical and educational buildings.

Among provinces, six showed gains in the institutional sector. The largest gain (in dollars) was recorded in Ontario (+115.0% to \$337 million).

The value of institutional permits has been on an upward trend since February 2006.

In the industrial sector, the value of permits surged 45.9% to \$650 million. The big gain, which followed an 11.1% decline in December, was the result of large increases in the manufacturing and utility building categories in Ontario. Alberta showed the biggest drop (in dollars) on the heels of a 125.6% gain in December.

The value of industrial permits has been on an upward trend since January 2006.

Commercial sector permits fell 2.6% from December to \$1.3 billion. Behind this decline was the lower demand for permits associated with warehouses and recreation buildings. Despite the retreat, the value of commercial building permits in January remained 12.0% higher than the average monthly level in 2006.

Provincially, the biggest gain (in dollars) in the non-residential sector occurred in Ontario, where all three components (commercial, industrial and institutional) registered huge gains. In contrast, the largest decline (in dollars) occurred in Alberta, the result of important drops in the industrial and commercial components.

Several economic factors were consistent with the strength in the non-residential sector, including growth in consumer spending and declining vacancy rates for industrial and commercial buildings. In addition, corporate operating profits hit a record high in 2006.

Metropolitan areas: Strong growth in Toronto and Vancouver

Among the 34 census metropolitan areas, 16 showed higher value of permits compared with December 2006. Toronto and Vancouver had the strongest increases (in dollars), the result of strength in both the residential and non-residential sectors. In Toronto, the value of non-residential permits hit its highest value since March 2005.

The value of building permits hit a new high in January in Greater Sudbury.

In contrast, the largest decline occurred in Halifax where decreases in both the residential and non-residential sectors led the value of permits to its lowest level since February 2005.

Chart 1
Total value of building permits

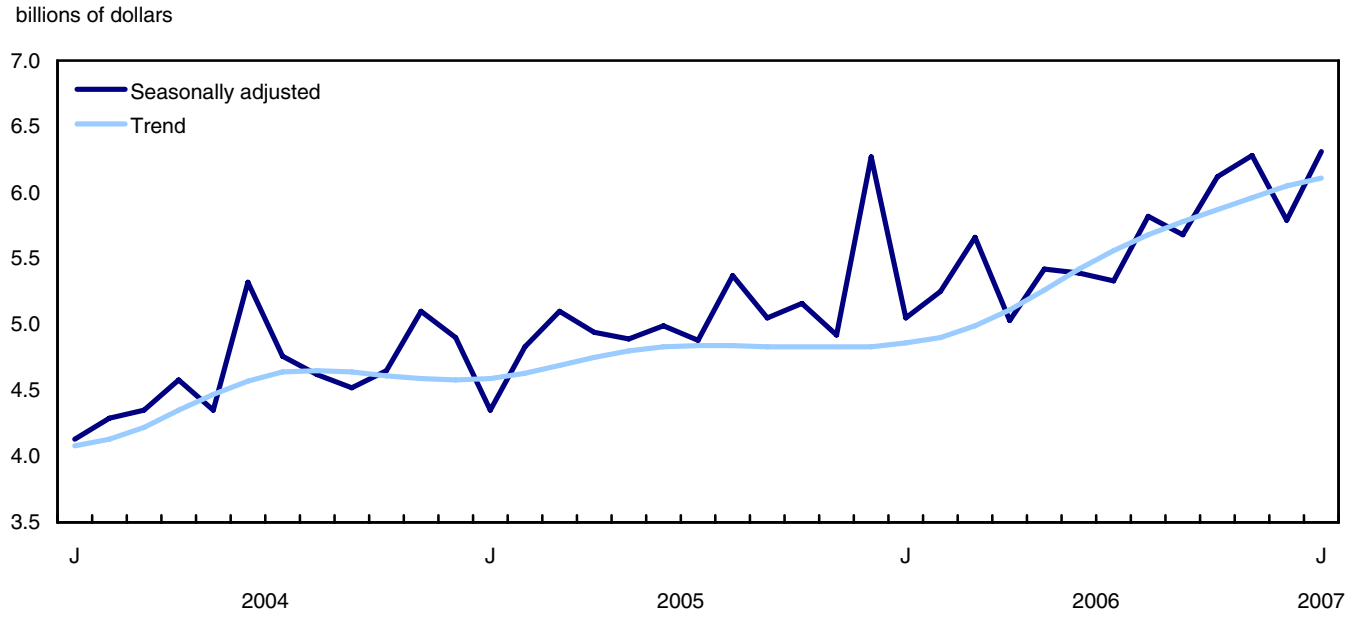


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Residential value of building permits - Total

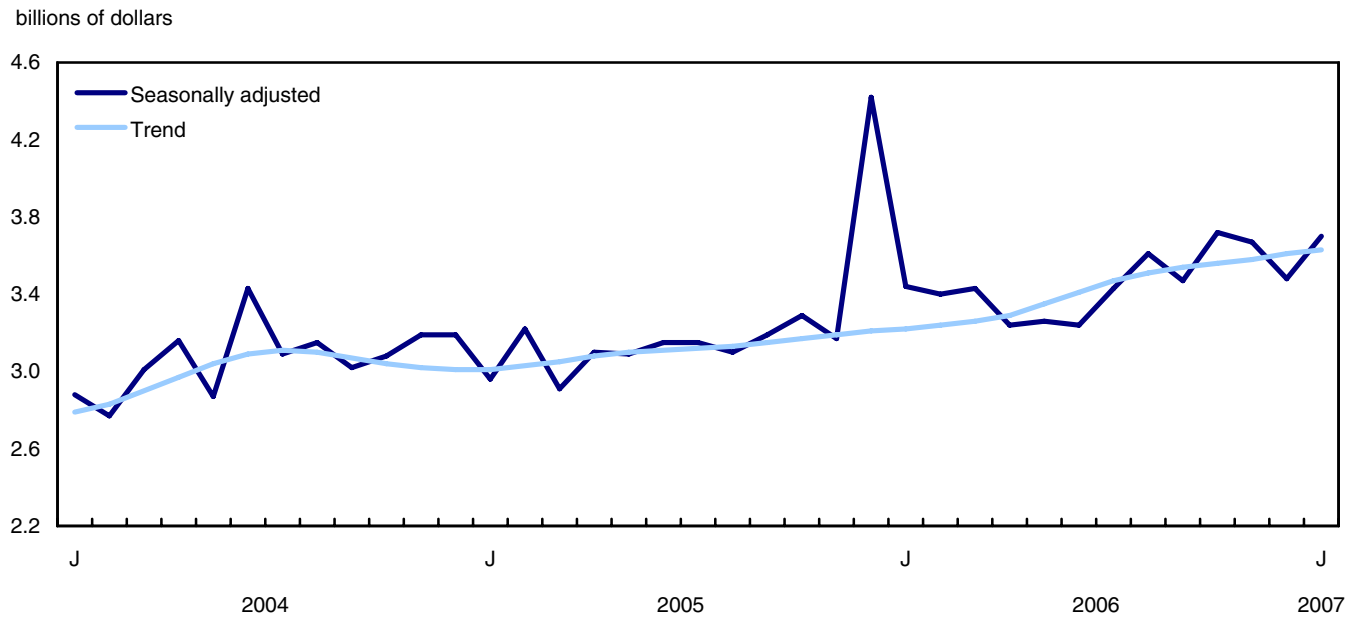


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Number of dwelling units - Single and multiple

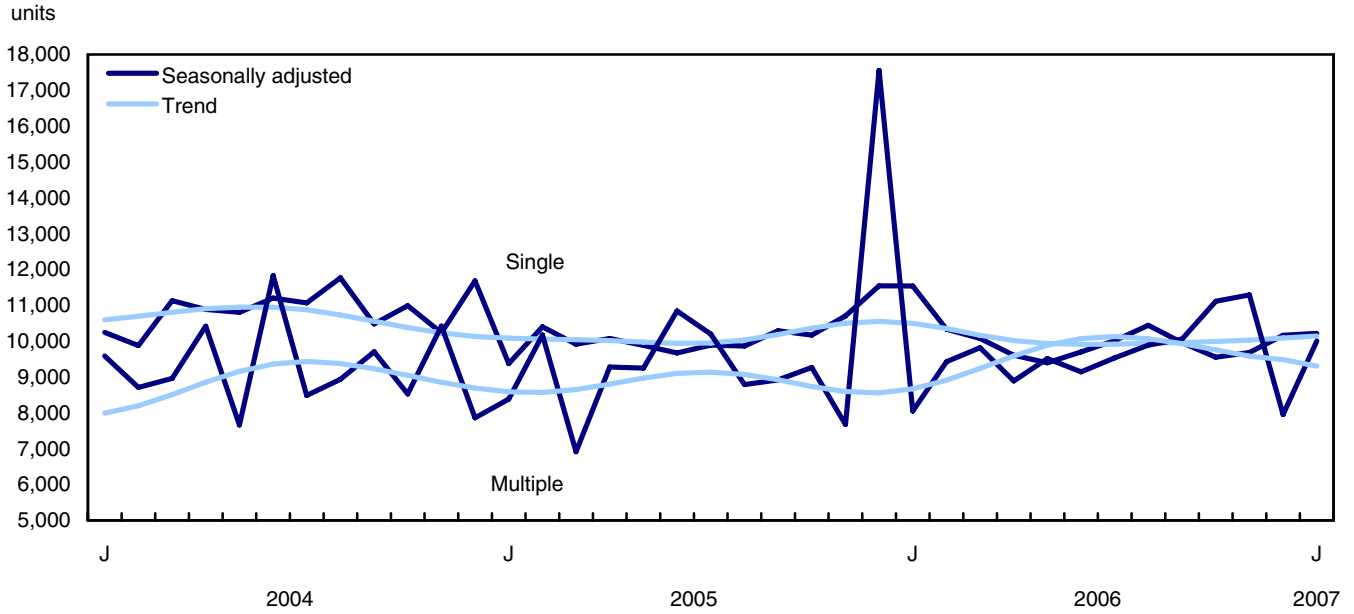


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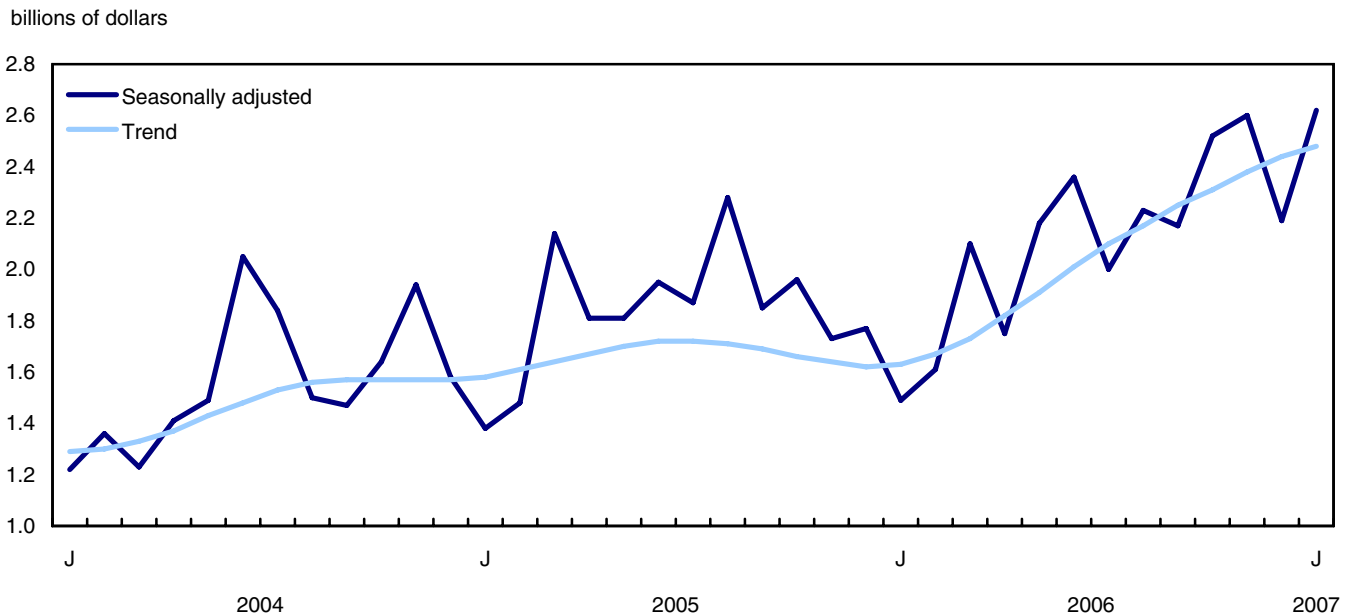


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Commercial value of building permits

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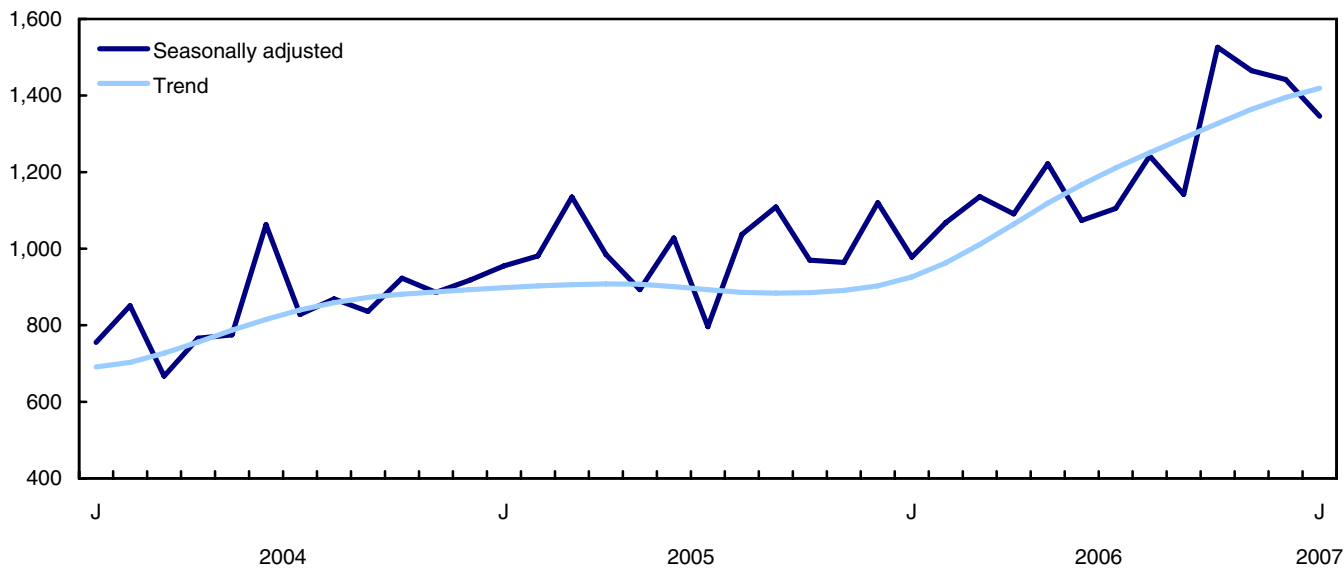


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millions of dollars

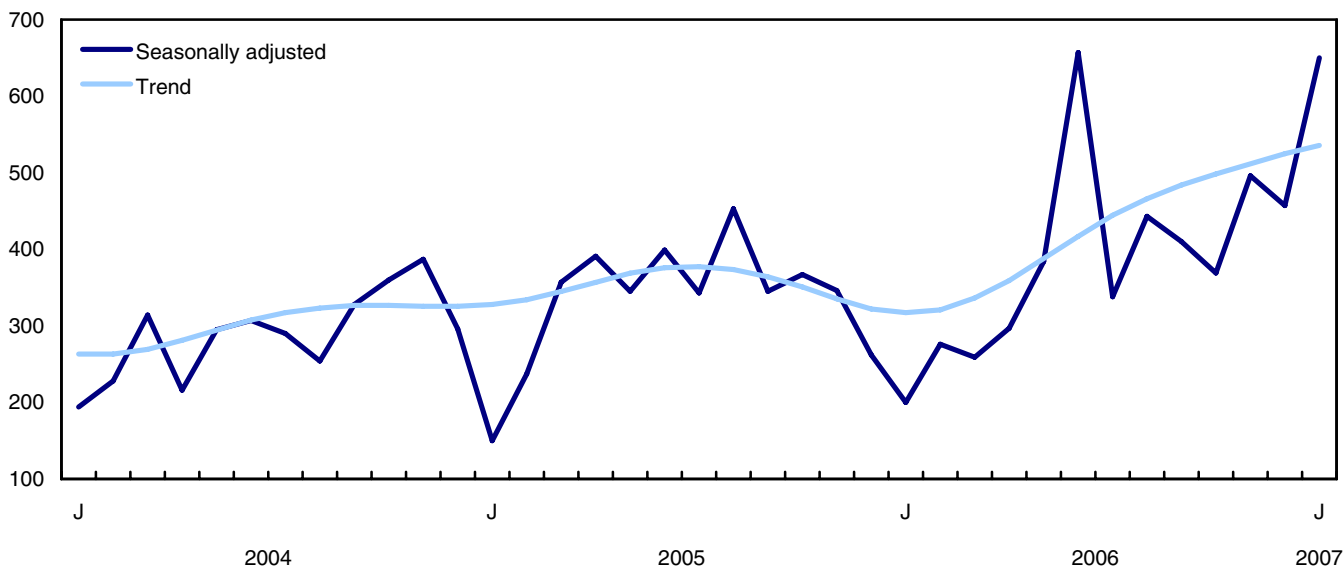
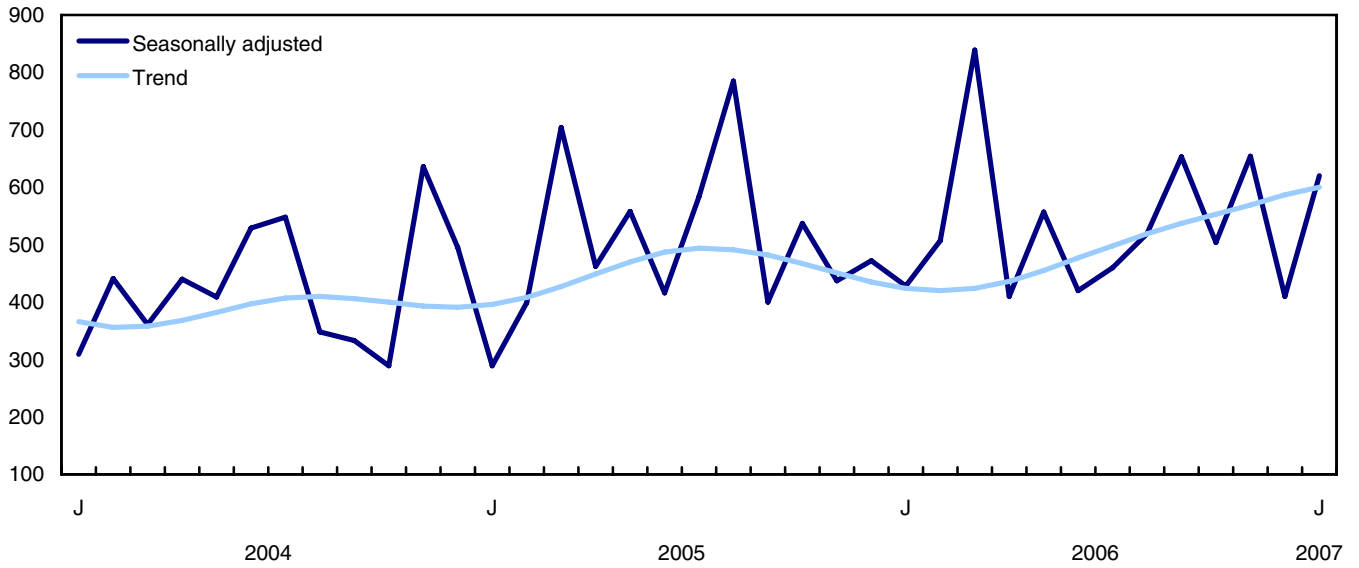


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Institutional and governmental value of building permits

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- *Value of building permits by type*

Statistical tables

Table 1
Total value of building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted

	2007		2006		January to December	December to November	November to October	October to September	September to August	August to July	
	January ^p	December ^r	January ^p	December ^r							
	thousands of dollars				percentage change						
Canada	6,313,402	5,672,730			11.3	-9.0	-1.0	11.7	-4.8	7.3	
Newfoundland and Labrador	42,541	37,620			13.1	-64.2	190.1	-25.4	8.7	8.1	
Prince Edward Island	12,548	13,289			-5.6	-2.9	-45.0	95.1	-41.0	18.5	
Nova Scotia	80,406	140,242			-42.7	27.2	-11.5	35.3	-13.5	24.7	
New Brunswick	61,610	67,337			-8.5	-41.9	65.6	5.8	-30.0	30.6	
Quebec	983,389	1,061,508			-7.4	9.5	-24.5	25.3	3.1	0.0	
Ontario	2,645,116	2,019,226			31.0	-4.6	5.3	4.5	-13.0	18.1	
Manitoba	114,104	115,039			-0.8	-16.2	41.3	-27.3	32.3	-35.0	
Saskatchewan	108,827	82,817			31.4	-11.6	-2.8	-30.7	61.6	-34.0	
Alberta	1,192,217	1,284,221			-7.2	0.4	-6.0	9.2	-0.7	5.0	
British Columbia	1,062,684	842,427			26.1	-34.1	8.1	27.5	-5.8	5.4	
Yukon Territory	4,388	4,043			8.5	153.2	-69.3	-54.4	16.8	90.3	
Northwest Territories	4,218	403			946.7	-83.1	-13.2	-61.6	-17.3	232.7	
Nunavut	1,354	4,558			-70.3	-51.8	666.0	-2.0	-69.0	-65.5	

Table 2
Non-residential value of building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted

	2007		2006		January to December	December to November	November to October	October to September	September to August	August to July	
	January ^p	December ^r	January ^p	December ^r							
	thousands of dollars				percentage change						
Canada	2,617,064	2,194,506			19.3	-15.6	3.2	16.1	-2.8	11.4	
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,549	6,539			122.5	-91.7	712.5	-65.8	74.3	30.5	
Prince Edward Island	3,028	3,160			-4.2	2.8	-73.7	276.1	-73.1	25.5	
Nova Scotia	20,886	53,208			-60.7	100.0	-28.8	32.8	-40.5	16.7	
New Brunswick	20,127	29,726			-32.3	-61.0	199.5	-18.6	-41.3	47.1	
Quebec	332,116	409,458			-18.9	27.5	-26.2	21.2	1.1	9.1	
Ontario	1,364,417	767,636			77.7	-21.4	25.9	2.7	-6.9	19.5	
Manitoba	35,910	42,074			-14.7	-26.4	80.7	-52.6	93.8	-59.4	
Saskatchewan	41,896	27,199			54.0	-40.7	10.4	-53.0	82.0	-51.4	
Alberta	434,619	626,068			-30.6	6.4	-5.3	12.0	5.8	42.5	
British Columbia	343,672	226,516			51.7	-46.4	-19.6	116.9	-22.8	-5.9	
Yukon Territory	1,771	1,605			10.3	376.3	-82.5	-73.9	-0.9	187.9	
Northwest Territories	4,043	214			1,789.3	-84.3	-9.6	-68.0	-18.2	787.8	
Nunavut	30	1,103			-97.3	267.7	...	-100.0	-99.5	-81.8	

Table 3
Residential value of building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted

	2007		January to December	December to November	November to October	October to September	September to August	August to July
	January ^p	December ^r						
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	3,696,338	3,478,224	6.3	-4.3	-3.8	9.0	-6.1	5.0
Newfoundland and Labrador	27,992	31,081	-9.9	17.2	-0.2	31.1	-28.8	-1.6
Prince Edward Island	9,520	10,129	-6.0	-4.5	-19.7	36.9	-4.4	11.4
Nova Scotia	59,520	87,034	-31.6	4.1	-4.1	36.4	8.1	32.0
New Brunswick	41,483	37,611	10.3	-5.3	-10.9	27.6	-15.4	14.1
Quebec	651,273	652,050	-0.1	0.6	-23.6	27.5	4.3	-4.4
Ontario	1,280,699	1,251,590	2.3	9.8	-7.7	5.6	-16.5	17.2
Manitoba	78,194	72,965	7.2	-8.8	22.3	-1.8	0.4	-5.5
Saskatchewan	66,931	55,618	20.3	16.4	-12.9	8.0	35.2	23.0
Alberta	757,598	658,153	15.1	-4.7	-6.6	6.9	-5.4	-11.6
British Columbia	719,012	615,911	16.7	-28.1	30.1	-4.1	2.2	11.7
Yukon Territory	2,617	2,438	7.3	93.5	-61.5	-18.7	73.4	-8.7
Northwest Territories	175	189	-7.4	-81.4	-17.5	-49.2	-15.4	47.7
Nunavut	1,324	3,455	-61.7	-62.3	641.7	-1.2	-38.8	198.7

Table 4
Number of dwelling units authorized, province and territories, seasonally adjusted at annual rate

	2007		January to December	December to November	November to October	October to September	September to August	August to July
	January ^p	December ^r						
	units		percentage change					
Canada	242,688	217,596	11.5	-9.2	-4.6	7.8	-4.8	1.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,908	2,544	-25.0	35.0	-9.8	34.9	-28.3	2.3
Prince Edward Island	708	864	-18.1	-14.3	1.2	15.3	-2.7	25.4
Nova Scotia	3,816	6,012	-36.5	-18.4	0.7	19.8	35.7	33.9
New Brunswick	2,952	3,156	-6.5	-22.0	-12.5	41.0	-25.8	27.3
Quebec	48,456	46,452	4.3	-6.6	-24.1	42.0	-9.4	7.0
Ontario	76,992	70,200	9.7	3.1	-4.8	2.9	-12.4	4.4
Manitoba	6,924	5,784	19.7	-24.6	61.0	-9.8	1.9	-3.4
Saskatchewan	5,592	4,248	31.6	18.0	-29.2	8.4	64.3	48.8
Alberta	50,496	42,936	17.6	-9.7	-0.3	-8.5	1.0	-19.3
British Columbia	44,676	35,160	27.1	-26.6	16.9	-4.2	0.8	14.3
Yukon Territory	108	84	28.6	-41.7	-45.5	-26.7	114.3	7.7
Northwest Territories	0	0	...	-100.0	-50.0	0.0	-28.6	75.0
Nunavut	60	156	-61.5	-70.5	450.0	33.3	-25.0	166.7

Table 5
Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2007

	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Canada									
December ^r	10,277	7,856	18,133	3,478,224	445,876	1,382,068	366,562	2,194,506	5,672,730
January ^p	10,219	10,005	20,224	3,696,338	650,317	1,346,288	620,459	2,617,064	6,313,402
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	10,219	10,005	20,224	3,696,338	650,317	1,346,288	620,459	2,617,064	6,313,402
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	11,050	7,034	18,084	3,140,169	203,955	933,977	355,871	1,493,803	4,633,972
Newfoundland and Labrador									
December ^r	168	44	212	31,081	734	4,644	1,161	6,539	37,620
January ^p	155	4	159	27,992	7,531	6,210	808	14,549	42,541
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	155	4	159	27,992	7,531	6,210	808	14,549	42,541
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	196	26	222	30,174	3	3,861	537	4,401	34,575
Prince Edward Island									
December ^r	72	0	72	10,129	2,227	853	80	3,160	13,289
January ^p	59	0	59	9,520	380	2,648	0	3,028	12,548
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	59	0	59	9,520	380	2,648	0	3,028	12,548
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	38	32	70	8,490	252	1,784	2,441	4,477	12,967
Nova Scotia									
December ^r	280	221	501	87,034	3,126	48,343	1,739	53,208	140,242
January ^p	283	35	318	59,520	3,860	13,630	3,396	20,886	80,406
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	283	35	318	59,520	3,860	13,630	3,396	20,886	80,406
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	361	58	419	73,920	2,059	16,106	882	19,047	92,967
New Brunswick									
December ^r	192	71	263	37,611	940	19,666	9,120	29,726	67,337
January ^p	238	8	246	41,483	276	18,803	1,048	20,127	61,610
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	238	8	246	41,483	276	18,803	1,048	20,127	61,610
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	253	15	268	43,962	910	21,964	30,355	53,229	97,191
Quebec									
December ^r	2,108	1,763	3,871	652,050	68,613	254,396	86,449	409,458	1,061,508
January ^p	2,016	2,022	4,038	651,273	31,876	208,567	91,673	332,116	983,389
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	2,016	2,022	4,038	651,273	31,876	208,567	91,673	332,116	983,389
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	1,781	1,970	3,751	532,998	35,963	200,317	38,994	275,274	808,272
Ontario									
December ^r	3,422	2,428	5,850	1,251,590	193,008	417,990	156,638	767,636	2,019,226
January ^p	3,300	3,116	6,416	1,280,699	538,028	489,640	336,749	1,364,417	2,645,116
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	3,300	3,116	6,416	1,280,699	538,028	489,640	336,749	1,364,417	2,645,116
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	3,549	2,753	6,302	1,243,177	129,213	343,473	160,188	632,874	1,876,051
Manitoba									
December ^r	320	162	482	72,965	1,238	27,956	12,880	42,074	115,039
January ^p	288	289	577	78,194	13,651	16,194	6,065	35,910	114,104
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	288	289	577	78,194	13,651	16,194	6,065	35,910	114,104
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	318	290	608	76,149	630	18,440	7,888	26,958	103,107
Saskatchewan									
December ^r	229	125	354	55,618	579	18,860	7,760	27,199	82,817
January ^p	370	96	466	66,931	1,244	23,599	17,053	41,896	108,827
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	370	96	466	66,931	1,244	23,599	17,053	41,896	108,827
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	293	12	305	42,232	2,435	14,573	24,742	41,750	83,982
Alberta									
December ^r	2,412	1,166	3,578	658,153	158,354	430,516	37,198	626,068	1,284,221
January ^p	2,479	1,729	4,208	757,598	31,509	353,129	49,981	434,619	1,192,217
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	2,479	1,729	4,208	757,598	31,509	353,129	49,981	434,619	1,192,217
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	2,907	861	3,768	595,266	17,362	190,593	16,774	224,729	819,995

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Table 5 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2007

	Number of dwelling units			Residential	Estimated value of construction				Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings		Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
British Columbia									
December ^r	1,064	1,866	2,930	615,911	17,057	157,514	51,945	226,516	842,427
January ^p	1,019	2,704	3,723	719,012	21,962	209,595	112,115	343,672	1,062,684
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	1,019	2,704	3,723	719,012	21,962	209,595	112,115	343,672	1,062,684
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	1,318	1,016	2,334	489,980	14,958	122,712	72,796	210,466	700,446
Yukon Territory									
December ^r	5	2	7	2,438	0	13	1,592	1,605	4,043
January ^p	9	0	9	2,617	0	200	1,571	1,771	4,388
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	9	0	9	2,617	0	200	1,571	1,771	4,388
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	35	1	36	3,729	20	29	138	187	3,916
Northwest Territories									
December ^r	0	0	0	189	0	214	0	214	403
January ^p	0	0	0	175	0	4,043	0	4,043	4,218
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	0	0	0	175	0	4,043	0	4,043	4,218
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	1	0	1	92	150	125	136	411	503
Nunavut									
December ^r	5	8	13	3,455	0	1,103	0	1,103	4,558
January ^p	3	2	5	1,324	0	30	0	30	1,354
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	3	2	5	1,324	0	30	0	30	1,354
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

1. Included in this category are the following types of dwellings: single-detached, mobile home and cottage.

Table 6
Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2007

	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
December ^r	30	3	33	5,117	2,680	4,428	0	7,108	12,225
January ^p	39	267	306	46,410	454	2,025	0	2,479	48,889
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	39	267	306	46,410	454	2,025	0	2,479	48,889
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	32	190	222	21,802	3,771	107	335	4,213	26,015
Barrie, Ontario									
December ^r	39	5	44	10,498	640	13,003	161	13,804	24,302
January ^p	36	4	40	8,962	1,388	4,553	406	6,347	15,309
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	36	4	40	8,962	1,388	4,553	406	6,347	15,309
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	55	16	71	16,682	127	7,625	224	7,976	24,658
Brantford, Ontario									
December ^r	24	30	54	7,422	1,273	7,512	5,733	14,518	21,940
January ^p	14	9	23	2,753	80	1,561	4,747	6,388	9,141
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	14	9	23	2,753	80	1,561	4,747	6,388	9,141
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	32	83	115	12,933	423	764	10	1,197	14,130
Calgary, Alberta									
December ^r	643	534	1,177	213,937	9,336	242,142	9,073	260,551	474,488
January ^p	604	251	855	201,941	7,661	209,221	16,713	233,595	435,536
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	604	251	855	201,941	7,661	209,221	16,713	233,595	435,536
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	1,050	163	1,213	215,862	1,521	66,476	3,504	71,501	287,363
Edmonton, Alberta									
December ^r	746	249	995	198,424	6,254	86,417	7,207	99,878	298,302
January ^p	722	851	1,573	260,029	14,485	52,615	22,304	89,404	349,433
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	722	851	1,573	260,029	14,485	52,615	22,304	89,404	349,433
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	775	402	1,177	187,311	7,152	38,792	2,272	48,216	235,527
Greater Sudbury, Ontario									
December ^r	21	0	21	4,502	8,087	1,998	0	10,085	14,587
January ^p	6	0	6	1,615	9,142	3,828	95,579	108,549	110,164
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	6	0	6	1,615	9,142	3,828	95,579	108,549	110,164
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	12	0	12	2,904	281	555	966	1,802	4,706
Guelph, Ontario									
December ^r	50	59	109	16,673	1,039	1,729	0	2,768	19,441
January ^p	32	23	55	8,059	70	4,466	180	4,716	12,775
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	32	23	55	8,059	70	4,466	180	4,716	12,775
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	49	25	74	12,980	3,872	3,404	4,281	11,557	24,537
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
December ^r	118	221	339	55,342	100	42,418	180	42,698	98,040
January ^p	80	18	98	21,256	280	9,510	46	9,836	31,092
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	80	18	98	21,256	280	9,510	46	9,836	31,092
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	108	13	121	22,936	424	10,898	413	11,735	34,671
Hamilton, Ontario									
December ^r	98	155	253	48,051	2,055	7,616	5,056	14,727	62,778
January ^p	204	223	427	70,324	577	10,230	3,554	14,361	84,685
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	204	223	427	70,324	577	10,230	3,554	14,361	84,685
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	126	88	214	44,210	4,090	22,651	23,632	50,373	94,583
Kelowna, British Columbia									
December ^r	116	79	195	40,645	479	4,342	377	5,198	45,843
January ^p	74	32	106	27,852	1,890	4,534	0	6,424	34,276
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	74	32	106	27,852	1,890	4,534	0	6,424	34,276
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	74	13	87	22,395	197	2,273	240	2,710	25,105

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Table 6 – continued

Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2007

	Number of dwelling units			Residential	Estimated value of construction				Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings		Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Kingston, Ontario									
December ^r	29	4	33	4,502	7,034	38,839	5,501	51,374	55,876
January ^p	19	2	21	3,655	661	1,483	4,786	6,930	10,585
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	19	2	21	3,655	661	1,483	4,786	6,930	10,585
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	12	12	24	3,517	120	4,233	91	4,444	7,961
Kitchener, Ontario									
December ^r	96	120	216	34,484	3,623	12,130	4,132	19,885	54,369
January ^p	81	155	236	31,956	1,707	7,736	11	9,454	41,410
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	81	155	236	31,956	1,707	7,736	11	9,454	41,410
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	160	143	303	50,004	1,846	30,868	489	33,203	83,207
London, Ontario									
December ^r	146	315	461	63,182	1,897	1,943	47,906	51,746	114,928
January ^p	170	28	198	36,672	1,563	8,838	25,385	35,786	72,458
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	170	28	198	36,672	1,563	8,838	25,385	35,786	72,458
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	203	340	543	69,502	150	23,863	1,844	25,857	95,359
Moncton, New Brunswick									
December ^r	64	48	112	13,492	319	5,366	500	6,185	19,677
January ^p	73	0	73	9,355	85	1,999	374	2,458	11,813
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	73	0	73	9,355	85	1,999	374	2,458	11,813
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	34	1	35	4,536	641	6,543	0	7,184	11,720
Montréal, Quebec									
December ^r	773	1,098	1,871	313,619	24,311	149,469	15,403	189,183	502,802
January ^p	779	896	1,675	270,083	17,950	126,940	52,042	196,932	467,015
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	779	896	1,675	270,083	17,950	126,940	52,042	196,932	467,015
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	789	843	1,632	250,820	26,091	137,775	19,715	183,581	434,401
Oshawa, Ontario									
December ^r	97	10	107	24,562	80	3,775	282	4,137	28,699
January ^p	71	17	88	22,058	75,538	2,183	377	78,098	100,156
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	71	17	88	22,058	75,538	2,183	377	78,098	100,156
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	175	42	217	59,171	438	3,311	16	3,765	62,936
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
December ^r	114	259	373	61,929	1,818	21,714	5,767	29,299	91,228
January ^p	140	108	248	41,729	23,063	80,004	40,911	143,978	185,707
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	140	108	248	41,729	23,063	80,004	40,911	143,978	185,707
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	135	127	262	46,929	1,533	43,596	11,127	56,256	103,185
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
December ^r	122	63	185	26,962	56	5,429	1,780	7,265	34,227
January ^p	93	133	226	26,103	23	3,477	13,444	16,944	43,047
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	93	133	226	26,103	23	3,477	13,444	16,944	43,047
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	82	482	564	47,565	0	3,803	2,296	6,099	53,664
Peterborough, Ontario									
December ^r	10	20	30	5,252	303	546	10	859	6,111
January ^p	3	2	5	1,476	142	497	0	639	2,115
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	3	2	5	1,476	142	497	0	639	2,115
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	16	0	16	4,161	40	5,873	5,098	11,011	15,172
Québec, Quebec									
December ^r	213	73	286	46,514	31,091	19,660	43,592	94,343	140,857
January ^p	212	220	432	55,021	1,743	24,766	14,085	40,594	95,615
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	212	220	432	55,021	1,743	24,766	14,085	40,594	95,615
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	211	100	311	40,644	1,130	6,377	1,652	9,159	49,803

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	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Regina, Saskatchewan									
December ^r	104	34	138	25,487	185	3,931	5,246	9,362	34,849
January ^p	103	0	103	15,854	370	13,969	5,115	19,454	35,308
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	103	0	103	15,854	370	13,969	5,115	19,454	35,308
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	109	6	115	16,227	380	1,958	7,133	9,471	25,698
Saguenay, Quebec									
December ^r	6	2	8	1,781	35	1,242	0	1,277	3,058
January ^p	12	11	23	3,142	15	1,296	25	1,336	4,478
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	12	11	23	3,142	15	1,296	25	1,336	4,478
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	11	14	25	2,714	115	368	660	1,143	3,857
Saint John, New Brunswick									
December ^r	30	1	31	6,560	484	3,245	325	4,054	10,614
January ^p	84	7	91	15,326	130	6,255	0	6,385	21,711
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	84	7	91	15,326	130	6,255	0	6,385	21,711
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	76	8	84	14,404	201	2,593	0	2,794	17,198
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
December ^r	64	83	147	16,975	394	11,170	2,140	13,704	30,679
January ^p	174	94	268	30,499	351	6,689	9,691	16,731	47,230
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	174	94	268	30,499	351	6,689	9,691	16,731	47,230
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	121	3	124	15,060	1,245	10,269	12,396	23,910	38,970
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
December ^r	31	44	75	9,816	143	1,868	350	2,361	12,177
January ^p	49	50	99	13,081	230	3,093	630	3,953	17,034
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	49	50	99	13,081	230	3,093	630	3,953	17,034
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	55	23	78	10,681	2,300	574	50	2,924	13,605
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
December ^r	64	26	90	18,929	788	9,286	75	10,149	29,078
January ^p	46	4	50	11,185	560	7,977	393	8,930	20,115
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	46	4	50	11,185	560	7,977	393	8,930	20,115
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	62	37	99	19,669	509	9,841	300	10,650	30,319
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
December ^r	99	44	143	23,315	14	2,955	1,161	4,130	27,445
January ^p	92	4	96	16,854	491	4,701	788	5,980	22,834
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	92	4	96	16,854	491	4,701	788	5,980	22,834
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	129	24	153	22,187	0	2,831	477	3,308	25,495
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
December ^r	16	0	16	3,198	460	6,751	4,555	11,766	14,964
January ^p	7	0	7	1,279	285	865	7,814	8,964	10,243
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	7	0	7	1,279	285	865	7,814	8,964	10,243
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	9	2	11	2,378	2,203	2,133	337	4,673	7,051
Toronto, Ontario									
December ^r	1,769	1,055	2,824	654,728	100,351	229,744	47,289	377,384	1,032,112
January ^p	1,635	2,314	3,949	799,029	114,668	273,361	62,468	450,497	1,249,526
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	1,635	2,314	3,949	799,029	114,668	273,361	62,468	450,497	1,249,526
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	1,367	1,532	2,899	581,417	67,378	137,465	27,712	232,555	813,972
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
December ^r	71	24	95	14,872	2,614	27,635	3,975	34,224	49,096
January ^p	19	85	104	13,861	416	3,175	0	3,591	17,452
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	19	85	104	13,861	416	3,175	0	3,591	17,452
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	22	74	96	12,354	259	2,569	2,663	5,491	17,845

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Table 6 – continued

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	Number of dwelling units			Residential	Estimated value of construction				Total
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings		Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Vancouver, British Columbia									
December ^r	313	1,201	1,514	328,574	8,135	89,631	34,986	132,752	461,326
January ^p	375	1,835	2,210	436,601	8,563	133,306	75,237	217,106	653,707
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	375	1,835	2,210	436,601	8,563	133,306	75,237	217,106	653,707
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	483	564	1,047	248,566	4,723	78,691	53,670	137,084	385,650
Victoria, British Columbia									
December ^r	68	82	150	30,964	382	8,288	1,437	10,107	41,071
January ^p	71	159	230	45,343	1,662	3,121	32,923	37,706	83,049
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	71	159	230	45,343	1,662	3,121	32,923	37,706	83,049
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	117	32	149	36,803	227	9,991	2,190	12,408	49,211
Windsor, Ontario									
December ^r	27	43	70	7,055	257	4,411	1,131	5,799	12,854
January ^p	13	4	17	3,973	77	7,570	8,725	16,372	20,345
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	13	4	17	3,973	77	7,570	8,725	16,372	20,345
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	74	124	198	47,621	1,148	1,783	42,826	45,757	93,378
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
December ^r	198	160	358	50,508	951	25,007	3,241	29,199	79,707
January ^p	154	239	393	47,236	866	13,579	4,618	19,063	66,299
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	154	239	393	47,236	866	13,579	4,618	19,063	66,299
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	186	282	468	54,032	113	17,265	7,848	25,226	79,258

1. Included in this category are the following types of dwellings: single-detached, mobile home and cottage.

Table 7
Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2007

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
number of dwelling units							
Canada							
December ^r	6,337	19	680	1,655	5,363	284	14,338
January ^p	6,575	9	840	1,935	5,761	271	15,391
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	6,575	9	840	1,935	5,761	271	15,391
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	6,861	17	743	1,455	3,187	430	12,693
Newfoundland and Labrador							
December ^r	66	0	0	1	43	0	110
January ^p	39	0	0	0	4	0	43
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	39	0	0	0	4	0	43
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	51	0	16	4	4	2	77
Prince Edward Island							
December ^r	27	3	0	0	0	0	30
January ^p	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	10	0	0	0	32	0	42
Nova Scotia							
December ^r	149	1	0	11	210	0	371
January ^p	105	4	23	0	4	8	144
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	105	4	23	0	4	8	144
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	124	2	4	6	42	6	184
New Brunswick							
December ^r	76	0	7	0	44	20	147
January ^p	43	1	0	5	2	1	52
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	43	1	0	5	2	1	52
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	54	1	0	1	4	10	70
Quebec							
December ^r	1,101	6	181	42	1,591	85	3,006
January ^p	853	2	150	125	587	126	1,843
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	853	2	150	125	587	126	1,843
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	742	5	68	190	542	212	1,759
Ontario							
December ^r	2,230	5	254	1,006	1,048	95	4,638
January ^p	2,540	2	331	1,098	1,487	63	5,521
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	2,540	2	331	1,098	1,487	63	5,521
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	2,450	6	373	715	1,380	172	5,096
Manitoba							
December ^r	171	0	2	0	160	0	333
January ^p	143	0	25	27	236	1	432
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	143	0	25	27	236	1	432
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	171	0	12	0	278	0	461
Saskatchewan							
December ^r	143	0	10	12	101	2	268
January ^p	155	0	0	90	0	6	251
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	155	0	0	90	0	6	251
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	108	0	8	0	4	0	120
Alberta							
December ^r	1,735	2	187	203	786	4	2,917
January ^p	1,907	0	272	231	1,196	2	3,608
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	1,907	0	272	231	1,196	2	3,608
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	2,174	1	236	158	315	3	2,887
British Columbia							
December ^r	633	2	35	375	1,379	78	2,502
January ^p	772	0	39	359	2,245	62	3,477
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	772	0	39	359	2,245	62	3,477
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	973	2	26	381	586	24	1,992

Table 7 – continued

Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2007

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
	number of dwelling units						
Yukon Territory							
December ^r	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
January ^p	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	3	0	0	0	0	1	4
Northwest Territories							
December ^r	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
January ^p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nunavut							
December ^r	5	0	2	5	1	0	13
January ^p	3	0	0	0	0	2	5
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	3	0	0	0	0	2	5
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8
Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, January 2007

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
	number of dwelling units						
Abbotsford, British Columbia	35	0	0	82	185	0	302
Barrie, Ontario	32	0	0	0	0	4	36
Brantford, Ontario	12	0	0	9	0	0	21
Calgary, Alberta	555	0	58	143	49	1	806
Edmonton, Alberta	664	0	186	70	595	0	1,515
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Guelph, Ontario	28	0	0	15	0	8	51
Halifax, Nova Scotia	42	0	18	0	0	0	60
Hamilton, Ontario	179	0	0	149	74	0	402
Kelowna, British Columbia	66	0	0	12	20	0	98
Kingston, Ontario	16	0	2	0	0	1	19
Kitchener, Ontario	71	0	4	33	115	3	226
London, Ontario	149	0	10	16	0	2	177
Moncton, New Brunswick	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Montréal, Quebec	379	0	53	55	335	55	877
Oshawa, Ontario	62	0	4	13	0	0	79
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	168	0	36	102	41	3	350
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	123	0	36	69	0	3	231
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	45	0	0	33	41	0	119
Peterborough, Ontario	3	0	0	2	0	0	5
Québec, Quebec	103	0	37	2	70	13	225
Regina, Saskatchewan	50	0	0	0	0	0	50
Saguenay, Quebec	6	0	0	0	4	2	12
Saint John, New Brunswick	15	0	0	5	2	0	22
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	85	0	0	90	0	4	179
Sherbrooke, Quebec	24	0	5	0	22	1	52
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	40	0	0	4	0	0	44
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	33	0	0	0	4	0	37
Thunder Bay, Ontario	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Toronto, Ontario	1,437	0	243	755	1,291	25	3,751
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	9	0	44	0	0	3	56
Vancouver, British Columbia	335	0	26	209	1,559	42	2,171
Victoria, British Columbia	64	0	4	10	133	12	223
Windsor, Ontario	11	0	4	0	0	0	15
Winnipeg, Manitoba	101	0	3	27	209	0	340

Table 9
Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative, January - January 2007

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
	number of dwelling units						
Abbotsford, British Columbia	35	0	0	82	185	0	302
Barrie, Ontario	32	0	0	0	0	4	36
Brantford, Ontario	12	0	0	9	0	0	21
Calgary, Alberta	555	0	58	143	49	1	806
Edmonton, Alberta	664	0	186	70	595	0	1,515
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Guelph, Ontario	28	0	0	15	0	8	51
Halifax, Nova Scotia	42	0	18	0	0	0	60
Hamilton, Ontario	179	0	0	149	74	0	402
Kelowna, British Columbia	66	0	0	12	20	0	98
Kingston, Ontario	16	0	2	0	0	1	19
Kitchener, Ontario	71	0	4	33	115	3	226
London, Ontario	149	0	10	16	0	2	177
Moncton, New Brunswick	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Montréal, Quebec	379	0	53	55	335	55	877
Oshawa, Ontario	62	0	4	13	0	0	79
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	168	0	36	102	41	3	350
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	123	0	36	69	0	3	231
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	45	0	0	33	41	0	119
Peterborough, Ontario	3	0	0	2	0	0	5
Québec, Quebec	103	0	37	2	70	13	225
Regina, Saskatchewan	50	0	0	0	0	0	50
Saguenay, Quebec	6	0	0	0	4	2	12
Saint John, New Brunswick	15	0	0	5	2	0	22
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	85	0	0	90	0	4	179
Sherbrooke, Quebec	24	0	5	0	22	1	52
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	40	0	0	4	0	0	44
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	33	0	0	0	4	0	37
Thunder Bay, Ontario	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Toronto, Ontario	1,437	0	243	755	1,291	25	3,751
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	9	0	44	0	0	3	56
Vancouver, British Columbia	335	0	26	209	1,559	42	2,171
Victoria, British Columbia	64	0	4	10	133	12	223
Windsor, Ontario	11	0	4	0	0	0	15
Winnipeg, Manitoba	101	0	3	27	209	0	340

Table 10
Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2007

	Value of construction				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
thousands of dollars					
Canada					
December ^r	2,530,814	431,159	1,247,059	349,759	4,558,791
January ^p	2,761,995	490,413	1,083,634	614,460	4,950,502
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	2,761,995	490,413	1,083,634	614,460	4,950,502
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	2,165,290	177,670	688,987	349,879	3,381,826
Newfoundland and Labrador					
December ^r	15,309	734	4,644	1,161	21,848
January ^p	7,684	7,531	6,210	808	22,233
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	7,684	7,531	6,210	808	22,233
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	10,366	3	3,861	537	14,767
Prince Edward Island					
December ^r	4,473	2,227	853	80	7,633
January ^p	2,230	380	2,648	0	5,258
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	2,230	380	2,648	0	5,258
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	3,587	252	1,784	2,441	8,064
Nova Scotia					
December ^r	59,835	3,126	48,343	1,739	113,043
January ^p	25,894	3,860	13,630	3,396	46,780
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	25,894	3,860	13,630	3,396	46,780
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	32,770	2,059	16,106	882	51,817
New Brunswick					
December ^r	17,095	940	19,666	9,120	46,821
January ^p	8,693	276	18,803	1,048	28,820
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	8,693	276	18,803	1,048	28,820
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	9,187	910	21,964	30,355	62,416
Quebec					
December ^r	424,087	68,613	252,594	69,646	814,940
January ^p	303,507	31,876	139,005	85,674	560,062
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	303,507	31,876	139,005	85,674	560,062
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	252,750	35,963	135,906	33,002	457,621
Ontario					
December ^r	908,479	178,291	334,526	156,638	1,577,934
January ^p	1,051,914	378,124	353,086	336,749	2,119,873
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	1,051,914	378,124	353,086	336,749	2,119,873
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	940,876	102,928	209,809	160,188	1,413,801
Manitoba					
December ^r	45,605	1,238	27,956	12,880	87,679
January ^p	50,416	13,651	16,194	6,065	86,326
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	50,416	13,651	16,194	6,065	86,326
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	50,323	630	18,440	7,888	77,281
Saskatchewan					
December ^r	34,645	579	18,860	7,760	61,844
January ^p	33,433	1,244	23,599	17,053	75,329
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	33,433	1,244	23,599	17,053	75,329
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	18,751	2,435	14,573	24,742	60,501
Alberta					
December ^r	505,246	158,354	403,752	37,198	1,104,550
January ^p	631,354	31,509	314,643	49,981	1,027,487
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	631,354	31,509	314,643	49,981	1,027,487
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	455,545	17,362	154,781	16,774	644,462
British Columbia					
December ^r	511,483	17,057	134,535	51,945	715,020
January ^p	644,941	21,962	191,543	112,115	970,561
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	644,941	21,962	191,543	112,115	970,561
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	390,469	14,958	111,609	72,796	589,832

Table 10 – continued

Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2007

	Value of construction				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
	thousands of dollars				
Yukon Territory					
December ^r	913	0	13	1,592	2,518
January ^p	430	0	200	1,571	2,201
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	430	0	200	1,571	2,201
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	574	20	29	138	761
Northwest Territories					
December ^r	189	0	214	0	403
January ^p	175	0	4,043	0	4,218
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	175	0	4,043	0	4,218
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	92	150	125	136	503
Nunavut					
December ^r	3,455	0	1,103	0	4,558
January ^p	1,324	0	30	0	1,354
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2007	1,324	0	30	0	1,354
Cumulative Jan. - Jan. 2006	0	0	0	0	0

Table 11
Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, January 2007

	Value of construction				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
	thousands of dollars				
Abbotsford, British Columbia	45,429	454	2,025	0	47,908
Barrie, Ontario	7,750	1,388	3,352	406	12,896
Brantford, Ontario	2,444	80	1,149	4,747	8,420
Calgary, Alberta	184,816	7,661	209,221	16,713	418,411
Edmonton, Alberta	242,356	14,485	52,615	22,304	331,760
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	1,394	9,142	2,818	95,579	108,933
Guelph, Ontario	7,173	70	3,288	180	10,711
Halifax, Nova Scotia	12,470	280	9,510	46	22,306
Hamilton, Ontario	64,752	577	7,531	3,554	76,414
Kelowna, British Columbia	24,761	1,890	4,534	0	31,185
Kingston, Ontario	3,179	661	1,092	4,786	9,718
Kitchener, Ontario	29,416	1,707	5,695	11	36,829
London, Ontario	32,166	1,563	6,506	25,385	65,620
Moncton, New Brunswick	1,864	85	1,999	374	4,322
Montréal, Quebec	152,197	17,950	91,967	52,042	314,156
Oshawa, Ontario	19,469	75,538	1,607	377	96,991
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	52,455	23,086	61,414	54,355	191,310
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	37,623	23,063	58,895	40,911	160,492
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	14,832	23	2,519	13,444	30,818
Peterborough, Ontario	1,303	142	366	0	1,811
Québec, Quebec	30,981	1,743	17,943	14,085	64,752
Regina, Saskatchewan	8,345	370	13,969	5,115	27,799
Saguenay, Quebec	1,761	15	939	25	2,740
Saint John, New Brunswick	3,538	130	6,255	0	9,923
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	20,818	351	6,689	9,691	37,549
Sherbrooke, Quebec	7,337	230	2,241	630	10,438
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	9,709	560	5,872	393	16,534
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	6,537	491	4,701	788	12,517
Thunder Bay, Ontario	1,100	285	637	7,814	9,836
Toronto, Ontario	728,792	114,668	201,235	62,468	1,107,163
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	8,107	416	2,300	0	10,823
Vancouver, British Columbia	418,007	8,563	133,306	75,237	635,113
Victoria, British Columbia	41,965	1,662	3,121	32,923	79,671
Windsor, Ontario	3,491	77	5,573	8,725	17,866
Winnipeg, Manitoba	36,642	866	13,579	4,618	55,705

Table 12
Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative,
January - January 2007

	Value of construction				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
	thousands of dollars				
Abbotsford, British Columbia	45,429	454	2,025	0	47,908
Barrie, Ontario	7,750	1,388	3,352	406	12,896
Brantford, Ontario	2,444	80	1,149	4,747	8,420
Calgary, Alberta	184,816	7,661	209,221	16,713	418,411
Edmonton, Alberta	242,356	14,485	52,615	22,304	331,760
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	1,394	9,142	2,818	95,579	108,933
Guelph, Ontario	7,173	70	3,288	180	10,711
Halifax, Nova Scotia	12,470	280	9,510	46	22,306
Hamilton, Ontario	64,752	577	7,531	3,554	76,414
Kelowna, British Columbia	24,761	1,890	4,534	0	31,185
Kingston, Ontario	3,179	661	1,092	4,786	9,718
Kitchener, Ontario	29,416	1,707	5,695	11	36,829
London, Ontario	32,166	1,563	6,506	25,385	65,620
Moncton, New Brunswick	1,864	85	1,999	374	4,322
Montréal, Quebec	152,197	17,950	91,967	52,042	314,156
Oshawa, Ontario	19,469	75,538	1,607	377	96,991
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	52,455	23,086	61,414	54,355	191,310
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	37,623	23,063	58,895	40,911	160,492
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	14,832	23	2,519	13,444	30,818
Peterborough, Ontario	1,303	142	366	0	1,811
Québec, Quebec	30,981	1,743	17,943	14,085	64,752
Regina, Saskatchewan	8,345	370	13,969	5,115	27,799
Saguenay, Quebec	1,761	15	939	25	2,740
Saint John, New Brunswick	3,538	130	6,255	0	9,923
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	20,818	351	6,689	9,691	37,549
Sherbrooke, Quebec	7,337	230	2,241	630	10,438
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	9,709	560	5,872	393	16,534
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	6,537	491	4,701	788	12,517
Thunder Bay, Ontario	1,100	285	637	7,814	9,836
Toronto, Ontario	728,792	114,668	201,235	62,468	1,107,163
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	8,107	416	2,300	0	10,823
Vancouver, British Columbia	418,007	8,563	133,306	75,237	635,113
Victoria, British Columbia	41,965	1,662	3,121	32,923	79,671
Windsor, Ontario	3,491	77	5,573	8,725	17,866
Winnipeg, Manitoba	36,642	866	13,579	4,618	55,705

Table 13
Value of the non-residential permits by type of building, provinces and territories, January 2007

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
thousands of dollars							
Total non-residential	2,188,507	14,549	3,028	20,886	20,127	256,555	1,067,959
Industrial	490,413	7,531	380	3,860	276	31,876	378,124
Factories, plants	332,029	7,000	0	930	0	19,265	262,131
Transportation, utilities	87,023	466	0	2,519	0	2,495	69,813
Mining and agriculture	35,034	0	0	0	0	4,331	29,904
Minor industrial projects, new and improvements ¹	36,327	65	380	411	276	5,785	16,276
Commercial	1,083,634	6,210	2,648	13,630	18,803	139,005	353,086
Trade and services	296,029	1,800	0	7,850	14,227	40,866	55,194
Warehouses	56,752	0	0	0	0	4,384	4,606
Service stations	7,962	0	0	0	0	0	4,337
Office buildings	435,316	617	0	665	950	35,337	195,474
Recreation	56,340	2,362	0	0	0	8,000	24,730
Hotels, restaurants	95,308	0	2,000	1,680	1,175	24,751	17,220
Laboratories	1,845	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹	134,082	1,431	648	3,435	2,451	25,667	51,525
Institutional and governmental	614,460	808	0	3,396	1,048	85,674	336,749
Schools, education	173,839	300	0	0	370	28,758	69,170
Hospitals, medical	266,693	0	0	0	0	40,135	212,218
Welfare, home	97,649	0	0	300	0	10,764	24,940
Churches, religion	26,901	0	0	0	0	850	14,401
Government buildings	31,088	340	0	2,274	393	1,524	9,030
Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements ¹	18,290	168	0	822	285	3,643	6,990
	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon Territory	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
thousands of dollars							
Total non-residential	35,910	41,896	396,133	325,620	1,771	4,043	30
Industrial	13,651	1,244	31,509	21,962	0	0	0
Factories, plants	9,235	0	21,941	11,527	0	0	0
Transportation, utilities	3,800	0	4,542	3,388	0	0	0
Mining and agriculture	0	0	0	799	0	0	0
Minor industrial projects, new and improvements ¹	616	1,244	5,026	6,248	0	0	0
Commercial	16,194	23,599	314,643	191,543	200	4,043	30
Trade and services	5,070	2,200	122,508	46,314	0	0	0
Warehouses	3,667	3,210	25,505	15,380	0	0	0
Service stations	0	375	1,450	1,800	0	0	0
Office buildings	2,410	2,329	108,441	89,093	0	0	0
Recreation	0	0	5,630	15,618	0	0	0
Hotels, restaurants	0	12,622	27,321	4,680	0	3,859	0
Laboratories	0	0	1,845	0	0	0	0
Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹	5,047	2,863	21,943	18,658	200	184	30
Institutional and governmental	6,065	17,053	49,981	112,115	1,571	0	0
Schools, education	340	10,805	4,784	59,312	0	0	0
Hospitals, medical	3,670	0	9,420	1,250	0	0	0
Welfare, home	0	0	20,678	39,490	1,477	0	0
Churches, religion	1,000	1,000	2,550	7,100	0	0	0
Government buildings	0	5,000	9,077	3,450	0	0	0
Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements ¹	1,055	248	3,472	1,513	94	0	0

1. Refer to projects valued at less than \$250,000 for which the breakdown by type of building is not available.

Description - Monthly survey of building permits

The following information should be used to ensure a clear understanding of the basic concepts that define the data provided in this product, of the underlying methodology of the survey, and of key aspects of the data quality. This information will provide you with a better understanding of the strengths and limitations of the data, and of how they can be effectively used and analysed. The information may be of particular importance to you when making comparisons with data from other surveys or sources of information, and in drawing conclusions regarding change over time.

Data source and methodology

The purpose of the **Monthly Survey of Building Permits** issued by Canadian municipalities is to collect data on construction intentions. The results of this survey are used by C.M.H.C. (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) as a reference base for conducting a monthly survey of housing starts and completions in accordance with its mandate. The statistics on building permits are also essential for the computation of capital expenditures. Furthermore, since the issuance of a building permit is one of the first steps in the construction process, these statistics are widely used as a leading indicator of building activity.

General methodology : The Building Permits Survey covers all Canadian municipalities that issue permits. The number of Canadian municipalities currently surveyed approximately 2,400, representing all the provinces and territories. They account for 95% of the Canadian population. Participation in the survey is mandatory; the survey does not use a predetermined sample of municipalities. The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small, and their level of building activity have little impact on the total. In practice, all urban agglomerations are represented in the survey, as well as a fair percentage of rural municipalities. With certain exceptions, the minimum coverage corresponds to the municipalities already included in the Housing Starts and Completions C.M.H.C.'s Survey. Non-responding municipalities that issue permits are urged on a regular basis to respond to the Building Permit Survey. Therefore, the number of municipalities covered is increasing continually.

The survey is usually conducted by mail, although certain municipalities choose to respond by telephone. The municipal officer responsible for issuing permits is asked to fill out a form each month describing all major construction projects.

The municipalities forward a copy of their completed report to Statistics Canada Head Office and another copy to the local office of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (C.M.H.C.). To reduce their overhead, an increasing number of respondents are producing a computerized report. Only those municipalities that are late in reporting and that are included in the above-mentioned C.M.H.C. survey are subject to follow-up by telephone.

The reports received at Statistics Canada Head Office are verified, coded and processed.

Strict quality control procedures are applied to ensure that collection, coding and data processing are as accurate as possible. Checks are also performed on totals and the magnitude of data. Reports that fail to meet the quality standards are subject to verification and are corrected as required.

Imputations are required for each characteristic for which no report has been received. These are calculated automatically, subject to certain constraints, by applying to previously used values, the month-to-month and year-to-year changes in similar values of responding municipalities and the historical pattern of the missing municipalities. No estimation is done for lack of coverage, concealment or the underevaluation of permits issued. For this reason, the sampling error cannot be computed.

The monthly statistics are not corrected for cancelled or expired permits. According to the municipal officers, the proportion of cancelled and unused permits is below 5%.

Reference period : The reference period for data collection purposes is the calendar month. Reports from municipalities which are part of a census metropolitan area or a census agglomeration must be received within 20 days following the month of reference. The other municipalities have 30 days to produce their reports. Results are released between 35 and 40 days after the end of the reference month. Annual data for the preceding calendar year are released with the data for the January survey month.

Revisions : Two types of revisions can affect the results of the Building Permits Survey:

Revisions due to the correction of coding errors

These types of revisions are done on a monthly basis only to the data pertaining to the month preceding the reference period.

Revisions due to the addition of late reports

Late reports for the month preceding the reference period are incorporated into the survey results on a continuing basis. However, reports received after the two-month deadline following the reference month are introduced only at the end of the year. As a result, the data for the last twelve months are subject to revision.

Seasonal adjustment : Seasonal changes cause predictable fluctuations in the data. The data series disseminated includes both seasonally adjusted (i.e., excludes predictable annual influences) and the unadjusted data. Seasonally adjusted data for the total number of housing units as well as for the aggregate value of building permits are obtained indirectly, i.e., by adding their seasonally adjusted components. The total number of dwelling units is obtained by summing the seasonally adjusted data for single-family and multiple-use units; the total value of building permits is obtained by summing the following elements: single-family and multiple-family dwellings, industrial, commercial and institutional. Some series contain no apparent seasonality. In these cases, unadjusted values have been tabulated and aggregated to the adjusted values of the other series. At the end of the year, the chronological series adjusted for seasonality are revised to take into account the most recent seasonal fluctuations. Generally, these revisions apply only to the last three years in the series. The revised data are introduced into the CANSIM databank.

Concepts and variables measured

The statistical data presented in this product refers to the number of dwelling units authorized and the **value of building permits**. The value of the permits reported includes the following expenditures: materials, labour, profit and overhead. The cost of land is never included in the estimated value of the permit while acquisition costs (legal fees, surveying fees and accrued interest) may be included at times.

The classification used in this publication deals strictly with structures for which a building permit was issued. Permits are generally issued for the following: construction of new buildings, alterations, additions, renovations, etc. Minor repair jobs such as painting, tiling, roofing, etc., for which no permit is required, and engineering work (such as dams, roads, pipelines, etc.), which, by definition, is not a building, are not included in the building permit series. Estimates of such work may be obtained on Cansim, tables 029-0039 to 029-0040 for the «Capital expenditures by type of asset» and tables 029-0005 to 029-0024 and 032-0001 to 032-0002 for the «Private and Public Investment in Canada Intentions» (cat. no. 61-205-X).

The description given by the municipalities as to the type of building (box #6 of Section A on the form) and the type of work involved (box #7 of Section A on the form) forms the basis for classification. The classification of buildings into major groups and subgroups is based on the following: intended use in the case of new buildings; present or intended use of buildings to which improvements are to be made; present use of the existing structure where the proposed construction is intended to provide additional facilities; principal use of the structure where the proposed construction has more than one intended use; however, where the building contains dwellings, the value of the construction is divided between residential and non-residential use.

Building categories

This publication, uses the following classification for the **value of permits issued** for construction of new buildings or for improvements: residential, industrial, commercial, institutional and government.

Residential. Includes all buildings intended for private occupancy whether on a permanent basis or not. Dwellings are divided into the following types: single-family, mobile, cottage, semi-detached, row house and apartment building.

Industrial. Includes all buildings used for manufacturing and processing; transportation, communication and other utilities, and agriculture, forestry and mining.

Commercial. Includes all buildings used to house activities related to the tertiary sector, such as stores, warehouses, garages, office buildings, theatres, hotels, funeral parlours and beauty salons.

Institutional and Government . Includes expenditures made by the community, public and government for buildings and structures like schools, universities, hospitals, clinics, churches, homes for the aged.

The **number of dwelling units** indicates the number of self contained dwelling units created. This should not be confused with the number of structures. For example, an apartment building containing six dwellings will be shown as six dwelling units. When an existing structure is converted into additional housing units, the number of units added is included. This publication uses the following classification for dwelling units:

Single-family. Refers to dwellings commonly called "**single house**". It includes single dwellings that are completely isolated on all sides, including single dwellings linked to other dwellings below ground. Included are bungalows, split levels, two-storey single-family homes built by conventional methods or prefabricated.

Mobile homes . Refers to houses designed and constructed to be transported on their own chassis and for easy moving.

Cottage. Refers to dwellings that cannot be occupied year-round or on a permanent basis because the facilities required for comfort are inadequate.

Double or Semi-detached . Refers to dwellings in which each of the two dwellings are side by side and joined by a common wall or garage, but not attached to any other building and surrounded by open space.

Row Dwellings . Refers to a row of three or more dwellings attached to each other without dwellings above or below.

Apartment Building . Includes dwellings in a variety of buildings such as duplexes, semi-detached duplexes, triplexes, row duplexes, apartments as such and dwellings adjacent to non-residential structures.

Conversion. Refers to the number of dwellings added by conversion of existing structures.

Geographic classification

Geographic entities are classified according to Standard Geographical Classification (SGC) used by Statistics Canada. Each reporting entity is assigned a twelve-digit SGC code for identification according to the following geographic levels:

Province and territory (PR) : There are ten provinces and three territories.

Economic region (ER) : Refers to intraprovincial regions established by the Standards Division of Statistics Canada. There are seventy-six ERs.

Census division (CD) : Refers to a group of census subdivisions established by provincial law. There are two hundred and eighty-eight CDs (data on this geographic group is available on request).

Census metropolitan area (CMA) : Its delineation corresponds to the 2006 Census definition. The term CMA refers to the main labour market area of an urban area (the urbanized core) of at least 100,000 population, based on the Census population figures. The thirty-three CMAs are shown in this publication. Although the 2006 Census defines the Ottawa-Gatineau area as a single CMA, the area is shown in this publication as two separate entities since it is located in two different provinces.

Census agglomeration (CA) : Refers to the smaller labour market area of an urbanized core of at least 10,000 population, as defined by the 2006 Census. There are one hundred and eleven CAs in Canada. When a CA overlaps the boundaries of two provinces, it is shown partly in each province. The Lloydminster agglomeration is an exception to this rule. It is treated as if it was totally located in Alberta.

Other municipalities of at least 10,000 population : Refers to municipalities not included in census agglomerations but with populations of at least 10,000 inhabitants. The distinction is made between these municipalities and CAs in order to permit comparison between the Building Permits Survey and the Housing Starts and Completions Survey which refers to this geographical concept.

Rural area : Refers to all geographic entities not included in a CMA or CA and not identified as an urban centre by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Census subdivision (CSD) : Refers to the general term applying to municipalities, Indian reserves, Indian settlements and unorganized territories. However, since Indian reserves and settlements do not issue building permits, they are not included in this publication.

Non-standard geographic unit : The geographic units shown in this publication do not all satisfy the above definition of census subdivision. Some provincial or municipal administrations producing monthly reports do not correspond to the official geographic entities; they are nevertheless shown in this publication under the geographic entity used by these administrations. These so-called non-standard geographic units are few in number and are mostly concentrated in the Maritime provinces.

Territorial revisions

Territorial boundaries were established according to the 2006 Census definitions. Changes in boundaries, status or name of census subdivisions between censuses are introduced in this publication on a yearly basis. Changes affecting the other geographic units (CMAs, CAs, CDs and ERs) are introduced every five years, eighteen months following the census.

Data accuracy

Since the building permit data are extracted from municipal administrative documents, two types of response errors are possible: errors attributable to the permit applicant and errors in transcription by the responding municipality. However, experience has shown that transcription errors are not very common and the increasing number of municipalities producing computerized reports tends to reduce the frequency of this type of error. Errors attributable to an understatement of the cost of construction are more probable. Since permit fees are in most cases based on the value of the construction, this leads unquestionably to under-estimation of project values.

The other source of error are the processing error and the non-response error. In 2006, more than 99% of the municipalities covered by the survey sent their monthly Building Permits reports.

Comparability of data and related sources

Comparison of data must be done with reservation considering that the methods of issuing permits and the methods of estimating building values can differ from one municipality to another. Also, comparisons involving different periods must take into account the constant increase in the number of municipalities participating in the survey.

This publication contains only part of the data produced on building permits. However, you may order unpublished tables or address special requests, to the Current Investment Indicators Section ((613) 951-6321 or 1-800-579-8533). The series presented here is also available on CANSIM: Tables 026-0001 to 026-0008, 026-0010 and 026-0015.

Appendix I

Geographical abbreviations

A.R.	Agglomération de recensement
BOR	Borough
C	City
C.A.	Census Agglomeration
CC	Chartered Community
CDR	Census Division Remainder
CM	County (Municipality)
C.M.A.	Census Metropolitan Area
COM	Community
CR	County Remainder
CT	Canton
CU	Cantons-Unis
DM	District (Municipality)
HAM	Hamlet
ID	Improvement District
IGD	Indian Government District
LGD	Local Government District
LOT	Lot and Royalty
M	Municipalité
MD	Municipal District
NH	Northern Hamlet
NT	Northern Town
NV	Northern Village
N.W.T.	NorthWest Territories
P	Paroisse
PAR	Parish
PD	Planning District
PDR	Planning District Remainder
RCR	Rural County Remainder
RGM	Regional Municipality
R.M.R.	Région métropolitaine de recensement
RDR	Regional District Remainder
RM	Rural Municipality
RV	Resort Village
SA	Special Area
S-E	Indian Settlement/Établissement indien
SCM	Subdivision of County Municipality
SD	Sans désignation
SET	Settlement
SM	Specialize Municipality
SRD	Subdivision of Regional District
SUN	Subdivision of Unorganized District
SV	Summer Village

T	Town
T.N.O.	Territoires du Nord-Ouest
TP	Township
UCR	Urban County Remainder
UNO	Unorganized/Non organisé
V	Ville
VC	Village Cri
VL	Village
VN	Village Nordique