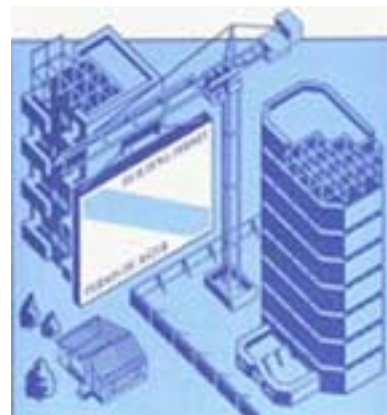


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## Highlights

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In the residential sector, the value of building permits declined by 9.3% to \$3.4 billion. This decline was mainly due to a 17.5% drop in multi-family dwellings, coupled with a 3.8% decline in single-family dwellings. New Brunswick (+42.5%), Saskatchewan (+2.6%) and Prince Edward Island (+1.5%) were the only provinces with increases in the residential sector.

After double-digit increases in April and May, the value of non-residential permits declined for the second time in three months. In August, the value in the non-residential sector fell 19.3% to \$2.2 billion as a result of declines in all three components (industrial, commercial, institutional).

### Residential: Decline in single and multiple dwelling permits

After increasing 4.0% in July, the value of residential permits declined by 9.3% in August. Together, Quebec and Ontario accounted for almost two-thirds of the decline in the residential sector. Both provinces experienced significant drops in multi-family dwellings, after reporting double-digit increases in July. The 3.8% decline in single-family dwellings came mainly from a decrease in Quebec.

Municipalities approved 16,334 new dwellings in August, down 16.2%. The number of multiple-family dwelling units approved decreased by 26.1% to 8,269. The number of single-family dwelling units declined to 8,065, the fifth decrease in six months.

#### Note to readers

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

The Building Permits Survey covers 2,400 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 (Ontario/Quebec) is divided into two areas: Gatineau part and Ottawa part.

### Non-residential: Decrease in all components

In August, the largest drop in the non-residential sector occurred in the institutional component. After double-digit increases from April to June, the value of institutional permits declined for a second consecutive month. A decline in educational buildings permits in Ontario was the main factor behind the 39.1% decrease in institutional permits in August.

Construction intentions for commercial buildings declined 9.6% to \$1.3 billion, a third consecutive decline. Three-quarters of the decrease originated in Alberta, where the decline was principally a result of lower intentions for office buildings. Quebec also posted declines in several commercial categories.



Continuing its volatile pattern, the value of industrial permits decreased 16.6% to \$414 million, after a 24.8% increase in July. The decline was the result of a lower value of permits for utility and transportation buildings in Quebec and mining buildings in Saskatchewan.

### Permits down in most provinces

The value of building permits decreased in seven provinces in August. The most significant drops occurred in Ontario (-11.5% to \$2.1 billion) and Alberta (-19.1% to \$916 million). Both provinces experienced drops in multi-family dwellings, in addition to decreases in the non-residential sector. The values of dwellings also decreased in Quebec (-12.6% to \$1.2 billion) and Saskatchewan (-45.9% to \$153 million).

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island saw increases in both the residential and non-residential sectors. Newfoundland and Labrador also reported an overall increase as a result of gains in the non-residential sector.

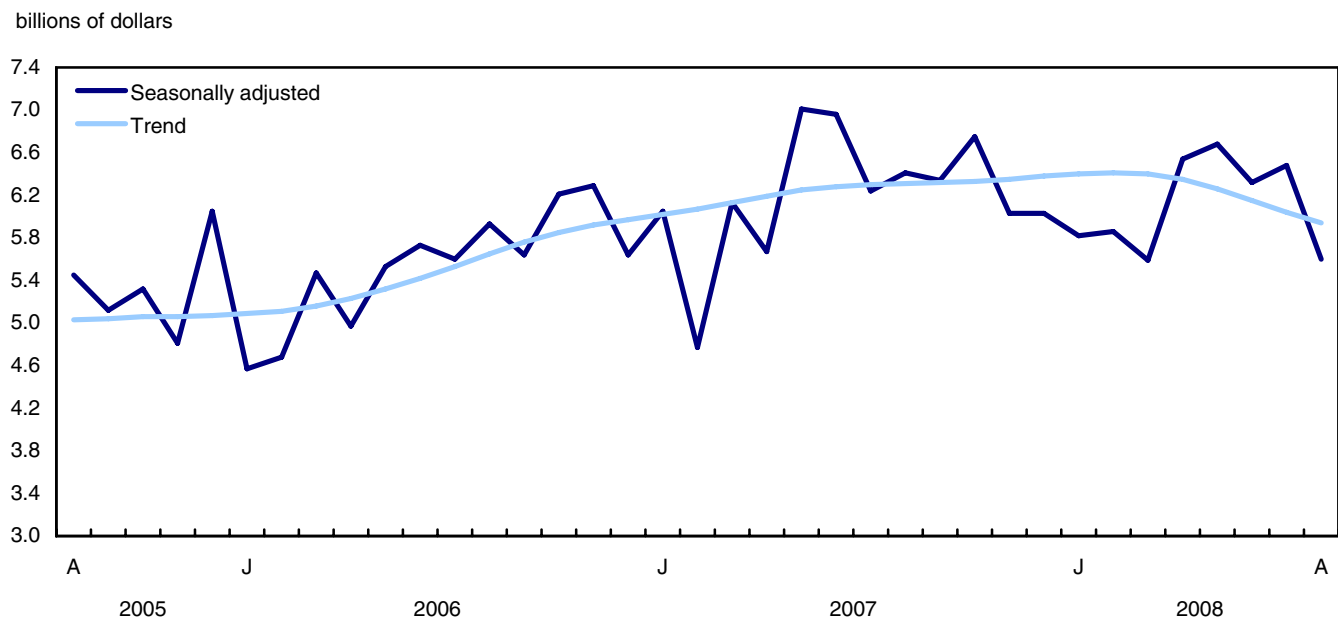
### Metropolitan areas: Declines in Toronto and Calgary

Of the 34 census metropolitan areas, 20 recorded declines in the value of building permits in August.

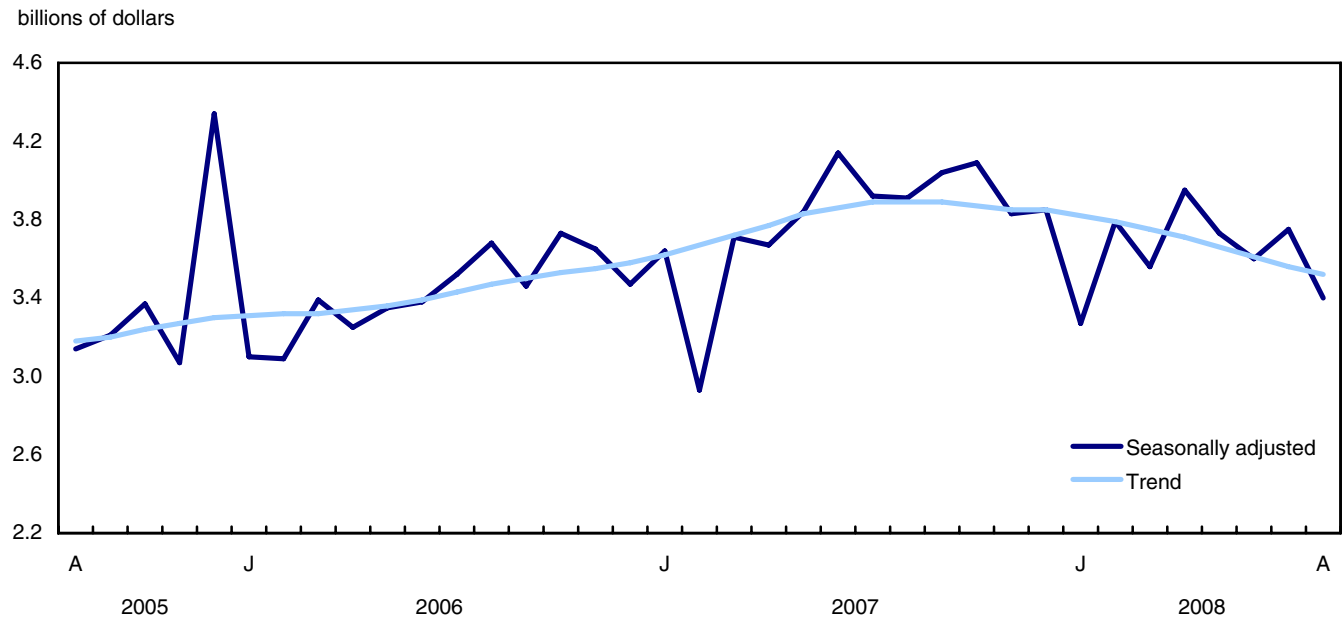
The largest decreases occurred in Toronto and Calgary, with drops mainly in multi-family dwellings and non-residential buildings. Ottawa–Gatineau and Kitchener experienced declines in both sectors.

In contrast, Vancouver and Hamilton recorded increases as a result of advances for both single and multiple-family dwellings.

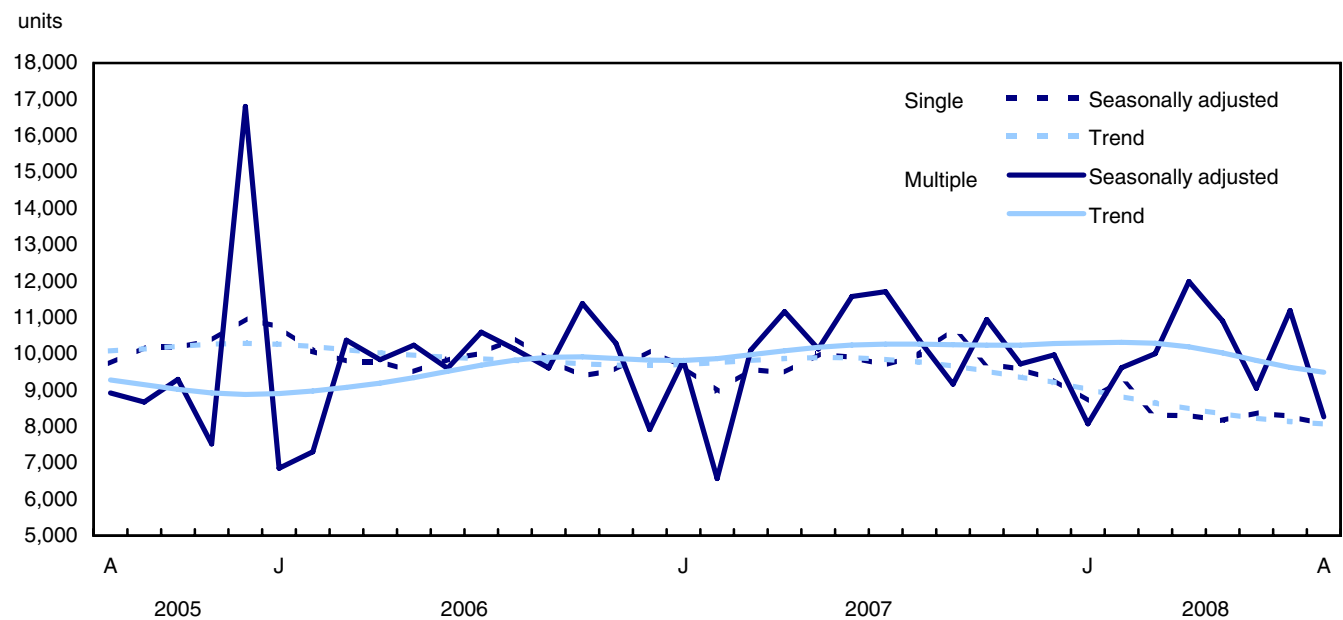
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Total value of building permits



**Chart 2**  
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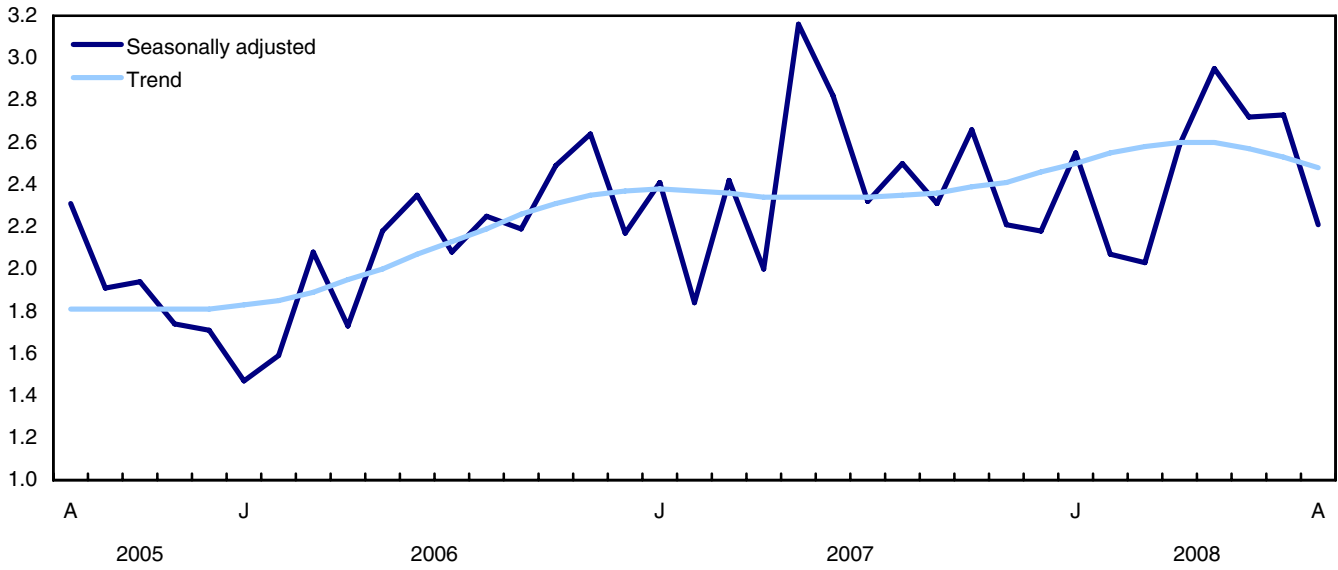


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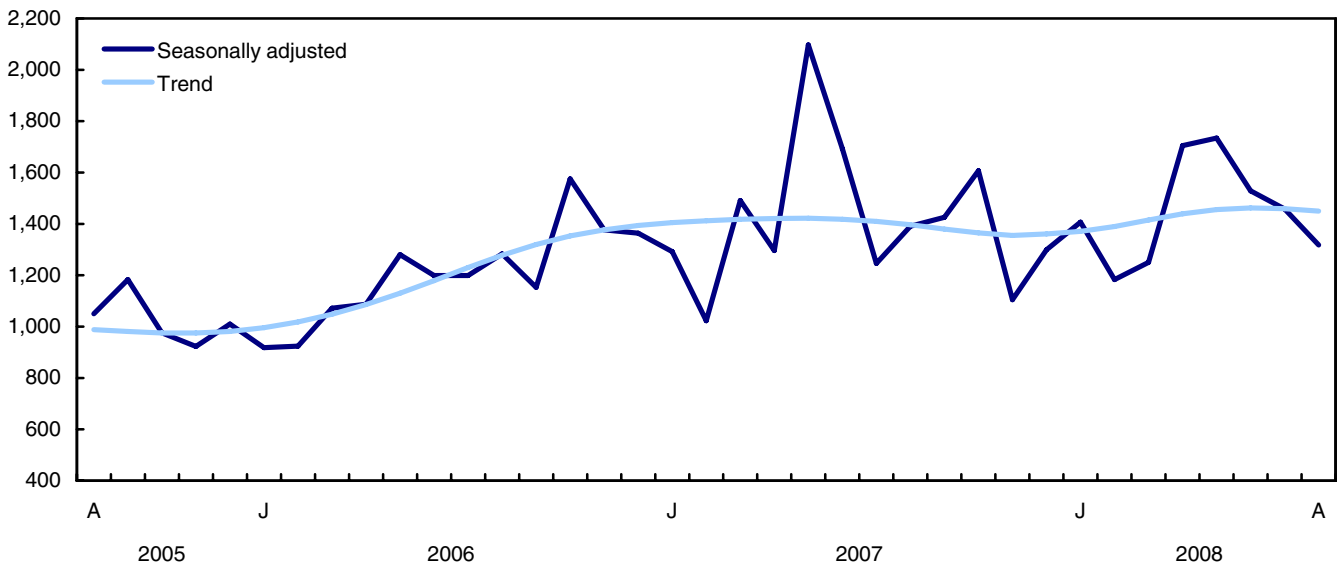
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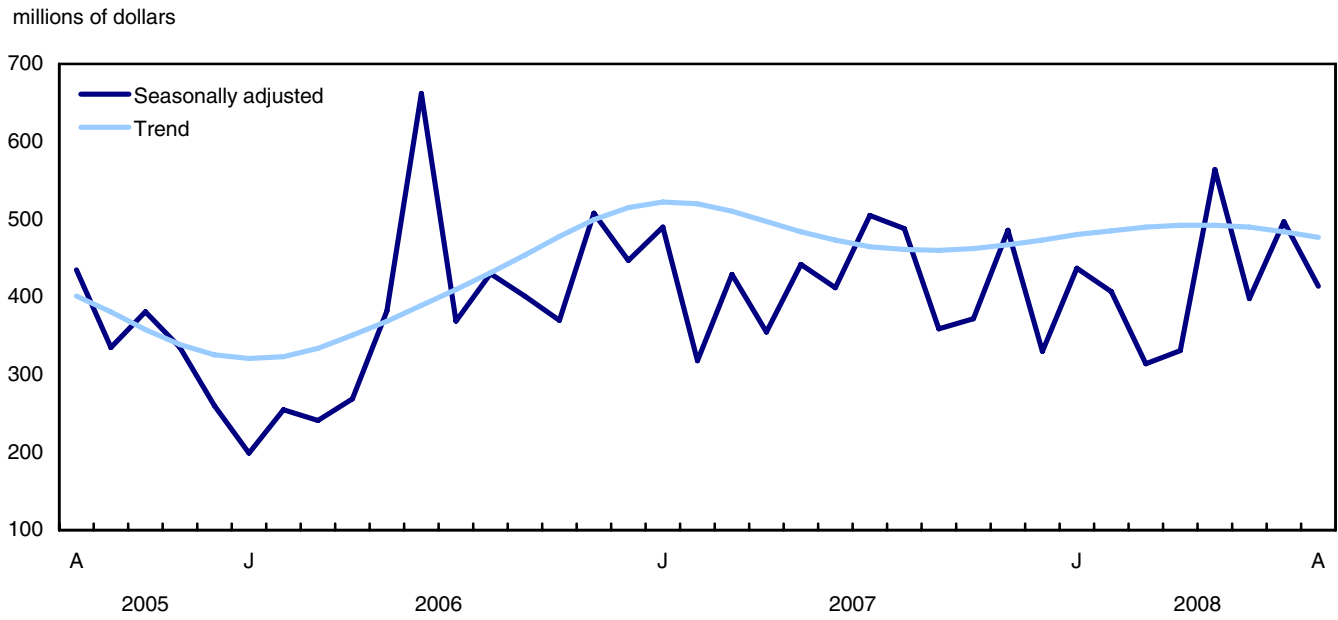


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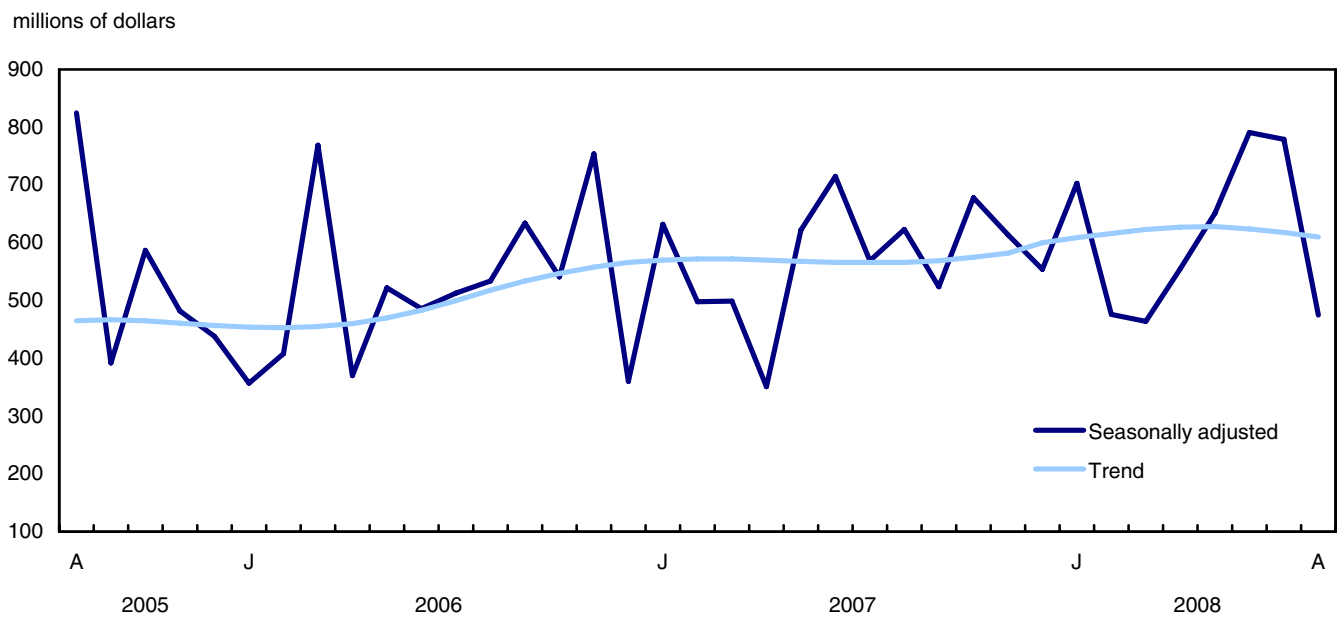
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**Chart 6**  
Industrial value of building permits



**Chart 7**  
Institutional and governmental value of building permits



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- *Value of building permits by type*

# Statistical tables

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

|                           | 2008<br>August <sup>p</sup> | 2008<br>July <sup>r</sup> | August<br>to<br>July | July<br>to<br>June | June<br>to<br>May | May<br>to<br>April | April<br>to<br>March | March<br>to<br>February |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|                           | thousands of dollars        |                           | percentage change    |                    |                   |                    |                      |                         |
| <b>Canada</b>             | <b>5,604,972</b>            | <b>6,479,766</b>          | <b>-13.5</b>         | <b>2.6</b>         | <b>-5.3</b>       | <b>2.0</b>         | <b>17.0</b>          | <b>-4.6</b>             |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 96,064                      | 81,093                    | 18.5                 | 14.0               | 20.4              | -12.1              | 30.8                 | -19.6                   |
| Prince Edward Island      | 15,729                      | 15,263                    | 3.1                  | 18.6               | -69.3             | 100.5              | 32.5                 | 49.4                    |
| Nova Scotia               | 98,024                      | 121,433                   | -19.3                | -10.4              | 2.2               | 0.7                | 34.0                 | 7.7                     |
| New Brunswick             | 130,161                     | 85,011                    | 53.1                 | -21.8              | -16.1             | 76.9               | 25.8                 | -0.2                    |
| Quebec                    | 1,158,729                   | 1,325,148                 | -12.6                | 14.3               | 4.5               | -2.4               | 13.3                 | 3.0                     |
| Ontario                   | 2,059,143                   | 2,326,382                 | -11.5                | 3.4                | -8.1              | 2.7                | 11.7                 | 6.8                     |
| Manitoba                  | 139,681                     | 200,515                   | -30.3                | 63.7               | -10.7             | -4.5               | 22.9                 | -5.6                    |
| Saskatchewan              | 153,357                     | 283,523                   | -45.9                | 46.1               | 6.0               | -19.9              | 55.0                 | 31.3                    |
| Alberta                   | 915,896                     | 1,131,465                 | -19.1                | -4.7               | -8.0              | 1.6                | 27.8                 | -33.1                   |
| British Columbia          | 828,665                     | 890,154                   | -6.9                 | -16.3              | -6.3              | 5.4                | 13.4                 | 1.1                     |
| Yukon Territory           | 4,370                       | 8,423                     | -48.1                | 126.9              | -25.2             | -3.7               | 12.4                 | 31.9                    |
| Northwest Territories     | 2,257                       | 3,063                     | -26.3                | 22.8               | 233.4             | 26.6               | -96.7                | 1,986.8                 |
| Nunavut                   | 2,896                       | 8,293                     | -65.1                | -17.1              | 105.2             | -5.0               | 1,408.8              | 8,400.0                 |

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

|                           | 2008<br>August <sup>p</sup> | 2008<br>July <sup>r</sup> | August<br>to<br>July | July<br>to<br>June | June<br>to<br>May | May<br>to<br>April | April<br>to<br>March | March<br>to<br>February |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|                           | thousands of dollars        |                           | percentage change    |                    |                   |                    |                      |                         |
| <b>Canada</b>             | <b>2,207,265</b>            | <b>2,733,923</b>          | <b>-19.3</b>         | <b>0.6</b>         | <b>-7.8</b>       | <b>13.8</b>        | <b>27.8</b>          | <b>-1.9</b>             |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 45,410                      | 14,985                    | 203.0                | -43.5              | 56.5              | -33.3              | 208.5                | 48.0                    |
| Prince Edward Island      | 6,706                       | 6,369                     | 5.3                  | 135.5              | -92.3             | 1,586.8            | -71.0                | 118.2                   |
| Nova Scotia               | 35,579                      | 47,032                    | -24.4                | -10.7              | 42.8              | -47.9              | 96.8                 | 186.8                   |
| New Brunswick             | 70,506                      | 43,136                    | 63.5                 | -22.5              | -18.5             | 261.5              | -26.7                | 43.2                    |
| Quebec                    | 416,268                     | 477,848                   | -12.9                | 11.0               | 3.5               | 6.2                | 11.7                 | 31.8                    |
| Ontario                   | 796,857                     | 948,701                   | -16.0                | 4.0                | -15.8             | 23.6               | 17.9                 | -1.2                    |
| Manitoba                  | 49,237                      | 76,151                    | -35.3                | 69.2               | 5.9               | -20.0              | 123.7                | -39.6                   |
| Saskatchewan              | 55,142                      | 187,758                   | -70.6                | 135.3              | 3.4               | -34.2              | 120.8                | 91.9                    |
| Alberta                   | 484,985                     | 656,123                   | -26.1                | -5.3               | 2.7               | 3.1                | 36.1                 | -35.8                   |
| British Columbia          | 242,955                     | 266,972                   | -9.0                 | -35.8              | -15.8             | 30.4               | 35.1                 | 45.4                    |
| Yukon Territory           | 2,329                       | 2,465                     | -5.5                 | 232.7              | -47.8             | -42.7              | 178.5                | 182.5                   |
| Northwest Territories     | 491                         | 383                       | 28.2                 | -71.2              | 303.3             | ...                | -100.0               | 16,566.7                |
| Nunavut                   | 800                         | 6,000                     | -86.7                | 144.9              | -2.9              | 621.1              | 2.9                  | ...                     |



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

|                           | 2008<br>August <sup>p</sup> | 2008<br>July <sup>r</sup> | August<br>to<br>July | July<br>to<br>June | June<br>to<br>May | May<br>to<br>April | April<br>to<br>March | March<br>to<br>February |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|                           | thousands of dollars        |                           | percentage change    |                    |                   |                    |                      |                         |
| <b>Canada</b>             | <b>3,397,707</b>            | <b>3,745,843</b>          | <b>-9.3</b>          | <b>4.0</b>         | <b>-3.4</b>       | <b>-5.7</b>        | <b>10.9</b>          | <b>-6.1</b>             |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 50,654                      | 66,108                    | -23.4                | 48.2               | 5.9               | 0.9                | -3.1                 | -26.0                   |
| Prince Edward Island      | 9,023                       | 8,894                     | 1.5                  | -12.5              | 47.8              | -63.5              | 118.8                | 18.3                    |
| Nova Scotia               | 62,445                      | 74,401                    | -16.1                | -10.2              | -13.4             | 57.3               | -2.2                 | -20.8                   |
| New Brunswick             | 59,655                      | 41,875                    | 42.5                 | -21.1              | -13.5             | 12.8               | 67.4                 | -19.6                   |
| Quebec                    | 742,461                     | 847,300                   | -12.4                | 16.3               | 5.2               | -6.9               | 14.1                 | -7.8                    |
| Ontario                   | 1,262,286                   | 1,377,681                 | -8.4                 | 3.1                | -2.1              | -9.5               | 8.4                  | 11.6                    |
| Manitoba                  | 90,444                      | 124,364                   | -27.3                | 60.6               | -18.1             | 4.5                | -2.8                 | 10.2                    |
| Saskatchewan              | 98,215                      | 95,765                    | 2.6                  | -16.2              | 7.9               | -4.8               | 18.0                 | 11.5                    |
| Alberta                   | 430,911                     | 475,342                   | -9.3                 | -3.7               | -19.8             | 0.0                | 20.1                 | -30.4                   |
| British Columbia          | 585,710                     | 623,182                   | -6.0                 | -3.7               | 1.0               | -8.2               | 4.3                  | -10.3                   |
| Yukon Territory           | 2,041                       | 5,958                     | -65.7                | 100.5              | -16.1             | 32.4               | -27.6                | 16.9                    |
| Northwest Territories     | 1,766                       | 2,680                     | -34.1                | 130.4              | 178.2             | -29.3              | 423.0                | -85.1                   |
| Nunavut                   | 2,096                       | 2,293                     | -8.6                 | -69.6              | 221.4             | -50.8              | ...                  | -100.0                  |

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

|                           | 2008<br>August <sup>p</sup> | 2008<br>July <sup>r</sup> | August<br>to<br>July | July<br>to<br>June | June<br>to<br>May | May<br>to<br>April | April<br>to<br>March | March<br>to<br>February |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|                           | units                       |                           | percentage change    |                    |                   |                    |                      |                         |
| <b>Canada</b>             | <b>196,008</b>              | <b>233,748</b>            | <b>-16.1</b>         | <b>11.8</b>        | <b>-8.6</b>       | <b>-6.0</b>        | <b>10.8</b>          | <b>-3.1</b>             |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 3,264                       | 4,080                     | -20.0                | 28.3               | -5.4              | 6.1                | 17.9                 | -31.1                   |
| Prince Edward Island      | 648                         | 612                       | 5.9                  | -16.4              | 45.2              | -64.7              | 83.1                 | 51.2                    |
| Nova Scotia               | 4,548                       | 4,776                     | -4.8                 | -3.6               | -22.7             | 61.3               | -1.8                 | -20.9                   |
| New Brunswick             | 5,808                       | 3,600                     | 61.3                 | -25.2              | -5.6              | -6.8               | 93.2                 | -16.9                   |
| Quebec                    | 51,756                      | 64,836                    | -20.2                | 46.7               | -11.6             | -7.7               | 16.4                 | -13.6                   |
| Ontario                   | 68,052                      | 84,588                    | -19.5                | 6.4                | -7.5              | 3.6                | 0.7                  | 23.5                    |
| Manitoba                  | 5,784                       | 8,340                     | -30.6                | 70.3               | -10.7             | 1.8                | -13.8                | 7.4                     |
| Saskatchewan              | 6,996                       | 6,024                     | 16.1                 | -22.4              | 10.0              | -1.3               | 17.1                 | 17.8                    |
| Alberta                   | 20,568                      | 22,596                    | -9.0                 | -3.3               | -22.8             | -25.5              | 42.9                 | -34.1                   |
| British Columbia          | 28,308                      | 33,504                    | -15.5                | -4.9               | 2.4               | -11.4              | -1.8                 | 0.8                     |
| Yukon Territory           | 120                         | 420                       | -71.4                | 133.3              | -28.6             | 110.0              | -60.0                | 127.3                   |
| Northwest Territories     | 72                          | 108                       | -33.3                | 200.0              | 0.0               | -25.0              | ...                  | -100.0                  |
| Nunavut                   | 84                          | 264                       | -68.2                | -8.3               | 242.9             | -70.8              | ...                  | ...                     |

**Table 5**  
**Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2008**

|                                  | Number of dwelling units |           |                 | Estimated value of construction |                 |            |                                |            | Total      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                  | Singles <sup>1</sup>     | Multiples | Total dwellings | Residential                     | Non-residential |            |                                | Total      |            |
|                                  |                          |           |                 |                                 | Industrial      | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |            |            |
|                                  | units                    |           |                 | thousands of dollars            |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| <b>Canada</b>                    |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| July r                           | 8,286                    | 11,193    | 19,479          | 3,745,843                       | 496,584         | 1,458,039  | 779,300                        | 2,733,923  | 6,479,766  |
| August p                         | 8,065                    | 8,269     | 16,334          | 3,397,707                       | 414,031         | 1,318,446  | 474,788                        | 2,207,265  | 5,604,972  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 67,508                   | 79,114    | 146,622         | 29,049,902                      | 3,360,926       | 11,583,470 | 4,894,291                      | 19,838,687 | 48,888,589 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 77,244                   | 81,471    | 158,715         | 29,746,026                      | 3,438,440       | 11,529,526 | 4,509,954                      | 19,477,920 | 49,223,946 |
| <b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b> |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| July r                           | 238                      | 102       | 340             | 66,108                          | 1,456           | 12,472     | 1,057                          | 14,985     | 81,093     |
| August p                         | 223                      | 49        | 272             | 50,654                          | 704             | 35,704     | 9,002                          | 45,410     | 96,064     |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 1,771                    | 399       | 2,170           | 384,790                         | 21,280          | 88,742     | 39,527                         | 149,549    | 534,339    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 1,264                    | 405       | 1,669           | 273,315                         | 20,650          | 65,683     | 28,203                         | 114,536    | 387,851    |
| <b>Prince Edward Island</b>      |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| July r                           | 46                       | 5         | 51              | 8,894                           | 646             | 4,255      | 1,468                          | 6,369      | 15,263     |
| August p                         | 34                       | 20        | 54              | 9,023                           | 646             | 1,643      | 4,417                          | 6,706      | 15,729     |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 330                      | 131       | 461             | 74,602                          | 5,512           | 28,354     | 33,018                         | 66,884     | 141,486    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 421                      | 100       | 521             | 76,389                          | 5,572           | 16,046     | 2,513                          | 24,131     | 100,520    |
| <b>Nova Scotia</b>               |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| July r                           | 254                      | 144       | 398             | 74,401                          | 4,331           | 18,552     | 24,149                         | 47,032     | 121,433    |
| August p                         | 238                      | 141       | 379             | 62,445                          | 5,153           | 16,099     | 14,327                         | 35,579     | 98,024     |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 2,191                    | 993       | 3,184           | 583,839                         | 32,734          | 159,665    | 109,213                        | 301,612    | 885,451    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 1,971                    | 1,633     | 3,604           | 570,672                         | 41,977          | 199,598    | 54,633                         | 296,208    | 866,880    |
| <b>New Brunswick</b>             |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| July r                           | 202                      | 98        | 300             | 41,875                          | 8,985           | 16,085     | 18,066                         | 43,136     | 85,011     |
| August p                         | 178                      | 306       | 484             | 59,655                          | 12,645          | 24,292     | 33,569                         | 70,506     | 130,161    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 1,712                    | 1,176     | 2,888           | 382,024                         | 86,183          | 149,237    | 91,163                         | 326,583    | 708,607    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 1,765                    | 1,019     | 2,784           | 373,773                         | 96,929          | 147,396    | 40,781                         | 285,106    | 658,879    |
| <b>Quebec</b>                    |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| July r                           | 1,927                    | 3,476     | 5,403           | 847,300                         | 121,347         | 257,696    | 98,805                         | 477,848    | 1,325,148  |
| August p                         | 1,766                    | 2,547     | 4,313           | 742,461                         | 107,410         | 204,751    | 104,107                        | 416,268    | 1,158,729  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 14,291                   | 20,424    | 34,715          | 5,791,447                       | 602,423         | 1,794,440  | 655,462                        | 3,052,325  | 8,843,772  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 15,120                   | 18,755    | 33,875          | 5,454,551                       | 574,950         | 1,676,884  | 891,693                        | 3,143,527  | 8,598,078  |
| <b>Ontario</b>                   |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| July r                           | 2,689                    | 4,360     | 7,049           | 1,377,681                       | 124,782         | 430,399    | 393,520                        | 948,701    | 2,326,382  |
| August p                         | 2,744                    | 2,927     | 5,671           | 1,262,286                       | 139,661         | 434,846    | 222,350                        | 796,857    | 2,059,143  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 22,984                   | 28,146    | 51,130          | 10,545,734                      | 1,255,654       | 3,873,614  | 2,347,982                      | 7,477,250  | 18,022,984 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 25,150                   | 21,348    | 46,498          | 9,683,305                       | 1,750,730       | 3,586,506  | 2,015,281                      | 7,352,517  | 17,035,822 |
| <b>Manitoba</b>                  |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| July r                           | 369                      | 326       | 695             | 124,364                         | 10,946          | 51,254     | 13,951                         | 76,151     | 200,515    |
| August p                         | 356                      | 126       | 482             | 90,444                          | 5,086           | 40,881     | 3,270                          | 49,237     | 139,681    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 2,964                    | 954       | 3,918           | 742,644                         | 58,838          | 231,924    | 62,156                         | 352,918    | 1,095,562  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 2,585                    | 1,502     | 4,087           | 649,492                         | 40,844          | 186,443    | 147,779                        | 375,066    | 1,024,558  |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>              |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| July r                           | 334                      | 168       | 502             | 95,765                          | 111,714         | 34,037     | 42,007                         | 187,758    | 283,523    |
| August p                         | 329                      | 254       | 583             | 98,215                          | 15,198          | 37,621     | 2,323                          | 55,142     | 153,357    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 2,840                    | 1,468     | 4,308           | 783,389                         | 182,755         | 299,247    | 152,742                        | 634,744    | 1,418,133  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 2,141                    | 1,181     | 3,322           | 535,264                         | 65,058          | 358,427    | 90,446                         | 513,931    | 1,049,195  |
| <b>Alberta</b>                   |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |            |            |
| July r                           | 1,191                    | 692       | 1,883           | 475,342                         | 92,866          | 457,200    | 106,057                        | 656,123    | 1,131,465  |
| August p                         | 1,262                    | 452       | 1,714           | 430,911                         | 97,892          | 353,359    | 33,734                         | 484,985    | 915,896    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 10,247                   | 9,767     | 20,014          | 4,446,693                       | 910,610         | 3,199,722  | 888,841                        | 4,999,173  | 9,445,866  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 18,177                   | 15,052    | 33,229          | 6,253,311                       | 607,103         | 3,278,738  | 552,987                        | 4,438,828  | 10,692,139 |

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Table 5 – continued

## Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, seasonally adjusted, 2008

|                              | Number of dwelling units |           |                 | Residential          | Estimated value of construction |            |                                |           | Total     |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                              | Singles <sup>1</sup>     | Multiples | Total dwellings |                      | Non-residential                 |            |                                | Total     |           |
|                              |                          |           |                 |                      | Industrial                      | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |           |           |
|                              | units                    |           |                 | thousands of dollars |                                 |            |                                |           |           |
| <b>British Columbia</b>      |                          |           |                 |                      |                                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                       | 1,016                    | 1,776     | 2,792           | 623,182              | 18,325                          | 168,559    | 80,088                         | 266,972   | 890,154   |
| August p                     | 919                      | 1,440     | 2,359           | 585,710              | 29,435                          | 168,056    | 45,464                         | 242,955   | 828,665   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008 | 8,053                    | 15,535    | 23,588          | 5,262,595            | 200,738                         | 1,723,886  | 508,619                        | 2,433,243 | 7,695,838 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007 | 8,507                    | 20,250    | 28,757          | 5,790,041            | 219,437                         | 1,979,349  | 655,182                        | 2,853,968 | 8,644,009 |
| <b>Yukon Territory</b>       |                          |           |                 |                      |                                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                       | 10                       | 25        | 35              | 5,958                | 1,161                           | 1,185      | 119                            | 2,465     | 8,423     |
| August p                     | 8                        | 2         | 10              | 2,041                | 0                               | 104        | 2,225                          | 2,329     | 4,370     |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008 | 92                       | 44        | 136             | 25,456               | 2,578                           | 4,430      | 4,161                          | 11,169    | 36,625    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007 | 92                       | 47        | 139             | 25,599               | 13,307                          | 5,028      | 11,925                         | 30,260    | 55,859    |
| <b>Northwest Territories</b> |                          |           |                 |                      |                                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                       | 3                        | 6         | 9               | 2,680                | 25                              | 345        | 13                             | 383       | 3,063     |
| August p                     | 6                        | 0         | 6               | 1,766                | 1                               | 490        | 0                              | 491       | 2,257     |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008 | 17                       | 9         | 26              | 7,582                | 569                             | 20,139     | 65                             | 20,773    | 28,355    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007 | 40                       | 0         | 40              | 13,507               | 1,865                           | 26,397     | 12,685                         | 40,947    | 54,454    |
| <b>Nunavut</b>               |                          |           |                 |                      |                                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                       | 7                        | 15        | 22              | 2,293                | 0                               | 6,000      | 0                              | 6,000     | 8,293     |
| August p                     | 2                        | 5         | 7               | 2,096                | 200                             | 600        | 0                              | 800       | 2,896     |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008 | 16                       | 68        | 84              | 19,107               | 1,052                           | 10,070     | 1,342                          | 12,464    | 31,571    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007 | 11                       | 179       | 190             | 46,807               | 18                              | 3,031      | 5,846                          | 8,895     | 55,702    |

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, 2008**

|                                     | Number of dwelling units |           |                 | Estimated value of construction |                 |            |                                |           | Total     |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                     | Singles <sup>1</sup>     | Multiples | Total dwellings | Residential                     | Non-residential |            |                                | Total     |           |
|                                     |                          |           |                 |                                 | Industrial      | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |           |           |
|                                     | units                    |           |                 | thousands of dollars            |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| <b>Abbotsford, British Columbia</b> |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                              | 47                       | 128       | 175             | 31,761                          | 1,657           | 1,367      | 9,328                          | 12,352    | 44,113    |
| August p                            | 41                       | 4         | 45              | 8,925                           | 2,303           | 237        | 1,060                          | 3,600     | 12,525    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008        | 270                      | 824       | 1,094           | 157,578                         | 16,145          | 98,223     | 29,406                         | 143,774   | 301,352   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007        | 383                      | 413       | 796             | 131,692                         | 18,166          | 45,790     | 2,881                          | 66,837    | 198,529   |
| <b>Barrie, Ontario</b>              |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                              | 39                       | 1         | 40              | 12,389                          | 560             | 4,659      | 430                            | 5,649     | 18,038    |
| August p                            | 56                       | 2         | 58              | 20,000                          | 857             | 3,509      | 7,840                          | 12,206    | 32,206    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008        | 879                      | 356       | 1,235           | 293,614                         | 133,394         | 112,048    | 45,490                         | 290,932   | 584,546   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007        | 544                      | 164       | 708             | 159,803                         | 13,051          | 68,949     | 31,190                         | 113,190   | 272,993   |
| <b>Brantford, Ontario</b>           |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                              | 17                       | 32        | 49              | 5,812                           | 1,267           | 5,459      | 2,451                          | 9,177     | 14,989    |
| August p                            | 22                       | 24        | 46              | 5,549                           | 1,968           | 2,955      | 74                             | 4,997     | 10,546    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008        | 209                      | 215       | 424             | 55,494                          | 8,211           | 14,654     | 17,295                         | 40,160    | 95,654    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007        | 387                      | 105       | 492             | 70,647                          | 9,773           | 41,013     | 19,374                         | 70,160    | 140,807   |
| <b>Calgary, Alberta</b>             |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                              | 307                      | 273       | 580             | 141,543                         | 12,938          | 219,167    | 61,391                         | 293,496   | 435,039   |
| August p                            | 340                      | 50        | 390             | 114,445                         | 10,342          | 172,579    | 19,179                         | 202,100   | 316,545   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008        | 2,919                    | 3,755     | 6,674           | 1,547,323                       | 148,041         | 1,471,632  | 294,091                        | 1,913,764 | 3,461,087 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007        | 5,167                    | 5,375     | 10,542          | 2,148,007                       | 77,621          | 1,956,275  | 257,401                        | 2,291,297 | 4,439,304 |
| <b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>            |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                              | 210                      | 229       | 439             | 132,023                         | 21,073          | 125,873    | 10,841                         | 157,787   | 289,810   |
| August p                            | 213                      | 175       | 388             | 114,903                         | 17,627          | 101,222    | 4,000                          | 122,849   | 237,752   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008        | 1,699                    | 3,117     | 4,816           | 1,106,225                       | 237,092         | 785,427    | 317,473                        | 1,339,992 | 2,446,217 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007        | 5,277                    | 5,531     | 10,808          | 1,969,737                       | 108,538         | 601,838    | 73,252                         | 783,628   | 2,753,365 |
| <b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>     |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                              | 46                       | 7         | 53              | 13,932                          | 5,881           | 1,095      | 1,416                          | 8,392     | 22,324    |
| August p                            | 54                       | 7         | 61              | 15,002                          | 16,298          | 6,685      | 2,801                          | 25,784    | 40,786    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008        | 354                      | 48        | 402             | 96,591                          | 31,373          | 29,447     | 33,458                         | 94,278    | 190,869   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007        | 368                      | 53        | 421             | 99,260                          | 28,000          | 31,301     | 114,356                        | 173,657   | 272,917   |
| <b>Guelph, Ontario</b>              |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                              | 35                       | 33        | 68              | 10,716                          | 263             | 1,123      | 154                            | 1,540     | 12,256    |
| August p                            | 24                       | 93        | 117             | 13,692                          | 2,836           | 9,859      | 6,039                          | 18,734    | 32,426    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008        | 331                      | 354       | 685             | 101,424                         | 15,975          | 29,582     | 27,348                         | 72,905    | 174,329   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007        | 408                      | 380       | 788             | 118,220                         | 23,157          | 50,420     | 22,483                         | 96,060    | 214,280   |
| <b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>         |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                              | 113                      | 80        | 193             | 36,732                          | 2,533           | 14,054     | 21,519                         | 38,106    | 74,838    |
| August p                            | 98                       | 59        | 157             | 27,454                          | 981             | 10,321     | 790                            | 12,092    | 39,546    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008        | 939                      | 631       | 1,570           | 294,705                         | 9,638           | 98,767     | 73,846                         | 182,251   | 476,956   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007        | 803                      | 1,262     | 2,065           | 301,923                         | 11,167          | 110,542    | 18,566                         | 140,275   | 442,198   |
| <b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>            |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                              | 146                      | 72        | 218             | 46,539                          | 2,465           | 19,155     | 1,196                          | 22,816    | 69,355    |
| August p                            | 186                      | 285       | 471             | 81,577                          | 722             | 16,755     | 2,078                          | 19,555    | 101,132   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008        | 1,310                    | 1,641     | 2,951           | 579,081                         | 23,994          | 190,832    | 202,144                        | 416,970   | 996,051   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007        | 1,313                    | 1,169     | 2,482           | 485,992                         | 31,410          | 112,747    | 108,611                        | 252,768   | 738,760   |
| <b>Kelowna, British Columbia</b>    |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                              | 62                       | 88        | 150             | 42,713                          | 684             | 6,052      | 390                            | 7,126     | 49,839    |
| August p                            | 49                       | 48        | 97              | 28,614                          | 100             | 15,687     | 35                             | 15,822    | 44,436    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008        | 522                      | 1,259     | 1,781           | 418,781                         | 5,722           | 62,431     | 33,128                         | 101,281   | 520,062   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007        | 731                      | 1,024     | 1,755           | 378,585                         | 16,063          | 127,518    | 25,585                         | 169,166   | 547,751   |

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Table 6 – continued

## Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2008

|  | Number of dwelling units |           |                 | Estimated value of construction |                      |            |                                |           | Total     |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | Singles <sup>1</sup>     | Multiples | Total dwellings | Residential                     | Non-residential      |            |                                | Total     |           |
|  |                          |           |                 |                                 | Industrial           | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |           |           |
|  | units                    |           |                 |                                 | thousands of dollars |            |                                |           |           |
| <b>Kingston, Ontario</b>                             |                          |           |                 |                                 |                      |            |                                |           |           |
| July r   | 63                       | 15        | 78              | 12,012                          | 348                  | 3,619      | 71                             | 4,038     | 16,050    |
| August p   | 42                       | 0         | 42              | 8,614                           | 5,814                | 3,720      | 1,064                          | 10,598    | 19,212    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                         | 402                      | 41        | 443             | 80,970                          | 10,971               | 40,298     | 114,963                        | 166,232   | 247,202   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                         | 417                      | 206       | 623             | 96,077                          | 5,343                | 29,879     | 61,642                         | 96,864    | 192,941   |
| <b>Kitchener, Ontario</b>                            |                          |           |                 |                                 |                      |            |                                |           |           |
| July r   | 94                       | 170       | 264             | 41,145                          | 5,590                | 38,840     | 92,714                         | 137,144   | 178,289   |
| August p   | 110                      | 81        | 191             | 36,341                          | 5,638                | 5,641      | 40,461                         | 51,740    | 88,081    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                         | 838                      | 972       | 1,810           | 333,815                         | 48,048               | 159,378    | 219,534                        | 426,960   | 760,775   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                         | 778                      | 1,118     | 1,896           | 321,631                         | 66,445               | 102,105    | 79,793                         | 248,343   | 569,974   |
| <b>London, Ontario</b>                               |                          |           |                 |                                 |                      |            |                                |           |           |
| July r   | 110                      | 80        | 190             | 39,465                          | 16,387               | 4,077      | 23,459                         | 43,923    | 83,388    |
| August p   | 91                       | 131       | 222             | 37,418                          | 6,602                | 26,453     | 1,957                          | 35,012    | 72,430    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                         | 968                      | 1,504     | 2,472           | 397,360                         | 49,991               | 75,290     | 250,695                        | 375,976   | 773,336   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                         | 1,301                    | 921       | 2,222           | 366,603                         | 31,251               | 110,575    | 109,292                        | 251,118   | 617,721   |
| <b>Moncton, New Brunswick</b>                        |                          |           |                 |                                 |                      |            |                                |           |           |
| July r   | 41                       | 59        | 100             | 11,267                          | 1,301                | 5,480      | 7,529                          | 14,310    | 25,577    |
| August p   | 32                       | 98        | 130             | 12,900                          | 6,216                | 15,410     | 6,089                          | 27,715    | 40,615    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                         | 313                      | 530       | 843             | 96,438                          | 11,666               | 51,120     | 25,395                         | 88,181    | 184,619   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                         | 486                      | 516       | 1,002           | 115,740                         | 10,420               | 51,154     | 9,211                          | 70,785    | 186,525   |
| <b>Montréal, Quebec</b>                              |                          |           |                 |                                 |                      |            |                                |           |           |
| July r   | 626                      | 1,834     | 2,460           | 373,855                         | 45,714               | 110,980    | 42,421                         | 199,115   | 572,970   |
| August p   | 631                      | 1,253     | 1,884           | 343,040                         | 34,349               | 121,206    | 49,997                         | 205,552   | 548,592   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                         | 5,025                    | 10,949    | 15,974          | 2,712,095                       | 240,011              | 924,728    | 239,808                        | 1,404,547 | 4,116,642 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                         | 5,705                    | 10,153    | 15,858          | 2,586,211                       | 298,703              | 935,536    | 553,415                        | 1,787,654 | 4,373,865 |
| <b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>                               |                          |           |                 |                                 |                      |            |                                |           |           |
| July r   | 157                      | 126       | 283             | 63,536                          | 200                  | 12,705     | 16,811                         | 29,716    | 93,252    |
| August p   | 87                       | 71        | 158             | 33,713                          | 10,687               | 3,320      | 3,658                          | 17,665    | 51,378    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                         | 1,008                    | 542       | 1,550           | 341,768                         | 44,467               | 104,889    | 63,326                         | 212,682   | 554,450   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                         | 1,019                    | 289       | 1,308           | 303,639                         | 101,098              | 53,276     | 27,609                         | 181,983   | 485,622   |
| <b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b> |                          |           |                 |                                 |                      |            |                                |           |           |
| July r   | 244                      | 441       | 685             | 90,899                          | 902                  | 25,249     | 28,246                         | 54,397    | 145,296   |
| August p   | 280                      | 347       | 627             | 102,433                         | 2,204                | 23,367     | 10,496                         | 36,067    | 138,500   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                         | 2,039                    | 3,141     | 5,180           | 802,648                         | 13,333               | 296,006    | 105,717                        | 415,056   | 1,217,704 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                         | 1,976                    | 2,488     | 4,464           | 722,980                         | 44,254               | 342,590    | 117,001                        | 503,845   | 1,226,825 |
| <b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>  |                          |           |                 |                                 |                      |            |                                |           |           |
| July r   | 78                       | 451       | 529             | 59,903                          | 106                  | 47,373     | 9,413                          | 56,892    | 116,795   |
| August p   | 74                       | 66        | 140             | 23,011                          | 533                  | 1,872      | 3,494                          | 5,899     | 28,910    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                         | 626                      | 1,105     | 1,731           | 239,502                         | 3,196                | 90,364     | 40,177                         | 133,737   | 373,239   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                         | 728                      | 1,619     | 2,347           | 305,314                         | 11,810               | 63,045     | 47,371                         | 122,226   | 427,540   |
| <b>Peterborough, Ontario</b>                         |                          |           |                 |                                 |                      |            |                                |           |           |
| July r   | 20                       | 6         | 26              | 5,403                           | 884                  | 1,945      | 3,000                          | 5,829     | 11,232    |
| August p   | 43                       | 43        | 86              | 19,048                          | 146                  | 21,139     | 3,002                          | 24,287    | 43,335    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                         | 214                      | 91        | 305             | 67,024                          | 3,111                | 33,916     | 15,557                         | 52,584    | 119,608   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                         | 229                      | 164       | 393             | 75,307                          | 3,872                | 23,238     | 848                            | 27,958    | 103,265   |
| <b>Québec, Quebec</b>                                |                          |           |                 |                                 |                      |            |                                |           |           |
| July r   | 265                      | 359       | 624             | 94,850                          | 26,106               | 40,229     | 13,259                         | 79,594    | 174,444   |
| August p   | 200                      | 243       | 443             | 74,789                          | 7,775                | 28,678     | 9,087                          | 45,540    | 120,329   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                         | 1,527                    | 2,602     | 4,129           | 625,797                         | 98,583               | 292,774    | 91,858                         | 483,215   | 1,109,012 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                         | 1,636                    | 2,520     | 4,156           | 585,034                         | 44,695               | 249,938    | 86,784                         | 381,417   | 966,451   |

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Table 6 – continued

## Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2008

|  | Number of dwelling units |           |                 | Estimated value of construction |                 |            |                                |           |           |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | Singles <sup>1</sup>     | Multiples | Total dwellings | Residential                     | Non-residential |            |                                | Total     |           |
|  |                          |           |                 |                                 | Industrial      | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |           |           |
|  | units                    |           |                 | thousands of dollars            |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| <b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>                  |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                                       | 74                       | 23        | 97              | 18,969                          | 8,104           | 6,604      | 4,477                          | 19,185    | 38,154    |
| August p                                     | 111                      | 36        | 147             | 25,482                          | 413             | 2,146      | 52                             | 2,611     | 28,093    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                 | 673                      | 335       | 1,008           | 181,398                         | 22,983          | 50,917     | 51,514                         | 125,414   | 306,812   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                 | 471                      | 256       | 727             | 114,881                         | 16,060          | 139,293    | 17,182                         | 172,535   | 287,416   |
| <b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>                      |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                                       | 40                       | 76        | 116             | 17,189                          | 1,551           | 576        | 4,416                          | 6,543     | 23,732    |
| August p                                     | 37                       | 24        | 61              | 11,907                          | 16,506          | 2,441      | 1,488                          | 20,435    | 32,342    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                 | 292                      | 271       | 563             | 95,337                          | 22,573          | 32,416     | 18,993                         | 73,982    | 169,319   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                 | 300                      | 254       | 554             | 93,205                          | 9,284           | 22,754     | 22,741                         | 54,779    | 147,984   |
| <b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>             |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                                       | 60                       | 14        | 74              | 10,526                          | 2,758           | 6,125      | 125                            | 9,008     | 19,534    |
| August p                                     | 48                       | 80        | 128             | 17,845                          | 198             | 4,357      | 139                            | 4,694     | 22,539    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                 | 492                      | 159       | 651             | 92,249                          | 53,505          | 33,354     | 3,011                          | 89,870    | 182,119   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                 | 367                      | 161       | 528             | 78,494                          | 42,832          | 26,776     | 1,743                          | 71,351    | 149,845   |
| <b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>               |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                                       | 132                      | 44        | 176             | 34,700                          | 92,269          | 18,999     | 2,640                          | 113,908   | 148,608   |
| August p                                     | 93                       | 201       | 294             | 45,593                          | 5,959           | 26,532     | 1,527                          | 34,018    | 79,611    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                 | 1,048                    | 775       | 1,823           | 293,309                         | 120,796         | 130,709    | 54,218                         | 305,723   | 599,032   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                 | 1,052                    | 724       | 1,776           | 253,330                         | 39,110          | 125,795    | 39,169                         | 204,074   | 457,404   |
| <b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>                    |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                                       | 56                       | 88        | 144             | 20,771                          | 2,180           | 1,703      | 2,325                          | 6,208     | 26,979    |
| August p                                     | 67                       | 261       | 328             | 35,034                          | 1,571           | 8,291      | 3,975                          | 13,837    | 48,871    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                 | 476                      | 844       | 1,320           | 184,000                         | 9,125           | 53,895     | 29,249                         | 92,269    | 276,269   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                 | 522                      | 389       | 911             | 148,386                         | 12,016          | 23,756     | 17,325                         | 53,097    | 201,483   |
| <b>St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario</b>       |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                                       | 59                       | 69        | 128             | 25,872                          | 1,335           | 6,152      | 4,319                          | 11,806    | 37,678    |
| August p                                     | 86                       | 93        | 179             | 29,289                          | 168             | 4,017      | 7,698                          | 11,883    | 41,172    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                 | 508                      | 463       | 971             | 197,975                         | 13,251          | 51,583     | 20,856                         | 85,690    | 283,665   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                 | 549                      | 199       | 748             | 168,803                         | 17,931          | 84,224     | 18,830                         | 120,985   | 289,788   |
| <b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b> |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                                       | 158                      | 84        | 242             | 50,091                          | 250             | 9,801      | 500                            | 10,551    | 60,642    |
| August p                                     | 152                      | 35        | 187             | 34,532                          | 704             | 34,473     | 1,250                          | 36,427    | 70,959    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                 | 1,185                    | 219       | 1,404           | 254,775                         | 15,057          | 66,282     | 28,290                         | 109,629   | 364,404   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                 | 795                      | 340       | 1,135           | 186,078                         | 2,835           | 44,423     | 14,666                         | 61,924    | 248,002   |
| <b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>                  |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                                       | 29                       | 0         | 29              | 5,416                           | 738             | 6,263      | 28,544                         | 35,545    | 40,961    |
| August p                                     | 25                       | 2         | 27              | 5,068                           | 225             | 3,299      | 1,254                          | 4,778     | 9,846     |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                 | 140                      | 36        | 176             | 30,815                          | 2,901           | 29,670     | 51,931                         | 84,502    | 115,317   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                 | 135                      | 25        | 160             | 29,141                          | 1,114           | 13,573     | 16,551                         | 31,238    | 60,379    |
| <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>                      |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                                       | 849                      | 2,897     | 3,746           | 725,087                         | 38,194          | 235,866    | 131,796                        | 405,856   | 1,130,943 |
| August p                                     | 853                      | 1,613     | 2,466           | 627,801                         | 39,124          | 238,146    | 101,824                        | 379,094   | 1,006,895 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                 | 7,297                    | 16,775    | 24,072          | 5,122,388                       | 495,275         | 2,157,646  | 868,688                        | 3,521,609 | 8,643,997 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                 | 8,875                    | 12,240    | 21,115          | 4,725,175                       | 692,927         | 2,009,485  | 840,633                        | 3,543,045 | 8,268,220 |
| <b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>                |                          |           |                 |                                 |                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July r                                       | 50                       | 65        | 115             | 20,052                          | 1,968           | 4,128      | 3,436                          | 9,532     | 29,584    |
| August p                                     | 14                       | 23        | 37              | 9,442                           | 2,419           | 4,771      | 3,126                          | 10,316    | 19,758    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008                 | 249                      | 493       | 742             | 111,962                         | 14,535          | 30,638     | 22,309                         | 67,482    | 179,444   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007                 | 247                      | 440       | 687             | 97,708                          | 20,977          | 47,160     | 25,851                         | 93,988    | 191,696   |

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Table 6 – continued

**Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted, 2008**

|                                    | Number of dwelling units |           |                 | Residential          | Estimated value of construction |            |                                |           | Total     |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                    | Singles <sup>1</sup>     | Multiples | Total dwellings |                      | Non-residential                 |            |                                | Total     |           |
|                                    |                          |           |                 |                      | Industrial                      | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |           |           |
|                                    | units                    |           |                 | thousands of dollars |                                 |            |                                |           |           |
| <b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b> |                          |           |                 |                      |                                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July <sup>r</sup>                  | 339                      | 801       | 1,140           | 271,717              | 6,789                           | 100,580    | 46,216                         | 153,585   | 425,302   |
| August <sup>p</sup>                | 343                      | 950       | 1,293           | 330,448              | 3,866                           | 116,781    | 30,713                         | 151,360   | 481,808   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008       | 2,782                    | 8,744     | 11,526          | 2,585,964            | 82,941                          | 1,140,403  | 286,469                        | 1,509,813 | 4,095,777 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007       | 2,710                    | 13,819    | 16,529          | 3,280,400            | 77,795                          | 1,316,801  | 282,699                        | 1,677,295 | 4,957,695 |
| <b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>  |                          |           |                 |                      |                                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July <sup>r</sup>                  | 77                       | 251       | 328             | 59,429               | 1,156                           | 11,434     | 11,352                         | 23,942    | 83,371    |
| August <sup>p</sup>                | 88                       | 60        | 148             | 40,642               | 736                             | 13,126     | 4,012                          | 17,874    | 58,516    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008       | 605                      | 1,057     | 1,662           | 393,282              | 11,648                          | 77,950     | 68,190                         | 157,788   | 551,070   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007       | 641                      | 1,647     | 2,288           | 486,079              | 9,701                           | 61,533     | 135,097                        | 206,331   | 692,410   |
| <b>Windsor, Ontario</b>            |                          |           |                 |                      |                                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July <sup>r</sup>                  | 36                       | 14        | 50              | 10,676               | 577                             | 10,504     | 15,612                         | 26,693    | 37,369    |
| August <sup>p</sup>                | 33                       | 12        | 45              | 10,035               | 297                             | 9,823      | 524                            | 10,644    | 20,679    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008       | 239                      | 80        | 319             | 73,298               | 15,558                          | 48,317     | 21,695                         | 85,570    | 158,868   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007       | 307                      | 155       | 462             | 96,697               | 19,293                          | 51,321     | 53,099                         | 123,713   | 220,410   |
| <b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>          |                          |           |                 |                      |                                 |            |                                |           |           |
| July <sup>r</sup>                  | 201                      | 273       | 474             | 84,736               | 6,732                           | 43,488     | 11,737                         | 61,957    | 146,693   |
| August <sup>p</sup>                | 193                      | 59        | 252             | 55,228               | 1,156                           | 28,965     | 2,414                          | 32,535    | 87,763    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008       | 1,537                    | 700       | 2,237           | 451,039              | 22,181                          | 170,372    | 42,514                         | 235,067   | 686,106   |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007       | 1,443                    | 1,198     | 2,641           | 405,818              | 7,111                           | 128,342    | 75,506                         | 210,959   | 616,777   |

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, 2008**

|                                  | Singles,<br>includes<br>mobile homes | Cottages | Doubles | Rows   | Apartments | Conversions | Total<br>dwellings |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| number of dwelling units         |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| <b>Canada</b>                    |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 9,784                                | 102      | 974     | 1,980  | 7,819      | 447         | 21,106             |
| August p                         | 8,307                                | 53       | 792     | 1,729  | 5,311      | 396         | 16,588             |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 69,403                               | 396      | 6,736   | 14,672 | 52,758     | 3,780       | 147,745            |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 80,863                               | 440      | 7,631   | 16,053 | 53,488     | 2,926       | 161,401            |
| <b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b> |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 348                                  | 1        | 25      | 9      | 68         | 0           | 451                |
| August p                         | 288                                  | 0        | 17      | 7      | 24         | 1           | 337                |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 1,786                                | 6        | 46      | 28     | 267        | 59          | 2,192              |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 1,313                                | 4        | 50      | 27     | 295        | 33          | 1,722              |
| <b>Prince Edward Island</b>      |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 57                                   | 5        | 3       | 0      | 2          | 0           | 67                 |
| August p                         | 42                                   | 0        | 0       | 0      | 20         | 0           | 62                 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 373                                  | 12       | 26      | 10     | 94         | 1           | 516                |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 406                                  | 21       | 51      | 7      | 38         | 4           | 527                |
| <b>Nova Scotia</b>               |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 319                                  | 12       | 11      | 6      | 124        | 3           | 475                |
| August p                         | 239                                  | 18       | 22      | 16     | 79         | 26          | 400                |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 2,076                                | 64       | 141     | 110    | 682        | 63          | 3,136              |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 1,981                                | 53       | 120     | 276    | 1,183      | 55          | 3,668              |
| <b>New Brunswick</b>             |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 259                                  | 14       | 25      | 6      | 66         | 1           | 371                |
| August p                         | 247                                  | 2        | 6       | 9      | 288        | 3           | 555                |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 1,773                                | 31       | 204     | 96     | 827        | 51          | 2,982              |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 1,908                                | 29       | 152     | 60     | 743        | 66          | 2,958              |
| <b>Quebec</b>                    |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 1,947                                | 32       | 328     | 199    | 2,667      | 237         | 5,410              |
| August p                         | 1,601                                | 24       | 202     | 75     | 2,038      | 163         | 4,103              |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 14,836                               | 135      | 2,021   | 1,122  | 14,098     | 2,016       | 34,228             |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 15,838                               | 172      | 1,491   | 1,660  | 12,928     | 1,371       | 33,460             |
| <b>Ontario</b>                   |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 3,344                                | 15       | 312     | 1,021  | 3,018      | 79          | 7,789              |
| August p                         | 2,841                                | 5        | 381     | 1,154  | 1,335      | 82          | 5,798              |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 23,186                               | 69       | 2,150   | 8,623  | 16,612     | 740         | 51,380             |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 26,058                               | 82       | 2,711   | 8,141  | 9,768      | 638         | 47,398             |
| <b>Manitoba</b>                  |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 470                                  | 4        | 3       | 54     | 268        | 1           | 800                |
| August p                         | 413                                  | 0        | 18      | 47     | 61         | 0           | 539                |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 3,136                                | 14       | 73      | 142    | 725        | 14          | 4,104              |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 2,816                                | 17       | 56      | 105    | 1,335      | 6           | 4,335              |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>              |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 384                                  | 4        | 16      | 30     | 104        | 19          | 557                |
| August p                         | 365                                  | 2        | 4       | 37     | 212        | 1           | 621                |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 2,948                                | 20       | 128     | 228    | 1,035      | 80          | 4,439              |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 2,297                                | 3        | 118     | 350    | 560        | 154         | 3,482              |
| <b>Alberta</b>                   |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 1,419                                | 14       | 165     | 61     | 456        | 10          | 2,125              |
| August p                         | 1,344                                | 2        | 105     | 127    | 214        | 6           | 1,798              |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 10,828                               | 42       | 1,442   | 1,100  | 7,170      | 55          | 20,637             |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 19,037                               | 42       | 2,210   | 2,322  | 10,352     | 172         | 34,135             |
| <b>British Columbia</b>          |                                      |          |         |        |            |             |                    |
| July r                           | 1,210                                | 1        | 72      | 590    | 1,018      | 96          | 2,987              |
| August p                         | 909                                  | 0        | 37      | 257    | 1,033      | 114         | 2,350              |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 8,330                                | 2        | 487     | 3,199  | 11,161     | 698         | 23,877             |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 9,039                                | 13       | 646     | 3,093  | 16,104     | 421         | 29,316             |



Table 7 – continued

## Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2008

|                              | Singles,<br>includes<br>mobile homes | Cottages | Doubles | Rows | Apartments | Conversions | Total<br>dwellings |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| number of dwelling units     |                                      |          |         |      |            |             |                    |
| <b>Yukon Territory</b>       |                                      |          |         |      |            |             |                    |
| July <sup>r</sup>            | 18                                   | 0        | 14      | 4    | 7          | 0           | 43                 |
| August <sup>p</sup>          | 10                                   | 0        | 0       | 0    | 2          | 0           | 12                 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008 | 99                                   | 1        | 18      | 4    | 20         | 2           | 144                |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007 | 119                                  | 4        | 22      | 0    | 22         | 3           | 170                |
| <b>Northwest Territories</b> |                                      |          |         |      |            |             |                    |
| July <sup>r</sup>            | 2                                    | 0        | 0       | 0    | 6          | 1           | 9                  |
| August <sup>p</sup>          | 6                                    | 0        | 0       | 0    | 0          | 0           | 6                  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008 | 16                                   | 0        | 0       | 0    | 9          | 1           | 26                 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007 | 40                                   | 0        | 0       | 0    | 0          | 0           | 40                 |
| <b>Nunavut</b>               |                                      |          |         |      |            |             |                    |
| July <sup>r</sup>            | 7                                    | 0        | 0       | 0    | 15         | 0           | 22                 |
| August <sup>p</sup>          | 2                                    | 0        | 0       | 0    | 5          | 0           | 7                  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008 | 16                                   | 0        | 0       | 10   | 58         | 0           | 84                 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007 | 11                                   | 0        | 4       | 12   | 160        | 3           | 190                |

**Table 8**  
**Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, August 2008**

|   | Singles,<br>includes<br>mobile homes | Cottages | Doubles | Rows | Apartments | Conversions | Total<br>dwellings |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| number of dwelling units                      |                                      |          |         |      |            |             |                    |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia                  | 39                                   | 0        | 0       | 0    | 4          | 0           | 43                 |
| Barrie, Ontario                               | 56                                   | 0        | 2       | 0    | 0          | 0           | 58                 |
| Brantford, Ontario                            | 22                                   | 0        | 0       | 11   | 0          | 13          | 46                 |
| Calgary, Alberta                              | 363                                  | 0        | 37      | 9    | 4          | 0           | 413                |
| Edmonton, Alberta                             | 227                                  | 0        | 40      | 39   | 92         | 4           | 402                |
| Greater Sudbury, Ontario                      | 52                                   | 1        | 0       | 0    | 6          | 2           | 61                 |
| Guelph, Ontario                               | 24                                   | 0        | 4       | 23   | 55         | 11          | 117                |
| Halifax, Nova Scotia                          | 98                                   | 0        | 3       | 4    | 52         | 1           | 158                |
| Hamilton, Ontario                             | 186                                  | 0        | 92      | 183  | 3          | 7           | 471                |
| Kelowna, British Columbia                     | 47                                   | 0        | 0       | 4    | 42         | 2           | 95                 |
| Kingston, Ontario                             | 42                                   | 0        | 0       | 0    | 0          | 0           | 42                 |
| Kitchener, Ontario                            | 110                                  | 0        | 10      | 69   | 0          | 2           | 191                |
| London, Ontario                               | 91                                   | 0        | 0       | 65   | 60         | 6           | 222                |
| Moncton, New Brunswick                        | 43                                   | 0        | 0       | 0    | 96         | 2           | 141                |
| Montréal, Quebec                              | 538                                  | 1        | 65      | 44   | 960        | 87          | 1,695              |
| Oshawa, Ontario                               | 87                                   | 0        | 8       | 61   | 2          | 0           | 158                |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec               | 339                                  | 2        | 54      | 264  | 85         | 7           | 751                |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec | 278                                  | 1        | 20      | 260  | 63         | 5           | 627                |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec  | 61                                   | 1        | 34      | 4    | 22         | 2           | 124                |
| Peterborough, Ontario                         | 43                                   | 0        | 0       | 13   | 30         | 0           | 86                 |
| Québec, Quebec                                | 170                                  | 1        | 34      | 0    | 173        | 17          | 395                |
| Regina, Saskatchewan                          | 107                                  | 0        | 0       | 0    | 36         | 0           | 143                |
| Saguenay, Quebec                              | 31                                   | 1        | 0       | 0    | 10         | 12          | 54                 |
| Saint John, New Brunswick                     | 62                                   | 1        | 4       | 6    | 69         | 1           | 143                |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan                       | 90                                   | 0        | 4       | 32   | 164        | 1           | 291                |
| Sherbrooke, Quebec                            | 57                                   | 0        | 6       | 4    | 226        | 5           | 298                |
| St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario               | 86                                   | 0        | 14      | 39   | 40         | 0           | 179                |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador         | 179                                  | 0        | 11      | 7    | 16         | 1           | 214                |
| Thunder Bay, Ontario                          | 25                                   | 0        | 2       | 0    | 0          | 0           | 27                 |
| Toronto, Ontario                              | 853                                  | 0        | 185     | 358  | 1,046      | 25          | 2,467              |
| Trois-Rivières, Quebec                        | 12                                   | 0        | 3       | 0    | 16         | 2           | 33                 |
| Vancouver, British Columbia                   | 326                                  | 0        | 16      | 145  | 719        | 71          | 1,277              |
| Victoria, British Columbia                    | 84                                   | 0        | 9       | 32   | 3          | 16          | 144                |
| Windsor, Ontario                              | 33                                   | 0        | 8       | 4    | 0          | 0           | 45                 |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba                            | 206                                  | 0        | 12      | 43   | 4          | 0           | 265                |

**Table 9**  
**Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative, January to August 2008**

|   | Singles,<br>includes<br>mobile homes | Cottages | Doubles | Rows  | Apartments | Conversions | Total<br>dwellings |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| number of dwelling units                      |                                      |          |         |       |            |             |                    |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia                  | 282                                  | 0        | 0       | 95    | 727        | 2           | 1,106              |
| Barrie, Ontario                               | 932                                  | 0        | 8       | 157   | 187        | 4           | 1,288              |
| Brantford, Ontario                            | 210                                  | 0        | 2       | 70    | 124        | 19          | 425                |
| Calgary, Alberta                              | 3,178                                | 0        | 534     | 370   | 2,847      | 4           | 6,933              |
| Edmonton, Alberta                             | 1,825                                | 0        | 615     | 375   | 2,102      | 25          | 4,942              |
| Greater Sudbury, Ontario                      | 378                                  | 2        | 0       | 0     | 36         | 13          | 429                |
| Guelph, Ontario                               | 327                                  | 0        | 31      | 95    | 169        | 59          | 681                |
| Halifax, Nova Scotia                          | 879                                  | 5        | 49      | 83    | 471        | 29          | 1,516              |
| Hamilton, Ontario                             | 1,311                                | 0        | 178     | 892   | 552        | 20          | 2,953              |
| Kelowna, British Columbia                     | 541                                  | 0        | 30      | 104   | 1,108      | 17          | 1,800              |
| Kingston, Ontario                             | 426                                  | 6        | 30      | 9     | 0          | 2           | 473                |
| Kitchener, Ontario                            | 852                                  | 0        | 79      | 456   | 410        | 27          | 1,824              |
| London, Ontario                               | 978                                  | 0        | 11      | 314   | 1,158      | 21          | 2,482              |
| Moncton, New Brunswick                        | 361                                  | 1        | 156     | 3     | 353        | 18          | 892                |
| Montréal, Quebec                              | 5,078                                | 1        | 604     | 641   | 8,074      | 900         | 15,298             |
| Oshawa, Ontario                               | 1,043                                | 0        | 90      | 447   | 4          | 1           | 1,585              |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec               | 2,704                                | 2        | 460     | 2,049 | 1,620      | 71          | 6,906              |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec | 2,065                                | 1        | 130     | 1,946 | 1,013      | 54          | 5,209              |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec  | 639                                  | 1        | 330     | 103   | 607        | 17          | 1,697              |
| Peterborough, Ontario                         | 230                                  | 0        | 0       | 35    | 56         | 0           | 321                |
| Québec, Quebec                                | 1,588                                | 5        | 313     | 127   | 1,792      | 266         | 4,091              |
| Regina, Saskatchewan                          | 663                                  | 1        | 22      | 0     | 294        | 19          | 999                |
| Saguenay, Quebec                              | 328                                  | 1        | 6       | 0     | 149        | 102         | 586                |
| Saint John, New Brunswick                     | 468                                  | 12       | 20      | 26    | 109        | 5           | 640                |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan                       | 1,055                                | 0        | 61      | 169   | 506        | 39          | 1,830              |
| Sherbrooke, Quebec                            | 486                                  | 0        | 125     | 57    | 555        | 39          | 1,262              |
| St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario               | 524                                  | 0        | 62      | 232   | 157        | 12          | 987                |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador         | 1,088                                | 0        | 38      | 28    | 144        | 9           | 1,307              |
| Thunder Bay, Ontario                          | 150                                  | 2        | 4       | 0     | 32         | 1           | 189                |
| Toronto, Ontario                              | 7,190                                | 0        | 1,266   | 3,314 | 11,810     | 388         | 23,968             |
| Trois-Rivières, Quebec                        | 261                                  | 0        | 89      | 12    | 300        | 35          | 697                |
| Vancouver, British Columbia                   | 2,910                                | 0        | 162     | 1,976 | 6,141      | 470         | 11,659             |
| Victoria, British Columbia                    | 630                                  | 0        | 30      | 288   | 691        | 52          | 1,691              |
| Windsor, Ontario                              | 247                                  | 0        | 18      | 16    | 42         | 4           | 327                |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba                            | 1,609                                | 1        | 42      | 130   | 527        | 1           | 2,310              |

**Table 10**  
**Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2008**

|                                  | Value of construction |                 |            |                                | Total      |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
|                                  | Residential           | Non-residential |            |                                |            |
|                                  |                       | Industrial      | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |            |
| thousands of dollars             |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| <b>Canada</b>                    |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 4,245,348             | 505,189         | 1,487,671  | 781,132                        | 7,019,340  |
| August p                         | 3,459,895             | 415,255         | 1,362,790  | 478,792                        | 5,716,732  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 29,543,109            | 3,335,454       | 11,339,920 | 4,922,469                      | 49,140,952 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 30,611,131            | 3,440,951       | 11,430,969 | 4,533,618                      | 50,016,669 |
| <b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b> |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 87,069                | 1,456           | 12,472     | 1,057                          | 102,054    |
| August p                         | 64,047                | 704             | 35,704     | 9,002                          | 109,457    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 389,182               | 21,280          | 88,742     | 39,527                         | 538,731    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 288,735               | 20,650          | 65,683     | 28,203                         | 403,271    |
| <b>Prince Edward Island</b>      |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 12,002                | 646             | 4,255      | 1,468                          | 18,371     |
| August p                         | 10,252                | 646             | 1,643      | 4,417                          | 16,958     |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 82,799                | 5,512           | 28,354     | 33,018                         | 149,683    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 79,003                | 5,572           | 16,046     | 2,513                          | 103,134    |
| <b>Nova Scotia</b>               |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 91,302                | 4,331           | 18,552     | 24,149                         | 138,334    |
| August p                         | 68,106                | 5,153           | 16,099     | 14,327                         | 103,685    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 588,155               | 32,734          | 159,665    | 109,213                        | 889,767    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 595,271               | 41,977          | 199,598    | 54,633                         | 891,479    |
| <b>New Brunswick</b>             |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 57,711                | 8,985           | 16,085     | 18,066                         | 100,847    |
| August p                         | 69,326                | 12,645          | 24,292     | 33,569                         | 139,832    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 406,132               | 86,183          | 149,237    | 91,163                         | 732,715    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 404,687               | 96,929          | 147,396    | 40,781                         | 689,793    |
| <b>Quebec</b>                    |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 912,549               | 121,347         | 266,146    | 100,637                        | 1,400,679  |
| August p                         | 691,243               | 107,410         | 200,589    | 108,111                        | 1,107,353  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 5,934,717             | 602,423         | 1,736,321  | 683,640                        | 8,957,101  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 5,611,323             | 574,950         | 1,588,570  | 915,357                        | 8,690,200  |
| <b>Ontario</b>                   |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 1,591,226             | 133,387         | 453,842    | 393,520                        | 2,571,975  |
| August p                         | 1,315,212             | 140,885         | 483,513    | 222,350                        | 2,161,960  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 10,566,390            | 1,230,182       | 3,735,350  | 2,347,982                      | 17,879,904 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 9,898,680             | 1,753,241       | 3,583,656  | 2,015,281                      | 17,250,858 |
| <b>Manitoba</b>                  |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 149,601               | 10,946          | 51,254     | 13,951                         | 225,752    |
| August p                         | 100,782               | 5,086           | 40,881     | 3,270                          | 150,019    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 775,227               | 58,838          | 231,924    | 62,156                         | 1,128,145  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 689,519               | 40,844          | 186,443    | 147,779                        | 1,064,585  |
| <b>Saskatchewan</b>              |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 110,859               | 111,714         | 34,037     | 42,007                         | 298,617    |
| August p                         | 109,548               | 15,198          | 37,621     | 2,323                          | 164,690    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 816,748               | 182,755         | 299,247    | 152,742                        | 1,451,492  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 564,914               | 65,058          | 358,427    | 90,446                         | 1,078,845  |
| <b>Alberta</b>                   |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 529,598               | 92,866          | 454,939    | 106,057                        | 1,183,460  |
| August p                         | 437,055               | 97,892          | 353,198    | 33,734                         | 921,879    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 4,576,294             | 910,610         | 3,152,555  | 888,841                        | 9,528,300  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 6,438,231             | 607,103         | 3,271,345  | 552,987                        | 10,869,666 |
| <b>British Columbia</b>          |                       |                 |            |                                |            |
| July r                           | 690,873               | 18,325          | 168,559    | 80,088                         | 957,845    |
| August p                         | 588,156               | 29,435          | 168,056    | 45,464                         | 831,111    |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008     | 5,354,141             | 200,738         | 1,723,886  | 508,619                        | 7,787,384  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007     | 5,952,758             | 219,437         | 1,979,349  | 655,182                        | 8,806,726  |

Table 10 – continued

## Value of residential and non-residential building permits, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2008

|                              | Value of construction |                 |            |                                | Total  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------|
|                              | Residential           | Non-residential |            |                                |        |
|                              |                       | Industrial      | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |        |
|                              | thousands of dollars  |                 |            |                                |        |
| <b>Yukon Territory</b>       |                       |                 |            |                                |        |
| July <sup>r</sup>            | 7,585                 | 1,161           | 1,185      | 119                            | 10,050 |
| August <sup>p</sup>          | 2,306                 | 0               | 104        | 2,225                          | 4,635  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008 | 26,635                | 2,578           | 4,430      | 4,161                          | 37,804 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007 | 27,696                | 13,307          | 5,028      | 11,925                         | 57,956 |
| <b>Northwest Territories</b> |                       |                 |            |                                |        |
| July <sup>r</sup>            | 2,680                 | 25              | 345        | 13                             | 3,063  |
| August <sup>p</sup>          | 1,766                 | 1               | 490        | 0                              | 2,257  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008 | 7,582                 | 569             | 20,139     | 65                             | 28,355 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007 | 13,507                | 1,865           | 26,397     | 12,685                         | 54,454 |
| <b>Nunavut</b>               |                       |                 |            |                                |        |
| July <sup>r</sup>            | 2,293                 | 0               | 6,000      | 0                              | 8,293  |
| August <sup>p</sup>          | 2,096                 | 200             | 600        | 0                              | 2,896  |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2008 | 19,107                | 1,052           | 10,070     | 1,342                          | 31,571 |
| Cumulative Jan. to Aug. 2007 | 46,807                | 18              | 3,031      | 5,846                          | 55,702 |

**Table 11**  
**Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, August 2008**

|   | Value of construction |                 |            |                                | Total     |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
|   | Residential           | Non-residential |            |                                |           |
|   |                       | Industrial      | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |           |
|   | thousands of dollars  |                 |            |                                |           |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia                  | 8,646                 | 2,303           | 237        | 1,060                          | 12,246    |
| Barrie, Ontario                               | 20,594                | 857             | 3,846      | 7,840                          | 33,137    |
| Brantford, Ontario                            | 5,688                 | 1,968           | 3,239      | 74                             | 10,969    |
| Calgary, Alberta                              | 116,632               | 10,342          | 172,579    | 19,179                         | 318,732   |
| Edmonton, Alberta                             | 116,718               | 17,627          | 101,222    | 4,000                          | 239,567   |
| Greater Sudbury, Ontario                      | 15,443                | 16,298          | 7,326      | 2,801                          | 41,868    |
| Guelph, Ontario                               | 13,860                | 2,836           | 10,805     | 6,039                          | 33,540    |
| Halifax, Nova Scotia                          | 27,448                | 981             | 10,321     | 790                            | 39,540    |
| Hamilton, Ontario                             | 82,962                | 722             | 18,362     | 2,078                          | 104,124   |
| Kelowna, British Columbia                     | 27,919                | 100             | 15,687     | 35                             | 43,741    |
| Kingston, Ontario                             | 8,868                 | 5,814           | 4,077      | 1,064                          | 19,823    |
| Kitchener, Ontario                            | 37,132                | 5,638           | 6,182      | 40,461                         | 89,413    |
| London, Ontario                               | 38,100                | 6,602           | 28,990     | 1,957                          | 75,649    |
| Moncton, New Brunswick                        | 14,000                | 6,216           | 15,410     | 6,089                          | 41,715    |
| Montréal, Quebec                              | 299,348               | 34,349          | 117,787    | 49,997                         | 501,481   |
| Oshawa, Ontario                               | 34,467                | 10,687          | 3,639      | 3,658                          | 52,451    |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec               | 124,989               | 2,737           | 27,427     | 13,990                         | 169,143   |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec | 104,351               | 2,204           | 25,608     | 10,496                         | 142,659   |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec  | 20,638                | 533             | 1,819      | 3,494                          | 26,484    |
| Peterborough, Ontario                         | 19,457                | 146             | 23,167     | 3,002                          | 45,772    |
| Québec, Quebec                                | 66,485                | 7,775           | 27,869     | 9,087                          | 111,216   |
| Regina, Saskatchewan                          | 24,860                | 413             | 2,146      | 52                             | 27,471    |
| Saguenay, Quebec                              | 10,802                | 16,506          | 2,372      | 1,488                          | 31,168    |
| Saint John, New Brunswick                     | 19,588                | 198             | 4,357      | 139                            | 24,282    |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan                       | 45,024                | 5,959           | 26,532     | 1,527                          | 79,042    |
| Sherbrooke, Quebec                            | 30,258                | 1,571           | 8,057      | 3,975                          | 43,861    |
| St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario               | 29,831                | 168             | 4,402      | 7,698                          | 42,099    |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador         | 42,429                | 704             | 34,473     | 1,250                          | 78,856    |
| Thunder Bay, Ontario                          | 5,219                 | 225             | 3,616      | 1,254                          | 10,314    |
| Toronto, Ontario                              | 637,003               | 39,124          | 260,990    | 101,824                        | 1,038,941 |
| Trois-Rivières, Quebec                        | 8,380                 | 2,419           | 4,636      | 3,126                          | 18,561    |
| Vancouver, British Columbia                   | 326,281               | 3,866           | 116,781    | 30,713                         | 477,641   |
| Victoria, British Columbia                    | 39,750                | 736             | 13,126     | 4,012                          | 57,624    |
| Windsor, Ontario                              | 10,300                | 297             | 10,765     | 524                            | 21,886    |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba                            | 58,145                | 1,156           | 28,965     | 2,414                          | 90,680    |

**Table 12**  
**Value of residential and non-residential building permits, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, cumulative,**  
**January to August 2008**

|   | Value of construction |                 |            |                                | Total     |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
|   | Residential           | Non-residential |            |                                |           |
|   |                       | Industrial      | Commercial | Institutional and governmental |           |
|   | thousands of dollars  |                 |            |                                |           |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia                  | 160,319               | 16,145          | 98,223     | 29,406                         | 304,093   |
| Barrie, Ontario                               | 309,113               | 133,394         | 114,490    | 45,490                         | 602,487   |
| Brantford, Ontario                            | 55,962                | 8,211           | 15,073     | 17,295                         | 96,541    |
| Calgary, Alberta                              | 1,581,800             | 148,041         | 1,471,632  | 294,091                        | 3,495,564 |
| Edmonton, Alberta                             | 1,133,987             | 237,092         | 785,427    | 317,473                        | 2,473,979 |
| Greater Sudbury, Ontario                      | 103,814               | 31,373          | 28,374     | 33,458                         | 197,019   |
| Guelph, Ontario                               | 100,197               | 15,975          | 29,537     | 27,348                         | 173,057   |
| Halifax, Nova Scotia                          | 290,197               | 9,638           | 98,767     | 73,846                         | 472,448   |
| Hamilton, Ontario                             | 574,424               | 23,994          | 190,981    | 202,144                        | 991,543   |
| Kelowna, British Columbia                     | 426,486               | 5,722           | 62,431     | 33,128                         | 527,767   |
| Kingston, Ontario                             | 86,278                | 10,971          | 40,578     | 114,963                        | 252,790   |
| Kitchener, Ontario                            | 337,901               | 48,048          | 155,321    | 219,534                        | 760,804   |
| London, Ontario                               | 399,124               | 49,991          | 75,339     | 250,695                        | 775,149   |
| Moncton, New Brunswick                        | 106,353               | 11,666          | 51,120     | 25,395                         | 194,534   |
| Montréal, Quebec                              | 2,692,969             | 240,011         | 907,211    | 239,808                        | 4,079,999 |
| Oshawa, Ontario                               | 350,892               | 44,467          | 103,103    | 63,326                         | 561,788   |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec               | 1,052,469             | 16,529          | 359,890    | 145,894                        | 1,574,782 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec | 805,918               | 13,333          | 267,810    | 105,717                        | 1,192,778 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec  | 246,551               | 3,196           | 92,080     | 40,177                         | 382,004   |
| Peterborough, Ontario                         | 70,871                | 3,111           | 36,429     | 15,557                         | 125,968   |
| Québec, Quebec                                | 636,008               | 98,583          | 282,853    | 91,858                         | 1,109,302 |
| Regina, Saskatchewan                          | 180,378               | 22,983          | 50,917     | 51,514                         | 305,792   |
| Saguenay, Quebec                              | 104,515               | 22,573          | 32,546     | 18,993                         | 178,627   |
| Saint John, New Brunswick                     | 94,069                | 53,505          | 33,354     | 3,011                          | 183,939   |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan                       | 298,315               | 120,796         | 130,709    | 54,218                         | 604,038   |
| Sherbrooke, Quebec                            | 182,324               | 9,125           | 52,500     | 29,249                         | 273,198   |
| St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario               | 201,731               | 13,251          | 48,896     | 20,856                         | 284,734   |
| St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador         | 247,632               | 15,057          | 66,282     | 28,290                         | 357,261   |
| Thunder Bay, Ontario                          | 33,753                | 2,901           | 31,656     | 51,931                         | 120,241   |
| Toronto, Ontario                              | 5,081,998             | 495,275         | 2,078,256  | 868,688                        | 8,524,217 |
| Trois-Rivières, Quebec                        | 110,711               | 14,535          | 30,829     | 22,309                         | 178,384   |
| Vancouver, British Columbia                   | 2,629,960             | 82,941          | 1,140,403  | 286,469                        | 4,139,773 |
| Victoria, British Columbia                    | 404,985               | 11,648          | 77,950     | 68,190                         | 562,773   |
| Windsor, Ontario                              | 75,388                | 15,558          | 48,290     | 21,695                         | 160,931   |
| Winnipeg, Manitoba                            | 458,637               | 22,181          | 170,372    | 42,514                         | 693,704   |

**Table 13**  
**Value of the non-residential permits by type of building, provinces and territories, August 2008**

|  | Canada           | Newfoundland<br>and<br>Labrador | Prince<br>Edward<br>Island | Nova<br>Scotia      | New<br>Brunswick   | Quebec                   | Ontario        |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| thousands of dollars   |                  |                                 |                            |                     |                    |                          |                |
| <b>Total non-residential</b>   | <b>2,256,837</b> | <b>45,410</b>                   | <b>6,706</b>               | <b>35,579</b>       | <b>70,506</b>      | <b>416,110</b>           | <b>846,748</b> |
| <b>Industrial</b>  | <b>415,255</b>   | <b>704</b>                      | <b>646</b>                 | <b>5,153</b>        | <b>12,645</b>      | <b>107,410</b>           | <b>140,885</b> |
| Factories, plants  | 180,428          | 453                             | 350                        | 2,576               | 6,100              | 65,965                   | 56,718         |
| Transportation, utilities  | 118,636          | 250                             | 0                          | 0                   | 3,274              | 14,129                   | 34,845         |
| Mining and agriculture   | 47,818           | 0                               | 0                          | 1,158               | 1,750              | 11,668                   | 21,677         |
| Minor industrial projects, new and improvements <sup>1</sup>                     | 68,373           | 1                               | 296                        | 1,419               | 1,521              | 15,648                   | 27,645         |
| <b>Commercial</b>  | <b>1,362,790</b> | <b>35,704</b>                   | <b>1,643</b>               | <b>16,099</b>       | <b>24,292</b>      | <b>200,589</b>           | <b>483,513</b> |
| Trade and services   | 310,449          | 1,011                           | 850                        | 9,770               | 6,838              | 45,791                   | 94,444         |
| Warehouses   | 229,510          | 24,610                          | 0                          | 0                   | 1,170              | 19,913                   | 96,772         |
| Service stations   | 15,979           | 0                               | 0                          | 0                   | 250                | 4,114                    | 1,509          |
| Office buildings   | 290,147          | 4,250                           | 270                        | 840                 | 6,299              | 28,997                   | 85,407         |
| Recreation   | 121,159          | 3,500                           | 0                          | 0                   | 0                  | 46,221                   | 50,189         |
| Hotels, restaurants  | 216,746          | 380                             | 0                          | 383                 | 6,103              | 8,657                    | 95,697         |
| Laboratories   | 21,457           | 0                               | 0                          | 0                   | 0                  | 18,207                   | 2,500          |
| Minor commercial projects, new and improvements <sup>1</sup>                     | 157,343          | 1,953                           | 523                        | 5,106               | 3,632              | 28,689                   | 56,995         |
| <b>Institutional and governmental</b>  | <b>478,792</b>   | <b>9,002</b>                    | <b>4,417</b>               | <b>14,327</b>       | <b>33,569</b>      | <b>108,111</b>           | <b>222,350</b> |
| Schools, education   | 258,036          | 0                               | 4,300                      | 12,559              | 24,800             | 34,129                   | 150,641        |
| Hospitals, medical   | 54,894           | 0                               | 0                          | 0                   | 1,000              | 29,406                   | 18,668         |
| Welfare, home  | 72,249           | 0                               | 0                          | 298                 | 5,725              | 26,773                   | 17,114         |
| Churches, religion   | 28,346           | 0                               | 0                          | 400                 | 0                  | 460                      | 16,418         |
| Government buildings   | 26,753           | 6,960                           | 0                          | 0                   | 0                  | 8,480                    | 7,042          |
| Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements <sup>1</sup> | 38,514           | 2,042                           | 117                        | 1,070               | 2,044              | 8,863                    | 12,467         |
| thousands of dollars   |                  |                                 |                            |                     |                    |                          |                |
|  | Manitoba         | Saskatchewan                    | Alberta                    | British<br>Columbia | Yukon<br>Territory | Northwest<br>Territories | Nunavut        |
| <b>Total non-residential</b>   | <b>49,237</b>    | <b>55,142</b>                   | <b>484,824</b>             | <b>242,955</b>      | <b>2,329</b>       | <b>491</b>               | <b>800</b>     |
| <b>Industrial</b>  | <b>5,086</b>     | <b>15,198</b>                   | <b>97,892</b>              | <b>29,435</b>       | <b>0</b>           | <b>1</b>                 | <b>200</b>     |
| Factories, plants  | 400              | 12,631                          | 32,340                     | 2,895               | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Transportation, utilities  | 275              | 0                               | 52,023                     | 13,840              | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Mining and agriculture   | 1,600            | 0                               | 6,240                      | 3,725               | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Minor industrial projects, new and improvements <sup>1</sup>                     | 2,811            | 2,567                           | 7,289                      | 8,975               | 0                  | 1                        | 200            |
| <b>Commercial</b>  | <b>40,881</b>    | <b>37,621</b>                   | <b>353,198</b>             | <b>168,056</b>      | <b>104</b>         | <b>490</b>               | <b>600</b>     |
| Trade and services   | 13,940           | 8,099                           | 109,093                    | 20,363              | 0                  | 250                      | 0              |
| Warehouses   | 3,250            | 13,763                          | 58,829                     | 11,203              | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Service stations   | 750              | 0                               | 6,076                      | 3,280               | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Office buildings   | 11,476           | 12,058                          | 58,164                     | 81,786              | 0                  | 0                        | 600            |
| Recreation   | 4,369            | 0                               | 8,650                      | 8,230               | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Hotels, restaurants  | 900              | 0                               | 84,389                     | 20,237              | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Laboratories   | 0                | 0                               | 750                        | 0                   | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Minor commercial projects, new and improvements <sup>1</sup>                     | 6,196            | 3,701                           | 27,247                     | 22,957              | 104                | 240                      | 0              |
| <b>Institutional and governmental</b>  | <b>3,270</b>     | <b>2,323</b>                    | <b>33,734</b>              | <b>45,464</b>       | <b>2,225</b>       | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>       |
| Schools, education   | 848              | 1,025                           | 15,959                     | 13,775              | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Hospitals, medical   | 0                | 0                               | 1,648                      | 4,172               | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Welfare, home  | 360              | 0                               | 1,499                      | 20,480              | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Churches, religion   | 1,100            | 250                             | 7,300                      | 2,418               | 0                  | 0                        | 0              |
| Government buildings   | 0                | 0                               | 1,471                      | 910                 | 1,890              | 0                        | 0              |
| Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements <sup>1</sup> | 962              | 1,048                           | 5,857                      | 3,709               | 335                | 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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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 2007, more than 99% of the municipalities covered by the survey sent their monthly Building Permits reports.

## Comparability of data and related sources

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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 and 026-0010.



# Appendix I

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## Geographical abbreviations

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| C   | Cité / City  |
| CC  | Chartered community  |
| CÉ  | Cité   |
| CG  | Community government   |
| CM  | County (municipality)  |
| CN  | Colonie de la couronne / Crown colony                                  |
| COM | Community  |
| CT  | Canton (municipalité de)   |
| CU  | Cantons unis (municipalité de)   |
| CY  | City   |
| DM  | District municipality  |
| HAM | Hamlet   |
| ID  | Improvement district   |
| IGD | Indian government district   |
| IM  | Island municipality  |
| IRI | Réserve indienne / Indian reserve                                      |
| LGD | Local government district  |
| LOT | Township and royalty   |
| M   | Municipalité / Municipality  |
| MD  | Municipal district   |
| MÉ  | Municipalité   |
| MU  | Municipality   |
| NH  | Northern hamlet  |
| NL  | Nisgaa land  |
| NO  | Non organisé / Unorganized   |
| NV  | Northern village   |
| NVL | Nisgaa village   |
| P   | Paroisse (municipalité de) / Parish                                    |
| PE  | Paroisse (municipalité de)   |
| RCR | Communauté rurale / Rural community                                    |
| RDA | Regional district electoral area                                       |
| RG  | Region   |
| RGM | Regional municipality  |
| RM  | Rural municipality   |
| RV  | Resort village   |
| S-É | Établissement indien / Indian settlement                               |
| SA  | Special area   |
| SC  | Subdivision municipalité de comté / Subdivision of county municipality |
| SÉ  | Établissement / Settlement   |
| SET | Settlement   |
| SM  | Specialized municipality   |
| SNO | Subdivision non organisée / Subdivision of unorganized                 |
| SV  | Summer village   |
| T   | Town   |

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| TC | Terres réservées aux Cris     |
| TI | Terre inuite                  |
| TK | Terres réservées aux Naskapis |
| TL | Teslin land                   |
| TP | Township                      |
| TV | Ville / Town                  |
| V  | Ville                         |
| VC | Village cri                   |
| VK | Village naskapi               |
| VL | Village                       |
| VN | Village nordique              |