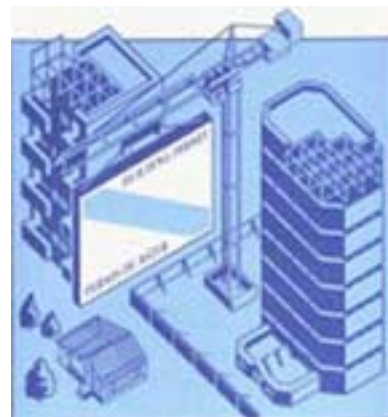


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Highlights

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The value of non-residential permits declined 23.9% to \$2.4 billion following a 41.0% increase in September. October's decrease occurred mainly as a result of a decline in non-residential components in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Municipalities issued \$3.0 billion in permits for the residential sector in October, down 7.8%. It was the third consecutive monthly drop, and was a result of declines in both single and multiple dwellings. Provincially, British Columbia registered the largest decrease, as a result of declines in the value of multi-family permits.

On a year-to-date (January to October) basis, the total value of building permits issued by municipalities reached \$60.9 billion, down 2.3% from the same period in 2007. The residential sector decreased by 6.5%, while the non-residential sector was 4.2% higher.

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 this release, the census metropolitan area of Ottawa–Gatineau (Ontario/Quebec) is divided into two areas: Gatineau part and Ottawa part.

Non-residential sector: Declines in all three components

The value of permits declined in all three components of the non-residential sector.

The value of institutional permits fell by 27.7% to \$731 million after more than doubling (+114.0%) in September. The decrease came mostly from lower construction intentions for medical projects in Ontario and educational projects in Saskatchewan.

Despite the decline, the value of institutional permits in October was 27.5% higher than the average monthly level of 2007.

In the industrial component, contractors took out permits worth \$388 million, down 41.5% from September. This followed a 60.9% increase the month before. The decrease came mostly from maintenance buildings in Ontario and utility buildings in Alberta.

In the commercial component, the value of permits decreased 13.4% to \$1.3 billion, after a 9.7% increase in September. The lower demand for permits associated with office and recreation buildings in both Ontario and Alberta was behind this decline.

On a year-to-date basis, the institutional and industrial components experienced increases of 16.1% and 5.8% respectively. On the other hand, the largest component (the commercial) was down 0.9% from the same period in 2007.

Residential sector: Declines in both single- and multi-family permits

The value of single-family permits decreased 6.0% to \$2.0 billion, the fourth consecutive monthly retreat.

All provinces, except Manitoba and Newfoundland and Labrador, recorded a decline in the value of single-family permits in October. The largest declines (in dollars) occurred in Alberta and British Columbia.

Municipalities issued \$1.0 billion worth of permits for multi-family dwellings in October, down 10.9% from September and the third consecutive monthly decrease. Although seven provinces reported a decrease in October, British Columbia accounted for most of the decline at the national level. Alberta and Saskatchewan registered increases.

Municipalities approved 14,454 new dwellings in October, down 9.8% from September. Of these, 7,376 were multi-family units, down 12.4%, while 7,078 were single-family units, a 6.9% decline.

Permits down in most provinces

The value of building permits fell in eight provinces in October.

The most significant decreases occurred in Ontario, (-24.8% to \$1.8 billion), Saskatchewan (-58.7% to \$138 million) and Alberta (-17.5% to \$844 million). The decreases came mainly from the non-residential sector. In contrast, all three provinces recorded increases of at least 10% in September.

Quebec reported an 8.5% increase to \$1.3 billion, as a result of higher construction intentions in industrial and institutional buildings. Newfoundland and Labrador also reported an increase as a result of gains in commercial intentions.

Metropolitan areas: Large decreases in Toronto and Saskatoon

Of the 34 census metropolitan areas, 19 recorded decreases in the value of building permits in October.

The largest declines occurred in Toronto, followed by Saskatoon and Edmonton, mostly as a result of drops in the non-residential sector.

The value of permits rose in Guelph as a result of increases in non-residential permits. After two consecutive monthly declines, Calgary registered increases in both the residential and non-residential sectors.

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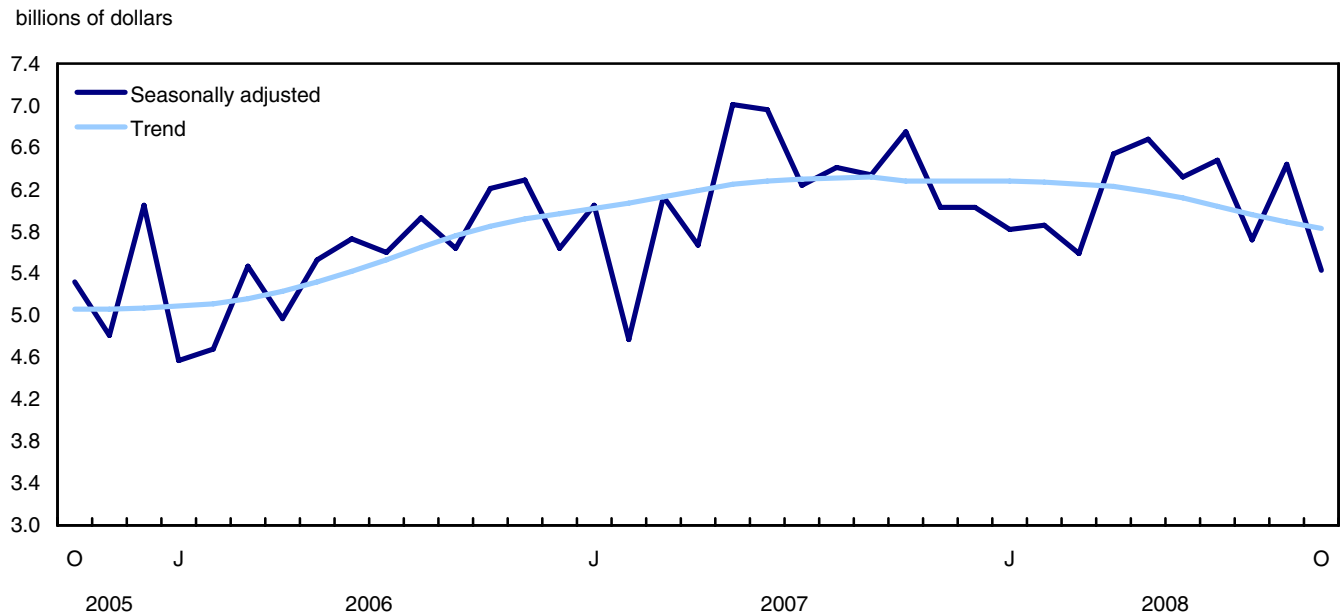


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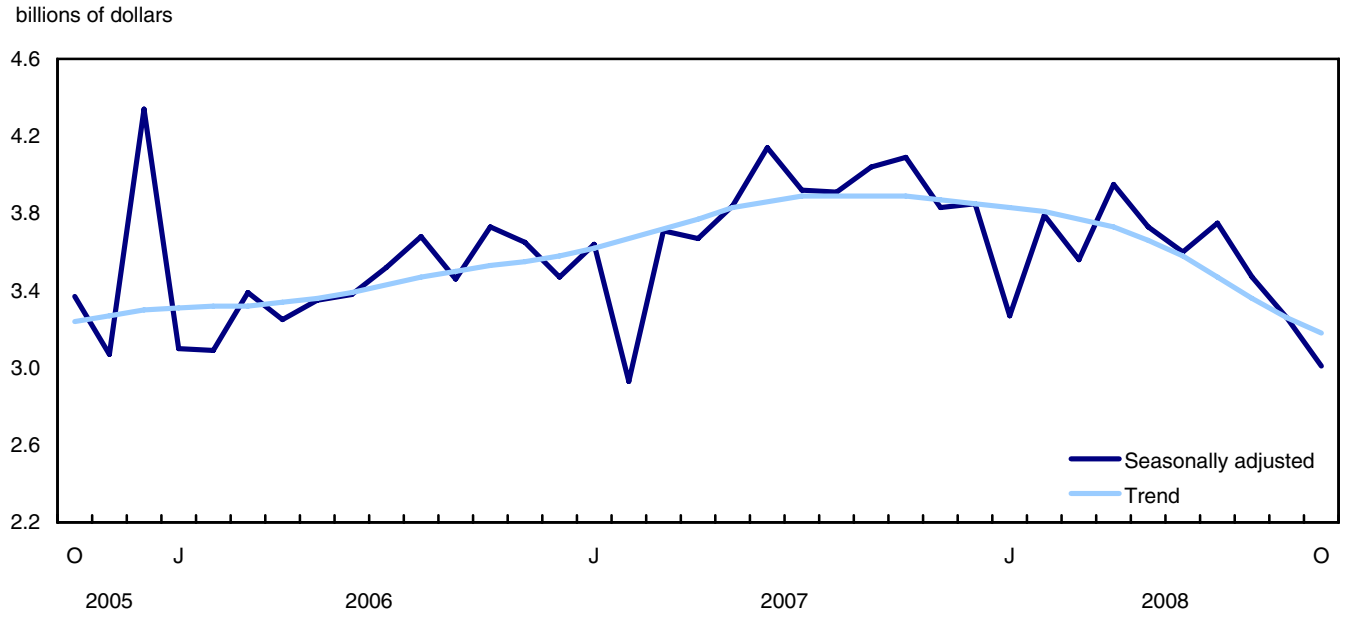


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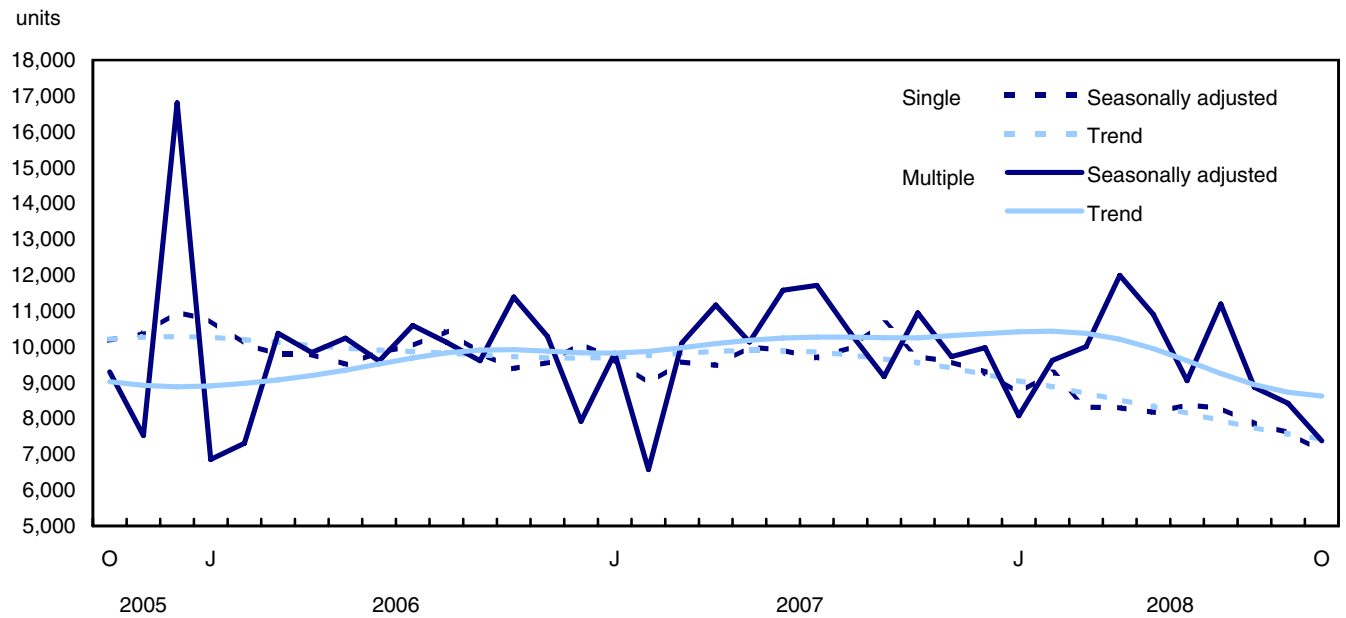


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Non-residential value of building permits – Total

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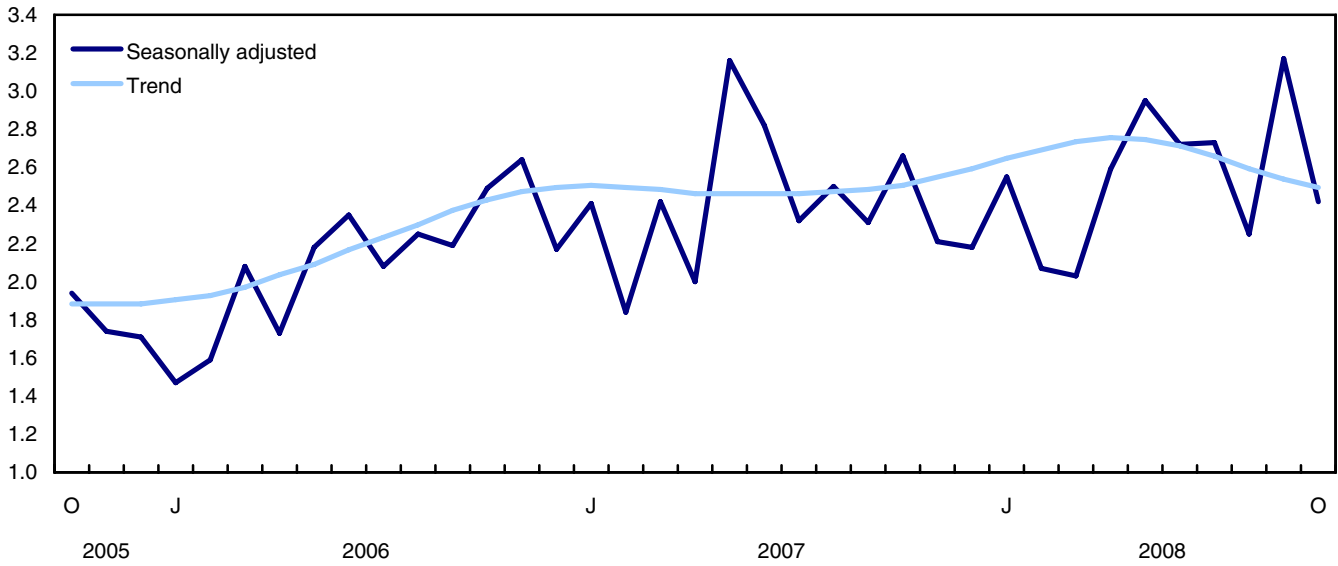


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Commercial value of building permits

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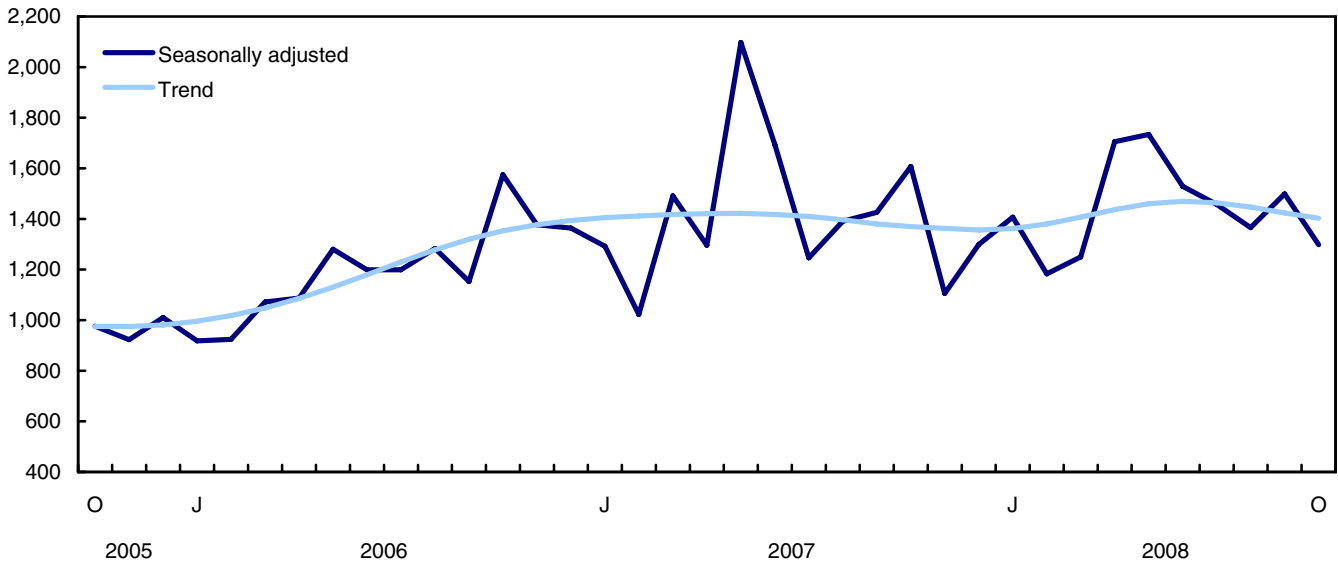


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Industrial value of building permits

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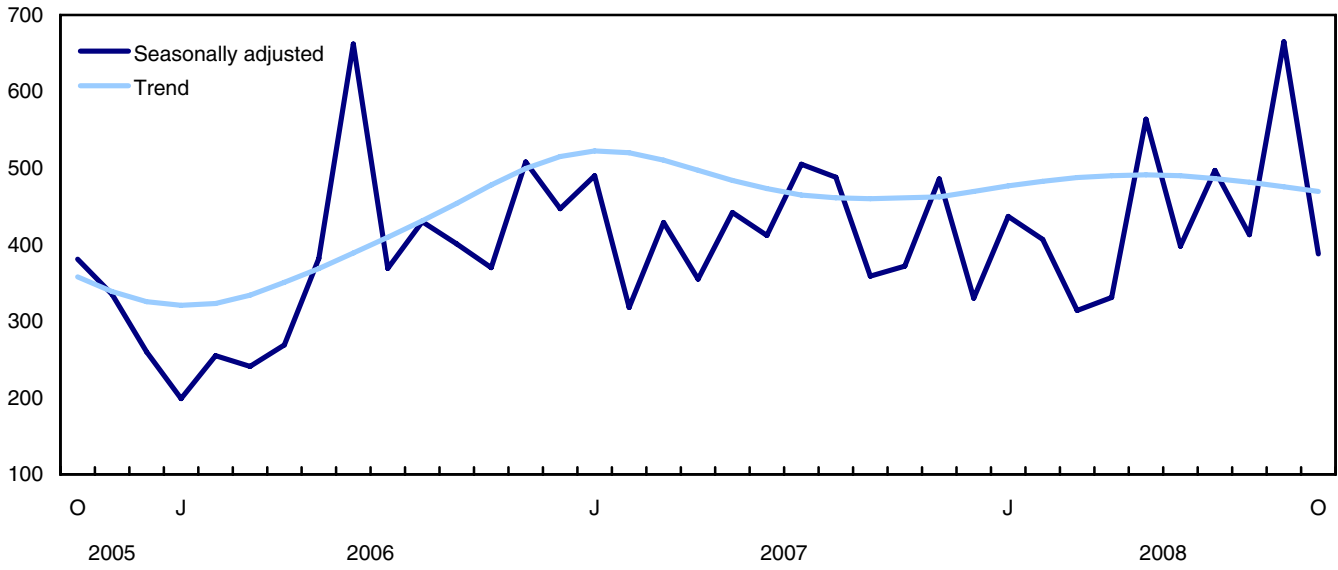
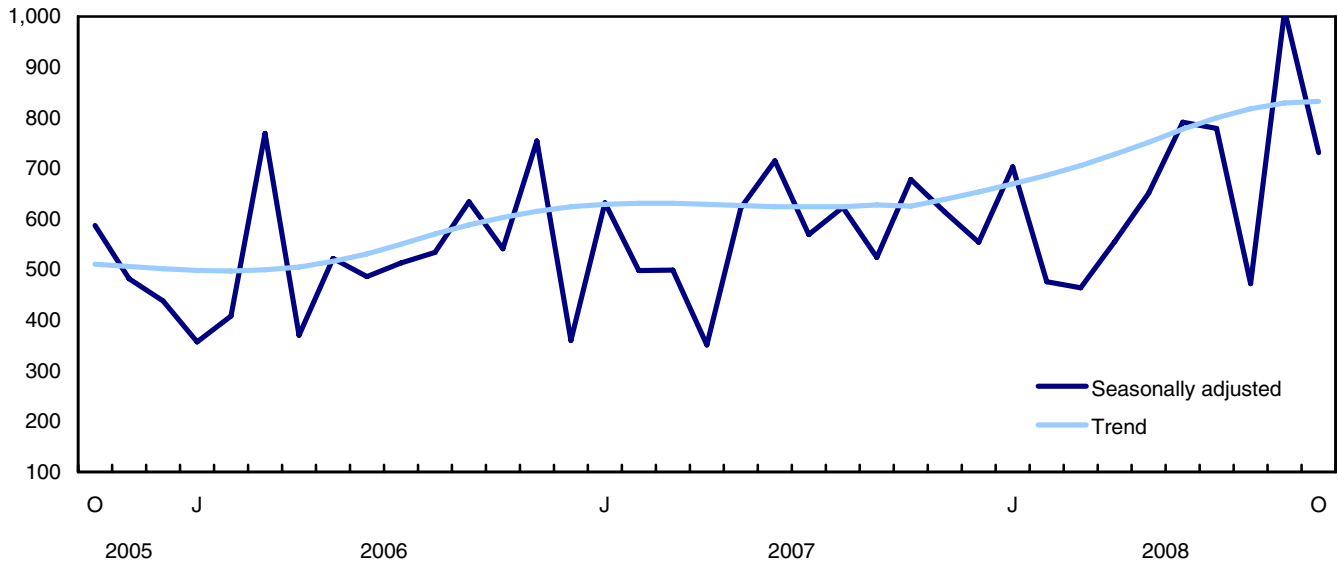


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- *Value of building permits by type*

Statistical tables

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

	2008 October ^p	2008 September ^r	October to September	September to August	August to July	July to June	June to May	May to April
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	5,427,366	6,437,568	-15.7	12.5	-11.7	2.6	-5.3	2.0
Newfoundland and Labrador	74,899	68,251	9.7	-28.8	18.3	14.0	20.4	-12.1
Prince Edward Island	17,538	22,955	-23.6	44.0	4.4	18.6	-69.3	100.5
Nova Scotia	103,972	141,500	-26.5	45.4	-19.9	-10.4	2.2	0.7
New Brunswick	102,624	113,154	-9.3	-13.3	53.5	-21.8	-16.1	76.9
Quebec	1,321,344	1,217,736	8.5	5.2	-12.6	14.3	4.5	-2.4
Ontario	1,806,578	2,401,057	-24.8	16.8	-11.6	3.4	-8.1	2.7
Manitoba	140,803	179,243	-21.4	25.8	-28.9	63.7	-10.7	-4.5
Saskatchewan	138,351	335,195	-58.7	116.0	-45.3	46.1	6.0	-19.9
Alberta	844,081	1,023,426	-17.5	11.6	-18.9	-4.7	-8.0	1.6
British Columbia	863,434	910,921	-5.2	-3.3	5.9	-16.3	-6.3	5.4
Yukon	3,322	5,881	-43.5	-25.6	-6.1	126.9	-25.2	-3.7
Northwest Territories	5,718	5,296	8.0	150.9	-31.1	22.8	233.4	26.6
Nunavut	4,702	12,953	-63.7	347.3	-65.1	-17.1	105.2	-5.0

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

	2008 October ^p	2008 September ^r	October to September	September to August	August to July	July to June	June to May	May to April
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	2,417,043	3,174,075	-23.9	41.0	-17.7	0.6	-7.8	13.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,693	21,292	34.8	-53.1	203.0	-43.5	56.5	-33.3
Prince Edward Island	8,625	12,003	-28.1	79.0	5.3	135.5	-92.3	1,586.8
Nova Scotia	44,001	79,749	-44.8	127.6	-25.5	-10.7	42.8	-47.9
New Brunswick	56,977	47,026	21.2	-33.2	63.1	-22.5	-18.5	261.5
Quebec	562,491	436,976	28.7	7.4	-14.9	11.0	3.5	6.2
Ontario	764,963	1,339,802	-42.9	61.0	-12.3	4.0	-15.8	23.6
Manitoba	48,393	62,740	-22.9	20.7	-31.8	69.2	5.9	-20.0
Saskatchewan	49,634	249,841	-80.1	350.0	-70.4	135.3	3.4	-34.2
Alberta	414,267	589,503	-29.7	20.6	-25.5	-5.3	2.7	3.1
British Columbia	435,362	327,770	32.8	29.4	-5.1	-35.8	-15.8	30.4
Yukon	1,697	1,258	34.9	-67.8	58.6	232.7	-47.8	-42.7
Northwest Territories	1,849	4,500	-58.9	827.8	26.6	-71.2	303.3	...
Nunavut	91	1,615	-94.4	101.9	-86.7	144.9	-2.9	621.1

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

	2008 October ^p	2008 September ^r	October to September	September to August	August to July	July to June	June to May	May to April
	thousands of dollars		percentage change					
Canada	3,010,323	3,263,493	-7.8	-6.0	-7.3	4.0	-3.4	-5.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	46,206	46,959	-1.6	-7.0	-23.6	48.2	5.9	0.9
Prince Edward Island	8,913	10,952	-18.6	18.6	3.8	-12.5	47.8	-63.5
Nova Scotia	59,971	61,751	-2.9	-0.8	-16.3	-10.2	-13.4	57.3
New Brunswick	45,647	66,128	-31.0	10.0	43.6	-21.1	-13.5	12.8
Quebec	758,853	780,760	-2.8	4.0	-11.4	16.3	5.2	-6.9
Ontario	1,041,615	1,061,255	-1.9	-13.3	-11.2	3.1	-2.1	-9.5
Manitoba	92,410	116,503	-20.7	28.7	-27.2	60.6	-18.1	4.5
Saskatchewan	88,717	85,354	3.9	-14.3	4.1	-16.2	7.9	-4.8
Alberta	429,814	433,923	-0.9	1.3	-9.9	-3.7	-19.8	0.0
British Columbia	428,072	583,151	-26.6	-15.4	10.6	-3.7	1.0	-8.2
Yukon	1,625	4,623	-64.8	15.6	-32.9	100.5	-16.1	32.4
Northwest Territories	3,869	796	386.1	-51.0	-39.3	130.4	178.2	-29.3
Nunavut	4,611	11,338	-59.3	440.9	-8.6	-69.6	221.4	-50.8

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

	2008 October ^p	2008 September ^r	October to September	September to August	August to July	July to June	June to May	May to April
	units		percentage change					
Canada	173,448	192,324	-9.8	-4.1	-14.2	11.8	-8.6	-6.0
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,808	3,216	-12.7	-1.8	-19.7	28.3	-5.4	6.1
Prince Edward Island	612	816	-25.0	21.4	9.8	-16.4	45.2	-64.7
Nova Scotia	3,948	3,708	6.5	-18.3	-5.0	-3.6	-22.7	61.3
New Brunswick	3,996	6,804	-41.3	16.4	62.3	-25.2	-5.6	-6.8
Quebec	51,012	52,608	-3.0	-1.1	-18.0	46.7	-11.6	-7.7
Ontario	58,320	60,432	-3.5	-9.8	-20.8	6.4	-7.5	3.6
Manitoba	5,604	8,856	-36.7	54.1	-31.1	70.3	-10.7	1.8
Saskatchewan	5,544	4,548	21.9	-35.1	16.3	-22.4	10.0	-1.3
Alberta	20,844	20,784	0.3	3.5	-11.1	-3.3	-22.8	-25.5
British Columbia	20,232	29,784	-32.1	-9.3	-2.0	-4.9	2.4	-11.4
Yukon	132	288	-54.2	-4.0	-28.6	133.3	-28.6	110.0
Northwest Territories	168	24	600.0	-60.0	-44.4	200.0	0.0	-25.0
Nunavut	228	456	-50.0	442.9	-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 ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Canada									
September ^r	7,603	8,424	16,027	3,263,493	664,520	1,498,890	1,010,665	3,174,075	6,437,568
October ^p	7,078	7,376	14,454	3,010,323	388,480	1,297,780	730,783	2,417,043	5,427,366
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	81,974	95,514	177,488	35,398,431	4,413,018	14,427,692	6,633,183	25,473,893	60,872,324
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	97,655	101,586	199,241	37,874,211	4,170,153	14,562,380	5,711,454	24,443,987	62,318,198
Newfoundland and Labrador									
September ^r	224	44	268	46,959	2,128	15,214	3,950	21,292	68,251
October ^p	194	40	234	46,206	1,009	25,501	2,183	28,693	74,899
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	2,190	483	2,673	477,808	24,417	129,457	45,660	199,534	677,342
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	1,633	496	2,129	349,955	23,520	80,867	45,759	150,146	500,101
Prince Edward Island									
September ^r	44	24	68	10,952	482	3,100	8,421	12,003	22,955
October ^p	38	13	51	8,913	645	5,777	2,203	8,625	17,538
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	412	170	582	94,679	6,639	37,231	43,642	87,512	182,191
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	522	118	640	94,282	10,146	26,272	5,136	41,554	135,836
Nova Scotia									
September ^r	235	74	309	61,751	5,702	33,419	40,628	79,749	141,500
October ^p	224	105	329	59,971	5,162	23,282	15,557	44,001	103,972
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	2,649	1,172	3,821	705,393	43,598	215,826	165,398	424,822	1,130,215
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	2,574	1,878	4,452	724,140	58,394	248,400	71,107	377,901	1,102,041
New Brunswick									
September ^r	252	315	567	66,128	26,828	17,696	2,502	47,026	113,154
October ^p	207	126	333	45,647	5,713	32,410	18,854	56,977	102,624
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	2,174	1,617	3,791	494,286	118,705	199,237	112,497	430,439	924,725
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	2,228	1,246	3,474	470,676	106,507	197,171	55,040	358,718	829,394
Quebec									
September ^r	1,781	2,603	4,384	780,760	81,094	231,432	124,450	436,976	1,217,736
October ^p	1,672	2,579	4,251	758,853	172,912	207,084	182,495	562,491	1,321,344
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	17,668	25,800	43,468	7,339,486	853,549	2,229,542	959,315	4,042,406	11,381,892
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	19,043	23,948	42,991	6,975,404	724,206	2,078,480	1,090,884	3,893,570	10,868,974
Ontario									
September ^r	2,383	2,653	5,036	1,061,255	278,621	528,350	532,831	1,339,802	2,401,057
October ^p	2,381	2,479	4,860	1,041,615	116,546	417,521	230,896	764,963	1,806,578
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	27,639	33,300	60,939	12,610,205	1,648,684	4,858,839	3,109,820	9,617,343	22,227,548
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	32,816	27,346	60,162	12,708,548	2,037,895	4,717,289	2,661,515	9,416,699	22,125,247
Manitoba									
September ^r	346	392	738	116,503	10,124	47,260	5,356	62,740	179,243
October ^p	386	81	467	92,410	7,005	25,988	15,400	48,393	140,803
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	3,695	1,425	5,120	951,668	76,528	307,438	82,810	466,776	1,418,444
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	3,264	1,757	5,021	806,836	53,775	237,603	174,055	465,433	1,272,269
Saskatchewan									
September ^r	295	84	379	85,354	65,535	59,421	124,885	249,841	335,195
October ^p	234	228	462	88,717	9,952	28,406	11,276	49,634	138,351
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	3,370	1,780	5,150	958,897	258,712	386,982	288,903	934,597	1,893,494
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	2,767	1,577	4,344	700,674	75,389	426,463	110,640	612,492	1,313,166
Alberta									
September ^r	1,230	502	1,732	433,923	171,044	326,710	91,749	589,503	1,023,426
October ^p	1,046	691	1,737	429,814	41,107	221,467	151,693	414,267	844,081
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	12,509	10,934	23,443	5,307,871	1,125,914	3,746,701	1,134,163	6,006,778	11,314,649
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	21,903	18,334	40,237	7,683,743	798,139	4,222,266	685,518	5,705,923	13,389,666

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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 ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings		Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
British Columbia									
September ^r	794	1,688	2,482	583,151	22,639	235,335	69,796	327,770	910,921
October ^p	670	1,016	1,686	428,072	27,479	307,713	100,170	435,362	863,434
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	9,498	18,635	28,133	6,377,313	250,721	2,276,721	679,254	3,206,696	9,584,009
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	10,719	24,645	35,364	7,260,898	265,754	2,288,967	778,232	3,332,953	10,593,851
Yukon									
September ^r	14	10	24	4,623	323	623	312	1,258	5,881
October ^p	11	0	11	1,625	950	691	56	1,697	3,322
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	118	68	186	33,662	3,931	7,244	4,529	15,704	49,366
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	120	51	171	32,015	13,546	7,047	14,950	35,543	67,558
Northwest Territories									
September ^r	2	0	2	796	0	0	4,500	4,500	5,296
October ^p	12	2	14	3,869	0	1,849	0	1,849	5,718
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	30	11	41	12,107	568	21,983	4,565	27,116	39,223
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	51	4	55	17,310	2,861	27,689	12,772	43,322	60,632
Nunavut									
September ^r	3	35	38	11,338	0	330	1,285	1,615	12,953
October ^p	3	16	19	4,611	0	91	0	91	4,702
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	22	119	141	35,056	1,052	10,491	2,627	14,170	49,226
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	15	186	201	49,730	21	3,866	5,846	9,733	59,463

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					
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Abbotsford, British Columbia									
September ^r	21	4	25	5,120	311	926	0	1,237	6,357
October ^p	22	8	30	7,079	1,736	7,360	170	9,266	16,345
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	312	836	1,148	169,600	18,192	106,509	29,576	154,277	323,877
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	490	431	921	154,063	19,492	58,330	11,041	88,863	242,926
Barrie, Ontario									
September ^r	57	0	57	13,579	179	3,360	90	3,629	17,208
October ^p	25	1	26	8,319	923	8,498	574	9,995	18,314
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	943	357	1,300	305,666	133,696	140,589	44,654	318,939	624,605
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	678	225	903	199,605	13,385	79,187	32,615	125,187	324,792
Brantford, Ontario									
September ^r	20	17	37	5,016	25,704	791	233	26,728	31,744
October ^p	15	14	29	4,334	1,825	5,933	779	8,537	12,871
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	243	246	489	64,779	35,740	21,426	18,307	75,473	140,252
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	446	129	575	83,600	11,569	44,272	19,686	75,527	159,127
Calgary, Alberta									
September ^r	344	95	439	115,222	21,522	109,461	25,714	156,697	271,919
October ^p	311	45	356	115,934	17,144	84,373	102,517	204,034	319,968
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	3,564	3,893	7,457	1,776,713	189,947	1,662,458	422,322	2,274,727	4,051,440
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	6,217	7,008	13,225	2,720,863	91,831	2,577,687	286,515	2,956,033	5,676,896
Edmonton, Alberta									
September ^r	251	187	438	125,854	55,071	149,931	18,400	223,402	349,256
October ^p	287	373	660	167,839	11,620	88,112	5,109	104,841	272,680
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	2,246	3,671	5,917	1,402,257	303,911	1,023,800	341,132	1,668,843	3,071,100
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	6,228	6,341	12,569	2,339,310	130,979	725,653	104,306	960,938	3,300,248
Greater Sudbury, Ontario									
September ^r	41	4	45	14,442	8,560	6,989	244	15,793	30,235
October ^p	34	31	65	13,458	4,035	5,284	417	9,736	23,194
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	427	83	510	124,286	43,968	41,828	34,119	119,915	244,201
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	474	60	534	126,079	35,546	49,860	119,491	204,897	330,976
Guelph, Ontario									
September ^r	27	95	122	15,368	534	1,012	197	1,743	17,111
October ^p	21	63	84	12,773	521	24,803	44,695	70,019	82,792
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	378	512	890	129,487	17,030	55,557	72,240	144,827	274,314
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	484	445	929	146,681	30,155	53,965	31,510	115,630	262,311
Halifax, Nova Scotia									
September ^r	93	22	115	27,285	117	11,401	31,887	43,405	70,690
October ^p	89	56	145	28,711	730	15,739	10,707	27,176	55,887
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	1,121	709	1,830	350,637	10,485	125,907	116,440	252,832	603,469
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	1,091	1,422	2,513	383,435	13,604	143,868	30,783	188,255	571,690
Hamilton, Ontario									
September ^r	79	174	253	42,511	28,348	38,466	199	67,013	109,524
October ^p	77	74	151	32,726	23,275	13,390	1,939	38,604	71,330
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	1,459	1,889	3,348	653,672	75,617	242,960	204,282	522,859	1,176,531
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	1,593	1,302	2,895	574,946	46,348	140,100	176,447	362,895	937,841
Kelowna, British Columbia									
September ^r	39	12	51	20,245	612	3,192	46,075	49,879	70,124
October ^p	34	7	41	18,395	315	5,356	10,935	16,606	35,001
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	594	1,278	1,872	457,780	6,649	70,979	90,138	167,766	625,546
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	899	1,440	2,339	521,635	17,372	147,783	25,898	191,053	712,688

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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 ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units				thousands of dollars				
Kingston, Ontario									
September ^r	33	41	74	10,234	3,571	689	658	4,918	15,152
October ^p	42	21	63	9,278	359	4,902	679	5,940	15,218
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	475	103	578	100,364	14,901	45,950	116,300	177,151	277,515
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	548	220	768	117,106	6,589	36,905	144,830	188,324	305,430
Kitchener, Ontario									
September ^r	165	65	230	42,649	3,351	10,854	1,759	15,964	58,613
October ^p	177	67	244	49,563	5,644	21,673	2,315	29,632	79,195
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	1,176	1,104	2,280	425,658	57,043	191,996	223,608	472,647	898,305
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	967	1,386	2,353	393,030	73,041	134,150	110,365	317,556	710,586
London, Ontario									
September ^r	90	185	275	45,523	4,491	16,172	9,838	30,501	76,024
October ^p	67	17	84	22,716	1,738	7,844	19,710	29,292	52,008
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	1,122	1,706	2,828	465,281	56,220	99,735	280,243	436,198	901,479
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	1,572	956	2,528	429,974	52,826	157,207	125,713	335,746	765,720
Moncton, New Brunswick									
September ^r	63	149	212	22,989	285	2,770	304	3,359	26,348
October ^p	51	34	85	10,982	487	10,659	1,532	12,678	23,660
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	426	713	1,139	130,295	12,430	64,533	27,209	104,172	234,467
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	604	659	1,263	145,320	10,928	66,835	14,218	91,981	237,301
Montréal, Quebec									
September ^r	608	1,130	1,738	346,661	25,136	143,247	50,932	219,315	565,976
October ^p	583	1,351	1,934	352,697	18,369	120,192	100,880	239,441	592,138
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	6,144	13,646	19,790	3,424,898	281,675	1,182,630	389,737	1,854,042	5,278,940
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	7,285	13,085	20,370	3,344,736	337,252	1,181,136	623,168	2,141,556	5,486,292
Oshawa, Ontario									
September ^r	163	44	207	49,226	964	8,100	1,367	10,431	59,657
October ^p	39	0	39	11,996	545	1,271	995	2,811	14,807
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	1,207	586	1,793	402,639	45,976	114,314	65,688	225,978	628,617
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	1,282	425	1,707	390,771	103,846	64,578	58,692	227,116	617,887
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec									
September ^r	262	441	703	102,426	8,561	19,860	60,376	88,797	191,223
October ^p	314	186	500	86,713	1,997	90,016	49,456	141,469	228,182
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	2,604	3,768	6,372	990,893	24,054	406,261	215,549	645,864	1,636,757
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	2,581	3,296	5,877	947,058	46,294	424,729	223,256	694,279	1,641,337
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec									
September ^r	96	139	235	35,254	1,099	2,488	17,092	20,679	55,933
October ^p	129	145	274	38,391	154	11,691	2,105	13,950	52,341
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	854	1,385	2,239	312,715	4,449	104,556	59,374	168,379	481,094
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	912	1,862	2,774	370,145	12,401	76,893	49,683	138,977	509,122
Peterborough, Ontario									
September ^r	19	46	65	10,404	335	375	1	711	11,115
October ^p	26	26	52	11,576	251	3,240	3,000	6,491	18,067
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	257	163	420	90,037	3,697	37,874	18,558	60,129	150,166
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	296	310	606	106,448	4,064	40,779	902	45,745	152,193
Québec, Quebec									
September ^r	176	376	552	88,848	10,155	25,047	25,497	60,699	149,547
October ^p	134	264	398	69,536	13,582	25,684	11,950	51,216	120,752
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	1,843	3,223	5,066	782,303	121,355	344,871	129,305	595,531	1,377,834
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	1,975	3,136	5,111	726,190	80,072	287,696	151,860	519,628	1,245,818

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	Number of dwelling units			Estimated value of construction					
	Singles ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings	Residential	Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Regina, Saskatchewan									
September ^r	70	4	74	16,195	5,010	8,612	368	13,990	30,185
October ^p	61	90	151	24,726	392	11,116	393	11,901	36,627
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	798	429	1,227	221,606	28,385	70,645	52,275	151,305	372,911
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	663	356	1,019	158,437	17,768	153,276	25,018	196,062	354,499
Saguenay, Quebec									
September ^r	45	238	283	28,440	2,155	1,796	2,445	6,396	34,836
October ^p	28	30	58	10,989	54,295	1,992	310	56,597	67,586
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	367	537	904	134,630	79,023	36,221	21,748	136,992	271,622
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	380	366	746	123,392	12,588	26,802	30,391	69,781	193,173
Saint John, New Brunswick									
September ^r	65	60	125	10,917	15,165	1,914	21	17,100	28,017
October ^p	48	23	71	11,141	743	11,876	142	12,761	23,902
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	603	242	845	114,526	69,413	47,144	3,174	119,731	234,257
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	463	173	636	97,079	44,079	35,235	2,735	82,049	179,128
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan									
September ^r	89	18	107	22,252	7,443	25,633	124,476	157,552	179,804
October ^p	88	91	179	33,395	6,493	11,642	3,062	21,197	54,592
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	1,223	884	2,107	348,615	134,732	168,084	181,756	484,572	833,187
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	1,293	929	2,222	313,011	42,339	144,983	47,767	235,089	548,100
Sherbrooke, Quebec									
September ^r	56	73	129	20,984	1,301	3,362	2,034	6,697	27,681
October ^p	55	55	110	18,609	1,041	2,025	10,379	13,445	32,054
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	589	955	1,544	222,112	11,467	59,341	41,662	112,470	334,582
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	656	523	1,179	191,624	16,336	29,662	20,479	66,477	258,101
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario									
September ^r	85	23	108	26,210	749	28,227	328	29,304	55,514
October ^p	68	2	70	17,416	726	3,534	765	5,025	22,441
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	658	489	1,147	241,349	15,926	82,296	21,949	120,171	361,520
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	679	307	986	217,334	36,230	132,630	20,195	189,055	406,389
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador									
September ^r	135	36	171	30,770	580	8,898	716	10,194	40,964
October ^p	127	33	160	32,134	113	19,907	67	20,087	52,221
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	1,445	288	1,733	317,308	15,750	95,087	29,073	139,910	457,218
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	1,054	398	1,452	239,331	4,152	53,096	29,087	86,335	325,666
Thunder Bay, Ontario									
September ^r	13	1	14	2,932	724	2,601	1,091	4,416	7,348
October ^p	17	2	19	3,764	1,763	943	1,355	4,061	7,825
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	169	39	208	37,441	5,388	33,268	54,377	93,033	130,474
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	177	25	202	38,063	1,600	17,399	24,635	43,634	81,697
Toronto, Ontario									
September ^r	610	1,077	1,687	431,806	151,989	329,633	134,360	615,982	1,047,788
October ^p	785	1,740	2,525	541,569	34,683	164,387	90,115	289,185	830,754
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	8,657	19,591	28,248	6,070,230	682,301	2,673,502	1,092,906	4,448,709	10,518,939
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	12,416	15,915	28,331	6,425,772	789,911	2,720,831	1,023,993	4,534,735	10,960,507
Trois-Rivières, Quebec									
September ^r	31	67	98	14,076	2,940	9,048	4,896	16,884	30,960
October ^p	33	115	148	17,846	1,013	5,243	12,782	19,038	36,884
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	314	673	987	143,645	18,488	44,963	39,987	103,438	247,083
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	340	605	945	138,220	30,105	55,263	31,233	116,601	254,821

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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 ¹	Multiples	Total dwellings		Non-residential			Total	
					Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental		
	units			thousands of dollars					
Vancouver, British Columbia									
September ^r	327	1,221	1,548	332,592	11,229	121,454	9,573	142,256	474,848
October ^p	266	506	772	194,208	15,812	204,128	39,235	259,175	453,383
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	3,368	10,471	13,839	3,110,372	110,058	1,466,662	335,277	1,911,997	5,022,369
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	3,458	16,676	20,134	4,049,515	92,901	1,504,173	342,552	1,939,626	5,989,141
Victoria, British Columbia									
September ^r	49	46	95	32,204	4,258	35,178	5,720	45,156	77,360
October ^p	62	23	85	31,078	371	24,081	5,569	30,021	61,099
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	711	1,316	2,027	513,783	16,277	146,894	79,229	242,400	756,183
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	788	1,875	2,663	594,701	10,281	76,954	138,859	226,094	820,795
Windsor, Ontario									
September ^r	31	12	43	9,670	799	4,630	1,192	6,621	16,291
October ^p	28	7	35	7,097	693	1,714	1,033	3,440	10,537
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	297	99	396	89,941	17,050	54,820	23,920	95,790	185,731
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	376	187	563	119,752	24,806	58,658	56,337	139,801	259,553
Winnipeg, Manitoba									
September ^r	185	331	516	78,049	4,630	38,419	802	43,851	121,900
October ^p	207	30	237	48,296	1,599	19,740	14,328	35,667	83,963
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	1,928	1,061	2,989	576,740	28,410	228,531	57,644	314,585	891,325
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	1,822	1,395	3,217	500,672	9,832	163,401	95,576	268,809	769,481

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, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
number of dwelling units							
Canada							
September ^r	8,099	73	729	2,010	5,273	584	16,768
October ^p	7,698	31	1,012	1,354	4,902	704	15,701
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	85,040	504	8,488	18,019	63,634	5,095	180,780
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	101,889	540	9,869	19,684	67,983	3,440	203,405
Newfoundland and Labrador							
September ^r	287	2	7	14	20	3	333
October ^p	239	0	13	0	23	4	279
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	2,314	8	66	42	310	66	2,806
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	1,768	4	50	32	376	38	2,268
Prince Edward Island							
September ^r	53	3	0	20	4	0	80
October ^p	40	1	1	0	12	0	54
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	466	16	27	30	112	1	652
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	525	30	56	7	48	7	673
Nova Scotia							
September ^r	260	14	19	0	50	5	348
October ^p	266	4	11	10	82	2	375
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	2,600	82	171	120	814	70	3,857
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	2,652	69	154	386	1,275	65	4,601
New Brunswick							
September ^r	301	9	30	23	250	12	625
October ^p	204	1	8	30	86	2	331
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	2,279	41	242	149	1,163	65	3,939
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	2,377	39	164	79	927	78	3,664
Quebec							
September ^r	1,833	31	292	181	1,962	297	4,596
October ^p	1,840	17	220	184	2,379	479	5,119
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	18,412	183	2,547	1,487	18,737	2,793	44,159
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	19,825	207	1,856	2,052	17,887	1,604	43,431
Ontario							
September ^r	2,482	5	190	1,268	1,148	90	5,183
October ^p	2,657	5	630	789	890	81	5,052
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	28,276	81	2,970	10,680	18,650	936	61,593
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	34,094	104	3,862	9,598	13,038	759	61,455
Manitoba							
September ^r	367	1	3	12	377	0	760
October ^p	396	0	1	26	52	2	477
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	3,899	16	75	180	1,154	16	5,340
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	3,503	18	68	130	1,549	12	5,280
Saskatchewan							
September ^r	357	2	24	16	44	0	443
October ^p	235	1	12	36	178	3	465
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	3,552	24	166	280	1,255	83	5,360
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	3,013	4	165	451	800	163	4,596
Alberta							
September ^r	1,310	6	117	193	123	69	1,818
October ^p	1,088	2	92	108	468	23	1,781
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	13,201	50	1,645	1,405	7,737	147	24,185
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	22,639	48	2,666	3,008	12,486	178	41,025
British Columbia							
September ^r	811	0	43	283	1,254	108	2,499
October ^p	700	0	20	171	718	108	1,717
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	9,838	2	551	3,632	13,548	915	28,486
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	11,249	13	800	3,925	19,406	530	35,923

Table 7 – continued

Dwelling units, provinces and territories, unadjusted, 2008

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
	number of dwelling units						
Yukon							
September ^r	33	0	4	0	6	0	43
October ^p	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	152	1	24	4	38	2	221
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	178	4	24	0	24	3	233
Northwest Territories							
September ^r	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
October ^p	12	0	0	0	2	0	14
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	29	0	0	0	11	1	41
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	51	0	0	4	0	0	55
Nunavut							
September ^r	3	0	0	0	35	0	38
October ^p	3	0	4	0	12	0	19
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	22	0	4	10	105	0	141
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	15	0	4	12	167	3	201

Table 8
Dwelling units, census metropolitan areas, unadjusted, October 2008

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
number of dwelling units							
Abbotsford, British Columbia	22	0	0	0	8	0	30
Barrie, Ontario	28	0	0	0	0	1	29
Brantford, Ontario	17	0	0	12	0	2	31
Calgary, Alberta	318	0	34	11	0	0	363
Edmonton, Alberta	294	0	44	62	249	18	667
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	36	2	0	0	30	1	69
Guelph, Ontario	24	0	2	56	0	5	87
Halifax, Nova Scotia	114	0	3	10	42	1	170
Hamilton, Ontario	86	0	0	74	0	0	160
Kelowna, British Columbia	34	0	0	0	4	3	41
Kingston, Ontario	46	1	8	0	13	0	68
Kitchener, Ontario	199	0	4	12	48	3	266
London, Ontario	75	0	0	14	0	3	92
Moncton, New Brunswick	49	0	4	0	30	0	83
Montréal, Quebec	660	0	45	138	1,193	280	2,316
Oshawa, Ontario	44	0	0	0	0	0	44
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	499	0	66	176	112	10	863
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	353	0	23	144	12	7	539
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	146	0	43	32	100	3	324
Peterborough, Ontario	29	0	0	26	0	0	55
Québec, Quebec	151	1	36	0	229	58	475
Regina, Saskatchewan	60	0	0	0	90	0	150
Saguenay, Quebec	32	0	0	0	27	10	69
Saint John, New Brunswick	47	0	0	9	14	0	70
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	85	0	6	0	83	3	177
Sherbrooke, Quebec	62	0	2	0	64	1	129
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	76	0	2	0	0	0	78
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	164	0	9	0	22	2	197
Thunder Bay, Ontario	19	0	2	0	0	0	21
Toronto, Ontario	882	0	551	422	725	42	2,622
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	37	0	3	0	129	9	178
Vancouver, British Columbia	269	0	4	135	287	80	775
Victoria, British Columbia	63	0	4	8	2	9	86
Windsor, Ontario	32	0	0	0	0	7	39
Winnipeg, Manitoba	216	0	0	22	8	0	246

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

	Singles, includes mobile homes	Cottages	Doubles	Rows	Apartments	Conversions	Total dwellings
number of dwelling units							
Abbotsford, British Columbia	325	0	0	95	739	2	1,161
Barrie, Ontario	1,000	0	8	157	187	5	1,357
Brantford, Ontario	247	0	4	97	124	21	493
Calgary, Alberta	3,814	0	590	430	2,869	4	7,707
Edmonton, Alberta	2,370	0	701	516	2,363	91	6,041
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	455	4	0	0	70	14	543
Guelph, Ontario	378	0	43	176	224	69	890
Halifax, Nova Scotia	1,080	6	56	93	527	34	1,796
Hamilton, Ontario	1,475	0	184	1,131	552	23	3,365
Kelowna, British Columbia	615	0	30	104	1,122	22	1,893
Kingston, Ontario	505	7	38	20	43	2	615
Kitchener, Ontario	1,214	0	91	486	494	33	2,318
London, Ontario	1,142	0	13	345	1,322	26	2,848
Moncton, New Brunswick	478	1	188	10	490	25	1,192
Montréal, Quebec	6,271	1	739	904	10,380	1,304	19,599
Oshawa, Ontario	1,248	0	98	483	4	1	1,834
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	3,558	2	618	2,586	1,852	92	8,708
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	2,676	1	184	2,447	1,076	64	6,448
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	882	1	434	139	776	28	2,260
Peterborough, Ontario	278	0	0	61	102	0	441
Québec, Quebec	1,914	7	372	136	2,359	335	5,123
Regina, Saskatchewan	795	1	24	0	386	19	1,225
Saguenay, Quebec	405	2	6	0	415	116	944
Saint John, New Brunswick	584	15	20	35	179	9	842
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	1,235	0	75	179	589	42	2,120
Sherbrooke, Quebec	605	0	127	73	669	49	1,523
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	684	0	66	250	158	15	1,173
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	1,407	0	54	38	184	12	1,695
Thunder Bay, Ontario	182	2	6	0	32	2	224
Toronto, Ontario	8,671	0	1,900	4,215	13,011	468	28,265
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	329	0	98	12	485	50	974
Vancouver, British Columbia	3,511	0	184	2,294	7,368	630	13,987
Victoria, British Columbia	740	0	38	296	921	65	2,060
Windsor, Ontario	310	0	18	28	42	11	409
Winnipeg, Manitoba	2,008	1	42	164	854	1	3,070

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					
Canada					
September ^r	3,504,155	671,598	1,670,403	1,014,580	6,860,736
October ^p	3,236,728	390,416	1,414,549	745,566	5,787,259
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	36,377,490	4,396,375	14,470,633	6,681,907	61,926,405
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	39,043,364	4,180,363	14,640,148	5,746,871	63,610,746
Newfoundland and Labrador					
September ^r	58,633	2,128	15,214	3,950	79,925
October ^p	55,056	1,009	25,501	2,183	83,749
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	503,175	24,417	129,457	45,660	702,709
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	379,817	23,520	80,867	45,759	529,963
Prince Edward Island					
September ^r	12,858	482	3,100	8,421	24,861
October ^p	9,616	645	5,777	2,203	18,241
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	105,523	6,639	37,231	43,642	193,035
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	99,640	10,146	26,272	5,136	141,194
Nova Scotia					
September ^r	67,473	5,702	33,419	40,628	147,222
October ^p	70,811	5,162	23,282	15,557	114,812
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	725,767	43,598	215,826	165,398	1,150,589
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	755,673	58,394	248,400	71,107	1,133,574
New Brunswick					
September ^r	78,277	26,828	17,696	2,502	125,303
October ^p	48,832	5,713	32,410	18,854	105,809
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	533,228	118,705	199,237	112,497	963,667
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	505,418	106,507	197,171	55,040	864,136
Quebec					
September ^r	835,087	81,094	246,295	128,365	1,290,841
October ^p	863,319	172,912	251,478	197,278	1,484,987
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	7,655,071	853,549	2,229,305	1,008,039	11,745,964
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	7,205,258	724,206	2,040,969	1,126,301	11,096,734
Ontario					
September ^r	1,150,737	285,699	683,557	532,831	2,652,824
October ^p	1,120,697	118,482	479,744	230,896	1,949,819
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	12,802,874	1,632,041	4,934,662	3,109,820	22,479,397
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	13,115,864	2,048,105	4,789,641	2,661,515	22,615,125
Manitoba					
September ^r	125,701	10,124	47,260	5,356	188,441
October ^p	96,770	7,005	25,988	15,400	145,163
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	998,786	76,528	307,438	82,810	1,465,562
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	851,898	53,775	237,603	174,055	1,317,331
Saskatchewan					
September ^r	97,498	65,535	59,421	124,885	347,339
October ^p	91,716	9,952	28,406	11,276	141,350
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	1,008,392	258,712	386,982	288,903	1,942,989
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	747,175	75,389	426,463	110,640	1,359,667
Alberta					
September ^r	463,123	171,044	328,153	91,749	1,054,069
October ^p	435,678	41,107	231,619	151,693	860,097
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	5,469,290	1,125,914	3,714,056	1,134,163	11,443,423
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	7,849,645	798,139	4,265,193	685,518	13,598,495
British Columbia					
September ^r	596,251	22,639	235,335	69,796	924,021
October ^p	432,691	27,479	307,713	100,170	868,053
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	6,490,100	250,721	2,276,721	679,254	9,696,796
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	7,427,686	265,754	2,288,967	778,232	10,760,639

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				
Yukon					
September ^r	6,383	323	623	312	7,641
October ^p	3,062	950	691	56	4,759
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	38,121	3,931	7,244	4,529	53,825
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	38,250	13,546	7,047	14,950	73,793
Northwest Territories					
September ^r	796	0	0	4,500	5,296
October ^p	3,869	0	1,849	0	5,718
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	12,107	568	21,983	4,565	39,223
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	17,310	2,861	27,689	12,772	60,632
Nunavut					
September ^r	11,338	0	330	1,285	12,953
October ^p	4,611	0	91	0	4,702
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2008	35,056	1,052	10,491	2,627	49,226
Cumulative Jan. to Oct. 2007	49,730	21	3,866	5,846	59,463

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

	Value of construction				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
	thousands of dollars				
Abbotsford, British Columbia	6,963	1,736	7,360	170	16,229
Barrie, Ontario	9,344	923	9,755	574	20,596
Brantford, Ontario	4,670	1,825	6,811	779	14,085
Calgary, Alberta	115,416	17,144	84,373	102,517	319,450
Edmonton, Alberta	167,358	11,620	88,112	5,109	272,199
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	14,569	4,035	6,066	417	25,087
Guelph, Ontario	13,386	521	28,471	44,695	87,073
Halifax, Nova Scotia	35,000	730	15,739	10,707	62,176
Hamilton, Ontario	35,415	23,275	15,370	1,939	75,999
Kelowna, British Columbia	17,891	315	5,356	10,935	34,497
Kingston, Ontario	10,240	359	5,627	679	16,905
Kitchener, Ontario	54,715	5,644	24,878	2,315	87,552
London, Ontario	24,857	1,738	9,004	19,710	55,309
Moncton, New Brunswick	11,900	487	10,659	1,532	24,578
Montréal, Quebec	408,148	18,369	131,320	100,880	658,717
Oshawa, Ontario	13,455	545	1,459	995	16,454
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	137,475	2,151	116,103	51,561	307,290
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	94,915	1,997	103,330	49,456	249,698
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	42,560	154	12,773	2,105	57,592
Peterborough, Ontario	12,593	251	3,719	3,000	19,563
Québec, Quebec	79,511	13,582	28,062	11,950	133,105
Regina, Saskatchewan	24,951	392	11,116	393	36,852
Saguenay, Quebec	12,268	54,295	2,176	310	69,049
Saint John, New Brunswick	12,196	743	11,876	142	24,957
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	33,636	6,493	11,642	3,062	54,833
Sherbrooke, Quebec	20,241	1,041	2,212	10,379	33,873
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	19,528	726	4,057	765	25,076
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	39,535	113	19,907	67	59,622
Thunder Bay, Ontario	4,194	1,763	1,082	1,355	8,394
Toronto, Ontario	575,574	34,683	188,701	90,115	889,073
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	20,881	1,013	5,728	12,782	40,404
Vancouver, British Columbia	191,265	15,812	204,128	39,235	450,440
Victoria, British Columbia	30,324	371	24,081	5,569	60,345
Windsor, Ontario	7,947	693	1,968	1,033	11,641
Winnipeg, Manitoba	50,953	1,599	19,740	14,328	86,620

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

	Value of construction				Total
	Residential	Non-residential			
		Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and governmental	
	thousands of dollars				
Abbotsford, British Columbia	172,547	18,192	106,509	29,576	326,824
Barrie, Ontario	322,937	133,696	146,511	44,654	647,798
Brantford, Ontario	65,882	35,740	22,905	18,307	142,834
Calgary, Alberta	1,811,246	189,947	1,662,458	422,322	4,085,973
Edmonton, Alberta	1,430,551	303,911	1,023,800	341,132	3,099,394
Greater Sudbury, Ontario	133,751	43,968	43,461	34,119	255,299
Guelph, Ontario	129,412	17,030	59,314	72,240	277,996
Halifax, Nova Scotia	351,099	10,485	125,907	116,440	603,931
Hamilton, Ontario	653,742	75,617	256,003	204,282	1,189,644
Kelowna, British Columbia	465,962	6,649	70,979	90,138	633,728
Kingston, Ontario	107,185	14,901	47,095	116,300	285,481
Kitchener, Ontario	437,608	57,043	194,210	223,608	912,469
London, Ontario	471,090	56,220	105,218	280,243	912,771
Moncton, New Brunswick	142,963	12,430	64,533	27,209	247,135
Montréal, Quebec	3,476,100	281,675	1,170,998	389,737	5,318,510
Oshawa, Ontario	416,386	45,976	115,018	65,688	643,068
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	1,331,815	28,503	504,036	274,923	2,139,277
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec	1,006,802	24,054	396,775	215,549	1,643,180
Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec	325,013	4,449	107,261	59,374	496,097
Peterborough, Ontario	95,510	3,697	40,632	18,558	158,397
Québec, Quebec	805,963	121,355	336,278	129,305	1,392,901
Regina, Saskatchewan	223,059	28,385	70,645	52,275	374,364
Saguenay, Quebec	145,757	79,023	36,460	21,748	282,988
Saint John, New Brunswick	119,224	69,413	47,144	3,174	238,955
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	356,491	134,732	168,084	181,756	841,063
Sherbrooke, Quebec	223,931	11,467	57,966	41,662	335,026
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario	248,950	15,926	88,189	21,949	375,014
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	322,343	15,750	95,087	29,073	462,253
Thunder Bay, Ontario	41,075	5,388	36,095	54,377	136,935
Toronto, Ontario	6,084,013	682,301	2,711,831	1,092,906	10,571,051
Trois-Rivières, Quebec	145,928	18,488	45,314	39,987	249,717
Vancouver, British Columbia	3,158,084	110,058	1,466,662	335,277	5,070,081
Victoria, British Columbia	525,854	16,277	146,894	79,229	768,254
Windsor, Ontario	93,520	17,050	56,234	23,920	190,724
Winnipeg, Manitoba	590,382	28,410	228,531	57,644	904,967

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

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
thousands of dollars							
Total non-residential	2,550,531	28,693	8,625	44,001	56,977	621,668	829,122
Industrial	390,416	1,009	645	5,162	5,713	172,912	118,482
Factories, plants	179,008	0	0	1,773	3,210	100,370	34,667
Transportation, utilities	90,391	705	255	900	616	43,116	29,019
Mining and agriculture	39,090	0	0	325	350	9,882	21,542
Minor industrial projects, new and improvements ¹	81,927	304	390	2,164	1,537	19,544	33,254
Commercial	1,414,549	25,501	5,777	23,282	32,410	251,478	479,744
Trade and services	315,425	4,020	0	7,626	5,445	80,642	98,612
Warehouses	175,687	4,311	0	610	450	10,500	58,033
Service stations	29,396	0	0	285	0	8,714	1,700
Office buildings	434,433	10,927	500	8,565	10,394	64,964	148,971
Recreation	64,478	1,424	3,500	0	0	12,170	6,301
Hotels, restaurants	190,116	0	250	901	10,489	20,265	96,953
Laboratories	20,230	2,142	0	0	0	12,767	3,300
Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹	184,784	2,677	1,527	5,295	5,632	41,456	65,874
Institutional and governmental	745,566	2,183	2,203	15,557	18,854	197,278	230,896
Schools, education	377,453	0	1,420	0	550	42,698	136,200
Hospitals, medical	158,218	0	0	0	350	75,379	43,530
Welfare, home	72,876	550	300	14,840	11,442	12,143	29,150
Churches, religion	19,504	0	0	0	4,105	1,639	4,209
Government buildings	86,961	1,546	0	0	1,300	57,888	6,500
Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements ¹	30,554	87	483	717	1,107	7,531	11,307
thousands of dollars							
	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
Total non-residential	48,393	49,634	424,419	435,362	1,697	1,849	91
Industrial	7,005	9,952	41,107	27,479	950	0	0
Factories, plants	2,370	6,836	14,618	15,164	0	0	0
Transportation, utilities	1,200	0	13,186	444	950	0	0
Mining and agriculture	0	0	2,800	4,191	0	0	0
Minor industrial projects, new and improvements ¹	3,435	3,116	10,503	7,680	0	0	0
Commercial	25,988	28,406	231,619	307,713	691	1,849	91
Trade and services	3,208	4,255	54,450	56,276	0	891	0
Warehouses	2,880	2,473	52,189	44,241	0	0	0
Service stations	1,240	0	10,757	6,700	0	0	0
Office buildings	6,650	8,022	46,627	128,813	0	0	0
Recreation	0	5,726	12,711	22,646	0	0	0
Hotels, restaurants	3,595	4,090	27,978	25,266	329	0	0
Laboratories	0	0	600	1,421	0	0	0
Minor commercial projects, new and improvements ¹	8,415	3,840	26,307	22,350	362	958	91
Institutional and governmental	15,400	11,276	151,693	100,170	56	0	0
Schools, education	8,650	1,068	126,739	60,128	0	0	0
Hospitals, medical	4,500	800	6,868	26,791	0	0	0
Welfare, home	0	0	4,001	450	0	0	0
Churches, religion	908	1,208	7,435	0	0	0	0
Government buildings	423	6,720	2,984	9,600	0	0	0
Minor institutional and governmental projects, new and improvements ¹	919	1,480	3,666	3,201	56	0	0

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

Description – Monthly survey of building permits

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

Data source and methodology

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Revisions due to the correction of coding errors

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

Revisions due to the addition of late reports

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

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

Concepts and variables measured

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

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

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

Building categories

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Geographic classification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Territorial revisions

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

Data accuracy

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

The other source of error are the processing error and the non-response error. In 2007, more than 99% of the municipalities covered by the survey sent their monthly Building Permits reports.

Comparability of data and related sources

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

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

Appendix I

Geographical abbreviations

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

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