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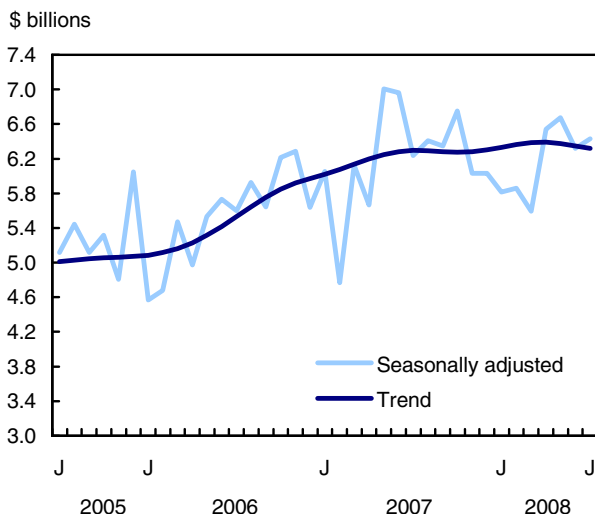
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Value of permits up in July



In the residential sector, the value of building permits rose 2.7% to \$3.7 billion, mainly as a result of an increase in the value of multi-family dwelling permits in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba.

In the non-residential sector, the value of building permits edged up 0.6% to \$2.7 billion. An increase in industrial construction intentions more than offset declines in both commercial and institutional permits.

Residential: Increase in multi-family dwelling permits

After two consecutive monthly declines, municipalities issued \$1.5 billion worth of permits for multi-family housing in July, up 9.6% from June.

At the same time, single-family permits declined 1.4% to \$2.2 billion. Ontario accounted for more than half of the decline, while Quebec posted a second consecutive monthly increase in single-family housing.

Note to readers

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

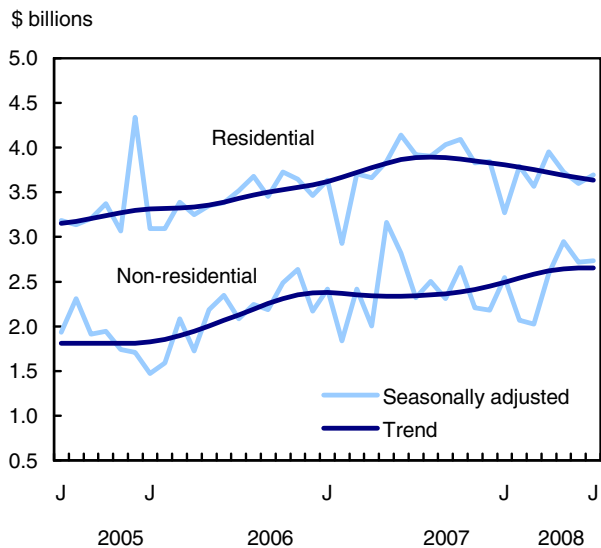
The Building Permits Survey covers 2,400 municipalities representing 95% of the population. It provides an early indication of building activity. The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small, and their levels of building activity have little impact on the total.

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 is divided into two areas: Ottawa-Gatineau (Gatineau part) and Ottawa-Gatineau (Ottawa part).

Municipalities approved 19,518 new residential dwellings in July, up 12.0%. This was due to a 24.4% increase in multi-family units. The number of single-family units approved declined 1.4% to 8,257.

Both residential and non-residential permits increase



Non-residential: Increase in industrial construction intentions

Following a volatile pattern, the value of industrial permits increased 26.3% to \$503 million, following

a 29.4% decline in June. The increase in July was mostly explained by the higher value of permits for mining buildings in Saskatchewan.

Construction intentions for commercial buildings declined 3.7% to \$1.5 billion, a second consecutive decline after reaching \$1.7 billion in May. The decrease was due mainly to lower construction intentions for trade and services buildings and warehouses. British Columbia and Ontario posted declines in several commercial categories.

After three consecutive monthly increases, the value of institutional permits decreased 4.0% to \$759 million, mainly as a result of declines in permits for health buildings in Ontario, Alberta and Quebec.

Permits up in six provinces

The value of building permits increased in six provinces in July. The most significant increases occurred in Quebec (+13.2% to \$1.3 billion), as a result of gains in both the residential and non-residential sectors.

While the increase in Saskatchewan was due to the non-residential sector, both the residential and non-residential sectors contributed to the gain in Manitoba.

In contrast, British Columbia and Alberta posted declines in both the residential and non-residential sectors.

Metropolitan areas: Large gains in Kitchener and Montréal

Of the 34 census metropolitan areas, 18 recorded increases in the value of building permits in July.

The largest increases occurred in Kitchener, with gains mainly in non-residential sectors, followed closely by Montréal and Saskatoon.

In contrast, the value of permits fell in Vancouver and Edmonton in July, as a result of declines in the residential and non-residential sectors.

Available on CANSIM: tables 026-0001 to 026-0008, 026-0010 and 026-0015.

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The July 2008 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001-XWE, free) will be available soon.

The August building permit estimate will be released on October 6.

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Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area¹

	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008	June 2008 ^r	July 2008 ^p	June to July 2008
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions					% change
Total	4,008.6	4,641.2	4,951.4	4,619.4	4,661.8	0.9
St. John's	32.3	45.9	37.6	43.2	60.5	40.0
Halifax	54.3	80.1	85.3	59.9	74.8	24.8
Moncton	16.3	22.8	23.5	25.6	25.6	0.0
Saint John	15.8	16.6	55.2	24.5	19.5	-20.4
Saguenay	22.5	20.6	28.5	28.4	24.2	-14.6
Québec	159.3	151.2	115.7	168.7	146.0	-13.5
Sherbrooke	51.3	33.6	36.3	27.8	35.0	25.6
Trois-Rivières	15.4	31.4	17.0	27.2	30.2	11.2
Montréal	423.0	539.3	549.6	483.7	584.3	20.8
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	199.0	199.3	188.0	195.6	265.1	35.5
Ottawa-Gatineau (Gatineau part)	48.7	42.2	38.7	40.5	118.2	192.0
Ottawa-Gatineau (Ottawa part)	150.3	157.1	149.3	155.1	146.9	-5.3
Kingston	18.6	32.4	123.8	23.0	16.2	-29.6
Peterborough	13.4	17.7	15.6	13.3	11.3	-15.0
Oshawa	69.4	84.0	56.5	103.7	94.7	-8.7
Toronto	1,014.8	1,227.7	1,048.1	1,062.4	1,117.4	5.2
Hamilton	205.6	120.1	92.0	68.7	70.1	2.0
St. Catharines-Niagara	33.5	31.6	33.3	40.6	37.9	-6.6
Kitchener	143.9	105.5	66.8	75.0	179.1	138.8
Brantford	14.4	7.2	11.5	16.7	15.1	-9.6
Guelph	12.7	18.3	25.0	15.5	12.3	-20.5
London	40.4	68.8	183.9	72.9	83.6	14.8
Windsor	12.1	29.3	16.9	18.1	37.6	107.2
Barrie	21.6	53.9	194.8	178.9	18.2	-89.8
Greater Sudbury	12.9	30.0	26.1	20.6	22.8	10.7
Thunder Bay	9.6	25.7	11.9	10.0	41.1	313.0
Winnipeg	74.0	87.7	78.8	68.4	139.9	104.5
Regina	51.1	27.4	36.1	74.9	38.4	-48.7
Saskatoon	42.0	108.8	69.4	57.7	150.4	160.8
Calgary	331.6	428.7	499.0	422.8	435.7	3.1
Edmonton	243.9	255.1	365.5	400.6	290.2	-27.6
Kelowna	63.4	65.5	62.6	75.6	49.8	-34.1
Abbotsford	43.8	70.0	34.6	28.9	44.1	52.6
Vancouver	474.1	547.7	696.3	601.8	407.5	-32.3
Victoria	72.6	57.2	66.1	85.0	83.3	-1.9

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Go online to view the census subdivisions that comprise the census metropolitan areas.

Note: Data may not add to totals as a result of rounding.

Value of building permits, by province and territory

	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008	June 2008 ^r	July 2008 ^p	June to July 2008
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions					% change
Canada	5,591.4	6,542.7	6,675.4	6,318.5	6,430.8	1.8
Residential	3,563.8	3,952.2	3,727.2	3,600.5	3,696.9	2.7
Non-residential	2,027.6	2,590.5	2,948.2	2,718.1	2,733.9	0.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	51.4	67.2	59.1	71.1	80.9	13.8
Residential	43.1	41.8	42.1	44.6	65.9	47.8
Non-residential	8.2	25.4	17.0	26.5	15.0	-43.5
Prince Edward Island	15.8	20.9	41.9	12.9	15.5	20.2
Residential	8.6	18.8	6.9	10.2	9.1	-10.5
Non-residential	7.2	2.1	35.0	2.7	6.4	135.5
Nova Scotia	98.2	131.6	132.6	135.5	120.3	-11.2
Residential	62.2	60.8	95.7	82.9	73.6	-11.2
Non-residential	35.9	70.8	36.9	52.6	46.7	-11.3
New Brunswick	58.3	73.3	129.6	108.7	85.1	-21.7
Residential	32.5	54.4	61.3	53.0	41.9	-20.9
Non-residential	25.8	18.9	68.3	55.7	43.2	-22.5
Quebec	1,002.5	1,135.7	1,108.6	1,158.9	1,312.1	13.2
Residential	652.0	744.2	692.7	728.6	845.7	16.1
Non-residential	350.5	391.4	415.9	430.3	466.4	8.4
Ontario	2,135.0	2,384.8	2,448.0	2,248.9	2,316.8	3.0
Residential	1,392.1	1,508.8	1,365.1	1,336.9	1,359.6	1.7
Non-residential	742.9	875.9	1,082.9	912.1	957.3	5.0
Manitoba	116.9	143.6	137.1	122.5	193.5	58.0
Residential	93.1	90.5	94.6	77.5	117.3	51.4
Non-residential	23.8	53.1	42.5	45.0	76.2	69.4
Saskatchewan	147.4	228.5	183.1	194.0	286.4	47.6
Residential	94.3	111.3	105.9	114.2	98.6	-13.7
Non-residential	53.1	117.3	77.1	79.8	187.8	135.3
Alberta	993.3	1,269.7	1,290.2	1,186.7	1,140.6	-3.9
Residential	512.6	615.6	615.7	493.8	474.5	-3.9
Non-residential	480.7	654.1	674.5	693.0	666.1	-3.9
British Columbia	949.6	1,076.5	1,134.7	1,063.0	860.7	-19.0
Residential	669.3	697.9	640.9	647.2	601.0	-7.1
Non-residential	280.3	378.6	493.9	415.8	259.6	-37.6
Yukon	4.6	5.2	5.0	3.7	7.1	90.2
Residential	3.7	2.7	3.5	3.0	4.3	44.8
Non-residential	0.9	2.5	1.4	0.7	2.8	272.3
Northwest Territories	18.1	0.6	0.7	2.5	3.1	23.7
Residential	0.1	0.6	0.4	1.2	2.7	132.2
Non-residential	18.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.4	-71.2
Nunavut	0.3	5.1	4.9	10.0	8.7	-12.8
Residential	0.0	4.8	2.4	7.6	2.6	-65.3
Non-residential	0.3	0.4	2.5	2.5	6.1	149.0

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Asphalt roofing

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Data on asphalt roofing are now available for July.

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