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2006 Census Public Use Microdata File, Individuals File

The *2006 Census Public Use Microdata File, Individuals File* is now available. This public use microdata file provides a unique access to non-aggregated and anonymous data for a sample of 2.7% of the population enumerated in the census. It is a comprehensive social, demographic and economic database about Canada and its people, and contains a wealth of characteristics on the population. The geographic identifiers have been restricted to provinces, territories and large metropolitan areas to ensure the anonymity of respondents.

This product, offered on DVD-ROM, contains the data file in ASCII and Beyond 20/20 formats, user documentation, as well as SAS and SPSS program source codes to enable users to read the set of records.

The product *2006 Census Public Use Microdata File, Individuals File* (95M0028X, \$1,115) is now available.

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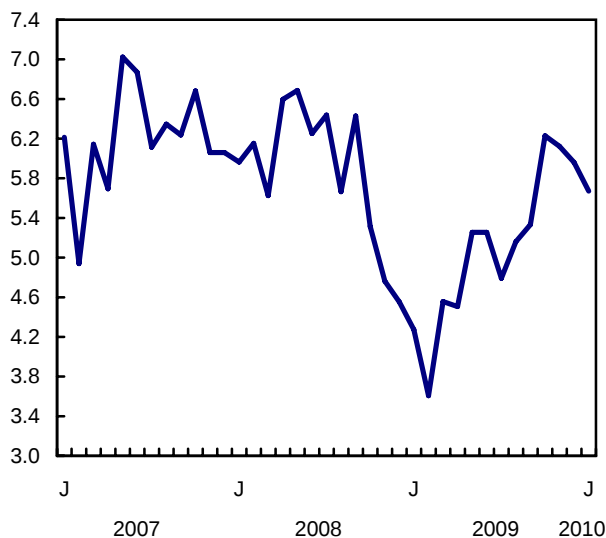
Building permits

January 2010

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Total value of permits

\$ billions



In the non-residential sector, contractors took out permits worth \$1.7 billion in January, a 21.0% decline from December. This was largely the result of a drop in the commercial component. January's non-residential level was down 25.1% from the same month in 2009.

In the residential sector, the value of permits rose 4.1% to \$4.0 billion, almost twice the value registered in January 2009. An increase in the value of permits for single-family dwellings between December and January more than offset a decline in multi-family dwellings.

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.

Revision

Preliminary data are provided for the current reference month.

With this release, seasonal adjustments were reviewed to take into account the most recent data. Revised seasonally adjusted data for each month in the three previous years are released at the same time as the annual revision to the unadjusted data.

The total value of construction intentions fell in five provinces and two territories in January, led by Alberta and British Columbia.

Residential sector: Higher intentions for single-family permits

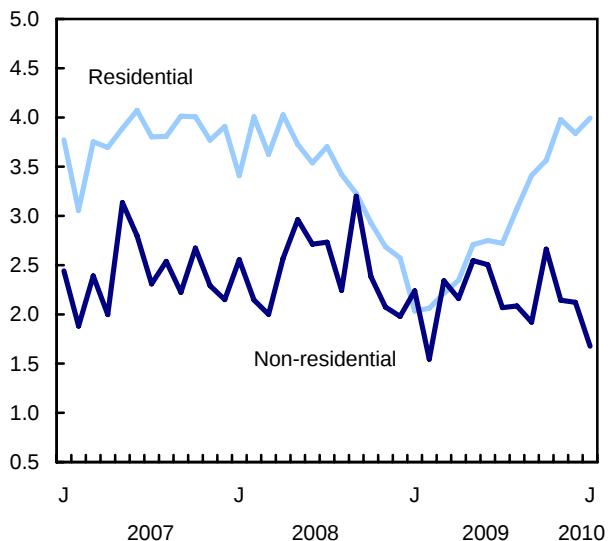
Increases in seven provinces pushed the value of permits for single-family in January to \$2.7 billion, up 7.2% from December. The value of single-family permits has been on an upward trend since March 2009.

In January, Municipalities issued \$1.3 billion worth of permits for multi-family dwellings, down 1.7% from December. This decline followed two consecutive monthly increases. British Columbia registered the largest decline, followed by Alberta.

Nationally, municipalities approved the construction of 18,685 new dwellings in January, up 1.7% from December. The increase was largely attributable to single-family dwellings, which rose 6.9% to 9,285 units. The number of multiple-family dwellings approved fell 2.9% to 9,400.

Residential and non-residential sectors

\$ billions



Non-residential sector: Declines in the commercial and institutional components

In the commercial component, municipalities issued permits worth \$982 million in January, a 28.3% decline from December. This followed three consecutive monthly increases. January's decrease was largely due to lower construction intentions for office buildings and recreational buildings in Alberta.

The value of institutional building permits decreased 15.3% to \$439 million, as a result of declines in seven provinces. The largest decreases were in building permits for day care facilities and nursing homes, mainly in Ontario, Alberta and New Brunswick.

In the industrial component, intentions rose 9.4% to \$256 million after two monthly declines. Ontario led the four provinces that posted higher construction intentions.

Largest declines in Alberta and British Columbia

The total value of building permits decreased in five provinces.

The largest decreases were posted by Alberta (-28.5%) and British Columbia (-22.5%), after both

recorded gains in December. In Alberta, the decline was a result of lower intentions for commercial buildings and multiple-family dwellings. In British Columbia, decreases came from both the residential and non-residential sectors.

Ontario posted the largest gain as a result of increases in both the residential and non-residential sectors. In Quebec, the increase came from the residential sector.

Value of permits down in more than half of all metropolitan areas

The total value of permits fell in 18 of the 34 census metropolitan areas.

The largest declines were in Calgary, Vancouver and Greater Sudbury. In Calgary, the decrease came mainly from the commercial component, following a large increase in December.

Building permits in Vancouver fell in every component except for single dwellings. In Greater Sudbury, the decline came after strong increases in December, when contractors took out substantial amounts of permits prior to fee increases that took effect in January 2010.

By contrast, the largest gains were in Toronto and Montréal. In Toronto, the increase was due to gains in all components except for institutional permits. In Montréal, the increase came from the residential sector.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2802.

The January 2010 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001-X, free) will be available soon.

The February building permit data will be released on April 7.

To order data, contact Jasmine Gaudreault (toll-free 1-800-579-8533; 613-951-6321; bdp_information@statcan.gc.ca). For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Nicole Charron (613-951-0087), Investment and Capital Stock Division.

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Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, Canada

	January 2009	November 2009	December 2009 ^r	January 2010 ^p	December 2009 to January 2010	January 2009 to January 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	number of units				% change	
Total dwellings	10,905	17,930	18,368	18,685	1.7	71.3
Single-family ¹	5,850	8,990	8,686	9,285	6.9	58.7
Multi-family	5,055	8,940	9,682	9,400	-2.9	86.0
	\$ millions				% change	
Total	4,273.4	6,123.0	5,960.7	5,670.9	-4.9	32.7
Residential	2,034.8	3,979.6	3,837.7	3,993.5	4.1	96.3
Single-family	1,349.8	2,658.4	2,479.7	2,658.7	7.2	97.0
Multi-family	684.9	1,321.2	1,358.0	1,334.8	-1.7	94.9
Non-residential	2,238.7	2,143.4	2,123.0	1,677.4	-21.0	-25.1
Industrial	208.8	297.8	233.9	256.0	9.4	22.6
Commercial	1,195.6	1,178.9	1,370.3	982.0	-28.3	-17.9
Institutional	834.3	666.7	518.8	439.4	-15.3	-47.3

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^p preliminary

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

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

Value of building permits, by province and territory

	January 2009	November 2009	December 2009 ^r	January 2010 ^p	December 2009 to January 2010	January 2009 to January 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions				% change	
Canada	4,273.4	6,123.0	5,960.7	5,670.9	-4.9	32.7
Residential	2,034.8	3,979.6	3,837.7	3,993.5	4.1	96.3
Non-residential	2,238.7	2,143.4	2,123.0	1,677.4	-21.0	-25.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	49.4	74.8	66.8	96.0	43.7	94.4
Residential	44.7	59.2	56.5	83.5	47.9	87.1
Non-residential	4.7	15.6	10.3	12.4	20.7	163.5
Prince Edward Island	12.5	11.2	11.8	11.3	-4.5	-9.4
Residential	6.6	7.1	10.0	9.5	-5.0	43.4
Non-residential	5.8	4.2	1.8	1.8	-2.0	-69.4
Nova Scotia	87.9	137.5	112.1	133.4	19.0	51.7
Residential	49.6	70.3	87.6	104.4	19.2	110.3
Non-residential	38.3	67.3	24.5	29.0	18.2	-24.3
New Brunswick	67.4	97.9	107.6	57.0	-47.0	-15.5
Residential	35.1	63.0	52.9	34.8	-34.1	-0.8
Non-residential	32.3	34.9	54.7	22.2	-59.5	-31.4
Quebec	904.4	1,129.7	1,125.8	1,246.1	10.7	37.8
Residential	612.5	790.0	781.5	986.4	26.2	61.0
Non-residential	291.9	339.7	344.3	259.8	-24.6	-11.0
Ontario	1,962.7	2,437.3	2,162.0	2,310.5	6.9	17.7
Residential	733.9	1,608.6	1,424.0	1,461.4	2.6	99.1
Non-residential	1,228.8	828.8	737.9	849.2	15.1	-30.9
Manitoba	106.7	192.3	106.5	122.2	14.8	14.5
Residential	67.5	116.4	84.0	101.0	20.2	49.5
Non-residential	39.2	75.9	22.5	21.3	-5.5	-45.7
Saskatchewan	174.1	125.0	151.3	121.1	-20.0	-30.4
Residential	91.0	80.3	76.5	80.5	5.2	-11.6
Non-residential	83.1	44.7	74.8	40.6	-45.7	-51.1
Alberta	572.5	1,120.3	1,225.6	876.5	-28.5	53.1
Residential	217.8	630.8	593.4	600.6	1.2	175.8
Non-residential	354.7	489.5	632.2	275.9	-56.4	-22.2
British Columbia	329.8	779.3	883.7	684.6	-22.5	107.6
Residential	172.2	538.7	665.3	528.4	-20.6	206.9
Non-residential	157.6	240.6	218.4	156.2	-28.5	-0.9
Yukon	5.7	8.6	5.8	2.7	-53.8	-53.2
Residential	3.6	7.7	5.4	2.6	-52.0	-28.0
Non-residential	2.2	0.9	0.4	0.1	-76.5	-95.2
Northwest Territories	0.4	5.3	1.8	1.4	-22.7	236.9
Residential	0.3	3.9	0.7	0.4	-38.7	69.4
Non-residential	0.2	1.5	1.1	0.9	-12.0	523.2
Nunavut	0.0	3.7	0.0	8.1	...	...
Residential	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	-100.0	...
Non-residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	...	...

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Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area¹

	January 2009	November 2009	December 2009 ^r	January 2010 ^p	December 2009 to January 2010	January 2009 to January 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions				% change	
Total	3,089.1	4,631.5	4,463.5	4,192.0	-6.1	35.7
St. John's	29.8	50.7	43.6	73.5	68.6	147.0
Halifax	30.9	69.1	34.5	75.5	118.9	144.3
Moncton	9.7	18.9	51.4	8.1	-84.3	-16.6
Saint John	9.2	21.8	23.9	9.4	-60.7	1.7
Saguenay	12.1	14.6	7.5	7.4	-1.1	-38.6
Québec	128.5	137.5	115.6	149.1	28.9	16.1
Sherbrooke	20.0	31.9	20.2	33.4	65.7	67.2
Trois-Rivières	11.6	40.5	13.7	18.4	34.1	58.0
Montréal	418.2	537.1	552.1	640.5	16.0	53.2
Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	138.2	290.1	208.4	184.9	-11.3	33.8
Gatineau part	56.3	34.2	57.5	60.3	4.8	7.0
Ottawa part	81.9	255.9	150.9	124.6	-17.4	52.1
Kingston	11.0	13.7	19.0	10.3	-46.1	-6.8
Peterborough	6.2	12.7	13.3	6.5	-51.2	5.5
Oshawa	116.1	78.1	62.4	78.2	25.4	-32.6
Toronto	930.3	1,070.7	999.6	1,182.4	18.3	27.1
Hamilton	31.1	164.4	86.0	86.1	0.1	176.9
St. Catharines-Niagara	12.8	78.4	34.8	32.1	-7.6	151.5
Kitchener	46.2	108.2	171.9	237.4	38.1	413.7
Brantford	8.0	5.2	9.4	12.3	31.5	53.2
Guelph	7.7	33.2	27.1	21.9	-19.1	184.4
London	39.4	114.9	43.2	84.3	95.3	113.6
Windsor	23.7	24.3	9.4	14.0	49.0	-41.2
Barrie	229.0	21.2	11.0	15.6	42.0	-93.2
Greater Sudbury	7.6	22.1	145.6	6.9	-95.3	-10.0
Thunder Bay	5.4	6.6	3.3	1.3	-60.3	-75.7
Winnipeg	60.6	140.0	67.9	67.2	-1.1	10.8
Regina	71.2	32.8	63.8	33.8	-47.0	-52.6
Saskatoon	54.1	48.3	58.6	40.5	-31.0	-25.2
Calgary	175.4	316.8	545.0	280.5	-48.5	59.9
Edmonton	226.4	527.4	306.2	304.4	-0.6	34.4
Kelowna	40.9	33.2	44.1	31.3	-29.0	-23.5
Abbotsford-Mission	5.7	12.6	12.3	12.4	0.3	115.4
Vancouver	138.2	485.6	590.3	370.9	-37.2	168.4
Victoria	33.6	69.0	68.5	61.6	-10.1	83.3

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

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



Accounting services price indexes 2008

The Accounting Services Price Index (ASPI, 2000=100), which measures the change over time in the price of services including auditing, tax preparation and bookkeeping, is now available for 2008.

In 2008, the ASPI increased by 2.9% from 2007. Prices rose in all accounting service categories, ranging from a gain of 1.6% for bookkeeping and general accounting services to a rise of 3.6% for audit, review and related services.

Prices in Alberta (+7.4%) grew at the fastest pace, while those in Atlantic Canada (+1.1%) increased at the slowest rate.

The ASPI series are available at both the national and regional level.

Available on CANSIM: table 326-0014.

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Longitudinal Administrative Databank 1982 to 2007

Data for 2007 have been added to the Longitudinal Administrative Databank (LAD). This databank now spans 26 years, from 1982 to 2007, and contains information about individuals and census families.

The LAD consists of a 20% longitudinal sample of Canadian taxfilers and provides researchers and analysts with a tool for studying the changes in income experienced by individuals and their families. The LAD contains a wide variety of income and demographic variables such as employment income, self-employment income, Registered Retirement Savings Plan contributions, alimony, age, sex, and census family composition. Its large sample ensures reliable estimates for Canada, the provinces, census metropolitan areas, and some subprovincial regions, based on aggregations of postal codes.

The LAD also contains information from the Longitudinal Immigration Database. It covers over 720,000 immigrants landed between 1980 and 2006 and provides information on their key characteristics at landing.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4107.

The *Longitudinal Administrative Data Dictionary*, 2007 (12-585-X, free), will soon be available. Custom tabulations including 2007 data (13C0019, various prices) are now available. See *How to order products*.

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