

Building Permits, February 2021 (preliminary)

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In February 2021, the preliminary seasonally adjusted¹ value of building permits (\$3.7 million) in Yukon decreased by \$842,000, or 18.7%, compared to February 2020 (\$4.5 million). In Canada, the total value of permits increased 20.5% during the same time period.

On a **year-to-date** basis, the preliminary total value of building permits issued in Yukon from January to February 2021 was \$6.1 million. This represents a decrease of \$16.5 million, or 73.2%, compared to the same time period in 2020 (\$22.6 million); residential permits were down \$1.8 million, or 26.3%, and non-residential permits were down \$14.7 million, or 94.1%.

The decrease in the year-to-date non-residential construction is due in large part to permits for the Community Centre in Old Crow issued in January 2020.

Value of Building Permits¹, February 2021 (preliminary)

	Feb 2020	Jan 2021 ^r	Feb 2021 ^p	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2021	Jan '21 to Feb '21	Feb '20 to Feb '21	Jan-Feb 2020 to Jan-Feb 2021
	----- \$ millions -----					-----% change ³ -----		
Canada ²	8,421.4	9,943.6	10,150.3	17,368.4	20,094.0	2.1	20.5	15.7
Residential	5,473.7	7,046.7	6,841.1	11,009.7	13,887.8	-2.9	25.0	26.1
Non-residential	2,947.8	2,897.0	3,309.2	6,358.6	6,206.2	14.2	12.3	-2.4
Yukon²	4.5	2.4	3.7	22.6	6.1	53.9	-18.7	-73.2
Residential	4.2	2.3	2.9	7.0	5.1	26.3	-31.6	-26.3
Non-residential	0.3	0.1	0.8	15.6	0.9	583.9	145.3	-94.1

^r = revised

^p = preliminary data

¹ Monthly data are seasonally adjusted; annual data are not adjusted for seasonality.

² Data may not add up to totals due to rounding.

³ Percent change is based on unrounded numbers.

Note to Readers:

- 1) This release presents seasonally adjusted data (except where noted), which facilitates month-to-month comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations. The Building Permits Survey covers 2,400 municipalities representing 95% of the Canadian population. The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small and their levels of building activity have little impact on the total for the entire population. Building permits data are used as a leading indicator of activity in the construction industry. The value of planned construction activities presented in this release excludes engineering projects (such as waterworks, sewers or culverts) and land.
- 2) Yukon Bureau of Statistics obtains data on building permits from Community Services and the City of Whitehorse on a monthly basis and publishes aggregated figures (unadjusted) in the Bureau's [Monthly Statistical Review](#).