

Department of Finance Yukon Bureau of Statistics



Building Permits, December 2020 (preliminary)

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In December 2020, the preliminary seasonally adjusted¹ value of building permits (\$5.3 million) in Yukon increased by \$2.0 million, or 62.0%, compared to December 2019 (\$3.3 million). In Canada, the total value of permits increased 1.7% during the same time period.

On a **year-to-date** basis (January through December 2020), the preliminary **unadjusted**¹ total value of building permits issued in Yukon was \$142.7 million. This represents a decrease of \$19.5 million, or 12.0%, compared to the same time period in 2019 (\$162.2 million); the value of residential permits increased by \$11.2 million and non-residential permits decreased by \$30.7 million. The high year-to-date value of non-residential permits in 2019 was attributable mainly to permits issued for the KDFN administration building.

Value of Building Permits¹, December 2020 (preliminary)

	Dec 2019	Nov 2020 ^r	Dec 2020 ^p	Jan-Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2020	Nov '20 to Dec '20	to	Jan-Dec 2019 to Jan-Dec 2020
	\$ millions					% change ³		
Canada ²	8,931.0	9,469.9	9,083.4	102,863.6	100,496.7	-4.1	1.7	-2.3
Residential	5,138.7	6,413.9	6,358.0	62,112.6	66,669.5	-0.9	23.7	7.3
Non-residential	3,792.2	3,056.0	2,725.4	40,750.9	33,827.2	-10.8	-28.1	-17.0
Yukon ²	3.3	4.3	5.3	162.2	142.7	22.7	62.0	-12.0
Residential	2.8	3.1	4.9	58.2	69.4	58.6	73.9	19.2
Non-residential	0.4	1.2	0.4	104.0	73.3	-68.3	-13.5	-29.5

r = revised

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.

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p = preliminary data

¹ Monthly data are seasonally adjusted; year-to-date 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.