

Building Permits, February 2020 (preliminary)

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In February 2020, the preliminary seasonally adjusted value of building permits (\$4.5 million) in Yukon decreased by \$12.6 million, or 73.7%, compared to February 2019 (\$17.1 million). In Canada, the total value of permits increased 6.7% 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 2020 was \$22.5 million. This represents an increase of \$1.2 million, or 5.7%, compared to the same time period in 2019 (\$21.3 million); the value of residential permits increased by \$177,000 and non-residential permits were up \$1.0 million.

Value of Building Permits (seasonally adjusted), February 2020 (preliminary)

	Feb 2019	Jan 2020 ^r	Feb 2020 ^p	Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan '20 to Feb '20	Feb '19 to Feb '20	Jan-Feb 2019 to Jan-Feb 2020
	----- \$ millions -----					-----% change ² -----		
Canada ¹	8,018.3	9,227.2	8,554.8	16,363.8	17,782.0	-7.3	6.7	8.7
Residential	4,880.9	5,756.9	5,338.1	10,158.1	11,095.1	-7.3	9.4	9.2
Non-residential	3,137.4	3,470.2	3,216.7	6,205.8	6,686.9	-7.3	2.5	7.8
Yukon¹	17.1	18.0	4.5	21.3	22.5	-75.0	-73.7	5.7
Residential	3.6	2.7	4.2	6.7	6.8	55.1	16.0	2.7
Non-residential	13.5	15.3	0.3	14.6	15.6	-97.8	-97.6	7.0

^r = revised

^p = preliminary data

¹ Data may not add up to totals due to rounding.

² Percent change is based on unrounded numbers.

Note to Readers:

- 1) This release presents seasonally adjusted data, 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**.