



## **Building Permits, March 2020 (preliminary)**

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In March 2020, the preliminary seasonally adjusted value of building permits (\$3.5 million) in Yukon decreased by \$1.6 million, or 31.5%, compared to March 2019 (\$5.2 million). In Canada, the total value of permits decreased 11.4% during the same time period.

On a **year-to-date** basis, the preliminary total value of building permits issued in Yukon from January to March 2020 was \$26.0 million. This represents a decrease of \$458,000, or 1.7%, compared to the same time period in 2019 (\$26.4 million); the value of residential permits decreased by \$1.7 million and non-residential permits increased by \$1.2 million.

## Value of Building Permits (seasonally adjusted), March 2020 (preliminary)

	Mar 2019	Feb 2020 <sup>r</sup>	Mar 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	Feb '20 to <u>Mar '20</u>	Mar '19 to Mar '20	Jan-Mar 2019 to Jan-Mar 2020
	\$ millions					% change <sup>2</sup>		
Canada <sup>1</sup>	8,354.1	8,524.2	7,399.9	24,717.9	25,232.2	-13.2	-11.4	2.1
Residential	4,771.0	5,318.2	4,621.9	14,929.1	15,793.1	-13.1	-3.1	5.8
Non-residential	3,583.1	3,206.0	2,778.0	9,788.8	9,439.1	-13.3	-22.5	-3.6
Yukon <sup>1</sup>	5.2	4.5	3.5	26.4	26.0	-21.0	-31.5	-1.7
Residential	3.7	4.1	1.9	10.4	8.7	-53.9	-48.6	-16.0
Non-residential	1.4	0.3	1.6	16.0	17.2	393.9	12.7	7.5

<sup>r</sup> = revised

<sup>p</sup> = preliminary data

<sup>1</sup> Data may not add up to totals due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> 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**.