

## Building Permits, April 2020 (preliminary)

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In April 2020, the preliminary seasonally adjusted value of building permits (\$10.2 million) in Yukon increased by \$2.5 million, or 32.0%, compared to April 2019 (\$7.7 million). In Canada, the total value of permits decreased 37.0% during the same time period.

On a **year-to-date** basis, the preliminary total value of building permits issued in Yukon from January to April 2020 was \$36.1 million. This represents an increase of \$2.0 million, or 5.8%, compared to the same time period in 2019 (\$34.1 million); the value of residential permits decreased by \$1.9 million and non-residential permits increased by \$3.9 million.

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

	Apr 2019	Mar 2020 <sup>r</sup>	Apr 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020	Mar '20 to Apr '20	Apr '19 to Apr '20	Jan-Apr 2019 to Jan-Apr 2020
	----- \$ millions -----					-----% change <sup>2</sup> -----		
Canada <sup>1</sup>	9,596.0	7,288.9	6,046.1	34,313.9	31,057.9	-17.1	-37.0	-9.5
Residential	6,030.9	4,564.5	3,918.2	20,960.0	19,612.2	-14.2	-35.0	-6.4
Non-residential	3,565.1	2,724.4	2,127.8	13,353.9	11,445.7	-21.9	-40.3	-14.3
<b>Yukon<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>190.1</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>Residential</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>190.9</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-11.8</b>
<b>Non-residential</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>189.2</b>	<b>131.2</b>	<b>21.5</b>

<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**.