

Building Permits, August 2021 (preliminary)

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In August 2021, the preliminary seasonally adjusted value of building permits (\$17.0 million) in Yukon increased by \$10.0 million, or 142.2%, compared to August 2020 (\$7.0 million). In Canada, the total value of permits increased 16.9% during the same time period.

On a **year-to-date** basis, the preliminary total value of building permits issued in Yukon from January to August 2021 was \$122.4 million. This represents an increase of \$10.6 million, or 9.4%, compared to the same time period in 2020 (\$111.8 million); residential permits were up \$26.7 million, or 55.8%, and non-residential permits were down \$16.2 million, or 25.3%.

Value of Building Permits¹, August 2021 (preliminary)

	Aug 2020	Jul 2021 ^r	Aug 2021 ^p	Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021	Jul '21 to Aug '21	Aug '20 to Aug '21	Jan-Aug 2020 to Jan-Aug 2021
	----- \$ millions -----					-----% change ² -----		
Canada ¹	8,268.5	9,876.2	9,664.4	63,645.4	81,979.3	-2.1	16.9	28.8
Residential	5,801.1	6,935.2	6,362.6	41,718.0	56,956.9	-8.3	9.7	36.5
Non-residential	2,467.4	2,941.0	3,301.8	21,927.4	25,022.4	12.3	33.8	14.1
Yukon¹	7.0	23.2	17.0	111.8	122.4	-26.8	142.2	9.4
Residential	5.9	12.3	13.5	47.9	74.6	9.3	129.2	55.8
Non-residential	1.1	10.9	3.5	63.9	47.8	-67.9	210.2	-25.3

^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 (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](#).