

Building Permits, January 2020 (preliminary)

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In January 2020, the preliminary seasonally adjusted value of building permits (\$17.9 million) in Yukon increased by \$13.7 million, or 324.4%, compared to January 2019 (\$4.2 million). In Canada, the total value of permits increased 11.2% during the same time period.

On an **annual** basis, the **revised** total value of building permits issued in Yukon in 2019 was \$162.2 million. This represents an increase of \$10.6 million, or 7.0%, compared to 2018 (\$151.6 million); residential permits were down \$4.9 million, or 7.7%, and non-residential permits were up \$15.5 million, or 17.5%.

The increase non-residential construction in January 2020 is due in large part to permits for the Community Centre in Old Crow.

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

	Jan	Dec	Jan	2018	2019 ^r	Dec '19	Jan '19	2018
	2019	2019 ^r	2020 ^P			to	to	
	----- \$ millions -----					-----% change ² -----		
	Jan '20	Jan '20	Jan '20	2018	2019 ^r	Jan '20	Jan '20	2019
Canada ¹	8,318.1	8,887.7	9,245.7	99,772.8	101,524.2	4.0	11.2	1.8
Residential	5,329.3	5,128.2	5,780.1	62,843.4	61,758.9	12.7	8.5	-1.7
Non-residential	2,988.8	3,759.5	3,465.6	36,929.5	39,765.4	-7.8	16.0	7.7
Yukon¹	4.2	3.2	17.9	151.6	162.2	453.9	324.4	7.0
Residential	3.2	2.8	2.7	63.1	58.2	-4.6	-15.8	-7.7
Non-residential	1.1	0.4	15.3	88.5	104.0	17.5

^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**.