

Building Permits, October 2020 (preliminary)

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In October 2020, the preliminary seasonally adjusted value of building permits (\$11.7 million) in Yukon decreased by \$20.8 million, or 64.0%, compared to October 2019 (\$32.4 million). In Canada, the total value of permits decreased 3.3% during the same time period.

On a **year-to-date** basis (January through October 2020), the preliminary total value of building permits issued in Yukon was \$132.4 million. This represents a decrease of \$22.7 million, or 14.6%, compared to the same time period in 2019 (\$155.1 million); the value of residential permits increased by \$8.6 million and non-residential permits decreased by \$31.3 million. *The decrease in non-residential permits in 2020 is due in large part to permits issued in 2019 for the KDFN administration building.*

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

	Oct 2019	Sep 2020 ^r	Oct 2020 ^p	Jan-Oct 2019	Jan-Oct 2020	Sep '20 to Oct '20	Oct '19 to Oct '20	Jan-Oct 2019 to Jan-Oct 2020
	----- \$ millions -----					-----% change ² -----		
Canada ¹	8,450.3	9,569.5	8,171.3	85,822.1	80,671.4	-14.6	-3.3	-6.0
Residential	5,022.5	6,038.5	5,681.8	52,208.7	52,850.9	-5.9	13.1	1.2
Non-residential	3,427.8	3,531.0	2,489.5	33,613.4	27,820.5	-29.5	-27.4	-17.2
Yukon¹	32.4	10.2	11.7	155.1	132.4	14.9	-64.0	-14.6
Residential	4.5	6.8	7.3	52.1	60.7	7.2	62.4	16.5
Non-residential	27.9	3.4	4.4	103.0	71.7	30.3	-84.3	-30.4

^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](#).