



Highlights

- Manufacturing sales marginally decline in BC in September
- Canadian permits rise in September
- B.C. reported lower residential building permits; non-residential permits continued to grow

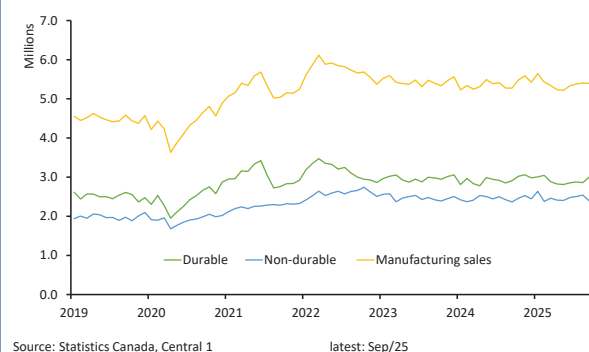
Durable goods sales rise while non-durable goods sales fall

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Manufacturing sales in B.C. marginally declined in September. On a seasonally-adjusted basis, manufacturing sales in the province decreased by 0.1 per cent to just under \$5.4 billion. The monthly decline was largely due to falling non-durable goods sales, which decreased by 5.9 per cent to just below \$2.4 billion. They were offset by durable good sales, which rose by 5.0 per cent to \$3.0 billion. Overall, provincial manufacturing sales figures have been rangebound since mid-2023. Unadjusted sales were 0.7 per cent higher when compared to 2024 on a year-to-date basis.

Durable goods sales rise while non-durables sales decline in BC

B.C. manufacturing sales, \$ billions



Within the durable goods sector, the primary metal manufacturing subsector rose 12.4 per cent, reaching the highest seasonally-adjusted level since February 2025 amid rising commodity prices. Transportation equipment manufacturing sales also rose 20.0 per cent after dipping 21.8 per cent in August. Wood products

manufacturing sales also grew by 3.7 per cent in September. Year-to-date manufacturing sales of durable goods in B.C. were up 0.4 per cent from 2024 on unadjusted basis.

Data for most subsectors in the non-durable goods category is suppressed for confidentiality reasons, but food manufacturing sales declined in August by 7.9 per cent. Year-to-date unadjusted non-durable goods sales have grown by 1.0 per cent compared to the same period in 2024.

In the Vancouver metro area, seasonally-adjusted manufacturing sales increased by 2.7 per cent following a decline of 0.9 per cent in September.

B.C. construction sector permits fall in September

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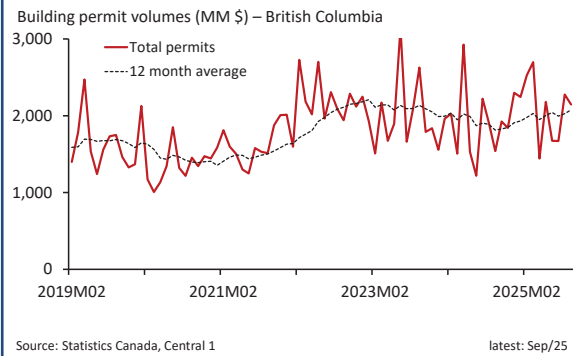
The total value of building permits issued in Canada rose 4.5 per cent (\$504.8 million) to \$11.7 billion on a seasonally-adjusted basis in September, following the decline in August. Increases in Quebec and Alberta offset the downturn in British Columbia. Year-to-date, building permits issued decreased by 2.4 per cent on a constant dollar basis.

B.C. reported a decline in permits in September as seasonally-adjusted permits decreased by 5.6 per cent to \$2.2 billion. Despite monthly fluctuations, the 12-month moving average still trended higher. Year-to-date, the nominal volume of permits were up by 10.9 per cent, while on a constant dollar basis, permits went up by 7.5 per cent.

This month's decrease was largely driven by much lower residential permits, falling by 13.3 per cent to \$1.3 billion in September, following a gain of 27.2 per cent in the prior month. Within the sector, single dwelling building permits decreased by 4.4 per cent while multiple dwelling permits fell by 15.0 per cent.

Non-residential sector permits rose by 8.6 per cent to \$867.1 million. Within the category, industrial permits and institutional building permits increased by 29.7 per cent, while commercial building permits increased by 4.2 per cent. The institutional and governmental components also noted a gain of 13.7 per cent.

B.C. building permits decline in September



The majority of B.C.'s metro areas reported lower permits in September. Higher permits were noted in Vancouver and Victoria, rising by 5.8 per cent and 3.8 per cent, respectively. Permits were down significantly in Kelowna (-35.1 per cent), Kamloops (-67.6 per cent), Chilliwack (-52.8 per cent), and Abbotsford-Mission (-30.3 per cent). In Nanaimo, permits decreased by 6.6 per cent.

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