

# BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

SNAPSHOT  
MEDIANS  
FOR 2016

How much does it cost to process building permits & provide inspection services?

**\$9.86/** per \$1000 in construction value  
BLDG325M (EFFICIENCY)

**474** new residential dwelling units created  
BLDG221 (SERVICE LEVEL)

## KEEP IN MIND:

### Influencing Factors

Influencing factors can create variances in comparison data from year-to-year and from municipality-to-municipality.



#### Complexity

*Size and technical complexity of permit applications and construction work*



#### Economic Conditions

*State of the local economy, interest rates and employment conditions can affect investment in building stock*



#### Geography

*More travel time and fewer inspections can result in higher costs per permit*



#### Inspection Services

*Nature of inspection process may vary*



#### Legislative Changes

*Revisions or new Acts and Regulations adds time to the review and inspection process*



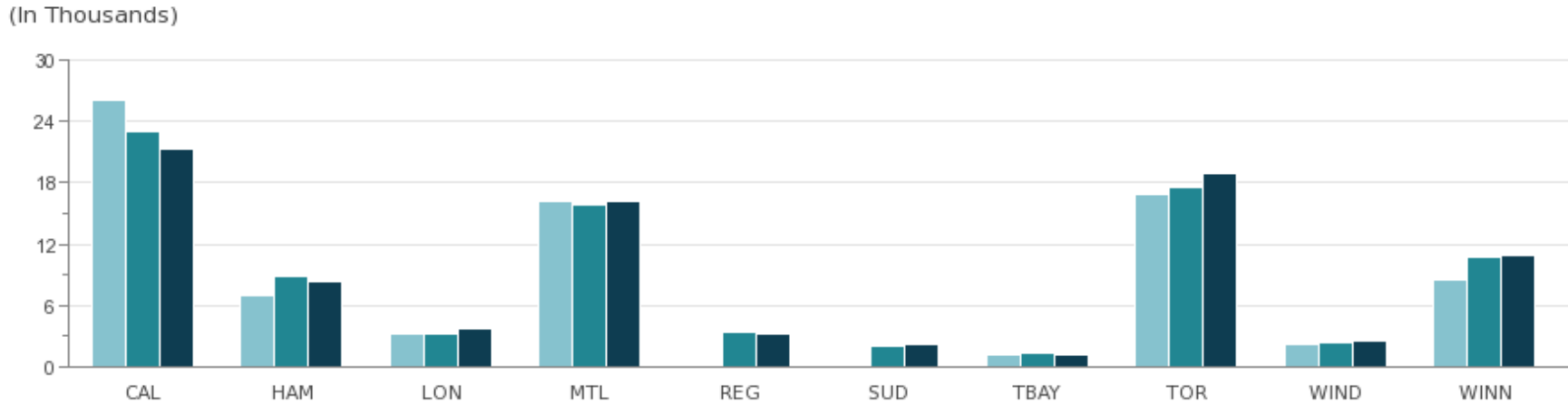
#### Municipal Policy

*Varying permit requirements per jurisdiction*

For a full description of influencing factors, please go to: [www.mbncanada.ca](http://www.mbncanada.ca)

**Fig. 2.1 Number of Building Permits Issued in the Calendar Year**

Building permits include residential, ICI (Industrial, Commercial and Institutional) and other categories (agriculture and tents). Building Permits are defined as “permits required for construction” and are subject to the respective Building Code Act for each province.

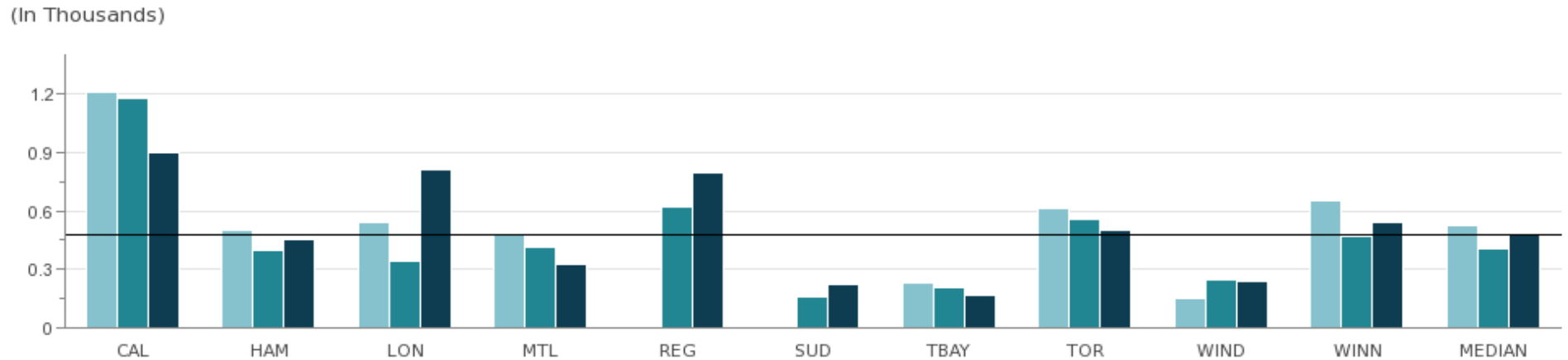


2014	26,124	6,872	3,168	16,170	N/A	N/A	1,216	16,847	2,203	8,561
2015	23,063	8,857	3,165	15,847	3,343	2,031	1,307	17,584	2,358	10,654
2016	21,394	8,351	3,682	16,198	3,220	2,083	1,168	18,896	2,441	10,929

Source: BLDG206 (Statistic)

**Fig. 2.2 New Residential Units Created per 100,000 Population**

This is an economic indicator that highlights development trends in a municipality. Typically, there is a correlation between the number of new residential dwelling units, population growth and the overall economic growth of a municipality.

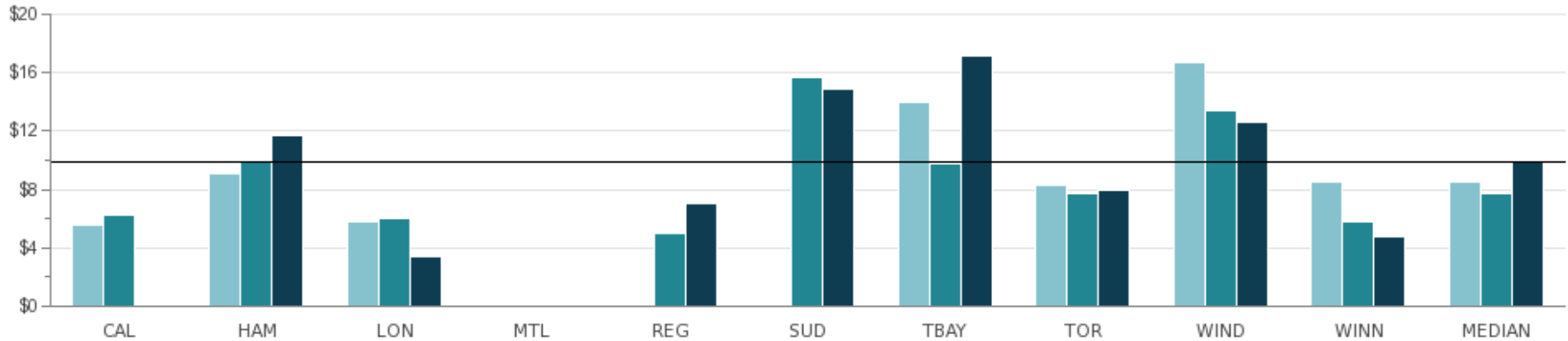


2014	1,207	501	543	477	N/A	N/A	230	610	150	652	522
2015	1,179	399	338	412	621	159	205	555	248	469	406
2016	896	451	809	323	796	222	162	497	239	543	474

Source: BLDG221 (Service Level)

**Fig. 2.3 Operating Cost of Building Permits and Inspection Services per \$1,000 in Construction Value**

Fluctuation in year over year results is impacted by construction values.



2014	\$5.59	\$9.14	\$5.74	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$14.01	\$8.29	\$16.68	\$8.50	\$8.50
2015	\$6.19	\$9.84	\$5.99	N/A	\$5.01	\$15.72	\$9.74	\$7.74	\$13.47	\$5.80	\$7.74
2016	N/A	\$11.75	\$3.36	N/A	\$6.99	\$14.92	\$17.22	\$7.96	\$12.64	\$4.78	\$9.86

Source: BLDG325M (Efficiency)

**Comments:**

The City of Calgary is not reporting BLDG325M, pending the outcome of the 2017 Compliance Review in Planning.

The City of Montreal does not track this data across the 19 boroughs.