

Canadians pay more for meat and non-perishable foods

Consumer prices declined for the second consecutive month, falling 0.4% year over year in May. Prices for rent, telephone services and traveller accommodation were all down year over year, while Canadians paid more for gasoline, meat and non-perishable food products.



Source: [Consumer Price Index, May 2020](#)

Almost one-tenth of retail sales were online in April

Retail sales were down by just over one-quarter in April and have fallen by one-third since the onset of the pandemic in mid-March. However, online sales surged to a record high 9.5% of the total retail market in April.



Source: [Retail sales, April 2020](#)

Ottawa bucks the national housing trend

New house prices edged up 0.1% at the national level in May. Ottawa (+1.0%) reported the largest increase while prices in Toronto and Vancouver were unchanged for the second consecutive month.

Source: [New Housing Price Index, May 2020](#)

Over four-fifths of manufacturers report that the pandemic affected their operations

Manufacturing sales were down by a record 28.5% in April, with the transportation equipment industry (-76.4%) reporting the largest decline. Over four-fifths of manufacturers reported that COVID-19 had affected their operations in April.



Source: [Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, April 2020](#)