

Construction rebounds on gradual reopening

Construction activity rose 17.6% in May, the largest monthly increase since the series started in January 1961. Residential construction increased



by one-fifth following two months of reduced activity. Non-residential construction jumped 56.7%, largely offsetting the declines over the two previous months.

Source: [Gross domestic product by industry, May 2020](#)

How comfortable are Canadians about resuming "everyday" life?

COVID-19

Almost two-thirds of respondents to a recent panel survey were "very concerned" about the health risks associated with attending shows, festivals, movies or sporting events (66%) or plane travel (64%).

Source: [Study: Concerns over resuming activities in Canada](#)

Payroll employment in accommodation and food services down by over half since February

There were 116,500 fewer payroll employment jobs in accommodation and food services (-16.9%) in May, bringing total losses to 770,400 (-57.4%) since February—the largest drop among all sectors.



Source: [Payroll employment, earnings and hours, May 2020](#)

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Almost one-quarter of participants to a recent survey said their children will not return to child care upon re-opening, with one-half saying that they would not do so over concerns about the health of their child or other members of their household. One-third would no longer need child care services and 6% said that they could no longer afford child care services.

Source: [Study: Child care use during and after the pandemic](#)