

Walking and biking to work now more popular than public transit

The roads are less congested since the onset of the pandemic, and more people now walk or ride their bike to work than take public transit. Prior to the pandemic, 13% of commuters used the public transit to get to work. This fell to 3% during the pandemic—half the proportion of those who walk or bicycle to work (6%).

Source: [More commuters now walk or bike to work than take public transit](#)

Capital spending intentions down since the onset of COVID-19

Canadian businesses have significantly changed their capital spending intentions since the onset of the pandemic. While businesses originally planned on spending \$275.5 billion in capital investment in 2020, they have now revised their spending intentions down to \$242.6 billion, with the oil and gas and restaurant sectors posting notable decreases.



Source: [Non-residential capital and repair expenditures, revised 2020 intentions](#)

Lower employment rate for Black men

According to 2016 Census data, 78% of Black men aged 25 to 59 were employed, compared with 83% of other men. Conversely, the employment rate for Black women was comparable overall to that of other women.



Source: [Study: Changes in the socioeconomic situation of Canada's Black population](#)

Manufacturing continues to rebound

Manufacturing sales posted a record increase of 20.7% in June, following an 11.6% gain in May, as factories continued to ramp up operations. Sales were up in every industry, led by the motor vehicles (+281.6%) and motor vehicle parts (+190.3%) industries.



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