

Most Canadians consult online news sites to get information about the pandemic

Over 60% of Canadians have consulted news sites or online newspapers to obtain information about COVID-19, and around one-third have consulted social media posts from news organizations or from other users or influencers. About 4 in 10 reported seeing information online about the pandemic on a daily basis that they suspected was misleading or inaccurate.

Source: [Canadian Perspectives Survey Series 4: Information sources consulted during the pandemic, July 2020](#)

Business productivity increased in eight provinces last year

Business productivity rose at twice the pace nationally in 2019 (+0.4%) than a year earlier. Productivity grew at a faster rate in Atlantic Canada and Quebec, while it declined in Ontario (-0.6%), Saskatchewan (-2.7%) and all three territories.



Source: [Hours worked and labour productivity in the provinces and territories, 2019](#)

Wholesale sales approach pre-pandemic levels

Wholesale sales rose by 18.5% to \$62.1 billion in June as large parts of the economy reopened. Sales in June stood 3.9% below the record high set in February, just prior to pandemic.



Source: [Wholesale trade, June 2020](#)

Retail sales surge past pre-pandemic levels

Retail sales rose 23.7% to \$53.0 billion in June, bringing total sales to 1.3% above pre-pandemic levels. Sales at clothing and clothing accessories stores (+142.3%) more than doubled, as most regions allowed more brick-and-mortar stores to open, including those in malls.



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