

Non-resident investors acquire more Canadian debt securities

Non-resident investors acquired \$15.5 billion of Canadian securities in August, largely debt securities. Canadian investors increased their holdings of foreign securities by \$5.7 billion, led by US shares. As a result, international transactions in securities generated a net inflow of funds of \$9.8 billion in the Canadian economy in August and \$112.6 billion so far in 2020.

Source: [Canada's international transactions in securities, August 2020](#)

One-third of Canadians have experienced a phishing attack

Just over one-third of Canadians (34%) received phishing attacks since the start of the pandemic, while 14% reported at least one phishing attack related to COVID test results, a potential cure for the virus or about the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.



Source: [Canadians spend more money and time online during pandemic and over two-fifths report a cyber incident](#)

Wood product sales up by one-quarter year over year

Sales of wood products rose 12.3% to \$3.0 billion in August. Year over year, sales of wood products grew 26.0%. Following record high sales in July, sales of plastic and rubber products decreased 9.6% to \$2.6 billion in August.



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

Aerobic fitness down in boys aged 8 to 14

Almost one-third of 8- to 14-year-olds (31%) had an aerobic fitness level that "needed improvement" from 2016 to 2019, compared with 23% from 2007 to 2011. The proportion of boys with good or very good aerobic fitness fell from 49% in 2007 to 2011 to 37% in 2016 to 2019.

The aerobic fitness levels among girls remained stable over the same period.



Source: [Aerobic fitness has decreased in boys and girls have become stronger, 2016 to 2019](#)