

Notable increase in long-term unemployment



Long-term unemployment increased by 79,000 (+36.2%) in September and a further 151,000 (+50.7%) in October to total 448,000, or one-quarter (24.6%)

of all unemployed people. Long-term unemployment is defined as those who are unemployed and have been looking for work or on temporary layoff for 27 weeks or more.

Source: [Labour Force Survey, October 2020](#)

Revenues rise in the film, television and video post-production industries

The film, television and video post-production industry generated \$2.0 billion in total operating revenue in 2019, up 16.1% from 2017. Visual effects and animation services for audiovisual works generated three-fifths (59.8%) of total industry sales in 2019, while motion picture film laboratory services accounted for just over one-tenth (12.6%).



Source: [Revenues and expenses up for Canada's film, television and video post-production industries in 2019](#)

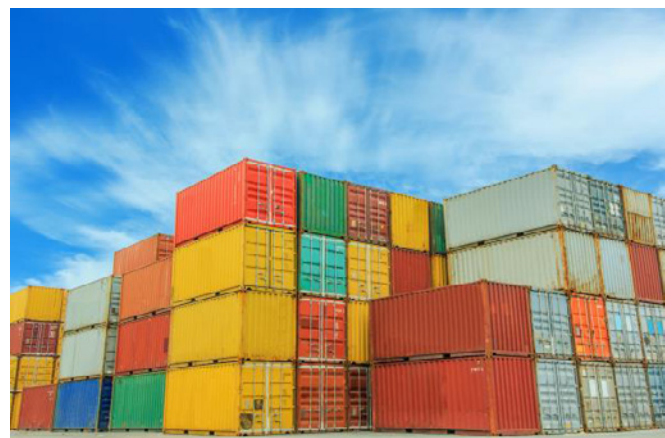
General contractors are bidding on fewer projects and reducing margins

General contractors in the non-residential sector across Canada continued to face higher lumber prices and insurance rates and lower productivity due to COVID-19 physical distancing and hygiene requirements. General contractors reporting data for the Construction Contractors Survey indicated that they are bidding on fewer projects, reducing margins and constraining price increases.

Source: [Building construction price indexes, third quarter 2020](#)

Exports of lumber rise for the fifth consecutive month

Exports of forestry products and building and packaging materials rose 10.4% in September to \$3.9 billion—up 15.5% compared with February. Exports of lumber (+23.0%) contributed the most to the overall growth, up for a fifth consecutive month to reach \$1.6 billion, the highest level in 14 years.



Source: [Canadian international merchandise trade, September 2020](#)