

Strong condo apartment markets in Montréal and Toronto at the onset of the pandemic

Home prices in Montréal were up 8.0% year over year in the first quarter, on the strength of the resale (+9.8%) and new (+8.2%) condominium

apartment markets. Home prices rose 6.5% in Toronto, led by new (+14.6%) and resale (+8.5%) condominium apartments.

COVID-19

Source: [Study: Price trends and outlook in key Canadian housing markets](#)

Canadians plan to reduce discretionary spending

Canadians are planning to spend less on some discretionary items, according to results from a web panel survey. For example, half of respondents reported that they plan to spend less money eating at a restaurant and about one-third plan to spend less on entertainment, clothing or apparel, recreation, or ordering take-out food. Conversely, almost one-fifth (19%) expected to spend more on groceries.

Source: [Study: Expected changes in spending habits during the recovery period](#)

Non-residential construction on track to return to pre-COVID levels

Non-residential construction investment increased 65.6% to \$4.9 billion in May. The commercial component rose 99.0% to \$2.9 billion. Nearly all of the increase was in Ontario and Quebec, with both provinces returning to more regular construction activity. Overall investment was nevertheless just below February levels.



Source: [Investment in building construction, May 2020](#)

Nearly one in five youth reports "fair" or "poor" mental health

Almost one-fifth of youth aged 15 to 17 (17%) reported that their mental health was "fair" or "poor" in 2019. Girls aged 15 to 17 (24%) were more than twice as likely as boys (10%) to report fair or poor mental health.



Source: [Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth, 2019](#)