

## Unemployment remains high for Arab, Black and Southeast Asian Canadians

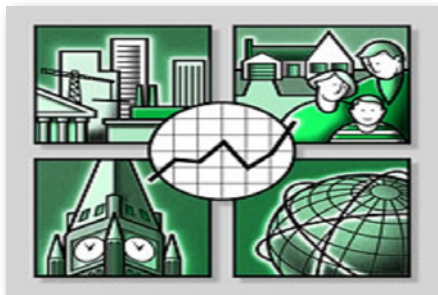
Arab (17.9%), Black (17.6%) and Southeast Asian (16.6%) Canadians continued to have significantly higher unemployment rates in August than Canadians who are not members of groups designated as visible minorities (9.4%, not seasonally adjusted).



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

## Largest loss in hours worked among other private services

Other private services—such as repair and maintenance services, and personal and laundry services—lost 41.9 million hours worked in the second quarter as restrictions remained in place for many of these activities. Construction, retail trade, manufacturing and accommodation and food services all lost over 30 million hours worked in the quarter.



Source: [Labour productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, second quarter 2020](#)

## Imports of consumer goods surpass pre-pandemic levels

Imports of consumer goods rose 4.8% in July and surpassed their February level. Imports of miscellaneous goods and supplies (+18.9%) rose on higher imports of other protective equipment and diagnostic products.



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

## Police-reported crime incidents down during the early months of the pandemic

During the first four months of the pandemic, 17 police services in Canada reported a 16% decrease in selected criminal incidents year over year. In contrast, the number of calls for service increased 4%, particularly wellness checks and calls to attend domestic disturbances.

Source: [Police-reported crime incidents down during the early months of the pandemic, while domestic disturbance calls increase](#)