

## Canadians living in food insecurity four times more likely to perceive their mental health as fair or poor

Approximately one in seven Canadians (14.6%) were estimated to live in a food-insecure household during the early stages of the pandemic (May 2020). Those living in households with severe food insecurity were four times more likely to self-perceive their mental health as fair or poor, and more than seven times more likely to report symptoms of moderate or severe anxiety.



Source: [Food insecurity and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

## A good snow season boosts operating revenue at skiing facilities

Operating revenue for fitness and recreational sports centres rose 7.9% to \$4.5 billion in 2019, while those for skiing facilities increased 6.8% to \$1.3 billion, reflecting a good snow season across Canada.

Source: [All industry groups in the amusement and recreation subsector experienced growth in 2019](#)

## Production in the aerospace industry down by one-quarter since the onset of the pandemic

Production in the aerospace product and parts industry was down 5.9% from a month earlier to \$1.6 billion in October. Aerospace manufacturers ramped down production due to the collapse in demand and uncertainty surrounding the length of global travel



restrictions during the second wave of COVID-19. Production in the industry was one-quarter below pre-pandemic levels in February.

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

## The federal government issues a record amount of new bonds

Non-residents added \$7.1 billion of provincial government bonds to their portfolios in October, their largest investment since May 2017. Non-residents also acquired \$4.6 billion of federal government bonds.

Overall, the federal government issued a record amount (\$55.5 billion) of new bonds on financial markets in October.



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