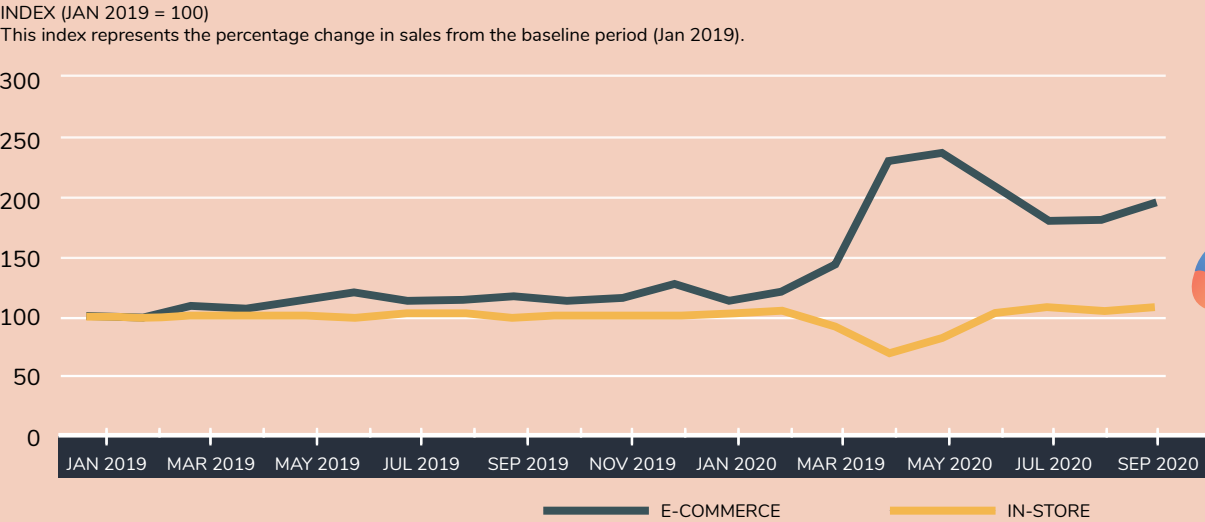


# Online shopping during the COVID-19 pandemic

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So what do they look like now?

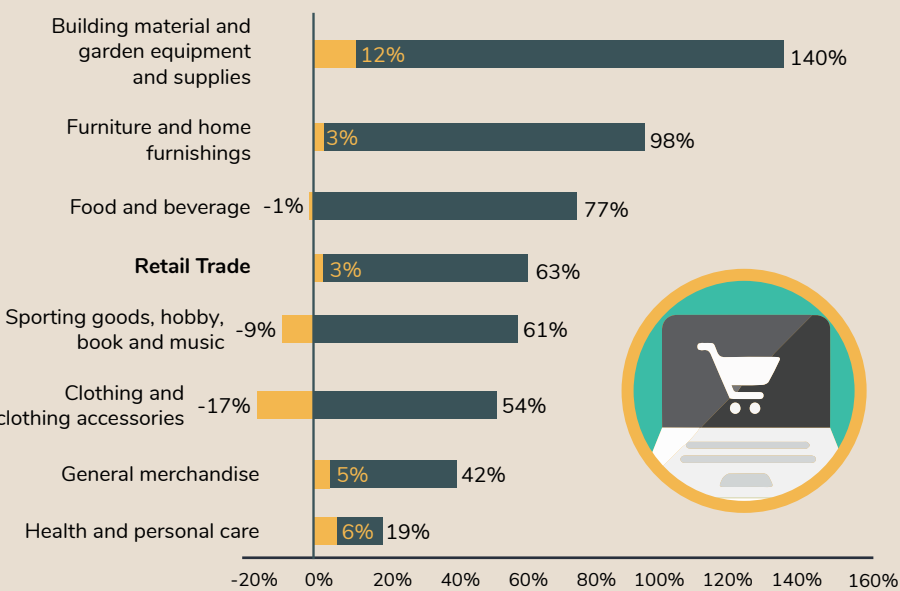
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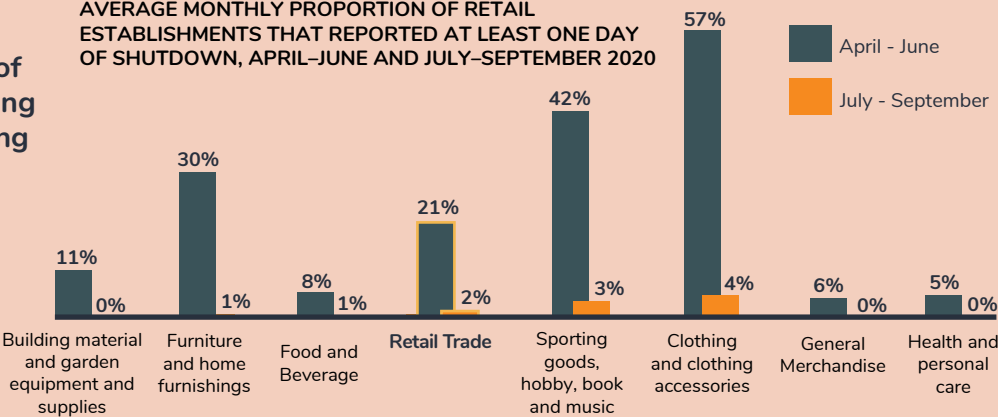
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Sources: Statistics Canada, customs-based merchandise trade data; GST remittance data; and companies' public financial reports.

## In-store operations resumed for much of the summer following closures in the spring

AVERAGE MONTHLY PROPORTION OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS THAT REPORTED AT LEAST ONE DAY OF SHUTDOWN, APRIL-JUNE AND JULY-SEPTEMBER 2020



Source: Statistics Canada, Monthly Retail Trade Survey.

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