

## There's no place like home

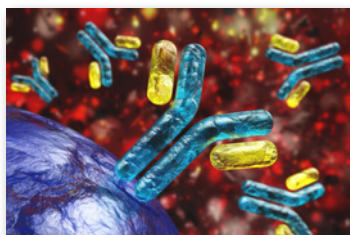
Canadians continue to spend on products to be enjoyed around the house, with home hardware categories leading the growth. These categories include renovation materials and supplies (+81.0%), and home lawn and garden equipment and supplies (+106.1%).



Source: [Retail Commodity Survey, April 2021](#)

## Antibody seroprevalence due to past infection higher in younger age groups

The overall seroprevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies was 3.4% among children and youth aged 1 to 19 years, nearly all due to a previous infection. In comparison, the seroprevalence of antibodies due to past infection among Canadian adults aged 20 to 59 was 2.9% and 1.4% for those aged 60 and older.



Source: [Few Canadians had antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 in early 2021](#)

## Fewer rural businesses plan to close shop compared with the first quarter

Fewer rural businesses plan to sell, close, or transfer compared with the first quarter of 2021, from 7.3% to 6.3%. On the other hand, 14.1% had plans to expand, restructure, invest or acquire other businesses in the next 12 months.

Source: [Rural Businesses Impacted by COVID-19](#)

## Most adults who have not yet received a vaccine intend to get one

Among the 54.7% of Canadian adults who had not been vaccinated by mid-May, the vast majority (90.5%) said they were "likely" or "very likely" to do so in the future. Of those who did not want to be vaccinated, three-quarters did not trust the safety (45.3%) or effectiveness (29.8%) of the COVID-19 vaccines, while 26.4% said they were not at high risk of getting COVID-19.



Source: [COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Survey](#)