



BUSINESS CONDITIONS SURVEY – STATISTICS CANADA

[Statistics Canada](#) has released its latest [Survey on Business Conditions](#) to better understand the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 crisis on businesses as the economy begins to reopen.

- Nearly two-thirds of businesses expect their number of employees to remain the same over the next three months.
- Four-fifths of businesses need or expect to need personal protective equipment or supplies.
- Teleworking and working remotely have become more prevalent since the start of the crisis.
- Over half of all businesses report that revenues fell by about one-third or more in April 2020 compared with April 2019.
- Nearly two-thirds of businesses were approved for funding from government programs or credit from external providers.
- Nearly one-quarter of Canadian businesses had their rent or mortgage payments deferred.
- Over one-quarter of businesses report laying off staff due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Almost one-fifth of businesses can continue to operate at current level of revenue and expenditures for less than six months before considering further staffing actions, closure or bankruptcy.

Full Report: [Canadian Survey on Business Conditions \(Statistics Canada\)](#)

C19 Crisis: Percentage of businesses that reported layoffs amounting to 50% or more of their workforce

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All sectors	61.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	83.0
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	54.6
Construction	63.7
Manufacturing	55.2
Wholesale trade	23.5
Retail trade	53.8
Transportation and warehousing	56.7
Information and cultural industries	43.3
Finance and insurance	5.4
Real estate and rental and leasing	56.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	67.1
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	57.2
Health care and social assistance	68.5
Arts, entertainment and recreation	89.6
Accommodation and food services	80.3
Other services (except public administration)	62.1

Source: Statistics Canada – Tables [33-10-0251-01](#) and [33-10-0252-01](#)