

Businesses' Demand for Personal Protective Equipment During COVID-19

Results from the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Survey - July 2020

277,761,952

disinfectant wipes
were used by businesses in July 2020

3,968,972

litres of hand sanitizer
were used by businesses in July 2020

Demand for PPE products, by industry

Percentage of businesses within an industry who have identified these products as essential



Hand sanitizer



Disinfectant



Nitrile gloves



Disinfectant wipes



Surgical masks

Industry	Hand sanitizer	Disinfectant	Nitrile gloves	Disinfectant wipes	Surgical masks
Manufacturing	92%	80%	71%	64%	50%
Retail Trade	98%	79%	61%	72%	54%
Health care and social assistance (Private health care only)*	96%	92%	84%	86%	87%
Accommodation and food services	94%	84%	67%	56%	51%
All industries surveyed	92%	77%	57%	68%	59%

*Health care and social assistance only includes offices of physicians, offices of dentists, offices of other health practitioners, out-patient care centers, home health care services, nursing and residential care facilities, and child day-care services, and excludes organizations controlled by federal, provincial, and local government according to the Canadian Classification of Institutional Units and Sectors.

Percentage of businesses requiring PPE, by region



For a more detailed analysis see the article "Gearing up to restart: Businesses' need for Personal Protective Equipment" at the address: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/45-28-0001/2020001/article/00068-eng.htm>