INNOVATION

in Canadian businesses

2020 to 2022

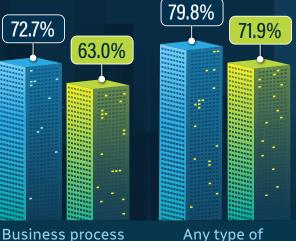
About 7 in 10 Canadian businesses (71.9%) introduced innovations during the 2020-2022 period, down from 8 in 10 businesses (79.8%) during the 2017-2019 period.

Percentage of innovative businesses 2017-2019 2020-2022

52.7% 46.6%

Product innovation¹

Product innovation and business process innovation decreased in the 2020-2022 period, compared with the 2017-2019 period.



Any type of innovation

Top 3 obstacles to innovation reported by businesses



Impacts caused by COVID-19

of skills



Uncertainty and risk

34.1%

Most common types of intellectual property (IP) protection filed by innovative businesses that developed new products

innovation²

Non-disclosure agreements

45.0%

Trademarks

43.7%

Patents

33.0%



represent the proportion new products and filed for their protection through these different mechanisms



Among all businesses, recipients of government support for their innovation-related activities were more innovative



Recipients of government support for innovation

All **businesses** 65.9%

Non-recipients of government support for innovation



Proportion of innovative businesses among non-recipients of government support for innovation

support for innovation³

Proportion of innovative businesses

among recipients of government

1. Product innovation is a new or improved good or service that differs significantly from the business's previous goods or services with respect to its characteristics, functions, or performance specifications and that has been introduced to the market.

2. Business process innovation is a new or improved process for one or more business activities or functions that differs significantly from this business's previous business processes and that has been brought into use by this business in its internal or outward-facing operation

3. The 83.3% represents businesses that received government funding to support their innovation activities (e.g., research and development), resulting in product innovation or business process innovation between 2020 and 2022.

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