



## Experimental Estimates for Business Openings and Closures for Yukon June 2020

### Highlights:

- The impact of COVID-19 has led to an increased number of business closures in Yukon with 129 closures in April 2020; the impact was moderated by government support programs and gradual easing of restrictions in May and June of 2020.
- The most recent number of active employee-based businesses in Yukon was 1,113 in June of 2020; a decrease of 89 businesses, or 7.4%, compared to pre-COVID-19 numbers in February of 2020 (1,202).

The publication presents monthly experimental estimates by Statistics Canada on the numbers of business openings and closures, continuing businesses, and active businesses. The estimated numbers of business openings and closures in this publication are based on PD7 remittances (payroll deductions) to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), and therefore only represent businesses that had or did not have employment during the reference month compared to the previous month.

### Notes:

The business counts used are based on establishments within firms to which payroll/employment can be associated in the Survey of Employment Payroll and Hours (SEPH).

- A **business closure** is defined as a firm that had paid employment in the previous month, but no paid employment in the current month. The closure may be temporary or permanent.

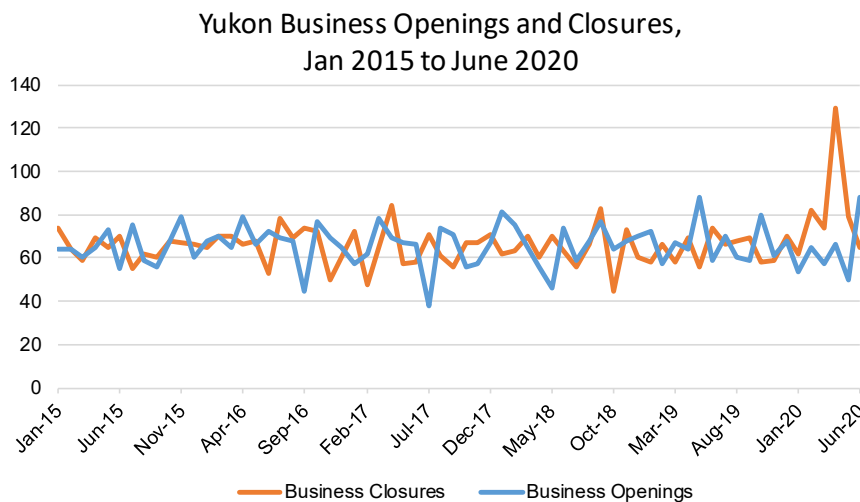
- A **business opening** is defined as a firm with paid employment in the current month, and no paid employment in the previous month.

- As businesses can close and reopen within a year, these experimental estimates on monthly openings and closures capture transitory changes, unlike business entrance and exit that capture permanent changes.

- **Continuing businesses** are those that have employees in both previous and current month and **active businesses** in any given month is the number of opening and continuing businesses in that month.

Source: Statistics Canada data table 33-10-0270-01.

## Monthly Business Openings and Closures in the Yukon Business Sector, January 2015 to June 2020, seasonally adjusted



As per estimates from PD7 remittances, Yukon business closures reached a high of 129\* in April 2020 due in large part to the impact of COVID-19. The impact was moderated by government support programs and gradual easing of restrictions in May and June 2020 resulting in a decreased number of business closures. There were 79 closures in May 2020 and 65 closures in June 2020.

In June 2020, the number of Yukon business openings (88) increased by 38 compared to May 2020 openings (50).

\*use data with caution

## Active Businesses, by Industry, Yukon, June 2019 and February to June 2020

	Jun-19	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Feb '20 to May '20	May '20 to Jun '20
Number of Active <sup>1</sup> Businesses (seasonally adjusted)								
<b>Business sector industries</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>-118</b>	<b>29</b>
Forestry, fishing & hunting	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...
Mining, quarrying, & oil & gas extraction	40	35	35	35	36	37	1	1
Utilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...
Construction	216	213	210	209	202	206	-11	4
Manufacturing	28	27	27	25	25	27	-2	2
Wholesale trade	27	27	26	26	26	27	-1	1
Retail trade	168	165	164	156	158	156	-7	-2
Transportation & warehousing	52	52	53	50	47	47	-5	0
Information & cultural industries	30	30	28	28	28	28	-2	0
Finance & insurance & Management of companies & enterprises	40	38	39	34	35	36	-3	1
Real estate & rental & leasing	58	60	61	58	55	56	-5	1
Professional, scientific and technical services	134	138	138	136	138	139	0	1
Administrative & support, waste management & remediation services	81	82	77	72	73	73	-9	0
Educational services	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...
Health care & social assistance	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...
Arts, entertainment & recreation	34	31	32	32	29	26	-2	-3
Accommodation & food services	138	135	130	115	104	112	-31	8
Other services <sup>2</sup> (except public administration)	115	116	112	109	102	109	-14	7

.. = not available

1 = Active businesses are those businesses that reported having one or more employees in a given month.

2 = Other services include personal services as well as religious organizations.

Based on PD7 remittances, the number of active businesses in Yukon hit a low of 1,084 in May of 2020; a decrease of 118 compared to pre-COVID-19 numbers in February 2020 (1,202 businesses). The Accommodation and Food Services sector had the largest number of closures (31 businesses) in May 2020 compared to February 2020. The number of active businesses increased by 29 in June 2020 compared to May 2020.

## Business Dynamics Measure, Canada and Yukon, June 2019 to June 2020

	Canada				Yukon				Comparing June 2020 to May 2020, active businesses in Yukon increased by 29, or 2.7%; and business openings increased by 38, or 76.0%. In June 2020, the number of continuing businesses decreased by 21, or 2.0%, compared to May 2020; and business closures decreased by 14, or 17.7%, to 65 closures, comparable to pre-COVID-19 monthly averages.
	Active <sup>1</sup>	Opening <sup>2</sup>	Continuing <sup>3</sup>	Closing <sup>4</sup>	Active <sup>1</sup>	Opening <sup>2</sup>	Continuing <sup>3</sup>	Closing <sup>4</sup>	
	----- number of businesses (seasonally adjusted) -----								
Jun-20	695,164	52,723 <sup>E</sup>	641,107	56,296	1,113	88	1,017	65	
May-20	694,412	39,446	651,341	59,633	1,084	50	1,038	79	
Apr-20	715,018	36,191	678,306 <sup>E</sup>	89,124 <sup>E</sup>	1,117	66	1,056	129 <sup>E</sup>	
Mar-20	768,921 <sup>E</sup>	32,557	738,704	57,803	1,180	57	1,128	74	
Feb-20	797,501	35,943	762,265	39,104	1,202	65	1,137	82	
Jan-20	801,849	38,168	762,675	38,913	1,216	54	1,165	62	
Dec-19	802,096	38,852	762,165	38,073	1,223	68	1,155	70	
Nov-19	800,887	38,128	768,755	39,340	1,227	61	1,165	59	
Oct-19	801,452	37,965	762,447	37,468	1,225	80	1,148	58	
Sep-19	800,735	37,829	762,755	38,441	1,216	59	1,150	69	
Aug-19	800,957	37,270	763,352	37,887	1,214	60	1,149	68	
Jul-19	800,478	40,163	760,310	36,829	1,218	70	1,147	66	
Jun-19	798,989	38,994	758,292	42,293	1,213	59	1,147	74	

1 = Active businesses are those businesses that reported having one or more employees in a given month.

2 = Opening businesses are businesses that transition from having no employees in the previous month to having at least one employee in the current month. These instances occur when a new, small firm begins, when a large firm opens a new establishment or when a seasonal firm re-opens.

3 = Continuing businesses are businesses that have at least one employee in the previous month and at least one employee in the current month.

4 = Closing businesses are businesses that transition from having at least one employee in the previous month to having no employees in the current month. These instances occur when a small firm goes out of business, when a large firm closes an establishment temporarily or permanently, and when a seasonal firm ceases business activity for the year.

E = use with caution.

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