

Business closures in non-metro Ontario to October, 2020

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Highlights

- In non-metro Ontario, the number of active business in October, 2020 was 7% lower than in January. This represents a recovery from 15% fewer businesses in May, 2020.
- There were a large number of business closures in April and May, 2020 and although many businesses were opening (or re-opening) in June and July, the number of active businesses in October, 2020 has remained at 7% below 'normal.'
- The pattern of decline and re-opening of businesses in non-metro areas mirrored the pattern in metro areas.

Why look at business closures?

In 'normal' times, there is an on-going dynamic of business openings and business closures. New "experimental" data from Statistics Canada¹ provides monthly data on active businesses, business openings and business closures (as defined in Box 1). The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the 'normal' business dynamics.

The objective of this factsheet is to document recent changes in the number of active businesses in non-metro² Ontario.

Findings

In the spring and early summer of 2020, the number of active³ businesses⁴ in non-metro Ontario was lower by -14% in May and by -13% in June, compared to January, 2020 (Figure 1 and Table 1). By October, 2020, some businesses had re-opened and the number of active businesses was 7% lower than in January, 2020.

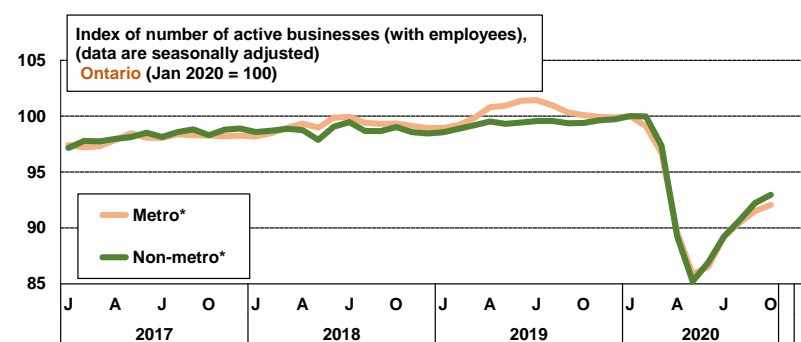
¹ See Amélie Lafrance-Cooke, Ryan Macdonald and Michael Willox. (2020) **Monthly Business Openings and Closures: Experimental Series for Canada, the Provinces and Territories, and Census Metropolitan Areas** (Ottawa: Statistics Canada, Economic Insights, Catalogue no. 11-626-X — 2020014 - No. 116) (<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/catalogue/11-626-X2020014>).

² Non-metro refers to the population outside the commuting zones of a Census Metropolitan Area (CMA). See "[Overview of Ontario's rural geography](#)" (June, 2013).

³ "Active" businesses are business with employees (Box 1).

⁴ "Businesses" in these data exclude businesses in the sectors of agriculture, education, health care and social assistance and public administration.

Figure 1 In Oct 2020 in non-metro* Ontario, the number of active businesses was 7% below the Jan 2020 level



* Metro refers to businesses located in a Census Metropolitan Area (CMA). A CMA has a total population of 100,000 or more (with at least 50,000 in the urban core) and includes all neighbouring towns and municipalities where 50+% of employed residents commute to the CMA. Non-metro refers to businesses outside CMAs.
The published data for CMAs includes the entire Ottawa-Gatineau CMA. To adjust for this situation, we have assigned 75% of the published Ottawa-Gatineau business counts to "metro" (based on the observation that in the 2016 census, 25% of the Ottawa-Gatineau population resided in Quebec. Non-metro data is based on a custom tabulation of the seasonally-adjusted non-CMA business counts (including a correction for the Gatineau component of the Ottawa-Gatineau CMA).
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The pattern of decline and re-opening of businesses in non-metro areas mirrored the pattern in metro areas.

In non-metro Ontario in the past few years, there have been just over 2 thousand businesses that open (or re-open) in a given month and, similarly, about 2 thousand business closures in a typical month (Figure 2). However, many more non-metro businesses closed in April (5.7 thousand) and May (4 thousand). Subsequently, although the number of openings (or re-openings) was above 3 thousand in June and July, the pace of re-openings has not closed the gap in the number of active businesses.

At the Ontario level, the sectors with the largest decline in active businesses from January to October, 2020 were:

-15% : arts, entertainment and recreation (Table 1). This sector had a slow but steady increase in the number of businesses during 2017, 2018 and 2019 (Figure 16);

-12% : accommodation and food services (Table 1). This sector had a slow but steady increase in the number of businesses during 2017, 2018 and 2019 (Figure 17);

- 9% : transportation and warehousing (Table 1). This sector had a somewhat faster increase in the number of businesses during 2017, 2018 and 2019 (Figure 10);

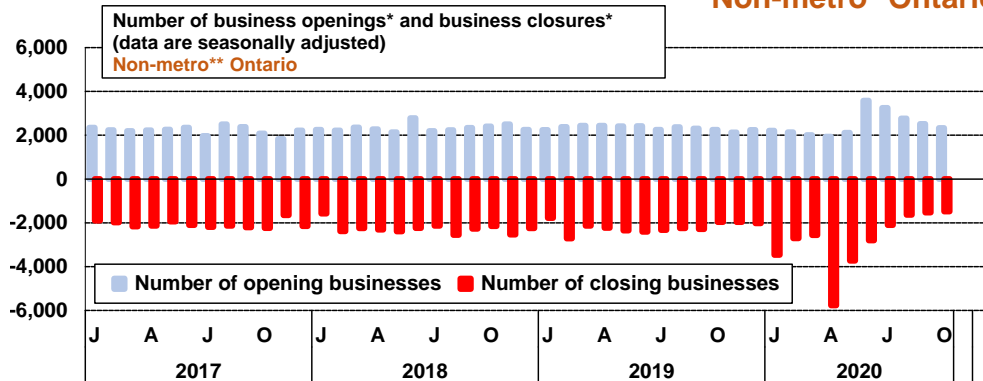
- 9% : real estate and rental and leasing (Table 1). This sector had a small decrease in the number of businesses in the second half of 2019 (Figure 13);

- 9% : administrative & support, waste management & remediation services (Table 1). This sector had a slow but steady increase in the number of businesses during 2017, 2018 and 2019 (Figure 15); and

- 9% : other (personal) services (Table 1). This sector had a slow but steady increase in the number of businesses during 2017, 2018 and 2019 (Figure 18).

Figure 2

Business Openings* & Business Closures* in Non-metro* Ontario



* A **business opening** is defined as an enterprise with no paid employees in the previous month but some paid employees in the current month. The opening may be temporary or permanent. These instances occur when a new, small firm begins, when a large firm opens a new establishment or when a seasonal firm re-opens.

* A **business closure** is defined as an enterprise with paid employees in the previous month but no paid employees in the current month. The closure may be temporary or permanent. 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.

** **Non-metro** refers to businesses located outside a Census Metropolitan Area (CMA). A CMA has a total population of 100,000 or more (with at least 50,000 in the urban core) and includes all neighbouring towns and municipalities where 50+% of employed residents commute to the CMA. In this chart, the number for non-metro (non-CMA) is from a Statistics Canada custom tabulation of seasonally adjusted data. The custom tabulation for non-metro excluded all of the Ottawa-Gatineau CMA. In the 2016 census, 25% of the Ottawa-Gatineau population resided in Quebec. To adjust for this situation, we have added to the custom tabulation 25% of the business openings and closings that was published for the Ottawa-Gatineau CMA.

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Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic has generated a major impact on the number of businesses in both metro and non-metro areas in Ontario.

From March to October, 2020, the pattern of business closures and business re-openings was essentially the same in metro and in non-metro areas. The number of active businesses declined up to May 2020 and the number then increased in the period from June to October, 2020.

In October, 2020, the number of active businesses in non-metro Ontario remained at 7% below the level in January, 2020.

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Box 1: Definitions

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

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.

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

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.

In these data, a “business” is a business establishment, which represents a unit of production, such as a factory, store, or head office. By comparison, an enterprise may have many establishments that operate in multiple regions or industries. The business counts used for this table are based on establishments within firms to which payroll/employment can be associated in Statistics Canada’s Survey of Employment Payroll and Hours (SEPH).

Table 1. Number of active businesses (with employees) in metro* and non-metro* areas, Ontario

Geographic area**	Number of active businesses (with employees) (,000) (data are seasonally adjusted)									
	2020									
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
All non-agriculture "business-sector" enterprises (i.e., excl. education, health care & social assistance & public administration)	311	312	298	272	260	262	270	277	282	286
. . . Metro* (CMA) areas**	262	259	253	234	225	226	233	237	239	241
. . . Non-metro* (non-CMA) areas***	46	46	45	41	39	40	41	42	43	43
	Difference in number of active businesses (,000), compared to Jan 2020									
All non-agriculture "business-sector" enterprises (i.e., excl. education, health care & social assistance & public administration)	..	1	-13	-39	-51	-49	-41	-34	-29	-25
. . . Metro* (CMA) areas**	..	-2	-9	-27	-37	-35	-28	-25	-22	-21
. . . Non-metro* (non-CMA) areas***	..	0	-1	-5	-7	-6	-5	-4	-4	-3
	Percent difference, compared to Jan 2020									
All non-agriculture "business-sector" enterprises (i.e., excl. education, health care & social assistance & public administration)	..	0	-4	-12	-16	-16	-13	-11	-9	-8
. . . Metro* (CMA) areas**	..	-1	-3	-10	-14	-13	-11	-10	-8	-8
. . . Non-metro* (non-CMA) areas***	..	0	-3	-11	-15	-13	-11	-9	-8	-7

* **Metro** refers to business located within a Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA). A CMA has a total population of 100,000 or more (with at least 50,000 in the urban core) and includes all neighbouring towns and municipalities where 50+% of employed residents commute to the CMA. **Non-metro** refers to businesses located outside a CMA.

** The data for the sum of Ontario CMAs includes an adjustment to exclude the Gatineau portion of the Ottawa-Gatineau CMA which is included in the published data (about 5,000 businesses).

*** The data for non-metro (non-CMA areas) is from a custom tabulation of seasonally-adjusted non-CMA data (i.e. the Ontario total minus the sum of the Ontario CMAs). These data have been adjusted to account for Gatineau being included in the Ontario CMA data.

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Source: Statistics Canada, Table 33-10-0270-01 and custom tabulation of seasonally-adjusted data for non-metro (non-CMA) areas.

Table 2. Number of active businesses (with employees) by industry sector, Ontario (metro + non-metro areas)

Industry sector	Number of active businesses* (with employees) (,000) (data are seasonally adjusted)										Difference in number of active businesses* (,000), compared to Jan 2020										Percent difference, compared to Jan 2020									
	2020										2020										2020									
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Agriculture	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Forestry, fishing and hunting	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	-4	-8	-7	-7	-11	-8	-8	-8		
Mining, quarrying, & oil & gas extraction [NAICS 21]	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-1		
Utilities [NAICS 22]	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2	-5	-9	-6	-7	-11	-7	-4	-5		
Construction [NAICS 23]	40.5	40.4	38.9	35.2	33.9	34.8	35.9	36.6	37.2	37.6	-0.1	-1.6	-5.3	-6.6	-5.7	-4.6	-3.9	-3.3	-2.9	0	-4	-13	-16	-14	-11	-10	-8	-7		
Manufacturing [NAICS 31-33]	17.4	17.3	16.9	15.9	15.4	15.6	15.9	16.0	16.2	16.3	-0.1	-0.5	-1.5	-2.0	-1.8	-1.5	-1.4	-1.2	-1.1	0	-3	-9	-12	-10	-9	-8	-7	-6		
Wholesale trade [NAICS 41]	16.7	16.6	16.4	15.7	15.3	15.2	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.6	-0.1	-0.3	-1.1	-1.4	-1.5	-1.3	-1.2	-1.1	-1.1	-1	-2	-6	-8	-9	-8	-7	-7	-7		
Retail trade [NAICS 44-45]	31.3	31.3	30.1	26.9	25.6	25.8	27.2	27.8	28.5	28.8	0.0	-1.2	-4.4	-5.7	-5.4	-4.1	-3.5	-2.8	-2.5	0	-4	-14	-18	-17	-13	-11	-9	-8		
Transportation & warehousing [NAICS 48-49]	23.2	23.0	21.3	19.5	19.4	19.5	20.2	20.6	20.8	21.1	-0.2	-1.9	-3.7	-3.9	-3.8	-3.0	-2.6	-2.4	-2.1	-1	-8	-16	-17	-16	-13	-11	-10	-9		
Information & cultural industries [NAICS 51]	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0	-3	-9	-10	-11	-9	-8	-7	-6		
Finance & insurance & management of companies & enterprises [NAICS 52 & 55]	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.1	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-1	-1	-5	-6	-6	-5	-5	-5	-5		
Real estate & rental & leasing [NAICS 53]	14.9	14.9	14.4	13.9	13.4	13.0	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.5	0.0	-0.4	-1.0	-1.5	-1.9	-1.5	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	0	-3	-7	-10	-13	-10	-10	-9	-9		
Professional, scientific & technical services [NAICS 54]	50.4	50.0	49.4	48.0	47.4	46.9	47.4	47.9	48.2	48.4	-0.4	-0.9	-2.4	-3.0	-3.5	-2.9	-2.5	-2.2	-1.9	-1	-2	-5	-6	-7	-6	-5	-4	-4		
Administrative & support, waste management & remediation services [NAICS 56]	15.6	15.6	15.0	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.8	13.9	14.0	14.1	0.0	-0.6	-1.9	-2.0	-2.0	-1.8	-1.7	-1.6	-1.5	0	-4	-12	-13	-13	-12	-11	-10	-9		
Educational services [NAICS 61]	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Health care and social assistance [NAICS 62]	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arts, entertainment & recreation [NAICS 71]	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.7	-1.0	-1.3	-1.1	-1.0	-0.8	-0.7	0	-3	-14	-21	-27	-23	-20	-17	-15		
Accommodation & food services [NAICS 72]	22.7	22.7	21.4	18.1	16.1	16.2	17.7	18.8	19.5	20.0	0.0	-1.4	-4.7	-6.7	-6.5	-5.0	-4.0	-3.2	-2.7	0	-6	-21	-29	-29	-22	-17	-14	-12		
Other (personal) services (except public administration) [NAICS 81]	25.6	25.0	23.9	20.4	18.5	19.3	21.6	22.3	23.1	23.3	-0.6	-1.7	-5.2	-7.1	-6.3	-4.1	-3.3	-2.5	-2.3	-2	-7	-20	-28	-25	-16	-13	-10	-9		
Public administration [NAICS 91]		

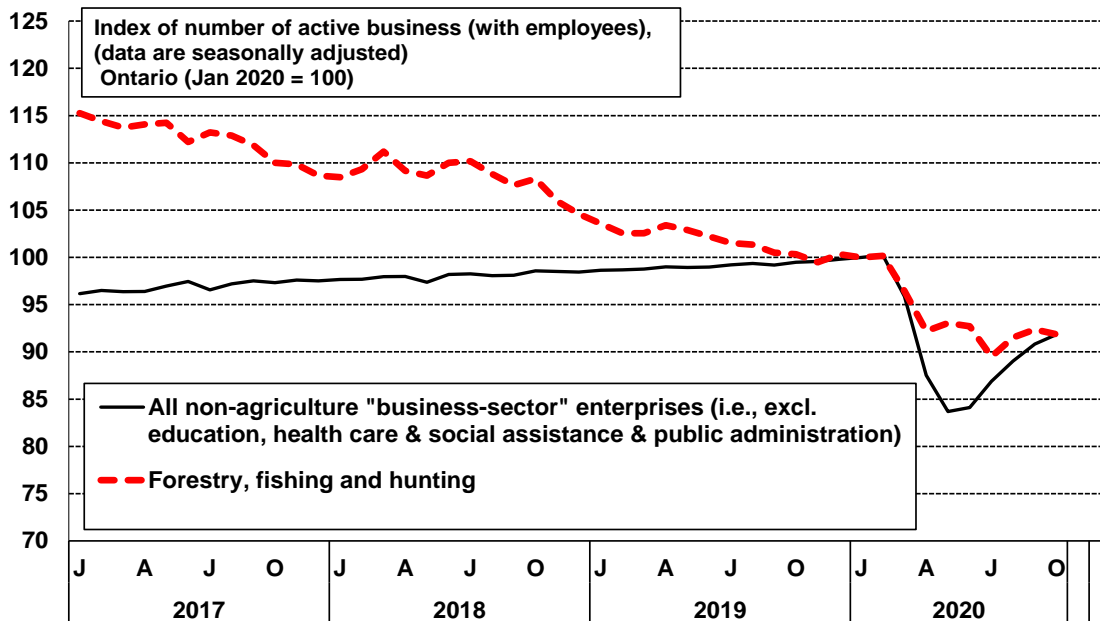
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Note: The following charts show data for Ontario as a whole (i.e. metro + non-metro areas).

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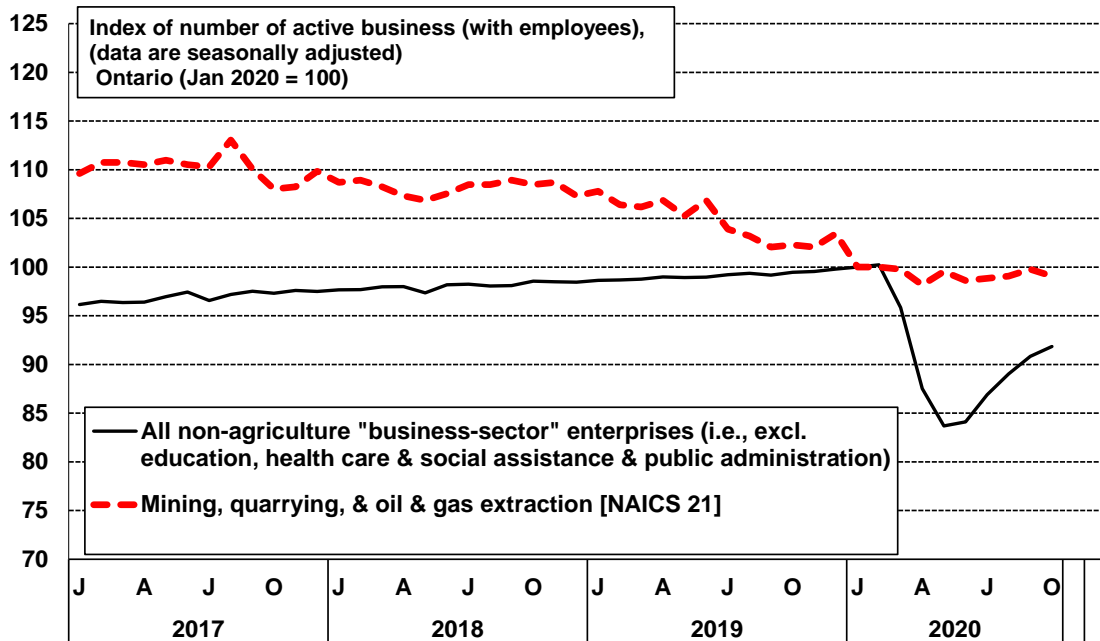
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **Forestry, fishing and hunting** was down 8%, Ontario



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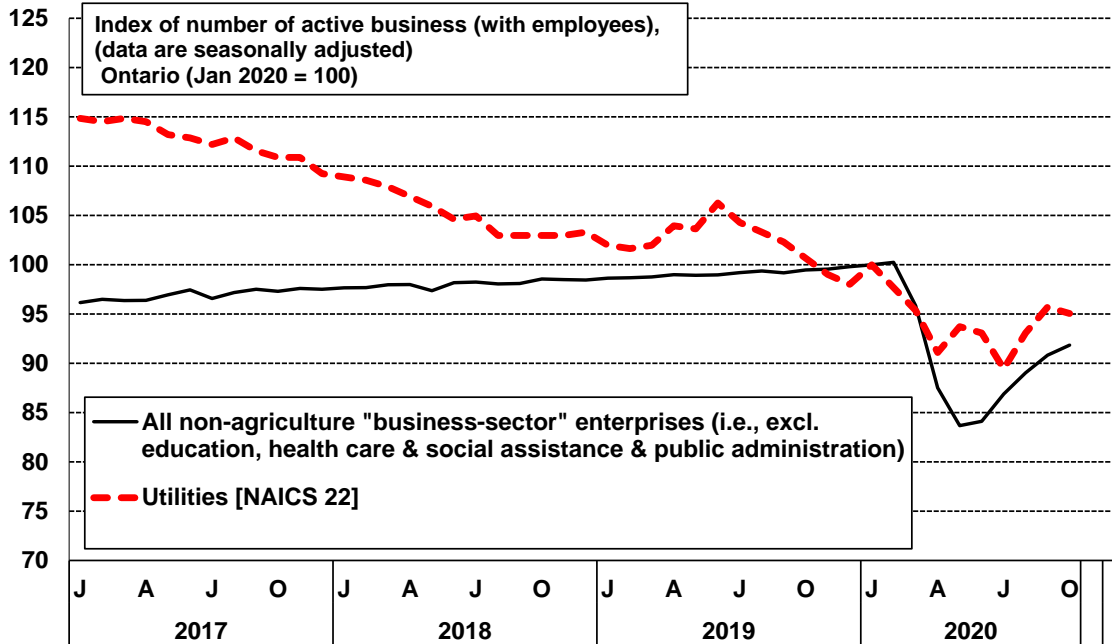
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **mining, quarrying and oil and gas** was down 1%, Ontario



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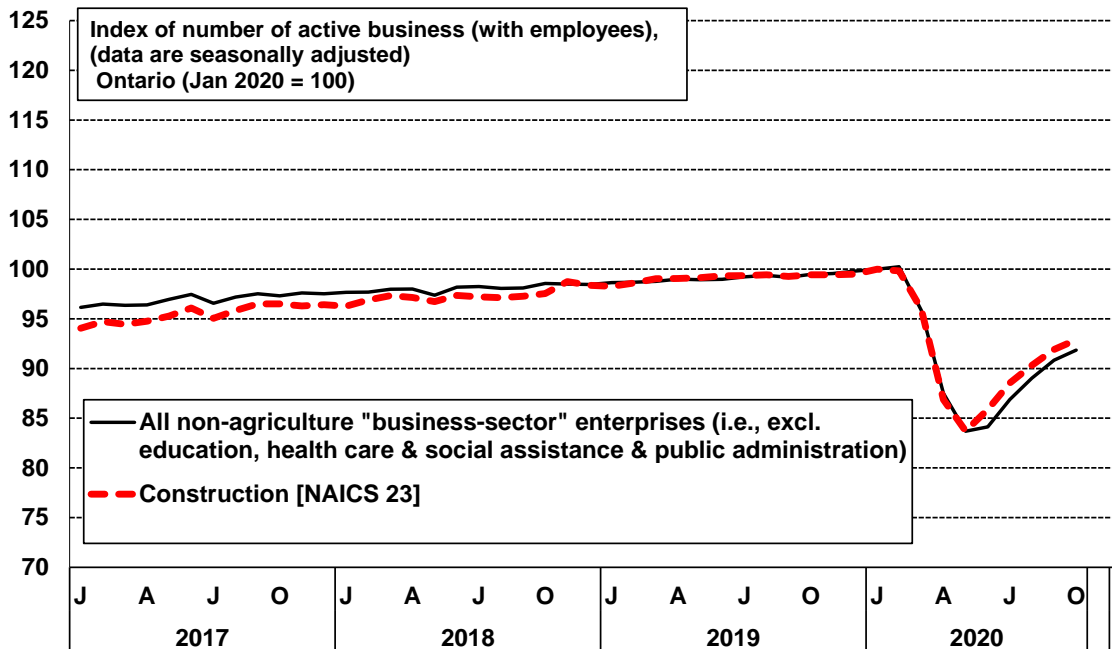
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in the **utilities sector** was down 5%, Ontario



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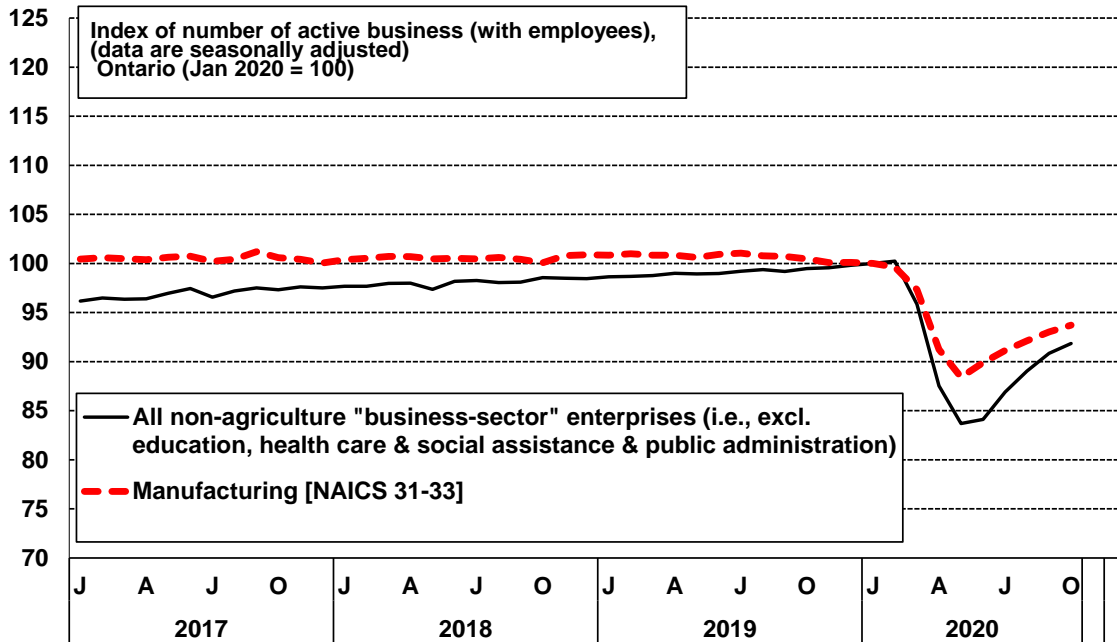
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **construction** was down 7%, Ontario



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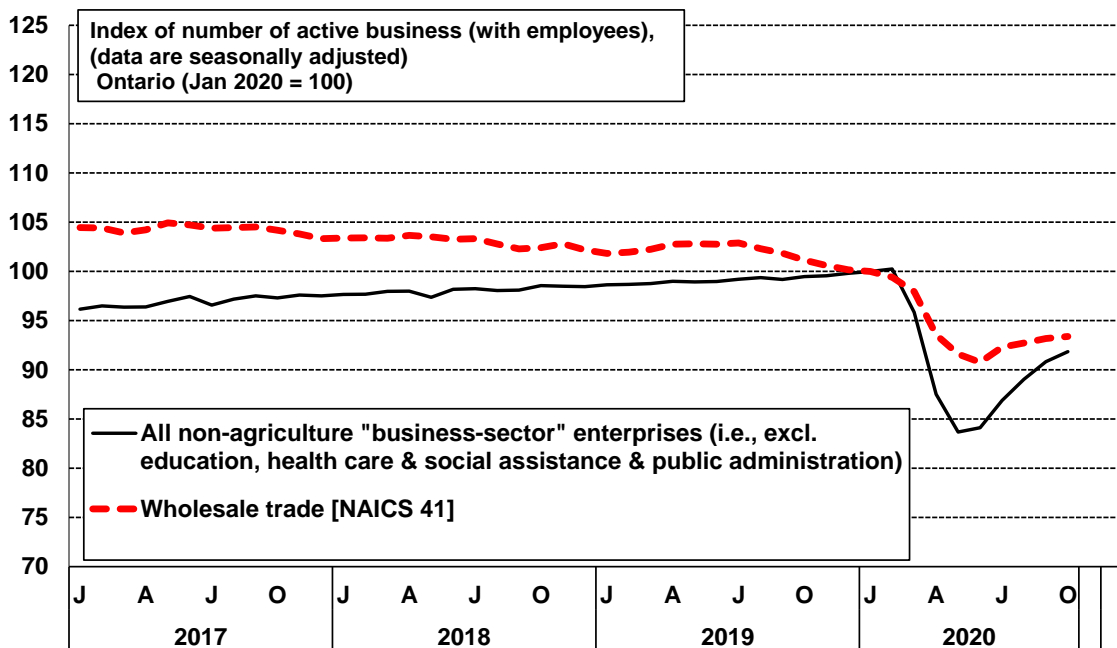
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **manufacturing** was down 8%, Ontario



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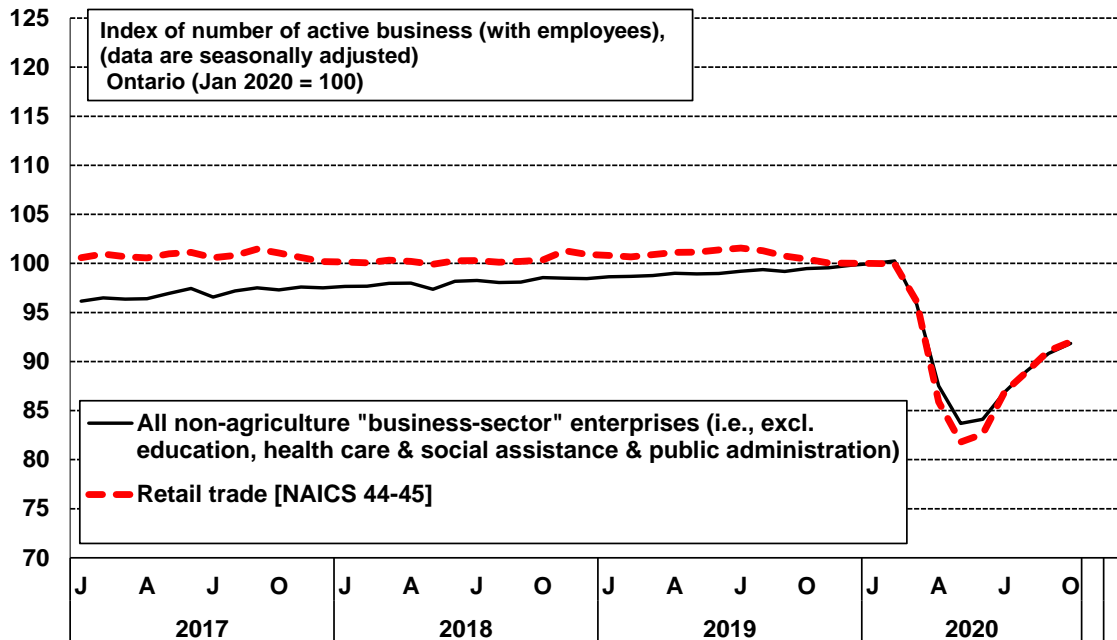
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **wholesale trade** was down 7%, Ontario



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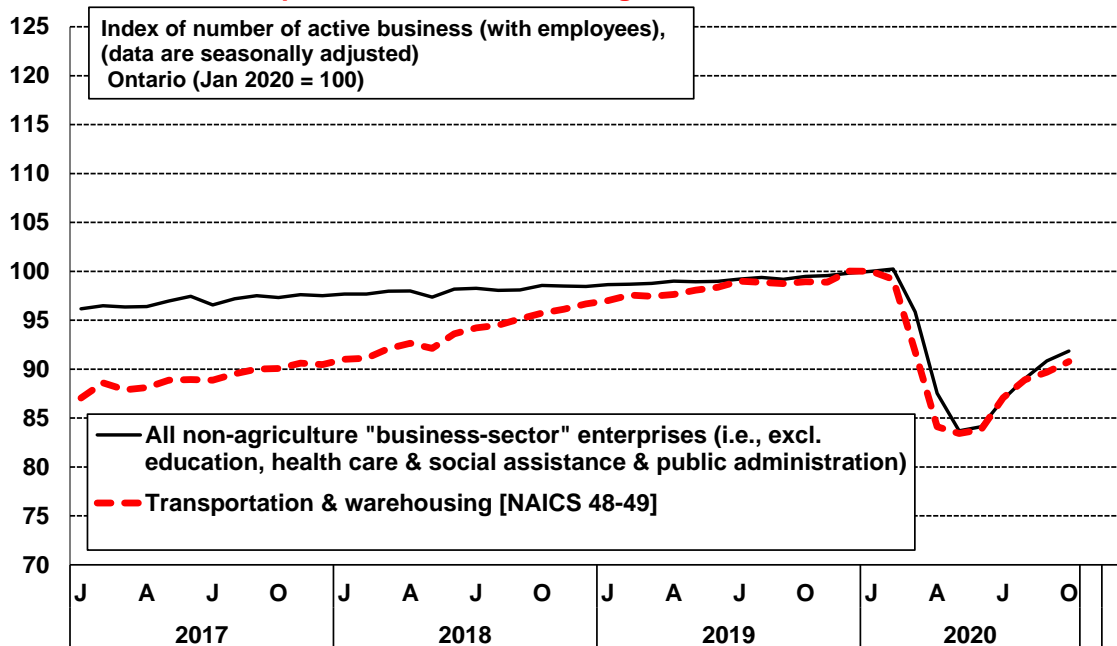
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **retail trade** was down 8%, Ontario



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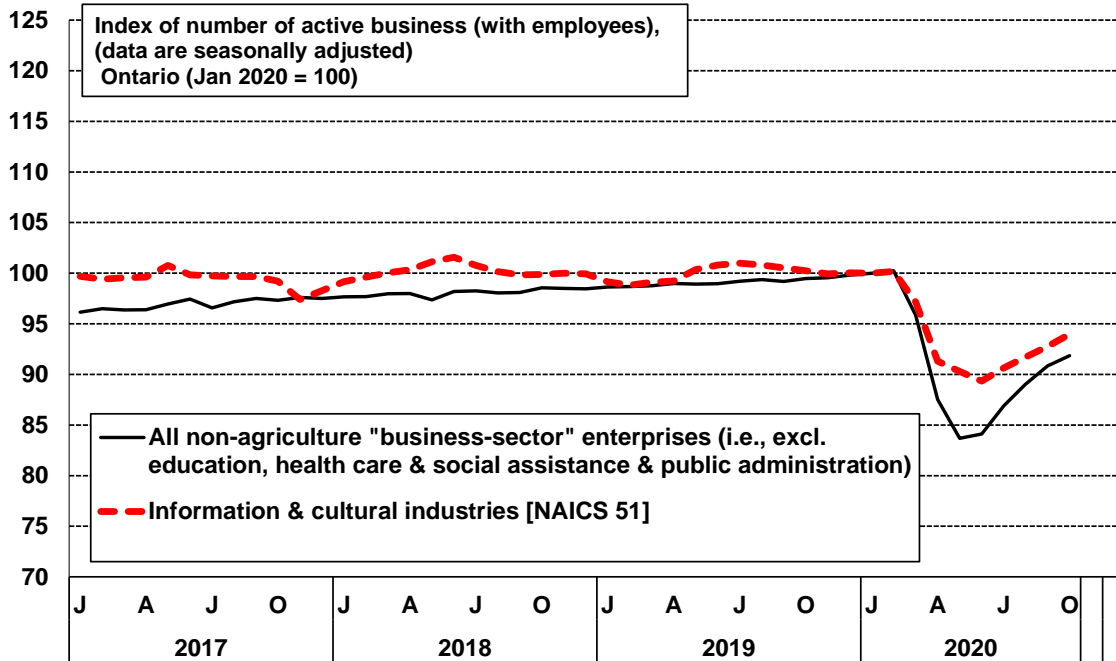
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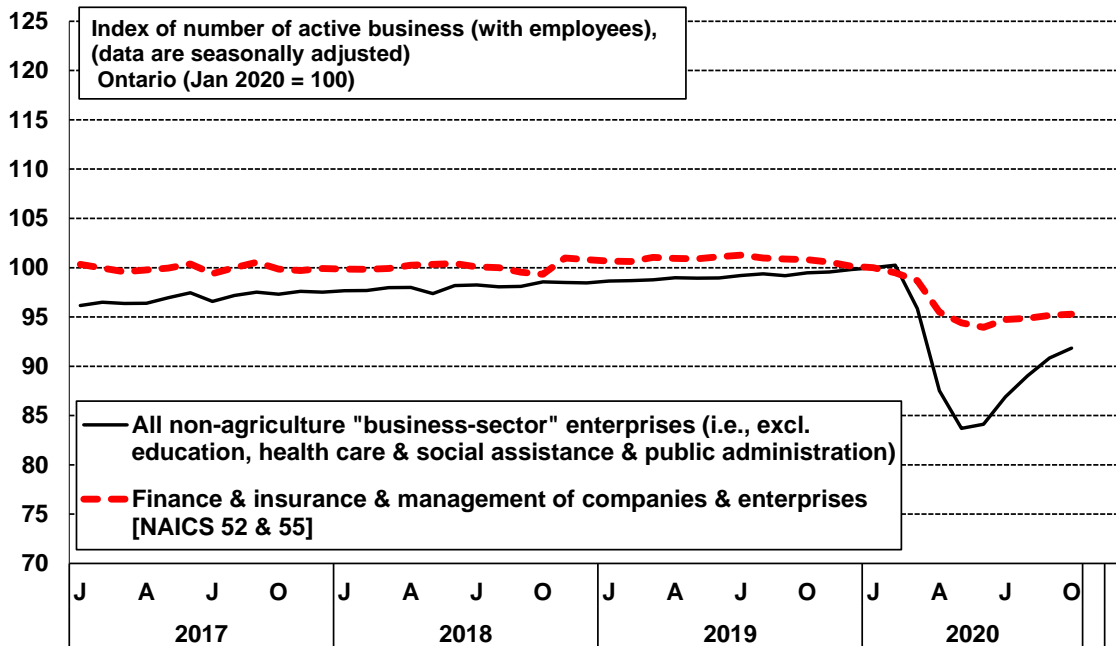
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in the **information and cultural sector** was down 6%, Ontario



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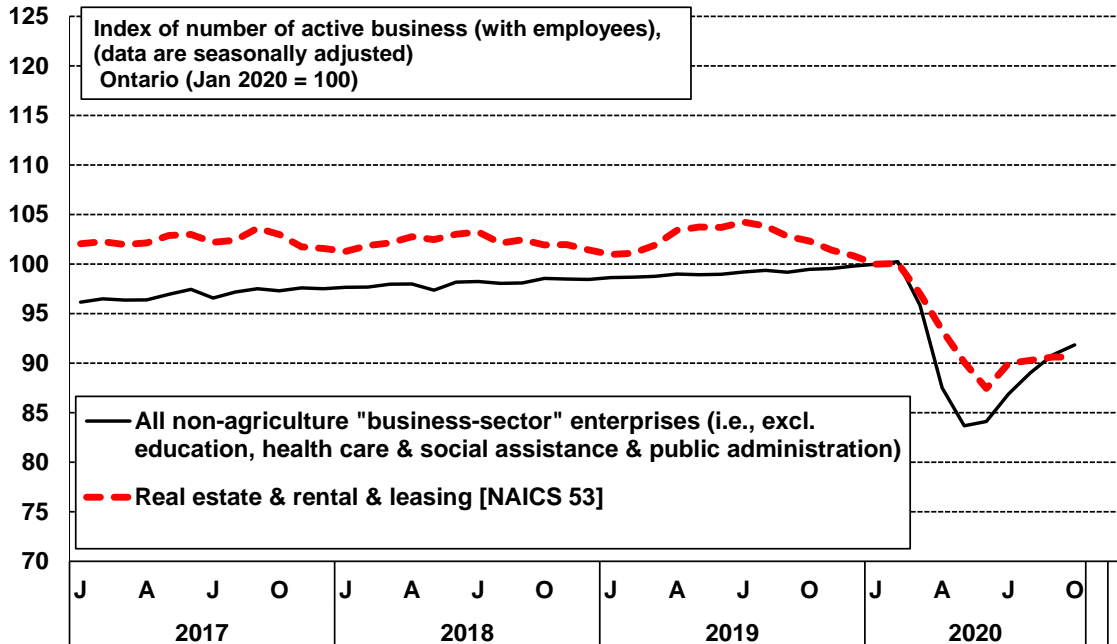
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **finance and insurance and management of companies and enterprises** was down 5%, Ontario



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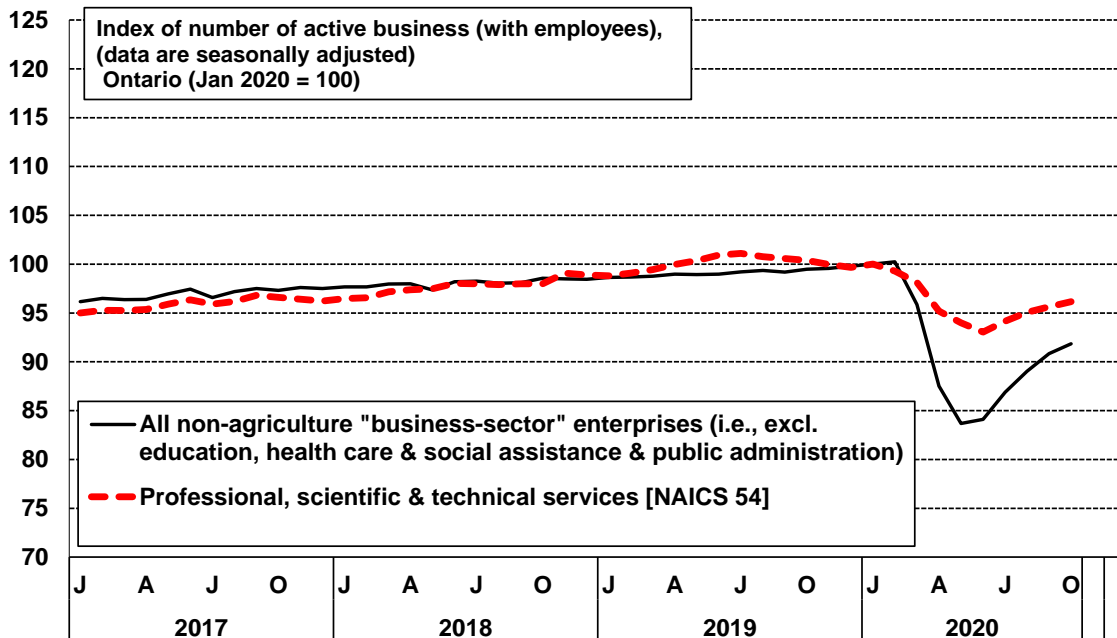
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **real estate and rental and leasing** was down 9%, Ontario



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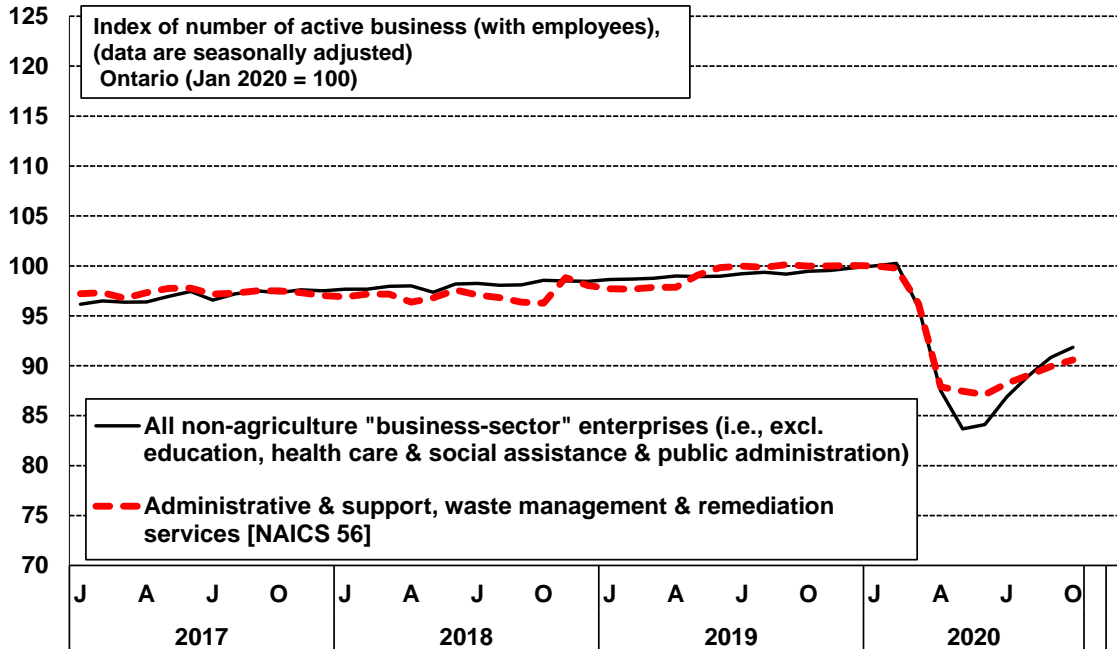
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **professional, scientific and technical services** was down 4%, Ontario



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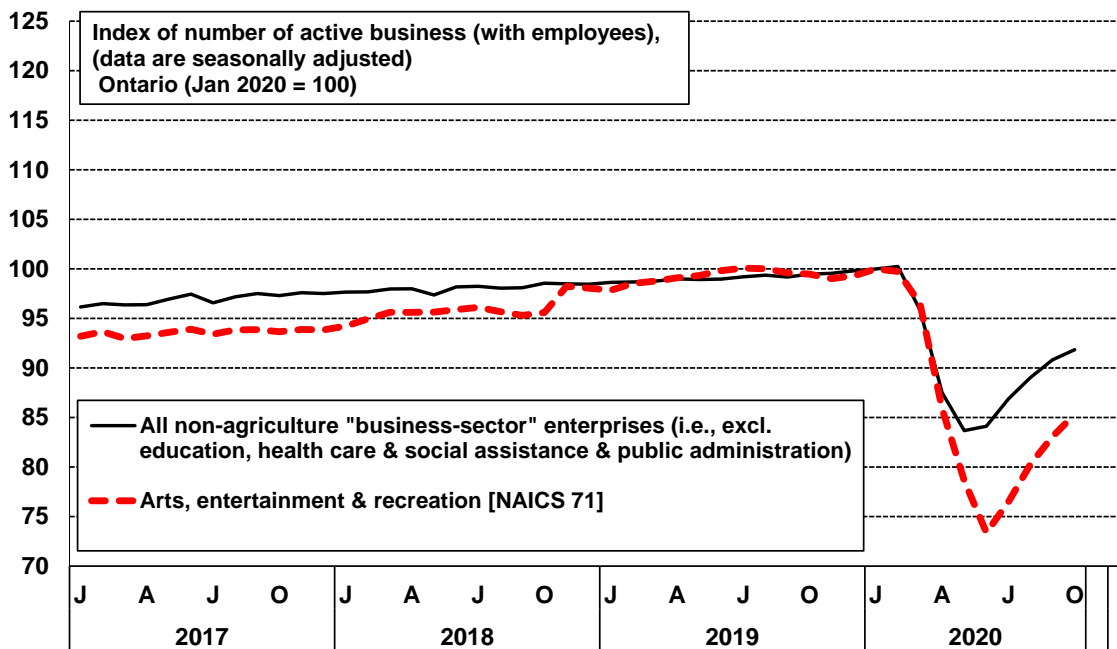
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **administration & support, waste management & remediation services** was down 9%, Ontario



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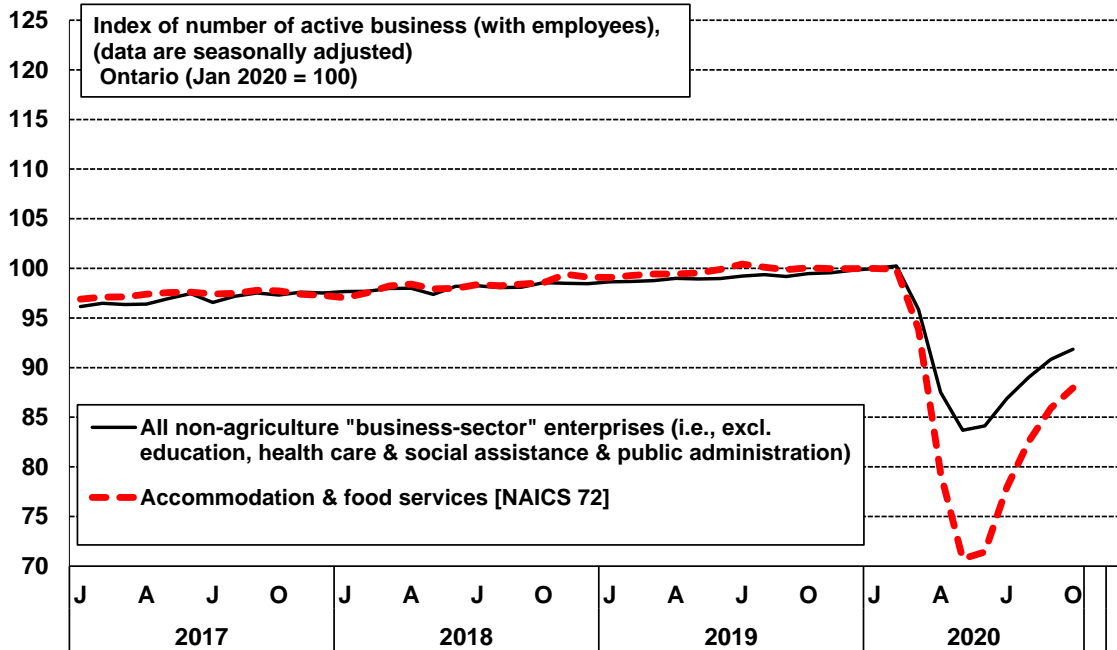
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **arts, entertainment and recreation** was down 15%, Ontario



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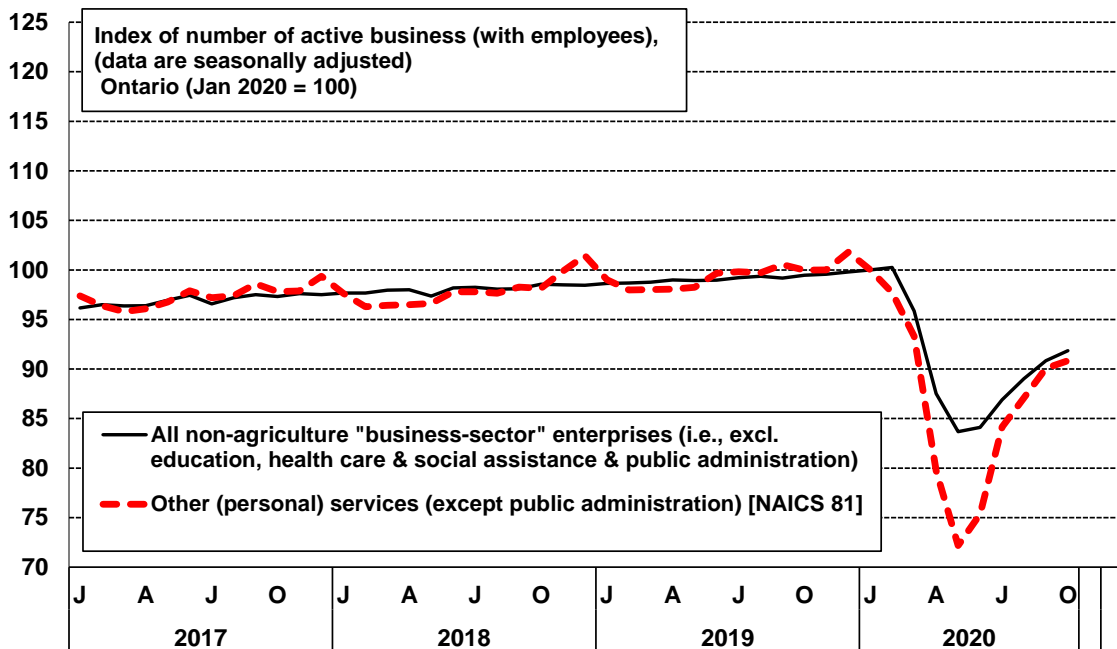
From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in **accommodation and food services** was down 12%, Ontario



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From Jan to Oct 2020, the number of active businesses (with employees) in the **"other" services** sector was down 9%, Ontario



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