

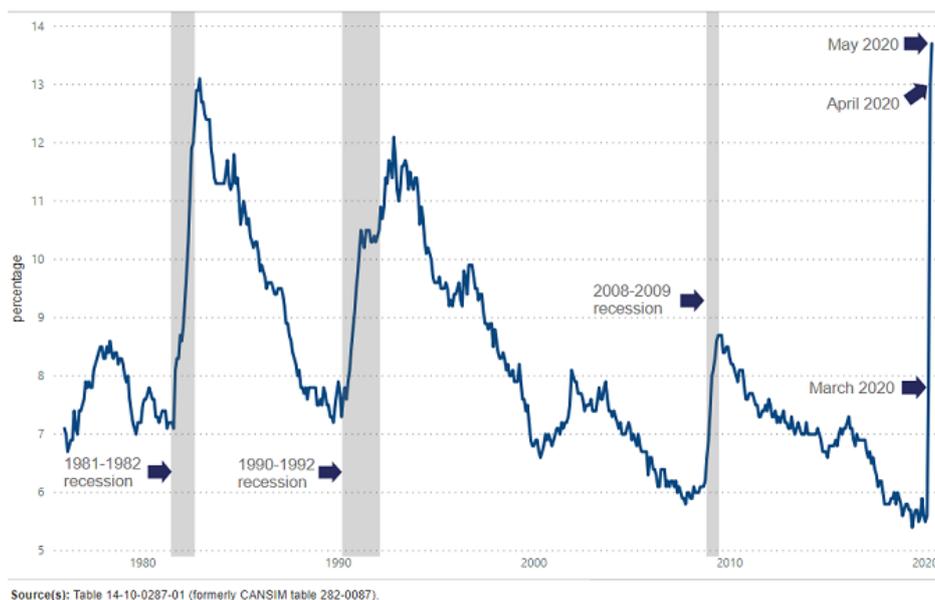
United Nations General Government

Topic: Consequences of Pandemic

Country: Canada

Due to COVID-19, Our present lives have been switched completely. The state of the economy of many big countries is rapidly digressing. Coronavirus is affecting millions of people and is also resulting fatal for health It has already infected more than **8 million** people in the world and reported death is reaching to half a million. Its impact is not limited to those who are infected but millions of others due to lockdown resulting into worst economic slowdown of all time. It is feared that millions of people will lose their job and many industries like tourism and hospitality may take years to come back to their normal.

In Canada, around 100 thousand people are already infected and more than 8,000 people have died due to Covid19. The death rate due to corona in Canada is about 9% which is very high despite of having the best medical facilities in the country. To control the spreading virus, the shutdown of the non- essential services in Canada resulted in a loss of nearly 2 million jobs in April.



Unemployment rate of Canada at the highest. Source: [Statistics Canada](#)

This hike in the loss of jobs is greater than the previous recessions which is evident from the above graph. This is the highest recorded drop in the country's history with the fall of 11 per cent. According to the [Angus Reid survey](#), 44% of the Canadian have lost their jobs. This survey also revealed that 66 per cent of Canadians are not being paid off their lost hours by their employer companies.

To protect the health and safety of Canadians, \$50 million has been issued by the Canada government to support border and travel measures and sustained activation of the Health Portfolio Operations Centre and the National Microbiology Laboratory to support the immediate response to the outbreak. Along with this, \$7.1 million for repatriation of Canadians and \$2 million has been contributed to the

World Health Organization. To support the millions of Canadians who are living off working for large and medium-sized companies, the government announced new measures to support businesses, one of the measures being:

- Establishing a Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF) to provide bridge financing to Canada's largest employers. The objective of this support is to help protect Canadian jobs, help Canadian business businesses to improve this economic downturn and avoid bankruptcies.

In addition to Canada government, there are many non-profit organizations in Canada have also come forward in the fight against Covid19 e.g. A Sikh non-profit organization called United Sikhs has started a food bank to supply food to those people who cannot stock up their shelves when the government asks for no definite time period.

Canada feels that the main topics which are going to present themselves as the future consequences are the lack of jobs and low GDP rate resulting in the economy to drop back to square 1. This will also result in a completely different living style which people would have to be accustomed of. For this unforeseen conditions, the best things countries can do is to try and make people educate about the dangerous effects of this virus so that people do not take it lightly and do not mix it up with any common disease like seasonal flu. This will help in at least reducing a fair number of people from coming out of their residences unnecessarily. People and organisations will also understand that travelling less can also work and save that huge amount of money which is spent monthly on useless travels.

Canada appreciates the UN response towards this pandemic by launching the Access to COVID-19 Tools accelerator (ACT Accelerator) on 24 April 2020. It is a global collaboration to accelerate the development, production and fair access to NEW COVID 19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines. Canada expects that UN must ensure that the countries consider a stimulus package to improve the global economy with an additional emphasis on supporting the underdeveloped countries. UN should make an effort to ensure that the COVID related drugs, PPE and other equipments are available across the globe irrespective of size and the economy of the country. Countries should invest in educating people in prevention from coronavirus. Countries should invest in the migrant worker's survival through a dedicated fund and also ensuring their jobs by putting more money into the manufacturing etc. centres.