

The homicide rate in Canada edges down in 2016

In 2016, police reported 611 homicide victims in Canada, 2 more than the previous year. Despite an increase in the number of homicide victims, the homicide rate (1.68 per 100,000 population) decreased by 1% from the previous year, the result of growth in Canada's population. Even though there have been year-to-year fluctuations in Canada's homicide rate, it has generally been declining over the last few decades.

Source: [Homicide in Canada, 2016](#)

How active are Canadians?

Statistics Canada's researchers have been busy for the last decade tracking Canadians' activity levels. This month, the *StatCan Blog* explains just how activity data are collected as part of the Canadian Health Measures Survey.



Source: [StatCan Blog: Ten years of measuring physical activity—What have we learned?](#)

Net farm incomes see growth

Realized net farm income totalled \$8.4 billion in 2016, up 4.2% from the previous year. This follows a 7.1% rise in 2015, and marks the sixth increase in the past seven years. Realized net income rose in six provinces – Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. Quebec (+57.6%) and Ontario (+27.0%) contributed most to the national increase.



Source: [Farm income 2016](#)

A rise in expenses translates into higher deficits for Canadian governments

The deficit of the Canadian General Government—federal, provincial, territorial and local governments combined—in their consolidated net operating balance totalled \$18.1 billion in 2016, following a \$12.9 billion deficit in 2015. This increase was largely attributable to expenses (+2.6%) outpacing revenues (+1.9%).

Source: [Consolidated Canadian Government Finance Statistics, 2016](#)

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