

## Softwood lumber industry has grown in recent years

The value added of the forestry, lumber, and pulp and paper industries exceeds \$20 billion and increased from 2013 to 2016. The softwood lumber industry remains an important industry, accounting for an average of 1.2% of total economic activity and over 5% of total exports over this period.



Source: [Softwood Lumber Satellite Account, 2016](#)

## Police resources fell in 2017

The number of police officers per 100,000 people in Canada fell for a sixth consecutive year in 2017, reaching its lowest rate since 2004. The rate of police officer strength was at 188 officers per 100,000 population in 2017, down 1.0% from the previous year and lower than the peak strength of 206 officers in 1975.

Source: [Police resources in Canada, 2017](#)

Nearly 7 in 10 Canadians participated in outdoor or wilderness activities, some in more than one.

18% participated in one

15% in two, and

41% in three or more kinds of activities

Source: [Canadians and the outdoors](#)

## Little change in average weekly earnings in January 2018

Average weekly earnings of non-farm payroll employees were \$996 in January, practically unchanged from the previous month. Earnings were up 3.2% compared with January 2017, largely the result of gains in the second half of 2017.

Source: [Payroll employment, earnings and hours, January 2018](#)

## Canadian tourists spent less at home in the fourth quarter of 2017

Tourism spending in Canada was unchanged in the fourth quarter, following 1.3% growth in each of the previous two quarters. Increased spending by international visitors to Canada was offset by a decline in tourism spending by Canadians at home.

Source: [National tourism indicators, fourth quarter 2017](#)



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