

Building permits drop in February

Canadian municipalities issued \$8.2 billion in building permits in February (-2.6%), following a 5.2% gain in January. Single-family homes as well as the commercial and institutional components saw lower levels of construction intentions in February.



Source: [Building permits, February 2018](#)

Manufacturing sales post largest gain since 2011

Canadian manufacturing sales increased by \$36.4 billion or 5.9% from 2016 to \$648.9 billion in 2017. This was the largest increase since 2011, and it follows a 1.2% rise in sales in 2016. The growth was led by the non-durable goods industries, particularly in the petroleum and coal products and the food manufacturing industries.



Source: [Study: Manufacturing: The year 2017 in review](#)

Immigrants less likely to report violent crime victimization

Immigrants—regardless of citizenship or how long they have resided in Canada—were less likely than the Canadian-born population to report being victims of violent crime. In 2014, immigrants reported experiencing violent victimization—sexual assault, robbery or physical assault—at a rate of 39 incidents per 1,000 population, compared with a rate of 86 incidents per 1,000 people among the Canadian-born population.

Source: [Experiences of violent victimization and discrimination reported by minority populations in Canada, 2014](#)

Job vacancies climb in the fourth quarter of 2017

There were 470,000 job vacancies among Canadian employers in the fourth quarter, up 89,000 (+23.2%) from the fourth quarter of 2016, the largest year-over-year increase since the start of the series in 2015.

Source: [Job vacancies, fourth quarter 2017](#)