

## Gross domestic product grew in all provinces in 2017

Real gross domestic product (GDP) by industry increased in all provinces in 2017 for the first time since 2011. Goods-producing industries growth outpaced services-producing industries in all provinces but Nova Scotia and Ontario. Among the territories, GDP rose in Nunavut and Northwest Territories and declined in Yukon.

Source: [Gross domestic product by industry: Provinces and territories, 2017](#)

## Imports and exports show strength in March

Canada's imports rose 6.0% to a record \$51.7 billion in March. Exports also posted an increase, up 3.7% to \$47.6 billion. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world widened from \$2.9 billion in February to a record \$4.1 billion in March.

Source: [Canadian international merchandise trade, March 2018](#)



## Energy and paper products drive up prices for Canadian manufacturers

Prices of products sold by Canadian manufacturers, as measured by the Industrial Product Price Index, increased 0.8% in March, mainly due to higher prices for energy and petroleum products and pulp and paper products. Prices for raw materials purchased by Canadian manufacturers, as measured by the Raw Materials Price Index, rose 2.1%, primarily due to higher prices for crude energy products.

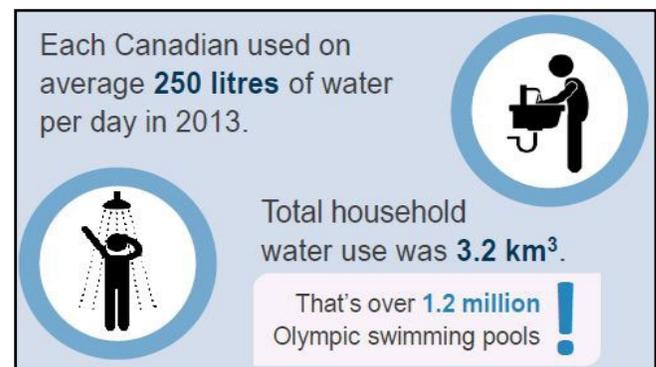


Source: [Industrial product and raw materials price indexes, March 2018](#)

## A quarter of Canadians had tried cannabis at 18 or younger

A new study in Insights on Canadian Society finds that one-quarter of the Canadian population had tried cannabis at age 18 or earlier, and that daily users of cannabis were even more likely to have started to use cannabis at an early age.

Source: [Study: Association between the frequency of cannabis use and selected social indicators](#)



Source: [Freshwater in Canada: A look at Canada's freshwater resources from 1971 to 2013](#)