

Wholesale sales rise in March

Wholesale sales rose 1.1% to \$62.8 billion in March, more than offsetting the decline in February. The motor vehicle and parts subsector contributed the most to the gain. Excluding this subsector, wholesale sales rose 0.2%.

Source: [Wholesale trade, March 2018](#)

March sees more visitors from the US

US residents made 2.1 million trips to Canada in March, up 2.7% from February and 7.4% higher compared with March 2017. After accounting for normal seasonal variation, the number of same-day car trips rose 5.1% from February 2018 to 702,000, up 6.8% from March 2017.



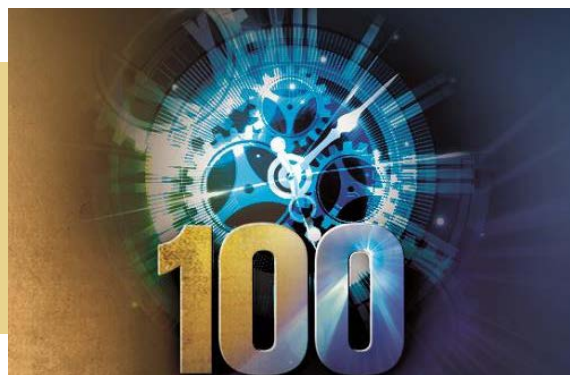
Source: [Travel between Canada and other countries, March 2018](#)

Residential building prices climb in the first quarter

Prices for the construction of new residential buildings rose more than those for new non-residential buildings in the first quarter of 2018. Increases for both building types were driven, in part, by higher costs for masonry work, as well as for materials including steel, lumber and concrete.



Source: [Building construction price indexes, first quarter 2018](#)



Celebrating a statistical century

We love it when Canadians talk about our data, but sometimes prefer to remain in the background. We are statisticians after all. This time, however, we would like to talk a bit about ourselves. It's our 100th birthday, you see. A century ago, on May 24, 1918, we were granted the right to ask Canadians questions to better understand our country.

Source: [Happy Birthday StatCan!](#)