

## The Consumer Price Index holds steady in May

The Consumer Price Index rose 2.2% on a year-over-year basis in May, matching the increase in April. All eight major components increased on a year-over-year basis in May, although five of the eight major components grew at a slower rate.

Source: [Consumer Price Index, May 2018](#)

### Slower auto sales affect retail sales

Following three consecutive monthly increases, retail sales in April declined 1.2% to \$49.5 billion. The decrease was primarily due to lower sales at motor vehicle and parts dealers. Inclement weather in many parts of Canada may have contributed to lower seasonal purchases.



Source: [Retail trade, April 2018](#)

### Treating high blood pressure

Hypertension affects about 1 in 4 Canadian adults, and becomes more common as people age, resulting in many negative health implications. A new study looks at factors that may explain some of the differences in hypertension control between women and men aged 60 to 79.

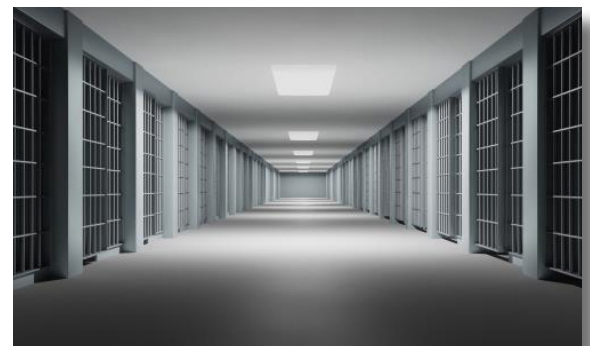


Source: [Health Reports: Factors associated with hypertension control among older Canadians, June 2018](#)

### Canada's correctional population declines

The number of adults and youth being supervised by correctional services in Canada has fallen by almost one-fifth since 2012/2013. There were, on average, 117,645 adults (18 years and older) supervised in either custody or a community program on a given day in the 11 reporting provinces and territories in 2016/2017.

Source: [Adult and youth correctional statistics in Canada, 2016/2017](#)



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