

Employment rises in June

After two consecutive months of little change, employment rose by 32,000 in June. But with more people searching for work, the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 6.0%. Compared with June 2017, employment increased by 215,000 or 1.2%, with all the growth in full-time work. Over the same period, total hours worked grew by 1.4%.

Source: [Labour Force Survey, June 2018](#)

Private radio revenues drop for a fourth consecutive year

Operating revenues in private radio broadcasting fell 1.9% from 2016 to \$1.5 billion in 2017. This was the fourth consecutive annual decrease. A 3.1% decrease in the sale of local advertising led to the drop in operating revenues. There were 724 private radio broadcasting stations in Canada in 2017.



Source: [Private radio broadcasting, 2017](#)

Aircraft imports widen Canada's trade deficit

Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world totalled \$2.8 billion in May, widening from a \$1.9 billion deficit posted in April. Imports rose 1.7% in May to \$51.1 billion, with 8 of 11 product sections posting increases. Imports of aircraft and other transportation equipment, as well as energy products contributed most to the increase in May. Exports edged down 0.1%.



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

Cannabis prices steady in the second quarter

Cannabis prices have remained unchanged in the first two quarters. The average price in the second quarter was \$6.74 per gram, down slightly from the first quarter (\$6.78 per gram). In 2018, the average price for cannabis was \$6.77 per gram, down 25% from 2012 when the average price was \$9.09 per gram.



Source: [StatsCannabis data availability: Crowdsourced cannabis prices, second quarter 2018](#)