

## Widespread strength fuels rise in gross domestic product

Real gross domestic product was up 0.5% in May, after increasing 0.1% in April. The rise was widespread as 19 of 20 industrial sectors registered increases. The output of goods-producing industries rose 0.6%, led by gains in mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction.



Source: [Gross domestic product by industry, May 2018](#)

## Trade deficit narrows in June

Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world narrowed from \$2.7 billion in May to \$626 million in June, the smallest deficit since January 2017. Total exports increased 4.1%, mainly on higher exports of energy products and aircraft. Total imports edged down 0.2%. In real (or in volume) terms, exports rose 2.1% and imports were down 1.3%.



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

## Women still handle the bulk of housework

In 2015, women spent an average of 2.8 hours per day on housework—54 minutes more than men (1.9 hours per day). Over the past 30 years, however, the time that women spent on housework decreased by an average of 42 minutes per day, while the time that men spent on housework increased by an average of 24 minutes per day.

Source: [Time use: Total work burden, unpaid work, and leisure](#)

## Senior life satisfaction depends on a mix of factors

A new study published in *Insights on Canadian Society*, entitled "Life satisfaction among Canadian seniors," uses data from the 2016 General Social Survey on Canadians at Work and Home to shed light on the factors that are associated with life satisfaction in this fast-growing segment of the population.

Source: [Study: Life satisfaction among Canadian seniors, 2016](#)



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