

Building permits fall in June

In June, Canadian municipalities issued \$8.1 billion worth of building permits, down 2.3% from the previous month. The decline was the result of lower construction intentions for residential buildings, following a strong May.



Source: [Building permits, June 2018](#)

Riding along with someone who has consumed cannabis

About 1.4 million Canadians reported that they had been a passenger in a vehicle driven by someone who had consumed cannabis in the previous two hours. In addition, according to combined data for the first and second quarters, one in seven cannabis users with a driver's licence reported that they got behind the wheel at least once within two hours of using the drug in the past three months.



Source: [National Cannabis Survey, second quarter 2018](#)

Part-time work leads job gains in July

Employment rose by 54,000 in July, driven by gains in part-time work. The unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage points to 5.8%. In the 12 months to July, employment grew by 246,000 (+1.3%). These gains were largely the result of growth in full-time work (+211,000 or +1.4%).

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

Travel to Canada by Americans slightly higher in May

US residents made 2.0 million trips to Canada in May, up slightly (+0.5%) from April. Canadian residents made 3.9 million trips to the United States in May, a slight decline of 0.2% from April. A 3.2% decrease in overnight trips was mostly offset by a 2.1% increase in same-day car trips.

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



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