

Canada's stock of infrastructure over \$900 billion

The value of Canada's stock of infrastructure stood at \$933 billion in 2017, or 8.7% of the total national wealth. In real terms, the stock of infrastructure increased 1.1% over 2016 and was 11.6% higher than in 2009. In 2017, investment in infrastructure totalled \$78.5 billion, representing 24.1% of all non-residential investment in Canada.



Source: [Infrastructure Economic Account, 2017](#)

New home prices edge up in July

Nationally, new home prices were up for a second consecutive month in July. Builders in 15 of the 27 census metropolitan areas surveyed reported higher prices in July, pushing the Canada-level index up 0.1%.



Source: [New Housing Price Index, July 2018](#)

Student employment hit hard by the 2008/2009 recession

The article "Students in the labour market: After the recession" uses data from the Labour Force Survey to analyze the labour market situation of full-time students between the 2007/2008 and 2016/2017 school years. The analysis suggests the participation and employment rates of full-time students aged 15 to 24 were more negatively affected by the 2008/2009 recession than the rates of non-students in the same age group.

Source: [Students in the labour market: After the recession](#)

Natural resources drive up national wealth

National wealth, the value of non-financial assets in the Canadian economy, rose 1.9% to \$11,119.4 billion at the end of the second quarter, an acceleration from the 1.3% growth in the first quarter. The growth was led primarily by an increase in the value of natural resources, as crude oil and timber prices rose.

Source: [National balance sheet and financial flow accounts, second quarter 2018](#)



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