

Canadian businesses spend billions fighting cybercrime

Canadian businesses reported spending \$14 billion to prevent, detect and recover from cyber security incidents in 2017, which represented less than 1% of their total revenues. Approximately \$8 billion was spent on salaries for employees, consultants and contractors who worked on cyber security, while \$4 billion was invested in cyber security software and related hardware.

Source: [Impact of cybercrime on Canadian businesses, 2017](#)



Retail sales decline in August

After increasing 0.2% in July, retail sales declined 0.1% to \$50.8 billion in August. Sales were down in 7 of 11 subsectors representing 52% of retail trade. Lower sales at gasoline stations (-2.0%) more than offset gains at motor vehicle and parts dealers (+0.8%).

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

Duties played a varied role over the last 30 years

Over the past 30 years, the value of Canada's imports from the world increased fourfold. Meanwhile, duties collected on imports declined from 3.7% of Canada's total import value in 1988 to 1.0% in 2017.



Source: [Canada's import duties, 1988 to 2018](#)

Addressing an opioid information gap

While much is known about the basic demographic characteristics of individuals who died or were hospitalized due to opioid poisonings, less is known about their social and economic conditions. A new study in *Health Reports* begins to fill this information gap.



Source: [Health Reports: Social and economic characteristics of those experiencing hospitalizations due to opioid poisonings](#)