

Wholesale sales fall slightly in August

Wholesale sales edged down 0.1% to \$63.6 billion in August. Sales were down in four of seven subsectors, representing 65% of total wholesale sales. The building material and supplies and the motor vehicle and parts subsectors led the declines in August.



Source: [Wholesale Trade, August 2018](#)

About 1 in 20 Canadians has been diagnosed with sleep apnea

Sleep apnea is a condition that can affect both sleep duration and sleep quality. According to results from the 2016 and 2017 Canadian Health Measures Survey, about 6% of Canadian adults aged 18 to 79 reported that they had been diagnosed with sleep apnea by a health care professional.



Source: [Canadian Health Measures Survey: Household and physical measures data, 2016 and 2017](#)

Tax rates edge down in 2016

Individual Canadian tax filers spent, on average, 11.8% of their total income on federal and provincial/territorial income taxes and employee contributions to Employment Insurance and the Canada Pension Plan/Quebec Pension Plan in 2016. This was down slightly from 11.9% in 2015.

Source: [Effective tax rates and high income Canadians, 2016](#)



Average wages grow in August

Average weekly earnings of non-farm payroll employees were \$1,006 in August, up 0.6% from July. Compared with August 2017, earnings rose 2.9%. Non-farm payroll employees worked an average of 32.8 hours per week in August, unchanged from both the previous month and 12 months earlier.

Source: [Payroll employment, earnings and hours, August 2018](#)