

Tallying the human costs of opioid overdoses

The number of people in British Columbia who died from an illicit drug overdose more than doubled, from 293 in 2011 to 639 in 2016. While the crisis affects people from all walks of life, most illicit drug overdose deaths—nearly three-quarters (73%)—occurred among males (77%) and among those aged 25 to 54.

Source: [Drug overdose crisis: Socioeconomic characteristics of those dying of illicit drug overdoses in British Columbia, 2011 to 2016](#)



Foreign-owned firms play a big role in the Canadian economy

Foreign majority-owned affiliates operating in Canada generated over one-fifth of the value added in the corporate sector in 2016 and employed about one in eight Canadian workers. These companies were responsible for 54.1% of Canada's total merchandise and commercial services trade, up 0.3% from 2015.

Source: [Activities of foreign majority-owned affiliates in Canada, 2016](#)

University faculties are getting older

In 2017/2018, there were 46,025 full-time academic teaching staff in Canadian public universities, a slight increase over 2016/2017 (+0.8%). In addition, there was a change in the composition of these staff, influenced by a combination of aging of the professoriate, increased seniority and the growing presence of women.



Source: [Number and salaries of full-time teaching staff at Canadian universities \(final\), 2017/2018](#)

Manufacturing sales rise in September

Manufacturing sales edged up 0.2% in September to \$58.5 billion, following a 0.5% decrease in August. Sales increased in 8 of 21 industries, led by higher sales in the transportation equipment industry.



Source: [Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, September 2018](#)