

## Homicide rate hits nearly a 10-year high

Homicide in Canada hit its highest rate in almost a decade in 2017. Much of the increase was the result of more firearm-related and gang-related incidents. The firearm-related homicide rate increased 18% from 2016 to 0.72 per 100,000 population—the highest rate since 1992.

Source: [Homicide in Canada, 2017](#)



## Over 400,000 people have unmet homecare needs

An estimated 1.2 million Canadian adults reported having home care needs in the previous year, with one-third of them (433,000) not having their home care needs met. A new study in *Health Reports* uses data from the 2015/2016 Canadian Community Health Survey to describe unmet home care needs.

Source: [Study: Health Reports: Unmet home care needs in Canada, November 2018](#)

## Combined Canadian governments' deficit falls by almost half

The net operating deficit of the consolidated Canadian General Government—federal, provincial-territorial and local governments combined—was \$8.9 billion in 2017, down from \$16.9 billion in 2016. That deficit equalled 0.4% of the gross domestic product in 2017.



Source: [Consolidated Canadian Government Finance Statistics, 2017](#)

## Airfares drive up the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.4% on a year-over-year basis in October, following a 2.2% increase in September. Month over month, the CPI increased 0.3% in October with prices for airfares, passenger vehicles and travel tours accelerating the most.



Source: [Consumer Price Index, October 2018](#)