

Household spending rises in 2017

In 2017, the average Canadian household spent \$63,723 on goods and services, up 2.5% from 2016. Spending varied across provinces, and was highest in Alberta (\$72,957) and British Columbia (\$71,001), in part due to higher expenditures on shelter in these provinces.



Source: [Survey of Household Spending, 2017](#)

Two in three adult Canadians complete postsecondary education

In 2017, just over two-thirds of Canadians (68%) aged 25 to 64 had completed postsecondary education, 24 percentage points higher than the average for the 36 member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.



Source: [Education indicators in Canada: An international perspective, 2018](#)

Nova Scotia non-resident ownership rates higher than in Ontario

In Nova Scotia, 3.9% of residential properties are owned by non-residents, similar to the non-resident ownership rate in British Columbia (3.8%), but higher than that in Ontario (2.2%).



Source: [Canadian Housing Statistics Program, 2018](#)

Natural resources drive up national wealth

National wealth, the value of non-financial assets in the Canadian economy, rose 1.6% to \$11,415.3 billion at the end of the third quarter, a deceleration from the 1.9% increase in the second quarter. Growth in the third quarter was led primarily by an increase in the value of natural resources.

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