

Cannabis consumption rates are steady

About 4.6 million (or 15%) of Canadians aged 15 and older reported using cannabis in the last three months. This was a similar percentage to what was reported before legalization.

Source: [National Cannabis Survey, fourth quarter 2018](#)



The number of grandparents reaches a new high

There were 7.5 million grandparents aged 45 and older in Canada in 2017—the highest number since the data started being collected—according to the General Social Survey on Family. This was up from 7.0 million in 2011 and 5.4 million in 1995.



Source: [Family Matters: Grandparents in Canada](#)

Employment increases in January

The number of people employed grew by 67,000 in January, mostly among youth aged 15 to 24 and in the services-producing industries. The unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points to 5.8% as more people looked for work. On a year-over-year basis, total employment was up 327,000 or 1.8%.



Source: [Labour Force Survey, January 2019](#)

Canadians were more generous in 2017

Donations reported by Canadian tax filers totalled \$9.6 billion in 2017, up 7.7% from 2016. This increase more than offset a 2.6% drop in donations in 2016, which was associated with slower economic growth in that year for provinces rich in natural resources.

Source: [Charitable donors, 2017](#)