

A lower labour force participation rate is the result of an aging population

In recent years, the participation rate—defined as the size of the labour force relative to the total population aged 15 and older—has decreased, despite a relatively robust economy, low unemployment and higher levels of immigration. This is largely the result of population aging, as the large cohort of baby-boomers enter their retirement years.

Source: [Study: Projections to 2036 of the labour force in Canada and its regions](#)



The auto sector drives down retail sales

Retail sales decreased for the third consecutive month in January, declining 0.3% to \$50.1 billion. Lower sales at motor vehicle and parts dealers (-1.5%) accounted for the majority of the decline. Excluding sales in this subsector, retail sales increased 0.1%.



Source: [Retail trade, January 2019](#)

More than half of same-sex intimate partner violence involves men

There were 651,484 police-reported incidents of intimate partner violence (IPV) in Canada from 2009 to 2017. About 3% of these incidents involved same-sex intimate partners. Males accounted for a greater proportion of victims of same-sex IPV, with more than half (55%) of police-reported incidents of same-sex IPV involving male partners.



Source: [Police-reported violence involving same-sex intimate partners in Canada](#)

The Consumer Price Index is up in February

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.5% on a year-over-year basis in February, up from a 1.4% increase in January. Excluding gasoline, the CPI rose 2.1%, matching the gain in January. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the CPI increased 0.3% in February.

Source: [Consumer Price Index, February 2019](#)

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