

A growing number of seniors are carrying debt

While senior families with debt saw the value of their assets increase, the proportion of senior families carrying debt rose from 27% in 1999 to 42% in 2016. The median net worth of senior families with debt—which corresponds to the total value of assets minus the total amount of debt—increased from \$298,900 in 1999 to \$537,400 in 2016 in constant dollars.

Source: [Study: Debt and assets among senior Canadian families, 1999 to 2016](#)



Crude oil and natural gas production up in January

In January, crude oil and natural gas production and electricity generation rose, while coal production fell compared with the same month in 2018. Over the same period, exports of crude oil and equivalent products increased, while exports of natural gas and electricity decreased.



Source: [Energy statistics, January 2019](#)

Canadians still think energy-saving lights are a bright idea

In 2017, 12.9 million Canadian households reported some type of environmental engagement, ranging from their choice of lightbulb to volunteering their time to teach others about nature. Almost 9 out of 10 (88%) Canadian households reported using at least one type of energy-saving light in 2017, a rate that has remained relatively unchanged over the last decade.



Source: [Households and the Environment Survey, 2017](#)

Employment unchanged in March

Following increases in January and February, employment held steady in March. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.8%. In the first quarter of 2019, employment rose by 116,000 (+0.6%). On a year-over-year basis, employment grew by 332,000 (+1.8%), with gains in both full (+204,000) and part-time (+128,000) work.

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

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