

Largest increase in manufacturing sales in over a year

In March, manufacturing sales (+2.1% to \$58 billion) rose at their fastest pace since November 2017, led by higher motor vehicle, petroleum and aerospace sales. The sales increase brought the inventory-to-sales ratio down to 1.50. However, over the last four months, the ratio has remained at its highest level since the second half of 2009.

Source: [Monthly Survey of Manufacturing](#)



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Early estimates show that about 17,500 dwellings were either affected or at risk of flooding in Eastern and Central Canada in late April. Satellites detected more than 600 square km of flooded land, with eastern regions most affected. About 153 square km of agricultural land and 460 km of road network were either affected by or at risk of flooding.



Source: [Impact of spring flooding in key areas across Canada](#)

More than one in four Canadians aged 35 to 64 in a couple relationship are in their second or subsequent marriage or common-law relationship

Divorce and separation rates are rising, and so too are the number of Canadians in their second or subsequent marriage or common-law relationship. Over one-third of people in Quebec aged 35 to 64 in a couple relationship had repartnered, compared with about one-quarter of couples in the Prairie provinces, Atlantic Canada and British Columbia, and just under one in five couples in Ontario.



Source: [Family matters: New relationships after separation or divorce](#)

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Temporary jobs (13.3%) are more common today than they were 20 years ago (11.8%), but they still account for a small share of total employment. Women and men are equally likely to have temporary work, but men are almost twice as likely as women to hold a seasonal job. Temporary work pays on average about \$6 less an hour than permanent work.

Source: [Temporary employment in Canada](#)