

Job vacancies up sharply

The number of job vacancies was up by 44,000 (+9.6%) year over year to 506,000 in first quarter. Over the same period, the job vacancy rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 3.1%.



Source: [Job vacancies, first quarter 2019](#)

Lower rates of homeownership among resettled refugees

While more than half of resettled refugee families in Vancouver and Toronto owned their own home in 2016, their rates of homeownership are lower than among Canadian-born families. In 2016, 50% of resettled refugee families in Vancouver and 59% in Toronto owned residential property, compared with 61% of their Canadian-born counterparts in Vancouver and 65% in Toronto.

Source: [Study: Residential property ownership among refugees in Toronto and Vancouver](#)

Higher prices for food and durable goods in May

The Consumer Price Index rose 2.4% on a year-over-year basis in May amid a series of broad-based gains, including higher prices for food and durable goods, while consumers paid 3.7% less for gasoline.



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

Over one-third of paid workers are covered by a registered pension plan

Although more people were members of a registered pension plan (RPP) in 2017, the pension coverage rate, that is, the proportion of all paid workers covered by an RPP, declined from 37.5% in 2016 to 37.1%.



Source: [Pension plans in Canada, January 2018](#)