

Employment holds steady for the second consecutive month

In June, employment held steady for the second consecutive month. The unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 5.5% as the number of people looking for work increased. In the second quarter, employment rose by 132,000 (+0.7%), virtually all in full-time work.



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

The rate of violent crime against young women and girls higher in the North than in the South

While young women and girls in the North accounted for less than 7% of Canada's female population aged 24 and younger in 2017, they represented 17% of young female victims of police-reported violent crime. The rate of violent crime against young women and girls living in the North was nearly three times higher than it was in the South.



Source: [Police-reported violent crimes against young women and girls in Canada's Provincial North and Territories, 2017](#)

Over one-third of young people aged 20 to 24 without a high school diploma are not in employment, education or training

Young Canadians without a high school diploma have been overrepresented among those not in employment, education or training (NEET) for the past two decades. In 2018/2019, 60,600 youth, or 37% of youth aged 20 to 24 who did not have their high school diploma, were in NEET.



Source: [Study: Making the transition from school to work: 20- to 24-year-olds not in employment, education or training \(NEET\) in Canada, 2018/2019](#)

Canada posts trade surplus in May

Canada's merchandise trade balance with the world was in a surplus position in May (\$762 million) for the second time since December 2016. Exports rose 4.6% in May, while imports were up 1.0%.

Source: [Canadian international merchandise trade, May 2019](#)