

Investment in building construction posts first decline in eight months

In June, investment in building construction recorded its first decline in eight months, down 0.9% to \$15.1 billion. A slight increase in non-residential investment (+1.0%) was offset by a decrease in the residential sector (-1.8%).



Source: [Investment in building construction, June 2019](#)

Quarterly increase in operating profits for Canadian corporations

Canadian corporations earned \$107.1 billion in operating profits in the second quarter, up 5.2% from the first quarter, but down 0.4% from a year earlier. Both financial (+13.4%) and non-financial (+2.2%) industries reported higher profits.



Source: [Quarterly financial statistics for enterprises, second quarter 2019](#)

Travel from the United States to Canada hits highest level for a first half of the year since 2007

US residents made 2.1 million trips to Canada in June, down slightly (-0.4%) from May. However, on a year-to-date basis, the number of US arrivals was 2.2% higher compared with the same period in 2018, reaching its highest level for the first six months of the year since 2007.



Source: [Travel between Canada and other countries, June 2019](#)

Many Canadians with hearing loss are unaware of it

An estimated 54% of Canadians aged 40 to 79 (8.2 million) have at least mild hearing loss in the high-frequency range, but 77% of them (6.3 million) have not perceived any loss of hearing.

Source: [Health Reports: Unperceived hearing loss among Canadians aged 40 to 79](#)