

Gross domestic product up in the second quarter

Real gross domestic product (GDP) grew 0.9% in the second quarter, led by a 3.2% gain in exports. Expressed at an annualized rate, real GDP increased 3.7% in the second quarter.

Source: [Gross domestic product, income and expenditures, second quarter 2019](#)

Wastewater-based estimates of drug consumption

According to estimates based on the analysis of wastewater in five large urban centres, cannabis use was higher in Halifax and Montréal than in Vancouver, Toronto and Edmonton, while methamphetamine use was higher in Vancouver and Edmonton.



Source: [Wastewater-based estimates of cannabis and drug use in Canada: Pilot test results, March 2018 to February 2019](#)

Record sales of Canadian intellectual property

Businesses in Canada with research and development activities sold a record \$4.2 billion of intellectual property and technological services in 2017, up 7.7% from 2016.



Source: [Research and development in Canadian industry: Intellectual property, 2017](#)

Earnings rise markedly in early 2019

Earnings of non-farm payroll employees grew 2.2% from February to May 2019. This was the largest three-month increase since comparable data became available in 2001. The month-over-month percentage growth exceeded that of the Consumer Price Index over the same period.



Source: [Payroll employment, earnings and hours, June 2019](#)