

Consumers pay less for gasoline, vegetables and traveller accommodation

The Consumer Price Index rose 1.9% year over year in August, led by higher prices for natural gas (+5.8%) and air fare (+10.3%). Conversely, Canadians paid less for gasoline (-10.2%), vegetables (-6.5%) and traveller accommodation (-6.7%).



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

Manufacturing sales decline in Toronto and Montréal

Statistics Canada released its first set of monthly manufacturing data for select census metropolitan areas this week. According to these new data, manufacturing sales were down 7.6% to \$9.9 billion in Toronto in July and down 3.1% to \$6.4 billion in Montréal.



Source: [Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, July 2019](#)

Canada's population could surpass the 55-million mark in 50 years

Projections show that population growth will continue in Canada over the next 50 years, and that the population could reach between 44.4 million and 70.2 million inhabitants by 2068. In the medium-growth scenario, the Canadian population would grow from 37.1 million inhabitants in 2018 to 55.2 million by 2068.

Source: [Population projections: Canada, provinces and territories, 2018 to 2068](#)

Retail sales increase for the first time in three months

Retail sales rose 0.4% to \$51.5 billion in July, the first increase in three months, led by higher sales at new car dealers (+2.4%).



Source: [Retail sales, July 2019](#)