

Employment declines in three provinces push unemployment rate higher

After holding steady in October, employment fell by 71,000 (-0.4%) in November. The unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage points to 5.9%. Employment declined in Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia, while it was little changed in the other provinces.



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

Master's degree graduates earn one-third more on average than undergraduates five years after graduating

The median employment income of a 2010 master's degree graduate five years after finishing school totalled \$74,500 in 2015, almost one-third higher than that of an undergraduate degree holder (\$56,800). Conversely, 2010 graduates with a doctoral degree earned 6% more five years after graduation than those with a master's degree.



Source: [Labour market outcomes for college and university graduates, 2010 to 2015](#)

Women are over twice as likely as men to experience unwanted sexual behaviour while in a public place

Women (32%) were over twice as likely as men (12%) to experience unwanted sexual behaviour in a public place in 2018. A male stranger was most often the perpetrator of these behaviours for both women and men. Those living in the core of larger cities were more likely to experience unwanted public behaviours.



Source: [Gender-based violence and unwanted sexual behaviour in Canada, 2018: Initial findings from the Survey of Safety in Public and Private Spaces](#)

Artworks drive gain in exports

Consumer good exports rose 5.5% in October, mainly on higher exports of miscellaneous goods and supplies (+\$532 million), specifically higher exports of artwork such as paintings and sculptures. These fine art pieces were destined to an art fair in New York that began at the end of October. Items that do not sell could be brought back and subsequently included in Canada's import statistics.

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