

## Gasoline prices affected by international events

Gasoline prices increased by 11.2% in January compared with January 2019, when oil prices were low as a result of a global supply glut. Gasoline prices rose at the beginning of January 2020, due to concerns over global oil supplies in response to international political events. Later in the month, global oil prices fell following the novel coronavirus outbreak, which caused uncertainty about demand for oil.



Source: [Consumer Price Index, January 2020](#)

## Who is doing the dishes?

Nearly two-thirds of Canadians aged 20 and older (17.8 million) were in a couple (married or common-law) and living in the same household as their opposite-sex spouse or partner in 2017. For half of them, tasks such as doing the dishes,



grocery shopping and organizing the household's social life were shared equally between men and women.

Source: [Family Matters: Sharing housework among couples in Canada: Who does what?](#)

## Manufacturing sales decline for the fourth consecutive month

Manufacturing sales declined for the fourth consecutive month, down 0.7% to \$56.4 billion in December. In 2019, Canadian manufacturing sales increased 0.5% to \$688.5 billion. However, the pace of growth was much slower than in 2017 (+6.0%) and 2018 (+5.4%).



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

## Most of Canada's exports to China are destined for five coastal cities

Over 3,750 Canadian enterprises exported goods to China in 2018. Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Shandong and Jiangsu were the primary export destinations, accounting for nearly 70% of all exports to China (\$21.3 billion) identified in this study. Agri-food, motor vehicles, wood pulp and lumber were among the products most exported by Canadian businesses.

Source: [Study: Canadian exports of goods to China by Canadian and Chinese provinces, 2016 to 2018](#)