

The Black population in Canada shows resilience and optimism

To celebrate Black History Month, Statistics Canada released two studies that examined the socioeconomic outcomes of Black people in Canada. These studies show that, overall, the Black population in Canada has lower labour market outcomes than the rest of the Canadian population, but has higher educational aspirations and reports higher levels of resilience and optimism.



Source: [A socioeconomic portrait of Canada's Black population](#)

Income of Canadians virtually unchanged in 2018

The median after-tax income of Canadian families and unattached individuals was \$61,400 in 2018, virtually unchanged from 2017. Families and unattached individuals in Alberta recorded the highest median after-tax income, at \$72,700, while those in Nova Scotia posted the lowest, at \$52,200.

Source: [Canadian Income Survey, 2018](#)

The economy slows down in the fourth quarter

Growth in real gross domestic product slowed to 0.1% in the fourth quarter. A number of factors accounted for the slowdown, including pipeline shutdowns, unfavourable harvest conditions, rail transportation strikes, impacts on motor vehicle and parts manufacturing from the United Auto Workers' strike in the United States, and continued global trade tensions and market uncertainty.



Source: [Gross domestic product, income and expenditure, fourth quarter of 2019](#)

The number of hate crimes declines, but remains high

The 1,798 hate crimes reported by police in 2018 was 13% lower than the record-high of 2,073 incidents reported in 2017. Despite the decline, police-reported hate crimes had been increasing since 2014 and the number reported in 2018 was the second highest since 2009.



Source: [Police-reported hate crime, 2018](#)