

## Sexual minority people are more than twice as likely as heterosexual people to experience inappropriate sexual behaviours in public, online or at work

Gay, lesbian, bisexual and other sexual minority people in Canada were more than twice as likely as heterosexual Canadians to experience inappropriate sexual behaviours in public, online or at work in 2018 and were almost three times more likely than heterosexual Canadians to report being physically or sexually assaulted in the 12 months preceding the survey, according to a new study.



Source: [Sexual minority people almost three times more likely to experience violent victimization than heterosexual people](#)

## Net issuances of debt securities by Canadian governments surge to record highs

Net issuances of debt securities by Canadian governments and corporations totalled \$521.0 billion in the second quarter. Financing activity was led by record levels of issuances by the federal government, which were five times higher than the previous record high set during the height of the global financial crisis in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Source: [Securities statistics, second quarter 2020](#)

## Commercial rents fall across Canada

Commercial rents fell 3.1% in the second quarter on lower rent for offices, retail, and industrial buildings and warehouses. Average commercial rents were down across Canada, with Edmonton (-9.6%), Ottawa (-7.6%) and Calgary (-6.7%) posting the largest declines.



Source: [Commercial rents in key Canadian economic markets, first and second quarters 2020](#)

## Household savings fuel record amount of net lending

Household sector net lending reached a record \$69.0 billion in the second quarter. Although compensation of employees fell sharply, this was more than offset by a significant expansion in government transfers to households, which were meant to blunt the impact of COVID-19-related measures, resulting in a 10.8% increase in household disposable income.



Source: [National balance sheet and financial flow accounts, second quarter 2020](#)