

Prices up for personal care services and jewellery

Year over year, prices for personal care services increased 7.2% in August, mainly as a result of higher prices for haircuts and hairdressing. Jewellery prices rose 6.8% amid record-high prices for gold.



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

Discrimination in the postsecondary setting more common for sexual minority students

In postsecondary institutions, about one-third of gay and lesbian students, bisexual students and students who reported a sexual orientation not elsewhere classified said that they had experienced discrimination based on gender, gender identity or sexual orientation. These rates were double that of heterosexual students.



Source: [Women and sexual minority students more likely to experience discrimination](#)

Over one-quarter of crowdsourcing participants report experiencing discrimination during the pandemic

Over one-quarter (28%) of crowdsourcing participants reported that they had experienced discrimination or had been treated unfairly by others since the beginning of the pandemic. Young participants aged 15 to 24 were twice as likely as seniors aged 65 and older to report that they had experienced discrimination over the course of the pandemic.

Source: [Experiences of discrimination during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Retail sales rise in July

Retail sales rose 0.6% to \$52.9 billion in July, led by higher sales at motor vehicle and parts dealers and gas stations. Sales at clothing and clothing accessories stores (+11.2%) rose for the third consecutive month, as more regions allowed shopping malls to re-open.



Source: [Retail sales, July 2020](#)