

## Price growth slows in the mortgage interest cost index



Year over year, the mortgage interest cost index grew less rapidly in September (+0.1%) than in August (+0.9%).

Mortgage rates continue to face downward pressure from lower interest rates following reductions in the Bank of Canada's policy interest rate in March.

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

## Prices of new homes surge across Canada in September

New home prices were up 1.2% in September, the largest jump in 14 years. Builders across the nation primarily linked the gain to higher construction costs, mainly driven by the impact of the pandemic on the demand and supply of labour and materials. The shift in buyer preference for larger homes also contributed to higher new housing prices.



Source: [New Housing Price Index, September 2020](#)

## Most Canadian businesses do not report cyber security incidents to police

Although more Canadian businesses affected by cyber security incidents reported incidents to police in 2019 (12%) than in 2017 (10%), most did not report incidents to the police. The most common reasons for not reporting incidents to police services were that incidents were resolved internally (49%) or that the incidents were too minor to be reported (31%).

Source: [About one-fifth of Canadian businesses were impacted by cyber security incidents in 2019](#)

## Most Canadians do not receive palliative care in the year prior to death

Although most Canadians (67.7%) visited a hospital at least once in the year prior to their death, few (18.7%) received inpatient palliative care. Receiving inpatient palliative care is associated with lower odds of being admitted to intensive care.



Source: [Inpatient palliative care related to fewer intensive care admissions](#)