

## Homeowners' replacement cost rises at fastest past in over a decade

New home prices rose at their fastest pace in 14 years in October. The homeowners' replacement cost index, which is derived from the price of new homes, rose 1.4% month over month, the largest monthly increase since June 1991.



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

## Canadians are drinking less soda and fruit juice

Just under half (46%) of total daily energy consumed by Canadians in 2015 came from ultra-processed foods, and children and youth were the highest consumers. In 2004, ultra-processed foods accounted for 48% of total energy intake. The slight decline since 2004 was largely the result of a lower intake of soft drinks, fruit juices and fruit drinks.



Source: [Health Reports, November 2020](#)

## Largest government deficit in seven years in 2019

The consolidated Canadian general government—federal, provincial, territorial and local governments combined—recorded a deficit of \$25.3 billion in 2019, compared with a surplus of \$2.6 billion in 2018. That deficit equalled 1.1% of gross domestic product in 2019 and was the largest in seven years (2.1% in 2012).

Source: [Consolidated Canadian Government Finance Statistics, 2019](#)

## Core retail sales rise on higher sales at general merchandise and food and beverage stores

Core retail sales rose at almost three times the pace (+1.1%) in September compared with August (+0.4%), led by the first increase at general merchandise stores (+1.8%) in three months. Sales at food and beverage stores (+0.9%) rose for the second consecutive month, partially due to higher prices for meat, fish and dairy products.



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