

Newsletter for Communities

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In the news

[Employment Insurance, September 2012](#)

Following an increase in August, the number of people receiving regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits in September declined slightly, by 5,700 (-1.1%), to 525,900.

The number of beneficiaries edged down in Quebec, British Columbia and New Brunswick, while it rose slightly in Manitoba.

[Building permits, September 2012](#)

The total value of building permits rose 15.0% to \$7.5 billion in October, following a 12.7% decline in September. The increase was primarily the result of higher construction intentions for non-residential buildings, mostly in Ontario and Quebec.

[Health behaviour changes after diagnosis of chronic illness among Canadians aged 50 or older](#)

Changes in health behaviours (smoking, physical activity, alcohol consumption, and fruit and vegetable consumption) after diagnosis of chronic health conditions (heart disease, cancer, stroke, respiratory disease, and diabetes) were examined among Canadians aged 50 or older. Results from 12 years of longitudinal data from the Canadian National Population Health Survey indicated relatively modest changes in behaviour.



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[Household debt in Canada](#)

Many Canadians use debt to finance the purchase of a new home, acquire goods and services, or invest in education. In recent years, both mortgage debt and consumer debt have increased significantly. In 1980, the ratio of household debt to personal disposable income was 66%; that ratio recently passed the 150% figure. This means that, in aggregate, households owed more than \$1.50 for every dollar of disposable income. Household debt is therefore an increasingly important component of the finances of many Canadian families.

[Recent releases from *The Daily*](#)

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- Consumer Price Index
- Labour Force Survey



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