

Little change in the GDP in July

After rising for eight months in a row, the real gross domestic product (GDP) was essentially flat in July as 11 of 20 industrial sectors grew. Goods-producing industries contracted 0.5%, the first decrease in five months, largely as a result of declines in mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction and manufacturing. Service-producing industries registered a 0.2% increase.

Source: *Gross domestic product by industry July 2017*

A third of Canadians engage in unhealthy behaviours

Unhealthy behaviours such as smoking, excessive drinking and illicit drug use are risk factors for chronic disease that place a burden on the health of Canadians.



New data from the 2016 Canadian Community Health Survey find that more than one-third of Canadians aged 12 or older (around 11 million people) reported one or more of these unhealthy behaviours. Half of 18 to 34 year olds (50.3%) reported at least one of these unhealthy behaviours.

Source: *Canadian Community Health Survey, 2016*

Wages and hours hold steady in July

Average weekly earnings of non-farm payroll employees were \$970 in July, little changed from the previous month. Compared with 12 months earlier, earnings were up 1.8%. Non-farm payroll employees worked an average of 32.6 hours per week in July, little changed from both the previous month and July 2016.

Source: *Payroll employment, earnings and hours, July 2017*

Tourism spending totals \$21.6 billion in the second quarter of 2017

Tourism spending in Canada rose 1.7% in the second quarter of 2017, following 1.1% growth in the first quarter. Increased tourism spending by Canadians at home and by international visitors in Canada contributed to the increase. Tourism spending by Canadians in Canada grew 2.1% in the second quarter, compared with a 0.8% increase in the previous quarter. The spending of international visitors in Canada edged up 0.2% in the second quarter compared with 2.1% in the first quarter.

Source: *National tourism indicators, second quarter 2017*

Top five provinces average weekly wage, July 2017

Province	Average weekly wage (\$)
Alberta	1,125.07
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,017.01
Saskatchewan	1,003.02
Ontario	983.83
British Columbia	941.26