

Employment flat as gains in full-time are offset by part-time losses

Employment was essentially unchanged in September (+10,000 or +0.1%). The unemployment rate remained at 6.2%, matching the low of October 2008. In September, gains in full-time employment (+112,000) were mostly offset by declines in part-time (-102,000). In August, there was a substantial decline in the number of people working full time and a notable increase in part time. In the 12 months to September, employment rose by 320,000 (+1.8%), spurred by gains in full-time employment (+289,000 or +2.0%).

Source: [Labour Force Survey, September 2017](#)

Trade deficit widens in August

Canada's merchandise trade deficit totalled \$3.4 billion in August, widening from a \$3.0 billion deficit in July. Exports decreased 1.0% on lower volumes, while imports were unchanged. Following two months of large decreases, exports were down a further 1.0% to \$43.6 billion in August, despite increases in 6 of 11 sections. Following the largest decline since January 2009 in July, total imports were virtually unchanged in August.

Source: [Canadian international merchandise trade, August 2017](#)

Another down year in the oilpatch

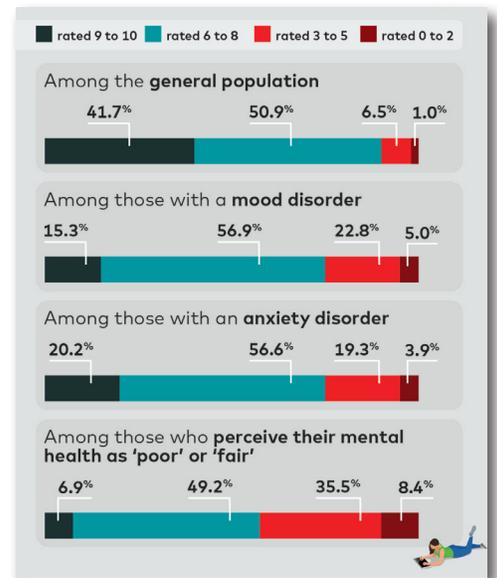
The Canadian oil and gas extraction industry continued its downward trend in 2016. Total revenue decreased 6.5% to \$92.2 billion in 2016, which followed a drop of 37.4% in 2015. Total expenses and deductions decreased 21.1% to \$118.0 billion in 2016, resulting in a net loss of \$25.7 billion, compared with a net loss of \$50.9 billion in 2015.



Source: [Oil and gas extraction, 2016](#)

Life Satisfaction in Canada

When asked to rate how they felt at the moment about their lives as a whole on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being "very dissatisfied" and 10 being "very satisfied":



Source: [Canadian Community Health Survey, 2016](#)

The cost of living at home

When it comes to the cost of keeping a roof over one's head, the lights turned on and everything that goes along with that, change is constant. This month's StatCan Blog post looks at one of the Agency's most important measures, the shelter portion of the Consumer Price Index.

Source: [StatCan Blog: Tracking the cost of shelter](#)

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