

Shelter, transportation and food are the biggest expenditures for Canadians

Canadian households spent an annual average of \$62,183 on goods and services in 2016, up 2.8% from 2015. The increase was driven by higher year-over-year spending by households in Ontario and Quebec. Households in Ontario spent \$66,220 (+5.6%), while those in Quebec spent \$52,447 (+4.5%). Despite the overall increase in 2016, households still spent the same proportion of their total consumption on the three largest expenditure categories as they did in 2015: shelter (29.0%), transportation (19.2%) and food (14.1%).



Source: [Survey of Household Spending, 2016](#)

Graduating at a high rate in Canada

In 2016, 91% of Canadians aged 25 to 64 had at least a high school diploma, well above the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development average of 78%. Only the Czech Republic (94%) and Poland (92%), posted higher proportions. The United States was comparable with Canada (90%).

Source : [Education indicators in Canada: An international perspective, 2017](#)

Almost 9 in 10 Canadians satisfied with their safety from crime

According to the 2014 General Social Survey on Canadians' safety (victimization), the majority of Canadians said they were satisfied (50%) or very satisfied (38%) with their personal safety from crime. The highest levels of satisfaction with personal safety were in provinces with Crime Severity Indexes (CSI) below the national average in 2014: New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island and Ontario.

Source: [Canadians' perceptions of personal safety and crime, 2014](#)



Manufacturing falls in October

Manufacturing sales declined 0.4% to \$53.5 billion in October, following two consecutive monthly increases. Sales fell in 8 of 21 industries, representing 56.0% of the manufacturing sector. Sales of motor vehicles and other transportation equipment accounted for most of the decline in October. Excluding these two industries, manufacturing sales increased 0.5%.

Source: [Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, October 2017](#)

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