

Canada's international trade deficit narrows

Canada's exports rose 1.6% to a record \$48.6 billion in April, while imports were down 2.5% to \$50.5 billion. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world narrowed from \$3.9 billion in March to \$1.9 billion in April.

Source: [Canadian international merchandise trade, April 2018](#)

Tracking the damage from cyberstalking

Cyberstalking, which affects 8% of women and 6% of men who use the Internet, does not have the same implications for women and men. In a new study, data from the General Social Survey (Victimization) is used to explore the prevalence of cyberstalking among women and men aged 15 and older, as well as the association between experiences of cyberstalking, self-rated mental health and satisfaction with personal safety from crime.



Source: [Study: Women and men who experienced cyberstalking in Canada, 2014](#)

Canadian workers see progress in wages and employment

A new Statistics Canada study shows that Canadian core-aged workers fared better than their American counterparts in both employment rates and wages from 2000 to 2017. The study finds that the percentage of individuals aged 25 to 54 who were employed rose from 80% in 2000 to 82% in 2017 in Canada, but fell from 81% to 79% in the United States.



Source: [Study: Employment rates and wages of core-aged workers in Canada and the United States, 2000 to 2017](#)

The unemployment rate holds steady in May

Employment was little changed in May, and the unemployment rate was 5.8% for the fourth consecutive month. On a year-over-year basis, employment grew by 238,000 or 1.3%, due to gains in full-time work. Over the same period, total hours worked were up 2.0%.

Source: [Labour Force Survey, May 2018](#)



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