The Weekly Review

Statistics Canada's look at the week

Taking stock of Canada's roads, bridges and tunnels

Canada's road network, as reported by Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey, was long enough in 2016 to circle the Earth's equator more than 19 times. Statistics Canada, in partnership with Infrastructure Canada, has launched its first-ever catalogue of the state of the nation's infrastructure to provide statistical information on the stock, condition, performance and asset management strategies of Canada's core public infrastructure assets.



Source: Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey: Roads, bridges and tunnels, 2016

Profits edge up for Canadian corporations

Canadian corporations earned \$100.3 billion in operating profits in the second quarter, up \$1.0 billion or 1.0% from the first quarter of 2018. Compared with the second quarter of 2017, operating profits for Canadian corporations were up 8.2%.

Source: Quarterly financial statistics for enterprises, second quarter 2018

The number of bars per capita is highest in Newfoundland and Labrador

In Canada, there were 5,053 bars or 1.44 bars for every 10,000 Canadians in June. Newfoundland and Labrador led the way, at 3.93 bars per 10,000 population, followed by Quebec (2.59) and New Brunswick (2.01). Looking at major cities, St. John's had the most bars per 10,000 population at 3.64, followed by Sherbrooke (3.39) and Saguenay (2.73). Guelph had the least, with 0.33 bars per 10,000 population, followed by Oshawa (0.47) and Winnipeq (0.49).



Source: Canadian Business Counts, June 2018

Lower gasoline and vehicle sales drive down retail sales

Following a 2.2% increase in May, retail sales edged down 0.2% in June to \$50.7 billion. Lower sales at gasoline stations and motor vehicle and parts dealers more than offset higher sales at food and beverage stores and building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers.



Source: Retail trade, June 2018

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