

## Full-time work pushes up employment

Employment grew for a second consecutive month, up 56,000 in February, driven by gains in full-time work. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.8% as the number of people searching for work held steady.



Source: [Labour Force Survey, February 2019](#)

## The merchandise trade deficit widens in December

Canada's exports declined 3.8% in December, almost entirely on lower exports of energy products, which were down as a result of falling crude oil prices. Imports were up 1.6%, mainly on higher imports of energy products. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world widened from \$2.0 billion in November to a record \$4.6 billion in December.



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

## The non-profit sector plays a significant role in the economy

Economic activity in the non-profit sector totalled \$169.2 billion in 2017, representing 8.5% of Canada's gross domestic product. The most significant portion of non-profit activity (73.2%) came from government non-profit institutions, such as hospitals and universities.

Source: [Non-profit institutions and volunteering: Economic contribution, 2007 to 2017](#)



## More Canadians living solo

In 2016, for the first time, one-person households became the most common type of household in Canada, surpassing couples with children. One-person households accounted for 28% of all households in 2016, representing 4 million Canadians.

Source: [Study: Living alone in Canada](#)