

More than half of young children in child care

About 60% (almost 1.4 million) of children under the age of 6 participated in some form of formal or informal child care in the previous three months. Young children in Quebec and Prince Edward Island were more likely to be in child care, while those in Nunavut, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Alberta were less likely.

Source: [Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements, 2019](#)



Public investment fuels increase in value of infrastructure

The value of Canada's stock of public and private infrastructure stood at \$852 billion in 2018, up \$47 billion from 2017. Public investment in infrastructure rose 0.8%, while infrastructure investment declined 1.6%.



Source: [Infrastructure Economic Account, 2018](#)

Price of cannabis higher since legalization

Prior to legalization, the unweighted average price per gram of dried cannabis was \$6.85 in 2018, based on submissions to the *StatsCannabis* crowdsourcing application. Post-legalization, the average price rose 17.3% to \$8.04 per gram.



Source: [StatsCannabis data availability: Crowdsourced cannabis prices, first quarter 2019](#)

Building permits decrease on lower intentions for multi-family dwellings

Canadian municipalities issued \$7.8 billion worth of building permits in February, down 5.7% from the previous month. The decline was largely due to a decrease in construction intentions for multi-family dwellings, which fell 8.5% to \$4.9 billion, the lowest level since April 2017.

Source: [Building permits, February 2019](#)