

The digital economy is larger than the mining, oil and gas industry in Canada

Digital economic activities contributed \$109.7 billion to Canada's nominal gross domestic product (GDP) in 2017, accounting for 5.5% of total economic activity in the country. By way of comparison, the mining, oil and gas industry contributed 4.8% to Canada's nominal GDP in 2017.

Source: [Measuring digital economic activities in Canada, 2010 to 2017](#)



Women in STEM keeping up with the men

Women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs are more likely to switch fields than their male counterparts, but women transferring into a STEM program from other fields largely offset these losses. Women accounted for over 4 in 10 graduates from STEM programs in 2015 and generally completed their studies earlier than their male counterparts.



Source: [Persistence and representation of women in STEM programs](#)

Cannabis use rises in the first full quarter following legalization

Cannabis use rose in the first full quarter following legalization, with much of the gain attributable to increased use among men and people aged 45 and older. Almost half of the cannabis bought in the first quarter came from a legal source, up from one-quarter one year earlier.



Source: [National Cannabis Survey, first quarter 2019](#)

Majority of Canadians still choose marriage

Almost three in four Canadians aged 25 to 64 live with a partner. Most still choose marriage (56%), but the proportion of Canadians living common law has risen more than threefold since 1981, accounting for over one-fifth of all couples (21.3%) in Canada in 2016.

Source: [Family Matters: Being common law, married, separated or divorced in Canada](#)