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Statistics Canada's look at the week

The rising value of data

Investment in data has risen rapidly in recent years, up 6.2% from 2015 to an estimated \$40 billion in 2018. This was much higher than the average annual investment growth in machinery and equipment (+2.2%), non-residential buildings (+2.0%), engineering structures (-4.7%) and research and development (+0.5%).



Source: Study: The value of data in Canada: Experimental estimates

Internet use among seniors has more than doubled

Internet use among seniors has more than doubled, rising from 32% in 2007 to 68% in 2016. However, Internet use decreases with age, with just under half of all seniors aged 80 or older using the Internet in 2016.



Source: Study: Evolving Internet Use Among Canadian Seniors

Over half of Nunavut workers speak Inuktut at work

More than half of workers in Nunavut speak Inuktut at work, with the proportion rising from 58% in 2011 to 61% in 2016. Inuktut was the mother tongue of almost two-thirds of the Nunavut population (65%) in 2016.



Source: Study: Evolution of the language situation in Nunavut, 2001 to 2016

Temporary foreign workers are an important source of agricultural labour

Over 40,000 temporary workers came to Canada in 2015 to work in the agricultural sector. Almost three-quarters of these temporary workers hailed from Mexico (51.5%) or Jamaica (19.5%).

Source: Agricultural sector workers from the Temporary Foreign Workers Program, 2015

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