

## Long-term unemployed face increased risk of financial difficulty



In November, 443,000 Canadians, or one-quarter (25.6%) of all the unemployed, had been continuously out of work for 27 weeks or more.

More than half (54.1%) of the long-term unemployed lived in a household reporting difficulty meeting necessary expenses (not seasonally adjusted).

Source: [Labour Force Survey, November 2020](#)

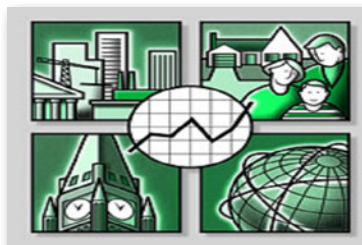
## Just over half of those living in the territories have been a victim of a physical or sexual assault at least once since the age of 15

Just over half of women (52%) and men (54%) in the territories have been victims of sexual or physical assault at least once since age 15. In contrast, 39% of women and 35% of men in the provinces reported having been assaulted at least once since age 15. Women in the territories were more than three times more likely than men to have been sexually assaulted at least once since age 15 (39% compared with 12%).



Source: [Gender-based violence: Sexual and physical assaults in Canada's territories, 2018](#)

## Business output rebounds in the third quarter, but remains well below the previous year's level



Real gross domestic product (GDP) of businesses picked up in the third quarter, rising 11.2% on the heels of a record 14.2% drop in the

second quarter. Nevertheless, it remained well below its pre-pandemic level. Compared with the third quarter of 2019, the GDP of businesses was down 6.9%.

Source: [Labour productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, third quarter 2020](#)

## Household savings rate remains elevated

Household disposable income dropped 3.1%, mainly owing to a 24.3% decline in other benefits in the third quarter. Government transfers in the form of employment insurance benefits fell by nearly 50%, reflecting the decline in the unemployment rate over the quarter. The savings rate stood at 14.6%, down from a record 27.5% in the second quarter, but significantly higher than the fourth quarter of 2019 (2.0%).

Source: [Gross domestic product, income and expenditure, third quarter 2020](#)