

The economy grows for the ninth straight month

Real gross domestic product grew 0.7% in January, following a 0.1% gain in December. Despite this ninth consecutive monthly increase, total economic activity was about 3% below pre-pandemic levels.



Source: [Gross domestic product by industry, January 2021](#)

Working from home works for most Canadians

The vast majority of Canadians who started teleworking during the pandemic report accomplishing at least as much work per hour while working from home as they did previously in their usual place of work. Once the pandemic is over, 80% of them would like to work at least half of their hours from home.



Source: [Working from Home: Productivity and Preferences](#)

Streaming sales drive growth in Canada's sound recording industries

Operating revenue in the Canadian record production and distribution industry rose 5.2% from 2017 to 2019. While sales in other formats, especially CDs and digital downloads, decreased significantly, streaming sales grew to \$312.9 million in 2019, up 73.4% from 2017.

Source: [Sound Recording and Music Publishing, 2019](#)

Hate crimes targeting the Indigenous population account for relatively few police-reported hate crimes

Incidents against Indigenous people—those who are First Nations, Métis or Inuit—continued to account for a relatively small proportion of police-reported hate crimes (2%), decreasing from 39 incidents in 2018 to 30 incidents in 2019. However, police-reported violent hate crimes against Indigenous people are more likely than most other hate crimes to involve female victims.



Source: [Police-reported hate crime, 2019](#)