

## Retail e-commerce sales have almost doubled in a year

The share of retail e-commerce sales were down 1.3 percentage points from a month earlier to 6.8% (\$3.1 billion) of total retail trade, as more brick-and-mortar stores were allowed to open their doors to in-person shopping.

Source: [Retail trade, February 2021](#)

## Women more likely to experience some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime than men

In 2018, 44% of women who had ever been in an intimate partner relationship reported experiencing some form of psychological, physical, or sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, compared with just over one-third (36%) of men.



Source: [Intimate partner violence in Canada, 2018](#)

## Yards, patios and balconies were greener in 2020



Canadians spent 6.5% more on greenhouse flowers and plants in 2020, totalling \$1.7 billion. Over half was spent on potted plants (+3.8% to \$885.6 million). Hanging pots, cyclamen, potted vegetable plants and rudbeckia were the hottest selling greenhouse plants last year.

Source: [Greenhouse, sod and nursery industries, 2020](#)

## Canola area is expected to rise for the first since 2017

Canola area is expected to increase for the first time since 2017, rising 3.6% to 21.5 million acres—the largest seeded area since 2018. Farmers in Saskatchewan, the largest canola producing province, anticipate seeding 11.8 million acres of canola.



Source: [Principal field crop areas, March 2021](#)