

## Canadians pay less for cellular phone plans and devices

Canadians paid 21.4% less for cellular services on a year-over-year basis in June, following a 17.0% decline in May. The decrease was mainly due to a variety of promotions across the industry offering lower prices for cellular phone plans and bonus data.



Source: [Consumer Price Index, June 2021](#)

## Nearly one in five visible minority Canadians had low-weekly income in March

In March, 18.3% of visible minority Canadians had low-weekly income, compared with 16.7% of non-visible minority Canadians. Almost one in four Chinese (23.7%) and one in five Black (19.5%) and South Asian (17.3%) Canadians had low-weekly income in March.

Source: [Experimental estimates of family weekly income through the pandemic, January 2020 to March 2021](#)

## Police-reported hate crime rises



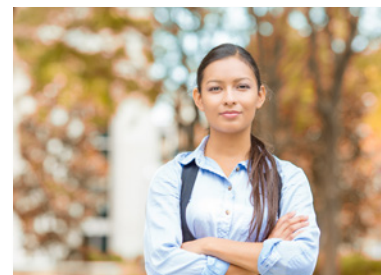
The number of police-reported hate crimes in Canada increased by 37% during the first year of the pandemic, rising from 1,951 incidents in 2019

to 2,669 in 2020. This marks the largest number of police-reported hate crimes since comparable data became available in 2009. Police-reported hate crimes targeting race or ethnicity almost doubled (+80%).

Source: [Police-reported crime in Canada, 2020](#)

## Youth employment has become more precarious since the late 1980s

Both young male and female workers were less likely to have full-time permanent jobs in 2019 than in the late 1980s. In 1989, 80.8% of men and 77.1% of women aged 15 to 30 had such jobs; these numbers fell to 73.0% and just over 67.3% in 2019, respectively.



Source: [Study: Youth employment in Canada](#)