

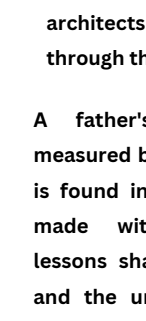


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Dear friends of the Canadian Hispanic Congress, Thank you for your continued support. Your enthusiasm, encouragement, and engagement inspire our desire to keep sharing content that informs, entertains, and connects our community. We appreciate you and feel truly honoured, that you choose to spend your time with us and allow us to be part of your life. Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and father figures in our community.

Monique Forster
President
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Happy Father's Day!

As we celebrate Father's Day, we pause to recognize the remarkable men whose love, strength, and guidance have helped shape our lives. Fathers and father figures are often the quiet architects of our character, building foundations of confidence, resilience, and integrity through their everyday actions.

A father's influence is rarely measured by grand gestures alone. It is found in the countless sacrifices made without recognition, the lessons shared through experience, and the unwavering presence that provides comfort during life's uncertainties. Whether offering words of wisdom, lending a helping hand, or simply standing by us when challenges arise, fathers teach us the value of perseverance, responsibility, and compassion.



Father figures come in many forms. They may be grandfathers, uncles, mentors, coaches, teachers, or family friends who step forward to guide, encourage, and inspire. Their impact extends beyond family ties, touching lives in profound and lasting ways. Through their example, they show us what it means to lead with courage, humility, and kindness.

Father's Day is more than a celebration; it is an opportunity to express gratitude for the men who have invested their time, energy, and love in helping others grow. It reminds us to cherish the memories they create, the values they instill, and the support they provide.

Today, we honor all fathers, and father figures whose dedication enriches our families and communities. May they know that their efforts are deeply appreciated, their sacrifices never forgotten, and their legacy carried forward by the lives they have touched.



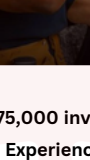
Canada moves to expand work authorization for international students and graduates

According to CIC News, Canada has introduced changes aimed at simplifying work authorization rules for international students and graduates. Effective April 1, 2026, post-secondary international students are no longer required to obtain a separate co-op work permit to participate in mandatory work placements such as internships, co-ops, and practicums. Instead, a valid study permit is sufficient, provided the placement is an essential part of the academic program and does not exceed 50% of its total length.



The change is part of a broader effort by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to reduce administrative barriers and modernize the immigration system. Additional proposals currently under consultation include extending work authorization for students awaiting study permit extensions and graduates waiting for decisions on their Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) applications. IRCC is also considering removing study permit requirements for certain foreign apprentices and standardizing work rules during academic breaks.

The proposed reforms are intended to make the system easier to navigate for students, graduates, employers, and educational institutions while providing greater stability during permit processing periods. These changes come as Canada continues efforts to reduce its temporary resident population while maintaining pathways that support international talent and workforce development. According to CIC News, the reforms align with the government's broader goal of creating a more efficient and accessible immigration system.



Canada holds first Canadian Experience Class Express Entry draw in four weeks

According to CIC News, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has conducted its first Canadian Experience Class (CEC) Express Entry draw in four weeks, issuing 3,000 invitations to Apply (ITAs) for permanent residence. To receive an invitation, candidates were required to have a minimum Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) score of 518 and to have submitted their Express Entry profile before April 30, 2026. This draw recorded the highest CRS cutoff among all CEC draws held so far in 2026.



The latest selection reflects Canada's continued focus on attracting candidates who already have Canadian work experience and are well integrated into the country's labor market. Throughout 2026, IRCC has prioritized applicants in Canada through Canadian Experience Class and Provincial Nominee Program draws, while also targeting candidates with French-language proficiency and individuals in specific occupations facing labor shortages.

So far this year, Canada has issued more than 75,000 invitations through the Express Entry system. Of those, over 37,000 invitations have gone to Canadian Experience Class candidates, making it the largest category of invitations in 2026. French-language proficiency draws have also played a significant role, with more than 30,000 invitations issued.

The results demonstrate Canada's ongoing strategy of selecting immigrants who can quickly contribute to the economy and address workforce needs while supporting long-term population growth.



Canada Wholesale Sales Estimated to Have Edged Up 0.1% in April

According to Statistics Canada, Canada's wholesale sector continued to show modest growth in April, with preliminary estimates indicating a 0.1% increase in wholesale sales compared to the previous month. If confirmed, this would mark the third consecutive monthly gain, although the pace of growth was considerably slower than in recent months.

The increase was driven in part by stronger activity in the building materials and supplies sector, reflecting continued demand in construction-related industries. Statistics Canada noted that the estimate was based on survey responses representing approximately 63% of the wholesale sector and that official figures will be released on June 15.

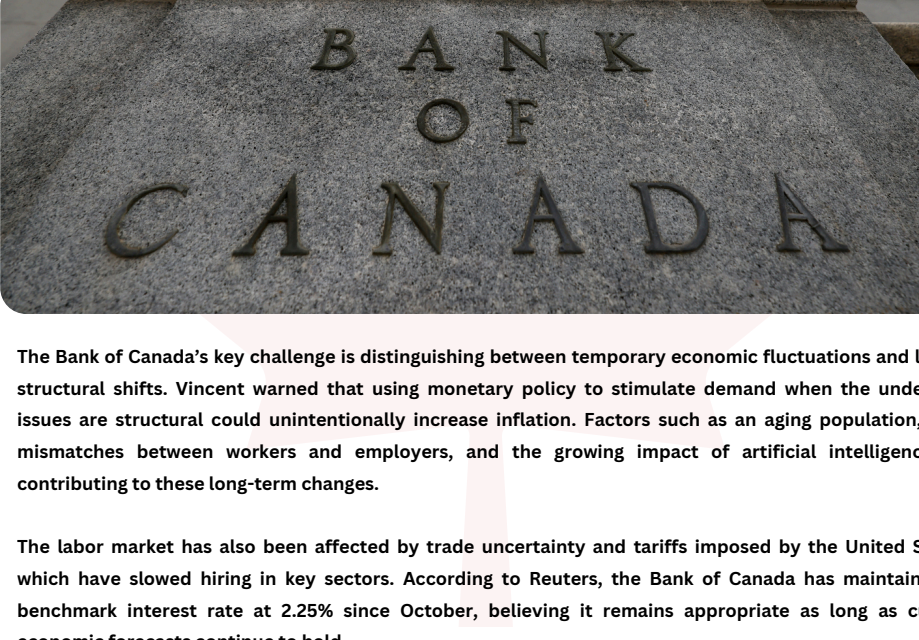
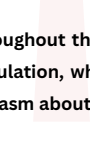


Photo by Morningstar

The latest estimate follows stronger growth recorded in March, when wholesale sales rose 1.9%, largely supported by the largest increase in computer and communications equipment sales in more than five years. When petroleum products and grain sales were included, total wholesale trade surged 13.6% due to rising energy prices linked to escalating tensions in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, preliminary retail data suggested sales increased 0.6% in April after a 0.9% rise in March. However, economists noted that higher gasoline prices likely offset much of the gain, meaning actual sales volumes were either flat or slightly lower.

The wholesale sector remains a key component of Canada's economy, connecting producers, importers, businesses, and public institutions across the country, reports Morningstar.



Complex labor market is making Bank of Canada's job harder, says official

According to Reuters, the Bank of Canada is facing increasing challenges in managing monetary policy due to significant structural changes in the country's labor market. Deputy Governor Nicolas Vincent explained that while interest rate adjustments can address short-term economic fluctuations, deeper and longer-term changes are more difficult for the central bank to influence.

Vincent identified several trends shaping Canada's labor market, including lower hiring and layoff rates, rising long-term unemployment, and growing difficulties for young people entering the workforce. Canada's unemployment rate reached 6.9% in April, its highest level in six months, following a net loss of 17,700 jobs.



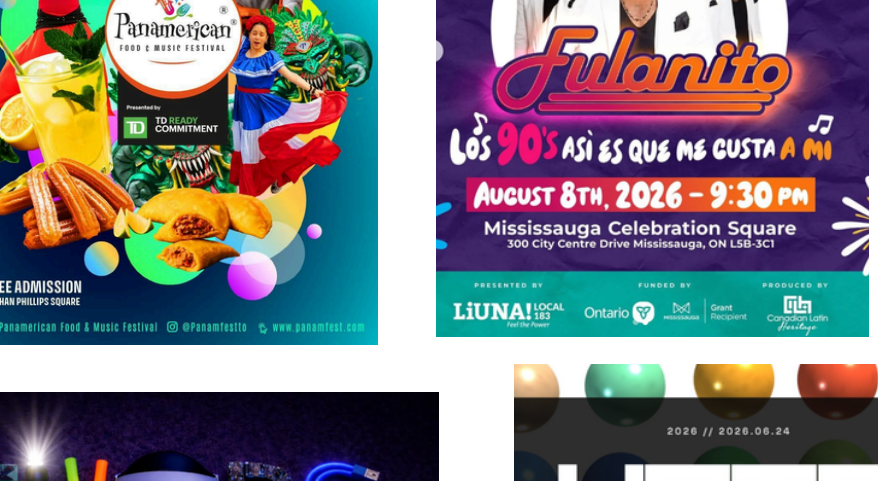
The Bank of Canada's key challenge is distinguishing between temporary economic fluctuations and lasting structural shifts. Vincent warned that using monetary policy to stimulate demand when the underlying issues are structural could unintentionally increase inflation. Factors such as an aging population, skills mismatches between workers and employers, and the growing impact of artificial intelligence are contributing to these long-term changes.

The labor market has also been affected by trade uncertainty and tariffs imposed by the United States, which have slowed hiring in key sectors. According to Reuters, the Bank of Canada has maintained its benchmark interest rate at 2.25% since October, believing it remains appropriate as long as current economic forecasts continue to hold.



Toronto's multi-culturalism on full display for city's World Cup trophy visit

According to Reuters, Toronto's multicultural identity was on full display as hundreds of soccer fans gathered at Nathan Phillips Square to welcome the FIFA World Cup Trophy during its global tour ahead of the 2026 tournament. Supporters representing countries from around the world, including Colombia, Germany, Croatia, and Canada, attended the event, highlighting the diversity that makes Toronto one of the world's most multicultural cities.



Former Italian soccer player and 2006 World Cup champion Alessandro Nesta unveiled the iconic 18-karat gold trophy, generating excitement ahead of the tournament's opening match on June 11. Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow emphasized that soccer has a unique ability to unite people regardless of their nationality, language, or background, reflecting the inclusive spirit of the city.

Canada's diversity was a central theme throughout the celebration. According to census data, immigrants represent nearly a quarter of Canada's population, while more than half of Toronto's residents were born outside the country. Fans expressed enthusiasm about the World Cup's ability to make visitors from around the globe feel at home.

The event also highlighted intergenerational participation, with members of the Mississauga branch of the Credit First Nation expected to take part in opening ceremonies and fan celebrations. Reuters reported that local leaders view the tournament as an opportunity to strengthen communities, inspire youth participation in soccer, and create a lasting legacy beyond the competition itself.



New Canadian Goes from Receiving Immigrant Support to Leading the Organization That Helped Her

According to CBC News, Sana Belhadad's story has become an inspiring example of resilience and integration for newcomers to Canada. Originally from Morocco, Belhadad arrived in Ottawa facing significant personal challenges, including the loss of her husband. During this difficult period, she received support through newcomer services provided by the YMCA, which helped her rebuild her life and adapt to her new community.



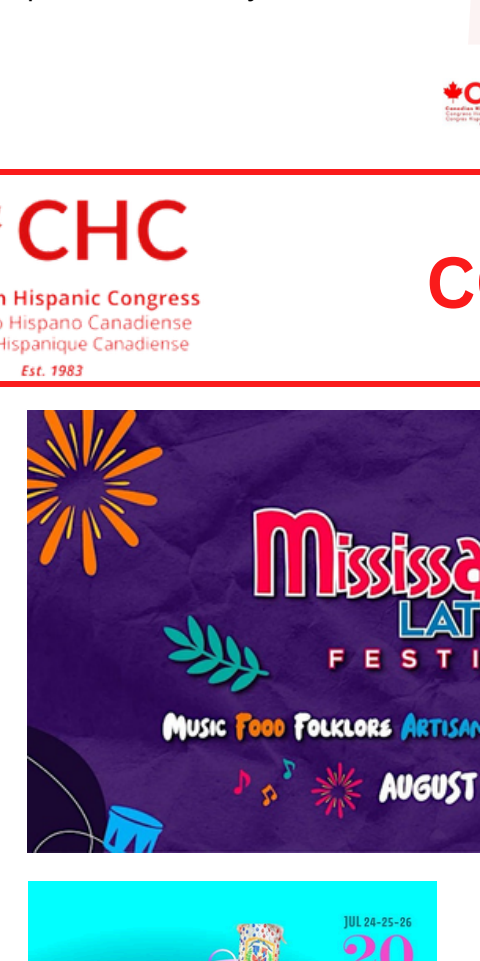
Years later, Belhadad became the manager of the YMCA Newcomer Information Centre—the very organization that supported her during her first years in Canada. Her story was highlighted during the Opportunities Expo for New Canadians, an event that brought together more than 2,000 newcomers, employers, and community organizations.

Belhadad emphasized the important role settlement services play in helping immigrants overcome barriers related to employment, language, and cultural adaptation. Her experience demonstrates how access to community resources can transform lives and enable newcomers to make meaningful contributions to Canadian society.

According to CBC News, her journey reflects the positive impact of settlement programs and the importance of creating opportunities for immigrants to succeed, thereby supporting future generations of newcomers.



Growing Interest in Canadian Citizenship Among Americans



According to Reuters, Canada's new citizenship-by-descent rules have led to a significant increase in citizenship applications, particularly among Americans with Canadian ancestry. The legislation, which came into effect in December 2025, expanded access to citizenship for descendants of Canadians beyond the first generation born abroad.

Data from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) show that citizenship approvals through descent have increased by more than 1,000 cases per month since the new rules were introduced. Nearly 48% of those approvals have gone to applicants from the United States.

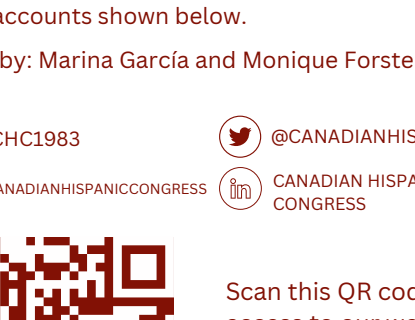
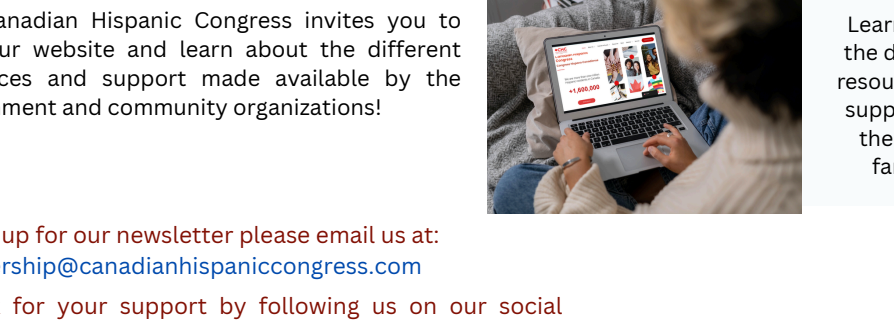
Immigration experts say the growing interest reflects both the strong historical ties between the two countries and Canada's continued appeal as a destination for living, studying, and building a career. Many applicants view Canadian citizenship as an opportunity to expand educational, professional, and travel options for themselves and their families.

Reuters reported that the legislation followed a court ruling that found previous restrictions unconstitutional. While many of the new citizens may continue living outside Canada, the measure strengthens connections with the Canadian diaspora and broadens access to citizenship for thousands of people with Canadian family roots.



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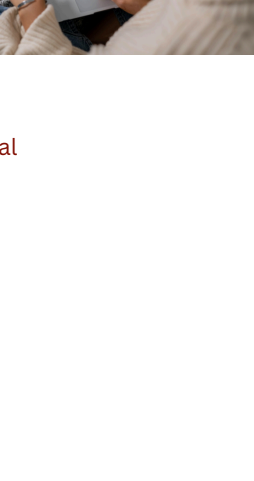
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