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## **Consumer Price Index – April 2015**

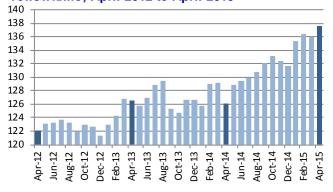
Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 1.6% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 0.8% for Canada, 0.7% for Edmonton while prices in Whitehorse declined by 0.7%.

## All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

						12-Month Average		
	15-Apr	15-Mar	14-Apr	15-Mar	14-Apr	14-May 15-Apr	13-May 14-Apr	% Change
Yellowknife	129.8	129.4	127.7	0.3	1.6	128.9	126.9	1.6
Canada	126.2	126.3	125.2	-0.1	0.8	125.6	123.5	1.7
Edmonton	132.8	132.6	131.9	0.2	0.7	132.0	130.0	1.5
Whitehorse	123.5	123.0	124.4	0.4	-0.7	123.9	123.7	0.2

Compared to April 2014, consumer prices increased in Yellowknife for most major components with the exception of shelter and clothing & footwear. Higher prices for food (7.2%) and electricity (7.9%) were offset by lower prices for fuel oil and other fuels (-23.9%) and gasoline (-15.6%).

CPI - Food from Stores Yellowknife, April 2012 to April 2015



The largest price increase over the last 12 months was for food from stores, which rose 9.1% between April 2014 and April 2015. This was the largest annual rise in food from stores in over 5 years. Over the last year there has been a trend upwards in the price of food from stores, increasing 9 out of the 12 months.

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centres are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

Next release of CPI: June 19, 2015.

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## Consumer Price Index, April 2015 Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

				% Change from	
	15-Apr	15-Mar	14-Apr	15-Mar	14-Apr
All Items	129.8	129.4	127.7	0.3	1.6
Food Food from Stores Food from Restaurants	138.0 137.6 137.7	136.7 135.9 137.7	128.7 126.1 135.4	1.0 1.3	7.2 9.1 1.7
Shelter Water, Fuel & Electricity	149.9 189.0	150.1 191.6	150.4 202.7	-0.1 -1.4	-0.3 -6.8
Household Operations & Furnishings Household Operations Household Furnishings	114.1 121.7 97.8	113.4 121.9 95.7	111.2 120.4 92.6	0.6 -0.2 2.2	2.6 1.1 5.6
Clothing & Footwear Clothing Footwear Clothing Accessories & Jewellery Clothing Material, Notions & Services	99.3 94.0 92.9 133.3 110.1	97.4 91.2 94.3 129.2 110.1	101.8 94.8 94.9 146.4 109.8	2.0 3.1 -1.5 3.2	-2.5 -0.8 -2.1 -8.9 0.3
Transportation Private Transportation Public Transportation	123.3 122.8 128.4	122.8 122.9 125.8	122.5 122.6 125.4	0.4 -0.1 2.1	0.7 0.2 2.4
Health & Personal Care Health Care Personal Care	120.1 115.5 124.5	120.4 116.7 124.2	119.1 115.6 122.8	-0.2 -1.0 0.2	0.8 -0.1 1.4
Recreation, Education & Reading Recreation Education & Reading	101.3 97.0 126.6	101.7 97.4 126.6	99.0 94.4 126.3	-0.4 -0.4	2.3 2.8 0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	166.0 148.5 186.1	166.1 148.9 185.8	162.7 146.9 180.0	-0.1 -0.3 0.2	2.0 1.1 3.4
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
Food Energy Shelter Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco Products	128.3 125.8 121.4 129.4 128.7	128.1 125.2 120.8 129.0 128.4	127.5 122.2 118.4 127.3 126.7	0.2 0.5 0.5 0.3 0.2	0.6 2.9 2.5 1.6 1.6
Housing (1986 Definition)	138.8	138.6	137.8	0.1	0.7
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy Electricity Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	171.9 189.4 217.8	173.7 189.4 226.3	192.2 175.5 286.3	-1.0 - -3.8	-10.6 7.9 -23.9
Natural Gas Gasoline Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	133.7 	 133.4 	158.4 	0.2 	 -15.6 

Note: Additional indexes are available from the Time Series Retrieval and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.

Source: Statistics Canada