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Consumer Price Index – August 2012

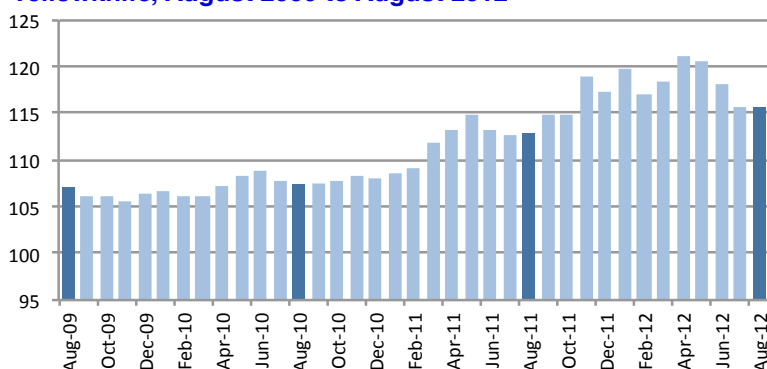
Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 1.9% from August 2011. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.2% for Canada, 1.0% for Edmonton and 2.4% for Whitehorse.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	12-Aug	12-Jul	11-Aug	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				12-Jul	11-Aug	11-Sep 12-Aug	10-Sep 11-Aug	% Change
Yellowknife	124.3	124.3	122.0	-	1.9	123.8	120.2	3.0
Whitehorse	121.5	121.4	118.6	0.1	2.4	120.1	116.9	2.7
Canada	121.8	121.5	120.3	0.2	1.2	121.3	118.8	2.1
Edmonton	127.9	127.1	126.6	0.6	1.0	127.1	124.7	2.0

Between August 2011 and August 2012, consumer prices rose for almost every major component in Yellowknife, notably a 2.8% increase in shelter and 2.4% increase in transportation. Clothing & footwear was the only exception; all of its subcomponents experienced a price decline from one year ago.

CPI - Transportation Yellowknife, August 2009 to August 2012



The annual increase in shelter is in part a result of higher electricity prices, which have risen 8.7% since August 2011. While transportation prices have also increased over the last year, they are down from their peak in April due to seasonal pricing for purchasing and leasing of passenger vehicles. A fall in public transportation prices (airlines) also contributed to the decline since April.

More recently, transportation prices were unchanged compared to last month. An increase in private transportation prices, which includes purchasing and leasing of passenger vehicles, was offset by a decline in public transportation. Overall, Yellowknife prices were unchanged between July and August 2012.

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 centers are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

Next release of CPI: Friday, October 19, 2012.

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Consumer Price Index, August 2012
Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	12-Aug	12-Jul	11-Aug	% Change from	
				12-Jul	11-Aug
All Items	124.3	124.3	122.0	-	1.9
Food	124.5	124.8	124.1	-0.2	0.3
Food from Stores	123.2	123.7	123.1	-0.4	0.1
Food from Restaurants	128.0	127.7	126.8	0.2	0.9
Shelter	144.8	144.9	140.9	-0.1	2.8
Electricity	167.7	167.7	154.3	-	8.7
Water	126.9	126.9	121.4	-	4.5
Fuel Oil & Other Fuels	260.5	260.5	258.3	-	0.9
Household Operations & Furnishings	111.5	111.4	108.9	0.1	2.4
Household Operations	118.7	118.6	116.7	0.1	1.7
Household Furnishings	95.7	95.7	92.4	-	3.6
Clothing & Footwear	97.2	98.9	99.0	-1.7	-1.8
Clothing	90.5	92.2	91.5	-1.8	-1.1
Footwear	95.2	95.3	99.5	-0.1	-4.3
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	131.0	135.0	133.7	-3.0	-2.0
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	108.8	110.3	111.1	-1.4	-2.1
Transportation	115.6	115.6	112.9	-	2.4
Private Transportation	115.2	114.6	111.1	0.5	3.7
Public Transportation	119.8	122.2	122.3	-2.0	-2.0
Health & Personal Care	117.6	117.0	115.1	0.5	2.2
Health Care	116.9	118.4	116.6	-1.3	0.3
Personal Care	119.1	117.0	114.9	1.8	3.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	103.1	102.5	101.5	0.6	1.6
Recreation	100.6	99.9	99.0	0.7	1.6
Education & Reading	118.2	118.2	116.2	-	1.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	155.4	153.7	151.4	1.1	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages	142.1	139.6	137.1	1.8	3.6
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	168.2	168.2	166.8	-	0.8
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
All-Items Excluding:					
Food	124.1	124.1	121.5	-	2.1
Energy	119.1	119.2	117.1	-0.1	1.7
Shelter	115.8	115.8	114.2	-	1.4
Alcoholic Beverages	123.9	123.9	121.6	-	1.9
Tobacco Products	123.3	123.4	121.0	-0.1	1.9
Housing (1986 Definition)	135.0	135.0	131.3	-	2.8

Note: Additional indexes are available from T-stat and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.
Source: Statistics Canada