

March 23, 2012

Consumer Price Index – February 2012

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 3.3% from February 2011. By comparison, the annual price increase was 2.6% for Canada, 2.1% for Edmonton and 2.7% for Whitehorse.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

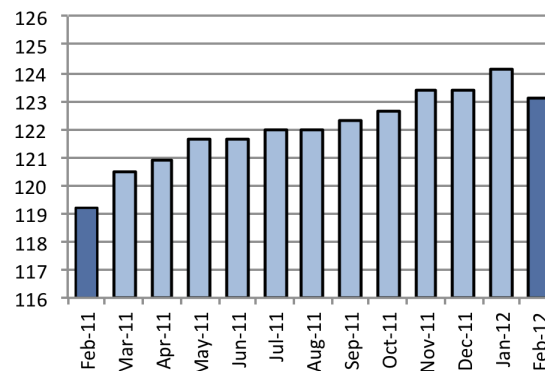
	12-Feb	12-Jan	11-Feb	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				12-Jan	11-Feb	11-Mar	10-Mar	%
						12-Feb	11-Feb	Change
Yellowknife	123.1	124.1	119.2	-0.8	3.3	122.3	118.3	3.4
Whitehorse	119.0	118.8	115.9	0.2	2.7	118.6	115.0	3.1
Canada	121.2	120.7	118.1	0.4	2.6	120.4	116.9	3.0
Edmonton	126.9	127.3	124.3	-0.3	2.1	126.5	123.1	2.7

The overall price increase in Yellowknife of 3.3% for February compared to a year ago can be largely attributed to higher prices for the transportation component at 7.3%, and for the shelter component at 4.0%.

On a monthly basis, consumer prices in Yellowknife fell 0.8% between February 2012 and January 2012, the largest monthly drop in over three years. February's decline reflected price decreases for both clothing & footwear and transportation at 2.3%, household operations & furnishings at 1.8%, food at 0.7% and shelter at 0.2%. These lower prices were countered, to some extent, with higher prices for health & personal care at 0.8%, recreation, education & reading and alcoholic beverages & tobacco products both at 0.7%.

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.

CPI - Yellowknife
February 2011 to February 2012



Next release of CPI: Friday, April 20, 2012.

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

	12-Feb	12-Jan	11-Feb	% Change from	
				12-Jan	11-Feb
All Items	123.1	124.1	119.2	-0.8	3.3
Food	124.0	124.9	120.4	-0.7	3.0
Food from Stores	122.5	123.9	118.4	-1.1	3.5
Food from Restaurants	127.7	127.7	125.7	-	1.6
Shelter	144.1	144.4	138.5	-0.2	4.0
Water, Fuel & Electricity	182.2	183.6	170.8	-0.8	6.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.2	110.2	107.9	-1.8	0.3
Household Operations	118.9	119.5	115.4	-0.5	3.0
Household Furnishings	87.7	91.5	91.5	-4.2	-4.2
Clothing & Footwear	95.9	98.2	97.0	-2.3	-1.1
Clothing	88.9	90.9	91.1	-2.2	-2.4
Footwear	90.8	96.8	89.8	-6.2	1.1
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	136.1	135.6	132.4	0.4	2.8
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	109.9	109.9	112.3	-	-2.1
Transportation	117.0	119.7	109.0	-2.3	7.3
Private Transportation	116.1	119.8	107.7	-3.1	7.8
Public Transportation	123.4	122.7	116.4	0.6	6.0
Health & Personal Care	117.3	116.4	114.8	0.8	2.2
Health Care	115.7	116.5	116.9	-0.7	-1.0
Personal Care	119.4	117.3	113.9	1.8	4.8
Recreation, Education & Reading	99.1	98.4	97.7	0.7	1.4
Recreation	96.1	95.2	95.0	0.9	1.2
Education & Reading	117.3	117.3	113.5	-	3.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	152.6	151.6	147.7	0.7	3.3
Alcoholic Beverages	138.5	137.1	136.4	1.0	1.5
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	167.3	167.3	159.0	-	5.2
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
All-Items Excluding:					
Food	122.9	123.9	118.9	-0.8	3.4
Energy	118.2	119.1	115.5	-0.8	2.3
Shelter	114.5	115.8	111.3	-1.1	2.9
Alcoholic Beverages	122.8	123.8	118.8	-0.8	3.4
Tobacco Products	122.2	123.2	118.4	-0.8	3.2
Housing (1986 Definition)	132.7	133.3	128.8	-0.5	3.0
Energy and its Components:					
Energy	179.6	180.6	162.6	-0.6	10.5
Electricity	158.5	158.5	150.4	-	5.4
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	260.5	264.2	237.0	-1.4	9.9
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	157.8	157.9	136.2	-0.1	15.9
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

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