

June 22, 2012

## **Consumer Price Index – May 2012**

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 2.7% from May 2011. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.2% for Canada, 0.4% for Edmonton and 2.6% for Whitehorse.

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

|             |        |        |        |               |        | 12-Month Average |        |        |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|
|             |        |        |        | % Change from |        | 11-Jun           | 10-Jun | %      |
|             | 12-May | 12-Apr | 11-May | 12-Apr        | 11-May | 12-May           | 11-May | Change |
| Yellowknife | 124.9  | 125.1  | 121.6  | -0.2          | 2.7    | 123.2            | 119.2  | 3.3    |
| Whitehorse  | 121.5  | 120.7  | 118.4  | 0.7           | 2.6    | 119.4            | 116.0  | 2.9    |
| Edmonton    | 127.0  | 127.4  | 126.5  | -0.3          | 0.4    | 126.8            | 123.9  | 2.3    |
| Canada      | 122.1  | 122.2  | 120.6  | -0.1          | 1.2    | 120.9            | 117.9  | 2.5    |

Between May 2011 and May 2012 prices in Yellowknife increased for all major components. The contributing factors to the 2.7% increase in the All-items CPI in May were higher prices for clothing & footwear at 5.1% and transportation at 5.0%.

CPI - Yellowknife May 2011 to May 2012

The 0.2% price decrease in Yellowknife on a monthly basis is largely a result of declining prices for shelter, household operations & furnishings, transportation components all at 0.5% and for health & personal care component at 0.4%. These decreases were offset by higher prices for food and recreation, education & reading, both at 0.6%, as well as alcoholic beverages & tobacco products at 0.1%. The clothing & footwear index remained unchanged.

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation

126 125 124 123 121 120 119 118

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, July 20, 2012.

.../over

2012-018 ISSN-0827-3545

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

|   | 12-May   | 12-Apr | 11-May    | ──% Chanç<br>12-Apr | ge from —<br>11-Ma |
|---|----------|--------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|
|   | 12-iviay | 12-Αρι | i i-iviay | 12-Αρι              | I I-IVIA           |
| All Items                                   | 124.9    | 125.1  | 121.6     | -0.2                | 2.                 |
| Food  | 124.5    | 123.8  | 123.1     | 0.6                 | 1.                 |
| Food from Stores                            | 123.1    | 122.1  | 121.7     | 0.8                 | 1.                 |
| Food from Restaurants                       | 128.2    | 128.2  | 126.5     | -                   | 1.                 |
| Shelter                                     | 144.4    | 145.1  | 140.3     | -0.5                | 2.                 |
| Water, Fuel & Electricity                   | 183.4    | 183.6  | 178.3     | -0.1                | 2.                 |
| Household Operations & Furnishings          | 110.5    | 111.1  | 108.9     | -0.5                | 1.                 |
| Household Operations                        | 118.1    | 118.7  | 116.2     | -0.5                | 1.                 |
| Household Furnishings                       | 94.3     | 94.8   | 93.2      | -0.5                | 1.                 |
| Clothing & Footwear                         | 101.1    | 101.1  | 96.2      | -                   | 5.                 |
| Clothing                                    | 96.4     | 96.5   | 89.4      | -0.1                | 7.                 |
| Footwear                                    | 89.3     | 89.1   | 91.8      | 0.2                 | -2.                |
| Clothing Accessories & Jewellery            | 137.9    | 137.5  | 133.7     | 0.3                 | 3.                 |
| Clothing Material, Notions & Services       | 110.3    | 110.3  | 110.1     | -                   | 0.                 |
| Transportation                              | 120.5    | 121.1  | 114.8     | -0.5                | 5.                 |
| Private Transportation                      | 119.6    | 120.9  | 113.7     | -1.1                | 5.                 |
| Public Transportation                       | 126.6    | 125.2  | 121.7     | 1.1                 | 4.                 |
| Health & Personal Care                      | 117.3    | 117.8  | 116.4     | -0.4                | 0.                 |
| Health Care                                 | 118.2    | 118.2  | 116.7     | -                   | 1.                 |
| Personal Care                               | 117.5    | 118.3  | 117.1     | -0.7                | 0.                 |
| Recreation, Education & Reading             | 101.0    | 100.4  | 100.1     | 0.6                 | 0.                 |
| Recreation                                  | 98.3     | 97.6   | 97.5      | 0.7                 | 0.                 |
| Education & Reading                         | 117.2    | 117.2  | 115.7     | -                   | 1.                 |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products      | 153.4    | 153.3  | 149.7     | 0.1                 | 2.                 |
| Alcoholic Beverages                         | 139.1    | 139.1  | 135.9     | -                   | 2.                 |
| Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies        | 168.2    | 168.2  | 164.1     | -                   | 2.                 |
| SPECIAL AGGREGATES:                         |          |        |           |                     |                    |
| All-Items Excluding:                        |          |        |           |                     |                    |
| Food  | 124.8    | 125.2  | 121.3     | -0.3                | 2.                 |
| Energy                                      | 120.0    | 120.2  | 116.8     | -0.2                | 2.                 |
| Shelter                                     | 116.8    | 116.8  | 113.9     | <del>-</del>        | 2.                 |
| Alcoholic Beverages                         | 124.5    | 124.7  | 121.3     | -0.2                | 2.                 |
| Tobacco Products                            | 123.9    | 124.1  | 120.7     | -0.2                | 2.                 |
| Housing (1986 Definition)                   | 134.0    | 134.2  | 130.7     | -0.1                | 2.                 |
| Energy and its Components:                  |          |        |           |                     |                    |
| Energy                                      | 179.6    | 179.8  | 176.4     | -0.1                | 1.                 |
| Electricity                                 | 159.2    | 159.2  | 150.4     | -                   | 5.                 |
| Fuel Oil And Other Fuels                    | 260.5    | 260.5  | 258.3     | -                   | 0.                 |
| Natural Gas                                 | :        |        |           | ••                  |                    |
| Gasoline                                    | 157.9    | 157.9  | 157.8     | -                   | 0.                 |
| Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicle | S        |        |           |                     |                    |

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

Source: Statistics Canada