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Consumer Price Index - April 2018 -

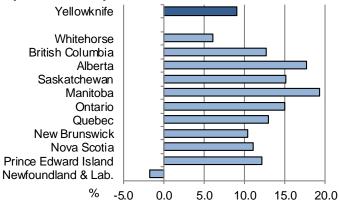
Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in April rose by 1.8% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 2.2% for Canada, 2.5% for Edmonton, 2.2% for Whitehorse and 3.4% for Iqaluit.

ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)

					——12-Month Average ——				
				% Change from		17-May	16-May	%	
	18-Apr	18-Mar	17-Apr	18-Mar	17-Apr	18-Apr	17-Apr	Change	
Yellowknife	135.9	136.0	133.5	-0.1	1.8	134.3	132.7	1.2	
Canada	133.3	132.9	130.4	0.3	2.2	131.3	129.2	1.6	
Edmonton	140.7	140.0	137.3	0.5	2.5	138.1	135.9	1.6	
Whitehorse	130.4	130.0	127.6	0.3	2.2	128.3	126.5	1.4	
Igaluit	128.8	127.7	124.6	0.9	3.4	126.5	124.2	1.9	

Compared to April 2017, shelter experienced the largest increase, rising by 3.9% over the last 12 months. Part of the increase in shelter is attributed to the 7.4% increase in water, fuel and electricity. Transportation also rose between April 2017 and April 2018, mostly a result of higher prices for public transportation which includes airline travel.

Percentage Change in Prices - Gasoline April 2017 to April 2018



Looking at energy and its components, fuel oil and other fuels increased by 14.7% while gasoline rose 9.0%. The increase in gasoline was not unique to Yellowknife as most jurisdictions experienced a large increase between April 2017 and April 2018.



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, APRIL 2018 SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

				% Change from		
	18-Apr	18-Mar	17-Apr	18-Mar	17-Apr	
All Items	135.9	136.0	133.5	-0.1	1.8	
Food	142.3	142.4	142.9	-0.1	-0.4	
Food from Stores	142.5	140.7	142.3	-0.1	-1.2	
Food from Restaurants	146.7	146.6	143.9	0.1	1.9	
Shelter	156.1	156.1	150.3	_	3.9	
Water, Fuel & Electricity	205.5	205.9	191.3	-0.2	7.4	
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.6	111.9	115.9	2.4	-1.1	
Household Operations	123.3	121.4	122.5	1.6	0.7	
Household Furnishings	95.5	91.0	101.5	4.9	-5.9	
Clothing & Footwear	107.3	108.1	107.3	-0.7	_	
Clothing	100.6	102.1	101.2	-1.5	-0.6	
Footwear	97.2	96.6	96.3	0.6	0.9	
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	152.1	151.4	150.4	0.5	1.1	
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	120.3	120.3	120.9	-	-0.5	
Transportation	134.1	134.4	129.3	-0.2	3.7	
Private Transportation	131.7	131.4	128.6	0.2	2.4	
Public Transportation	148.1	151.8	135.0	-2.4	9.7	
Health & Personal Care	122.7	124.0	122.9	-1.0	-0.2	
Health Care	124.1	124.7	121.9	-0.5	1.8	
Personal Care	119.9	122.3	123.3	-2.0	-2.8	
Recreation, Education & Reading	106.8	109.3	106.3	-2.3	0.5	
Recreation	102.2	105.0	102.0	-2.7	0.2	
Education & Reading	133.5	133.5	131.7	-	1.4	
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	177.3	176.8	171.7	0.3	3.3	
Alcoholic Beverages	146.4	146.4	145.1	-	0.9	
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	222.6	221.1	208.7	0.7	6.7	
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
All-Items Excluding:						
Food	134.6	134.8	131.8	-0.1	2.1	
Energy	131.3	131.5	129.6	-0.2	1.3	
Shelter	127.3	127.5	126.2	-0.2	0.9	
Alcoholic Beverages	135.6	135.7	133.2	-0.1	1.8	
Tobacco Products	134.5	134.6	132.2	-0.1	1.7	
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:						
Energy	186.9	184.9	172.5	1.1	8.3	
Electricity	196.6	196.6	190.9	-	3.0	
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	246.4	247.2	214.9	-0.3	14.7	
Natural Gas						
Gasoline	147.3	140.5	135.1	4.8	9.0	
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles						

Notes:

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^{1.} Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 326-0020

^{2.} 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.