

## Consumer Price Index April 2021

Statistics Canada indicates that in April 2021 the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose by 2.0% compared to one year ago. By comparison, annual prices increased was 3.4% for Canada, 3.0% for Edmonton and 3.1% for Whitehorse and 0.6% for Iqaluit.

**Table 1: All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002 = 100)**

				% Change from		12-Month Average		
	21-Apr	21-Mar	20-Apr	21-Mar	20-Apr	20-May 21-Apr	19-May 20-Apr	% Change
<b>Yellowknife</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>139.9</b>	<b>137.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>138.8</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
Canada	140.3	139.6	135.7	0.5	3.4	137.8	136.6	0.9
Edmonton	147.5	146.8	143.2	0.5	3.0	145.4	143.9	1.0
Whitehorse	137.8	136.6	133.6	0.9	3.1	135.0	134.5	0.4
Iqaluit	133.2	132.0	132.4	0.9	0.6	131.4	132.1	-0.5

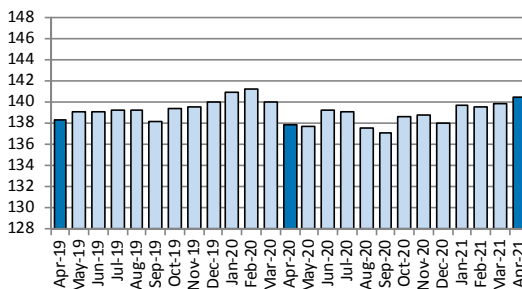
A sharp decline in prices early last year resulted in lower than usual prices in April 2020. The 2.0% increase in April 2021 reflects a return to price levels similar to those before the pandemic.

Between April 2020 and April 2021, Yellowknife consumer prices rose in five of the eight major components. Transportation increased by 6.4%, largely a result of higher prices for private transportation which includes gasoline and purchase and leasing of vehicles. Shelter also increased over the 12 month period, a result of higher prices for water, fuel and electricity.

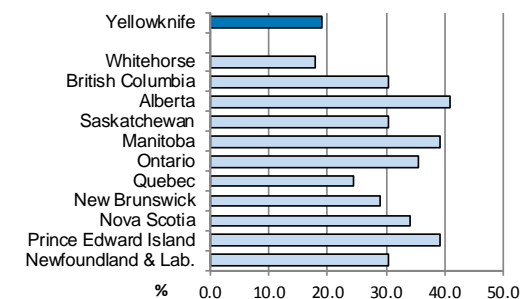
Fuel oil & other fuels rose 26.1% between April 2020 and April 2021 while electricity prices remained the same over this period. Gasoline rose by 43.0% resulting in an overall increase of 19.2% in energy prices.

The increase in energy prices was not unique to Yellowknife as all jurisdictions experienced an increase between April 2020 and April 2021.

**CPI - All Items  
Yellowknife, April 2019 to April 2021**



**Percentage Change in Prices - Energy  
April 2020 to April 2021**



**TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, APRIL 2021**  
**SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)**

	21-Apr	21-Mar	20-Apr	% Change from	
				21-Mar	20-Apr
All Items	140.5	139.9	137.8	0.4	2.0
Food	145.2	145.5	145.0	-0.2	0.1
Food from Stores	141.6	141.9	141.2	-0.2	0.3
Food from Restaurants	155.5	155.7	155.9	-0.1	-0.3
Shelter	163.1	163.5	159.7	-0.2	2.1
Water, Fuel & Electricity	208.7	210.1	189.7	-0.7	10.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.6	111.8	113.0	0.7	-0.4
Household Operations	119.6	118.4	120.5	1.0	-0.7
Household Furnishings	96.8	96.6	96.4	0.2	0.4
Clothing & Footwear	107.9	107.8	107.3	0.1	0.6
Clothing	99.3	98.4	100.1	0.9	-0.8
Footwear	91.4	93.7	91.8	-2.5	-0.4
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	170.7	171.1	154.0	-0.2	10.8
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	162.8	162.8	169.9	-	-4.2
Transportation	145.6	143.7	136.8	1.3	6.4
Private Transportation	140.6	139.4	130.8	0.9	7.5
Public Transportation	172.7	168.3	169.3	2.6	2.0
Health & Personal Care	127.2	124.0	124.0	2.6	2.6
Health Care	126.4	124.1	125.1	1.9	1.0
Personal Care	128.3	124.5	123.8	3.1	3.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	107.3	106.8	108.1	0.5	-0.7
Recreation	102.2	101.6	103.6	0.6	-1.4
Education & Reading	138.3	138.3	133.8	-	3.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	181.7	181.1	183.4	0.3	-0.9
Alcoholic Beverages	146.0	146.0	146.0	-	-
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	256.0	253.4	244.3	1.0	4.8
<b>ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:</b>					
Energy	189.0	187.8	158.6	0.6	19.2
Electricity	202.4	202.4	202.4	-	-
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	234.0	236.9	185.6	-1.2	26.1
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	155.2	149.2	108.5	4.0	43.0
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Notes:

1. Source: Statistics Canada, Table 18-10-0004-01 Consumer Price Index, monthly, not seasonally adjusted.
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.
3. COVID-19 has affected how Statistics Canada conducted the Consumer Price Index. Data collection was done remotely, supplemented by alternate data sources, and a higher level of data imputation occurred due to the reduced availability of some products and services.

Next release of CPI: June 16, 2021.