

Consumer Price Index April 2022

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in April rose by 7.0% compared to one year ago, the largest annual increase for Yellowknife since May 1991. By comparison, annual prices increased by 6.8% for Canada, 6.1% for Edmonton, 5.8% for Whitehorse and 3.5% for Iqaluit. This is the largest increase for Canada since January 1991.

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

	22-Apr	22-Mar	21-Apr	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				22-Mar	21-Apr	21-May 22-Apr	20-May 21-Apr	% Change
Yellowknife	150.3	149.6	140.5	0.5	7.0	144.7	138.8	4.3
Canada	149.8	148.9	140.3	0.6	6.8	144.4	137.8	4.8
Edmonton	156.5	156.3	147.5	0.1	6.1	151.7	145.4	4.3
Whitehorse	145.8	144.9	137.8	0.6	5.8	141.1	135.0	4.5
Iqaluit	137.8	136.9	133.2	0.7	3.5	134.6	131.4	2.4

Between April 2021 and April 2022, Yellowknife consumer prices rose in all eight major components. Food increased year-over-year by 7.3% largely a result of higher prices for various grocery store items. Shelter also increased, a result of higher prices for fuel oil and other fuels. Transportation rose by 10.8% due to higher prices for private transportation which includes gasoline and purchase and leasing of vehicles.

Looking at energy and its components, electricity prices were unchanged, but fuel oil and other fuels increased by 51.8% over the last year. Gasoline rose 28.4% between April 2021 and April 2022. Since the start of the COVID pandemic 2 years ago, gasoline prices have risen gradually followed by a large jump in prices in March 2022.

The annual rise in gasoline prices was not limited to Yellowknife as all jurisdictions experienced an increase in the 12 month period.

CPI - Gasoline

Yellowknife, April 2019 to April 2022

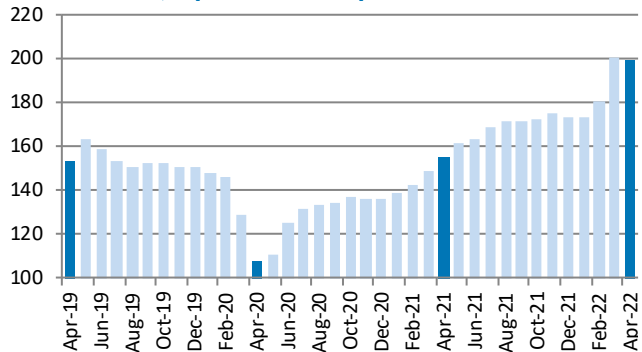


TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, APRIL 2022
SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

	22-Apr	22-Mar	21-Apr	% Change from	
				22-Mar	21-Apr
All Items	150.3	149.6	140.5	0.5	7.0
Food	155.8	155.9	145.2	-0.1	7.3
Food from Stores	154.1	155.0	141.6	-0.6	8.8
Food from Restaurants	160.4	158.2	155.5	1.4	3.2
Shelter	174.8	173.4	163.1	0.8	7.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	251.1	245.7	208.7	2.2	20.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	117.3	116.0	112.6	1.1	4.2
Household Operations	120.2	118.9	119.6	1.1	0.5
Household Furnishings	106.5	105.3	96.8	1.1	10.0
Clothing & Footwear	110.3	109.9	107.9	0.4	2.2
Clothing	99.4	98.9	99.3	0.5	0.1
Footwear	96.7	96.0	91.4	0.7	5.8
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	175.8	176.0	170.7	-0.1	3.0
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	187.5	187.5	162.8	-	15.2
Transportation	161.3	160.5	145.6	0.5	10.8
Private Transportation	157.9	157.4	140.6	0.3	12.3
Public Transportation	180.7	176.4	172.7	2.4	4.6
Health & Personal Care	132.3	127.1	127.2	4.1	4.0
Health Care	129.0	125.9	126.4	2.5	2.1
Personal Care	135.4	128.7	128.3	5.2	5.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	117.8	118.3	107.3	-0.4	9.8
Recreation	113.5	114.0	102.2	-0.4	11.1
Education & Reading	139.8	140.0	138.3	-0.1	1.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	185.2	184.8	181.7	0.2	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages	147.4	147.4	146.0	-	1.0
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	265.0	264.0	256.0	0.4	3.5
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	239.6	235.3	189.0	1.8	26.8
Electricity	202.4	202.4	202.4	-	-
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	355.2	339.6	234.0	4.6	51.8
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	199.2	200.6	155.2	-0.7	28.4
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.

Next release of CPI: June 22, 2022.