

Consumer Price Index August 2020

During the past few months, COVID-19 has restricted the movement of people and forced many businesses to change their normal operations. This has affected how Statistics Canada conducts the Consumer Price Index in August; in-person data collection was done remotely, supplemented with alternate data sources, and a higher level of data imputation occurred due to the reduced availability of some products and services.

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

	20-Aug	20-Jul	19-Aug	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				20-Jul	19-Aug	19-Sep 20-Aug	18-Sep 19-Aug	% Change
Yellowknife	137.5	139.1	139.3	-1.2	-1.3	139.2	138.2	0.7
Canada	137.0	137.2	136.8	-0.1	0.1	136.6	135.1	1.1
Edmonton	144.4	145.2	143.6	-0.6	0.6	144.2	142.3	1.3
Whitehorse	133.6	134.2	134.8	-0.4	-0.9	134.3	132.2	1.6
Iqaluit	130.5	131.3	133.6	-0.6	-2.3	131.6	130.8	0.6

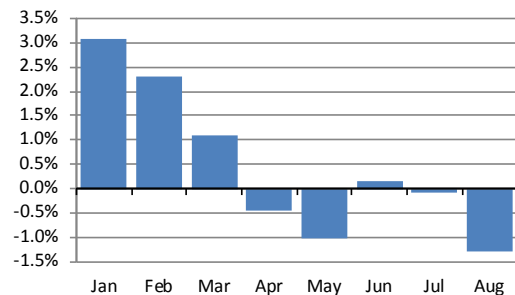
Statistics Canada indicates that in August 2020 the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index fell by 1.3% compared to one year ago. This is the largest annual decline since price collection started in 1982. By comparison, the annual price change in August was 0.1% for Canada, 0.6% for Edmonton, -0.9% for Whitehorse and -2.3% for Iqaluit.

Since April there has been four annual price declines in Yellowknife; the last time there were multiple declines in a year was in 2009 during the financial crisis.

Between August 2019 and August 2020, Yellowknife consumer prices decreased in seven of the eight major components. Food contributed to the decline, a result stemming from lower grocery prices. Higher prices for fish & seafood slightly offset declines in the other grocery sub-components.

Energy products also declined over the last 12 months, falling by 10.5% overall. Fuel oil and other fuels decreased by 21.4%, gasoline declined by 11.4% while electricity remained the same over the period.

**Annual (12 month) Change in Yellowknife CPI
January 2020 to August 2020**



**Percentage Change in Food by Subcomponent
Yellowknife, August 2019 to August 2020**

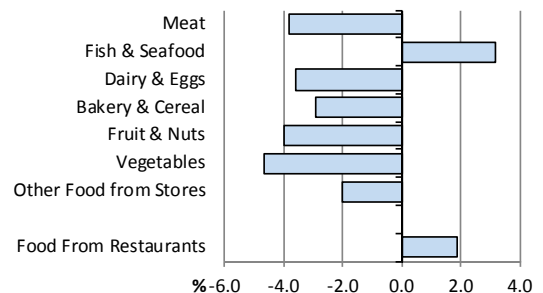


TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AUGUST 2020
SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

	20-Aug	20-Jul	19-Aug	% Change from	
				20-Jul	19-Aug
All Items	137.5	139.1	139.3	-1.2	-1.3
Food	143.9	146.9	146.6	-2.0	-1.8
Food from Stores	140.1	144.0	144.5	-2.7	-3.0
Food from Restaurants	154.9	154.9	152.1	-	1.8
Shelter	159.2	159.7	159.1	-0.3	0.1
Water, Fuel & Electricity	188.2	190.5	204.1	-1.2	-7.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.7	112.9	113.3	-0.2	-0.5
Household Operations	119.7	120.4	121.9	-0.6	-1.8
Household Furnishings	97.0	96.1	94.6	0.9	2.5
Clothing & Footwear	106.1	106.1	108.1	-	-1.9
Clothing	98.4	98.4	99.9	-	-1.5
Footwear	91.7	92.3	96.7	-0.7	-5.2
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	155.8	154.1	161.8	1.1	-3.7
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	162.8	162.8	142.5	-	14.2
Transportation	137.7	141.4	141.6	-2.6	-2.8
Private Transportation	133.1	136.0	132.5	-2.1	0.5
Public Transportation	163.5	171.3	188.7	-4.6	-13.4
Health & Personal Care	127.0	125.5	127.3	1.2	-0.2
Health Care	124.5	124.8	124.6	-0.2	-0.1
Personal Care	129.3	126.6	129.8	2.1	-0.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	107.4	108.5	109.7	-1.0	-2.1
Recreation	102.7	103.9	105.4	-1.2	-2.6
Education & Reading	134.9	134.9	134.3	-	0.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	178.7	183.4	181.4	-2.6	-1.5
Alcoholic Beverages	145.8	145.8	146.3	-	-0.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	244.7	244.7	235.9	-	3.7
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	166.5	167.6	186.0	-0.7	-10.5
Electricity	202.4	202.4	202.4	-	-
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	181.5	187.7	230.9	-3.3	-21.4
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	133.4	131.6	150.5	1.4	-11.4
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Notes:

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 18-10-0004-01 Consumer Price Index, monthly, not seasonally adjusted.

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: October 21, 2020.