

Consumer Price Index August 2021

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in August rose by 4.1% compared to one year ago. This is the largest annual increase for Yellowknife in over a decade. Following a similar pattern, annual prices increased by 4.1% for Canada, 4.4% for Edmonton, 5.0% for Whitehorse and 2.6% for Iqaluit.

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

| | 21-Aug | 21-Jul | 20-Aug | % Change from | | 12-Month Average | | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------------|--------------|------------|
| | | | | 21-Jul | 20-Aug | 20-Sep | 19-Sep | % |
| | | | | 21-Jul | 20-Aug | 21-Aug | 20-Aug | Change |
| Yellowknife | 143.1 | 141.9 | 137.5 | 0.8 | 4.1 | 140.0 | 139.2 | 0.6 |
| Canada | 142.6 | 142.3 | 137.0 | 0.2 | 4.1 | 139.5 | 136.6 | 2.1 |
| Edmonton | 150.7 | 149.9 | 144.4 | 0.5 | 4.4 | 147.0 | 144.2 | 1.9 |
| Whitehorse | 140.3 | 139.8 | 133.6 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 136.8 | 134.3 | 1.9 |
| Iqaluit | 133.9 | 133.0 | 130.5 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 132.2 | 131.6 | 0.5 |

The 4.1% annual increase in the Yellowknife CPI is a result of lower than usual overall prices last summer. A sharp decline in prices early last year resulted in lower prices during the spring and summer of 2020. Since September 2020, monthly consumer prices in Yellowknife have been trending upward.

Between August 2020 and August 2021, Yellowknife consumer prices rose in seven of the eight major components. Transportation experienced the highest increase, rising by 11.3%

due to higher prices for both private transportation, which includes gasoline and purchase and leasing of vehicles, and private transportation, which includes airline travel. Shelter also increased over the 12 month period due to higher prices for water, fuel and electricity.

Fuel oil & other fuels rose 33.1% between August 2020 and August 2021 while electricity prices remained the same over this period. Gasoline also rose, increasing by 28.3%. Overall energy prices increased by 18.0% over the 12 month period.

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

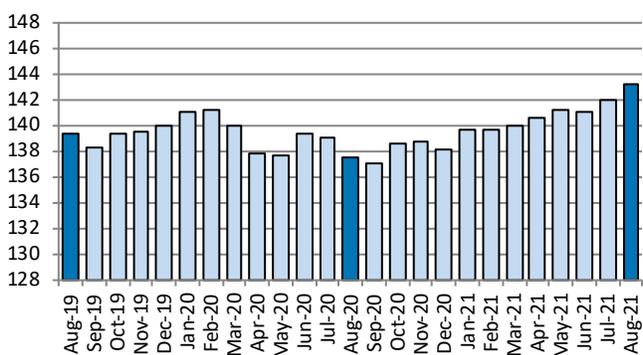


TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AUGUST 2021
SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

| | 21-Aug | 21-Jul | 20-Aug | % Change from | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | | | | 21-Jul | 20-Aug |
| All Items | 143.1 | 141.9 | 137.5 | 0.8 | 4.1 |
| Food | 146.9 | 147.0 | 143.9 | -0.1 | 2.1 |
| Food from Stores | 143.2 | 143.3 | 140.1 | -0.1 | 2.2 |
| Food from Restaurants | 157.5 | 157.5 | 154.9 | - | 1.7 |
| Shelter | 163.4 | 163.4 | 159.2 | - | 2.6 |
| Water, Fuel & Electricity | 211.7 | 211.2 | 188.2 | 0.2 | 12.5 |
| Household Operations & Furnishings | 113.1 | 111.9 | 112.7 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| Household Operations | 118.8 | 118.6 | 119.7 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| Household Furnishings | 98.8 | 96.1 | 97.0 | 2.8 | 1.9 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 107.5 | 107.4 | 106.1 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Clothing | 97.5 | 96.9 | 98.4 | 0.6 | -0.9 |
| Footwear | 95.5 | 94.6 | 91.7 | 1.0 | 4.1 |
| Clothing Accessories & Jewellery | 168.9 | 173.6 | 155.8 | -2.7 | 8.4 |
| Clothing Material, Notions & Services | 166.9 | 165.2 | 162.8 | 1.0 | 2.5 |
| Transportation | 153.2 | 149.8 | 137.7 | 2.3 | 11.3 |
| Private Transportation | 147.8 | 147.3 | 133.1 | 0.3 | 11.0 |
| Public Transportation | 198.6 | 159.5 | 163.5 | 24.5 | 21.5 |
| Health & Personal Care | 123.0 | 127.1 | 127.0 | -3.2 | -3.1 |
| Health Care | 126.3 | 125.8 | 124.5 | 0.4 | 1.4 |
| Personal Care | 121.8 | 128.8 | 129.3 | -5.4 | -5.8 |
| Recreation, Education & Reading | 114.3 | 109.0 | 107.4 | 4.9 | 6.4 |
| Recreation | 110.0 | 104.2 | 102.7 | 5.6 | 7.1 |
| Education & Reading | 136.8 | 137.3 | 134.9 | -0.4 | 1.4 |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products | 182.4 | 183.5 | 178.7 | -0.6 | 2.1 |
| Alcoholic Beverages | 146.2 | 146.2 | 145.8 | - | 0.3 |
| Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies | 258.5 | 262.1 | 244.7 | -1.4 | 5.6 |
| ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS: | | | | | |
| Energy | 196.5 | 195.3 | 166.5 | 0.6 | 18.0 |
| Electricity | 202.4 | 202.4 | 202.4 | - | - |
| Fuel Oil And Other Fuels | 241.5 | 240.1 | 181.5 | 0.6 | 33.1 |
| Natural Gas | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Gasoline | 171.2 | 168.7 | 133.4 | 1.5 | 28.3 |
| 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: October 20, 2021.