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## Consumer Price Index - December 2017 -

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in December rose by 2.4% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.9% for Canada, 2.2% for Edmonton, 2.1% for Whitehorse and 1.8% for Iqaluit.

### ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)

	17-Dec	17-Nov	16-Dec	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				17-Nov	16-Dec	17-Jan 17-Dec	16-Jan 16-Dec	% Change
Yellowknife	135.1	134.4	131.9	0.5	2.4	133.5	131.9	1.2
Canada	130.8	131.3	128.4	-0.4	1.9	130.4	128.4	1.6
Edmonton	137.6	138.5	134.7	-0.6	2.2	137.1	134.9	1.6
Whitehorse	128.8	129.0	126.1	-0.2	2.1	127.5	125.4	1.7
Iqaluit	126.0	126.0	123.8	-	1.8	125.4	123.4	1.6

Compared to December 2016, prices increased in Yellowknife for most major components with the exception of household operations and furnishings. Transportation contributed to the increase, rising by 6.1% while energy products rose by 9.2%.

**Figure 1**  
**Calendar Year Inflation Rate (Jan - Dec)**  
**Canada & Yellowknife, 2000 to 2017**

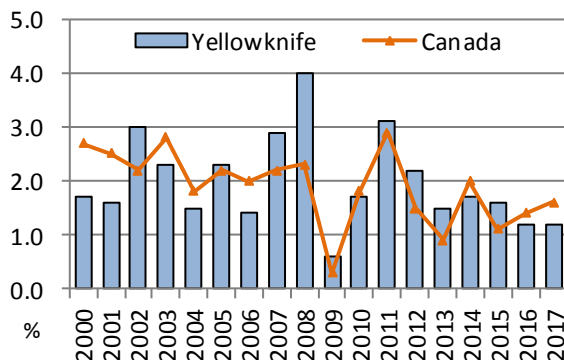


Figure 1 shows how prices change from one year to the next based on the 12-month average index. Businesses tend to use this rate for the calendar year (January to December) to adjust salaries or evaluate the prices of their goods and services.

Between 2016 and 2017, the calendar year inflation rate for Yellowknife was 1.2%, the same as the previous year. In contrast, the Canadian inflation rate increased to 1.6% in 2017.

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, DECEMBER 2017**  
**SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)**

	17-Dec	17-Nov	16-Dec	% Change from	
				17-Nov	16-Dec
All Items	135.1	134.4	131.9	0.5	2.4
Food	141.6	143.7	139.4	-1.5	1.6
Food from Stores	139.8	142.6	138.0	-2.0	1.3
Food from Restaurants	146.3	146.3	142.8	-	2.5
Shelter	155.2	152.0	149.7	2.1	3.7
Water, Fuel & Electricity	204.2	199.4	187.8	2.4	8.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.7	113.6	116.2	-0.8	-3.0
Household Operations	121.4	122.7	122.5	-1.1	-0.9
Household Furnishings	93.6	93.5	102.4	0.1	-8.6
Clothing & Footwear	107.2	108.1	106.8	-0.8	0.4
Clothing	100.7	101.9	100.2	-1.2	0.5
Footwear	96.5	96.9	96.6	-0.4	-0.1
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	152.1	152.1	150.7	-	0.9
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	120.3	120.5	123.0	-0.2	-2.2
Transportation	134.4	131.9	126.7	1.9	6.1
Private Transportation	132.8	130.6	125.9	1.7	5.5
Public Transportation	144.6	140.6	132.8	2.8	8.9
Health & Personal Care	121.1	125.3	121.0	-3.4	0.1
Health Care	121.5	123.8	117.6	-1.9	3.3
Personal Care	119.7	126.4	124.5	-5.3	-3.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	105.9	105.9	103.9	-	1.9
Recreation	101.8	101.1	99.1	0.7	2.7
Education & Reading	129.6	134.6	132.4	-3.7	-2.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	175.3	175.7	169.5	-0.2	3.4
Alcoholic Beverages	146.6	146.4	144.9	0.1	1.2
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	216.3	217.8	202.9	-0.7	6.6
<b>SPECIAL AGGREGATES:</b>					
<b>ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING:</b>					
Food	133.8	132.7	130.5	0.8	2.5
Energy	130.6	130.1	128.1	0.4	2.0
Shelter	126.6	126.8	124.2	-0.2	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages	134.8	134.1	131.5	0.5	2.5
Tobacco Products	133.8	133.1	130.6	0.5	2.5
<b>ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS</b>					
Energy	184.4	180.9	168.9	1.9	9.2
Electricity	196.0	196.0	190.9	-	2.7
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	245.9	232.6	207.5	5.7	18.5
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	140.0	141.0	130.5	-0.7	7.3
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Notes:

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.

Next release of CPI: February 23, 2018.