

Consumer Price Index December 2019

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in December rose by 1.6% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 2.2% for Canada, 2.3% for Edmonton, 2.6% for Whitehorse and 1.4% for Iqaluit.

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

	19-Dec	19-Nov	18-Dec	% Change from		—12-Month Average—		
				19-Nov	18-Dec	19-Jan	18-Jan	%
				19-Nov	18-Dec	19-Dec	18-Dec	Change
Yellowknife	140.0	139.5	137.8	0.4	1.6	138.8	136.6	1.6
Canada	136.4	136.4	133.4	-	2.2	136.0	133.4	1.9
Edmonton	143.7	143.7	140.5	-	2.3	143.2	140.8	1.7
Whitehorse	134.8	133.9	131.4	0.7	2.6	133.2	130.6	2.0
Iqaluit	132.2	130.9	130.4	1.0	1.4	131.4	129.2	1.7

Between December 2018 and December 2019, Yellowknife consumer prices increased for most major components with the exception of household operations & furnishings and clothing and footwear. Shelter experienced the largest increase over the 12-month period, rising by 3.1% between December 2018 and December 2019. Year over year increases in water, fuel and electricity contributed to the higher shelter prices.

**Figure 1
Calendar Year Inflation Rate (Jan - Dec)
Canada & Yellowknife, 2000 to 2019**

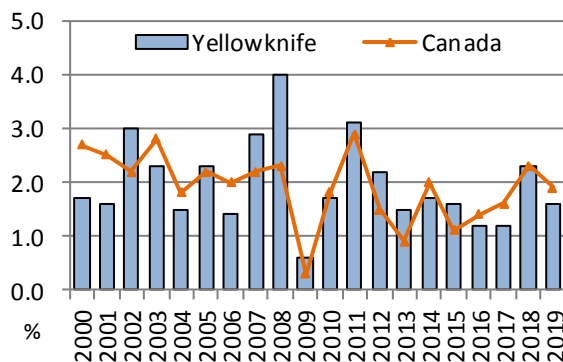


Figure 1 shows how prices change from one year to the next based on the 12-month average index. Businesses tend to use this rate for the calendar year (January to December) to adjust salaries or evaluate the prices of their goods and services.

In 2019, the calendar year inflation rate for Yellowknife was 1.6%, dropping from 2.3% in the previous year. In comparison, the Canadian inflation rate decreased to 1.9% in 2019 from 2.3% in 2018.

TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, DECEMBER 2019
SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

	19-Dec	19-Nov	18-Dec	% Change from	
				19-Nov	18-Dec
All Items	140.0	139.5	137.8	0.4	1.6
Food	146.7	146.4	143.2	0.2	2.4
Food from Stores	144.3	143.8	141.1	0.3	2.3
Food from Restaurants	153.3	153.7	148.9	-0.3	3.0
Shelter	162.5	161.9	157.6	0.4	3.1
Water, Fuel & Electricity	220.2	216.5	203.7	1.7	8.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.1	114.2	115.0	-0.1	-0.8
Household Operations	120.8	121.5	123.3	-0.6	-2.0
Household Furnishings	98.8	98.0	96.7	0.8	2.2
Clothing & Footwear	108.4	111.1	108.8	-2.4	-0.4
Clothing	100.0	102.9	101.2	-2.8	-1.2
Footwear	93.3	96.7	96.5	-3.5	-3.3
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	163.3	163.3	160.9	-	1.5
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	169.9	169.9	142.5	-	19.2
Transportation	140.9	138.3	138.2	1.9	2.0
Private Transportation	131.9	135.4	130.5	-2.6	1.1
Public Transportation	187.9	155.6	178.5	20.8	5.3
Health & Personal Care	127.4	125.6	126.9	1.4	0.4
Health Care	123.7	122.9	124.5	0.7	-0.6
Personal Care	130.6	128.1	129.2	2.0	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	108.5	108.9	107.6	-0.4	0.8
Recreation	103.9	104.7	103.3	-0.8	0.6
Education & Reading	135.3	132.6	132.1	2.0	2.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	181.9	182.0	179.9	-0.1	1.1
Alcoholic Beverages	146.1	146.3	146.5	-0.1	-0.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	238.5	238.2	229.8	0.1	3.8
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	198.4	195.7	185.5	1.4	7.0
Electricity	202.4	202.4	195.4	-	3.6
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	274.8	264.6	242.6	3.9	13.3
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	150.7	151.1	147.4	-0.3	2.2
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: February 19, 2020.