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Consumer Price Index – February 2014

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 2.0% compared to February 2013. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.1% for Canada, 1.9% for Edmonton and 2.3% for Whitehorse.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	14-Feb	14-Jan	13-Feb	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				14-Jan	13-Feb	13-Mar 14-Feb	12-Mar 13-Feb	% Change
Yellowknife	127.9	127.0	125.4	0.7	2.0	126.5	124.6	1.5
Whitehorse	124.0	123.4	121.2	0.5	2.3	123.3	121.2	1.7
Canada	124.1	123.1	122.7	0.8	1.1	123.1	121.9	1.0
Edmonton	130.4	129.6	128.0	0.6	1.9	129.4	127.5	1.5

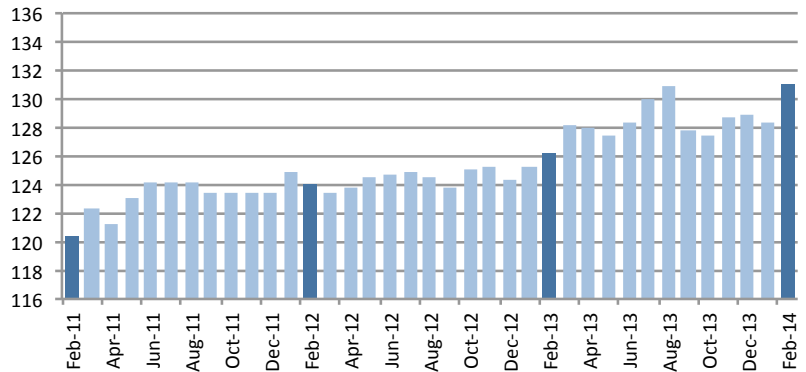
Compared to February 2013, consumer prices increased for most major components in Yellowknife with the exception of clothing & footwear and health & personal care. The highest price increases over the last 12 months were for food (3.8%) and shelter (3.2%).

After trending upward for most of last year, food prices dropped in September 2013. However, the price increase for food last month has offset that decline.

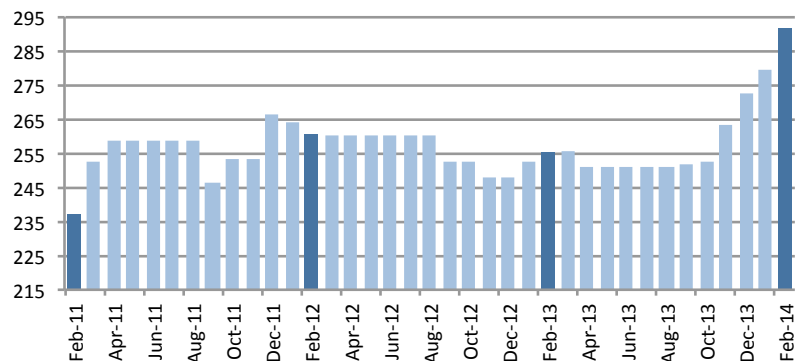
The annual increase in shelter was mostly a result of higher fuel oil & other fuel prices (heating oil) (14.2%) and electricity prices (4.8%). Fuel prices have increased over the last 4 months, coinciding with the home heating season.

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 centers are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

**CPI - Food
Yellowknife, February 2011 to February 2014**



**CPI - Fuel Oil And Other Fuels
Yellowknife, February 2011 to February 2014**



Consumer Price Index, February 2014
Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	14-Feb	14-Jan	13-Feb	% Change from	
				14-Jan	13-Feb
All Items	127.9	127.0	125.4	0.7	2.0
Food	131.0	128.3	126.2	2.1	3.8
Food from Stores	129.0	125.8	124.3	2.5	3.8
Food from Restaurants	136.2	134.7	131.2	1.1	3.8
Shelter	150.8	150.0	146.1	0.5	3.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	204.2	200.4	186.2	1.9	9.7
Electricity	175.5	175.5	167.5	-	4.8
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	291.5	279.7	255.3	4.2	14.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.5	110.9	109.8	-0.4	0.6
Household Operations	120.4	120.0	118.9	0.3	1.3
Household Furnishings	91.0	92.3	91.3	-1.4	-0.3
Clothing & Footwear	99.6	99.5	99.6	0.1	-
Clothing	93.3	91.8	92.7	1.6	0.6
Footwear	88.9	90.7	93.8	-2.0	-5.2
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	145.3	151.1	141.4	-3.8	2.8
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	109.8	109.6	109.1	0.2	0.6
Transportation	122.5	121.0	120.3	1.2	1.8
Private Transportation	122.8	121.1	120.8	1.4	1.7
Public Transportation	124.6	123.9	121.4	0.6	2.6
Health & Personal Care	115.9	119.1	118.3	-2.7	-2.0
Health Care	115.5	115.1	117.4	0.3	-1.6
Personal Care	117.2	123.2	119.9	-4.9	-2.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	100.4	99.4	100.0	1.0	0.4
Recreation	96.5	95.3	96.8	1.3	-0.3
Education & Reading	123.5	123.5	119.4	-	3.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	160.5	159.2	158.3	0.8	1.4
Alcoholic Beverages	145.8	145.4	144.5	0.3	0.9
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	175.7	172.6	171.8	1.8	2.3
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
All-Items Excluding:					
Food	127.3	126.7	125.2	0.5	1.7
Energy	122.3	121.5	120.4	0.7	1.6
Shelter	118.6	117.6	116.9	0.9	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages	127.5	126.6	125.0	0.7	2.0
Tobacco Products	126.9	126.1	124.4	0.6	2.0
Housing (1986 Definition)	138.0	137.4	134.6	0.4	2.5
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	193.3	190.5	181.4	1.5	6.6
Electricity	175.5	175.5	167.5	-	4.8
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	291.5	279.7	255.3	4.2	14.2
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	158.4	158.3	157.6	0.1	0.5
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Note: Additional indexes are available from T-stat and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.
Source: Statistics Canada