

Consumer Price Index January 2020

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in January rose by 3.1% compared to one year ago. This is the largest year over year increase since October 2018. By comparison, the annual price increase was 2.4% for Canada, 2.7% for Edmonton, 3.7% for Whitehorse and 1.9% for Iqaluit.

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

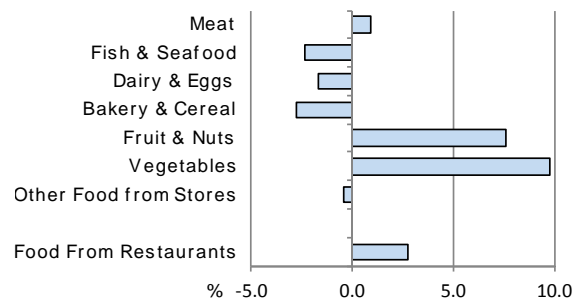
	12-Month Average							
	20-Jan	19-Dec	19-Jan	% Change from 19-Dec	19-Jan	19-Feb 20-Jan	18-Feb 19-Jan	% Change
Yellowknife	141.0	140.0	136.8	0.7	3.1	139.1	136.7	1.8
Canada	136.8	136.4	133.6	0.3	2.4	136.3	133.5	2.1
Edmonton	144.5	143.7	140.7	0.6	2.7	143.5	140.9	1.8
Whitehorse	135.8	134.8	130.9	0.7	3.7	133.6	130.8	2.1
Iqaluit	131.8	132.2	129.3	-0.3	1.9	131.6	129.3	1.8

Between January 2020 and January 2019, Yellowknife consumer prices increased for most major components with the exception of household operations & furnishings. Food contributed to the increase, rising by 2.1%. Much of the increase in food was due to the rise in prices for fruit, nuts and vegetables.

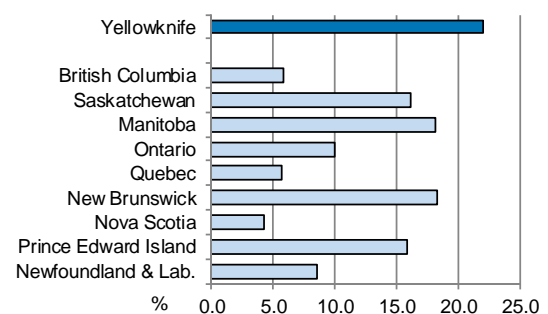
Shelter and transportation experienced the largest increases, rising by 5.3% and 5.2% respectively. Year-over-year increases in water, fuel and electricity contributed to the higher shelter prices, while increases in gasoline, passenger vehicles, and inter-city transportation (airlines) contributed to the higher transportation prices.

Energy products increased by 11.4% between January 2020 and January 2019. Fuel oil and other fuels increased by 22.0%, gasoline rose by 8.3% and electricity increased by 3.6%. While the rise in fuel oil and other fuels was not unique to Yellowknife, it was more pronounced than other areas in Canada.

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



**% Change in Prices - Fuel Oil & Other Fuels
January 2019 to January 2020**



Note: Data for Alberta is not available



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

	20-Jan	19-Dec	19-Jan	% Change from	
				19-Dec	19-Jan
All Items	141.0	140.0	136.8	0.7	3.1
Food	148.9	146.7	145.9	1.5	2.1
Food from Stores	146.5	144.3	143.9	1.5	1.8
Food from Restaurants	155.7	153.3	151.6	1.6	2.7
Shelter	165.1	162.5	156.8	1.6	5.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	220.4	220.2	198.5	0.1	11.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.3	114.1	114.7	-1.6	-2.1
Household Operations	120.5	120.8	123.5	-0.2	-2.4
Household Furnishings	94.2	98.8	95.6	-4.7	-1.5
Clothing & Footwear	110.4	108.4	108.8	1.8	1.5
Clothing	102.0	100.0	100.9	2.0	1.1
Footwear	94.5	93.3	97.4	1.3	-3.0
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	167.3	163.3	160.9	2.4	4.0
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	169.9	169.9	142.5	-	19.2
Transportation	141.3	140.9	134.3	0.3	5.2
Private Transportation	136.8	131.9	131.1	3.7	4.3
Public Transportation	166.5	187.9	152.7	-11.4	9.0
Health & Personal Care	127.3	127.4	126.8	-0.1	0.4
Health Care	124.5	123.7	124.9	0.6	-0.3
Personal Care	129.8	130.6	128.7	-0.6	0.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	109.4	108.5	106.7	0.8	2.5
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Education & Reading	135.4	135.3	132.2	0.1	2.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	182.8	181.9	180.1	0.5	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages	146.1	146.1	146.5	-	-0.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	241.9	238.5	230.8	1.4	4.8
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	197.0	198.4	176.8	-0.7	11.4
Electricity	202.4	202.4	195.4	-	3.6
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	273.7	274.8	224.3	-0.4	22.0
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	148.4	150.7	137.0	-1.5	8.3
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: March 18, 2020.