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Consumer Price Index – July 2019 -

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in July rose by 1.4% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 2.0% for Canada, 1.3% for Edmonton, 2.4% for Whitehorse and 0.8% for Igaluit.

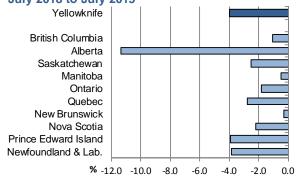
ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)

				——12-Month Average —				
				% Change from		18-Aug	17-Aug	%
	19-Jul	19-Jun	18-Jul	19-Jun	18-Jul	19-Jul	18-Jul	Change
Yellowknife	139.2	139.1	137.3	0.1	1.4	138.0	135.1	2.1
Canada	137.0	136.3	134.3	0.5	2.0	134.9	132.2	2.0
Edmonton	143.8	143.0	142.0	0.6	1.3	142.2	139.2	2.2
Whitehorse	135.1	134.1	131.9	0.7	2.4	131.9	129.3	2.0
Iqaluit	132.8	132.1	131.7	0.5	0.8	130.6	127.6	2.4

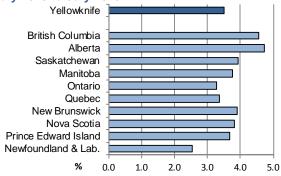
Between July 2018 and July 2019, Yellowknife consumer prices increased for all major components with the exception of recreation, education & reading. Food experienced the largest increase, rising by 3.5%, while energy products declined by 4.0%. The annual decline in energy prices was a result of decreases in fuel oil and other fuels (10.3%) and gasoline (6.8%) while electricity rose by 4.6%.

Both the decline in energy prices and increase in food prices were not unique to Yellowknife. Energy prices declined in all of the provinces over the last year, while food prices increased in all the provinces between July 2018 and July 2019.





Percentage Change in Prices - Food July 2018 to July 2019



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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, JULY 2019 SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

				% Change from		
	19-Jul	19-Jun	18-Jul	19-Jun	18-Jul	
All Items	139.2	139.1	137.3	0.1	1.4	
Food	148.1	146.8	143.1	0.9	3.5	
Food from Stores	146.5	144.8	141.5	1.2	3.5	
Food from Restaurants	152.1	151.9	147.0	0.1	3.5	
Shelter	159.0	160.2	157.2	-0.7	1.1	
Water, Fuel & Electricity	204.1	210.8	208.2	-3.2	-2.0	
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.5	114.3	112.7	-0.7	0.7	
Household Operations	122.4	124.4	120.8	-1.6	1.3	
Household Furnishings	94.0	92.5	95.0	1.6	-1.1	
Clothing & Footwear	108.1	104.4	106.4	3.5	1.6	
Clothing	100.5	96.1	99.4	4.6	1.1	
Footwear	96.3	94.2	96.4	2.2	-0.1	
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	157.8	155.2	153.3	1.7	2.9	
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	142.5	142.5	120.3	-	18.5	
Transportation	140.8	140.6	138.8	0.1	1.4	
Private Transportation	132.7	136.6	131.7	-2.9	0.8	
Public Transportation	183.4	163.0	176.2	12.5	4.1	
Health & Personal Care	125.9	128.1	123.7	-1.7	1.8	
Health Care	124.4	124.0	124.8	0.3	-0.3	
Personal Care	127.6	131.6	121.3	-3.0	5.2	
Recreation, Education & Reading	109.1	108.2	109.3	0.8	-0.2	
Recreation	104.7	103.7	105.0	1.0	-0.3	
Education & Reading	134.4	134.4	133.5	-	0.7	
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	181.6	181.6	178.0	-	2.0	
Alcoholic Beverages	146.3	146.3	146.4	-	-0.1	
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	236.7	236.8	224.5	-	5.4	
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
All-Items Excluding:						
Food	137.6	137.7	136.1	-0.1	1.1	
Energy	134.7	134.2	132.2	0.4	1.9	
Shelter	130.8	130.3	128.9	0.4	1.5	
Alcoholic Beverages	139.0	138.9	137.0	0.1	1.5	
Tobacco Products	137.7	137.6	135.9	0.1	1.3	
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:						
Energy	187.2	194.1	195.0	-3.6	-4.0	
Electricity	202.4	202.4	193.5	-	4.6	
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	231.7	250.8	258.2	-7.6	-10.3	
Natural Gas		••		••	••	
Gasoline	153.7	158.4	164.9	-3.0	-6.8	
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.

Next release of CPI: September 18, 2019.