

Consumer Price Index July 2021

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in July rose by 2.0% compared to one year ago. By comparison, annual prices increased by 3.7% for Canada, 3.2% for Edmonton, 4.2% for Whitehorse and 1.3% for Iqaluit.

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

				% Change from		12-Month Average		
	21-Jul	21-Jun	20-Jul	21-Jun	20-Jul	20-Aug 21-Jul	19-Aug 20-Jul	% Change
Yellowknife	141.9	141.1	139.1	0.6	2.0	139.5	139.4	0.1
Canada	142.3	141.4	137.2	0.6	3.7	139.0	136.6	1.8
Edmonton	149.9	148.6	145.2	0.9	3.2	146.5	144.2	1.6
Whitehorse	139.8	138.5	134.2	0.9	4.2	136.2	134.4	1.3
Iqaluit	133.0	133.3	131.3	-0.2	1.3	131.9	131.9	0.0

A sharp decline in prices early last year resulted in lower than usual prices in the spring and summer of 2020. Since September 2020, monthly consumer prices in Yellowknife have been trending upward.

Between July 2020 and July 2021, Yellowknife consumer prices rose in seven of the eight major components. Higher prices for private transportation, which includes gasoline and purchase and leasing of vehicles caused transportation to increase by 5.9%. Shelter also increased over the 12 month period due to higher prices for water, fuel and electricity.

Fuel oil & other fuels rose 27.9% between July 2020 and July 2021 while electricity prices remained the same over this period. Gasoline also rose by 28.2%. Overall energy prices increased by 16.5% over the 12 month period.

**CPI - All Items
Yellowknife, July 2019 to July 2021**

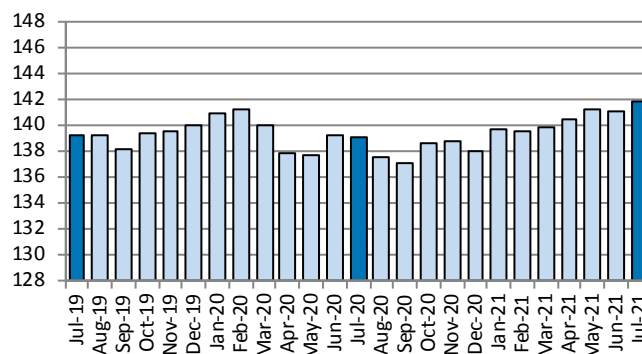


TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, JULY 2021
SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

	21-Jul	21-Jun	20-Jul	% Change from	
				21-Jun	20-Jul
All Items	141.9	141.1	139.1	0.6	2.0
Food	147.0	144.3	146.9	1.9	0.1
Food from Stores	143.3	140.3	144.0	2.1	-0.5
Food from Restaurants	157.5	155.9	154.9	1.0	1.7
Shelter	163.4	163.7	159.7	-0.2	2.3
Water, Fuel & Electricity	211.2	211.6	190.5	-0.2	10.9
Household Operations & Furnishings	111.9	111.1	112.9	0.7	-0.9
Household Operations	118.6	118.2	120.4	0.3	-1.5
Household Furnishings	96.1	94.9	96.1	1.3	-
Clothing & Footwear	107.4	107.9	106.1	-0.5	1.2
Clothing	96.9	97.6	98.4	-0.7	-1.5
Footwear	94.6	94.5	92.3	0.1	2.5
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	173.6	174.0	154.1	-0.2	12.7
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	165.2	165.2	162.8	-	1.5
Transportation	149.8	148.1	141.4	1.1	5.9
Private Transportation	147.3	145.4	136.0	1.3	8.3
Public Transportation	159.5	160.0	171.3	-0.3	-6.9
Health & Personal Care	127.1	128.8	125.5	-1.3	1.3
Health Care	125.8	126.0	124.8	-0.2	0.8
Personal Care	128.8	131.4	126.6	-2.0	1.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	109.0	108.3	108.5	0.6	0.5
Recreation	104.2	103.3	103.9	0.9	0.3
Education & Reading	137.3	137.6	134.9	-0.2	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	183.5	182.9	183.4	0.3	0.1
Alcoholic Beverages	146.2	146.2	145.8	-	0.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	262.1	260.2	244.7	0.7	7.1
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	195.3	194.1	167.6	0.6	16.5
Electricity	202.4	202.4	202.4	-	-
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	240.1	241.3	187.7	-0.5	27.9
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	168.7	163.6	131.6	3.1	28.2
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.
3. COVID-19 has affected how Statistics Canada conducted the Consumer Price Index. Data collection was done remotely, supplemented by alternate data sources, and a higher level of data imputation occurred due to the reduced availability of some products and services.

Next release of CPI: September 15, 2021.