

## Consumer Price Index - March 2018 -

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in March rose by 1.8% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 2.3% for Canada, 2.4% for Edmonton, 2.0% for Whitehorse and 2.9% for Iqaluit.

### ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)

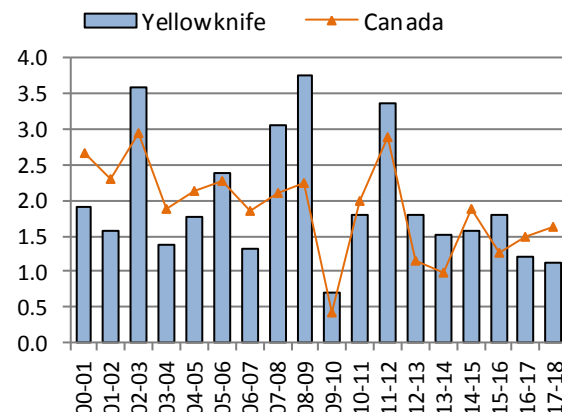
	18-Mar	18-Feb	17-Mar	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				18-Feb	17-Mar	17-Apr	16-Apr	%
				18-Mar	17-Mar	18-Mar	17-Mar	Change
Yellowknife	136.0	136.1	133.6	-0.1	1.8	134.1	132.6	1.1
Canada	132.9	132.5	129.9	0.3	2.3	131.1	129.0	1.6
Edmonton	140.0	139.8	136.7	0.1	2.4	137.8	135.7	1.5
Whitehorse	130.0	129.5	127.5	0.4	2.0	128.1	126.2	1.5
Iqaluit	127.7	126.9	124.1	0.6	2.9	126.2	124.0	1.8

Compared to March 2017, consumer prices increased in Yellowknife for most major components with the exception of food, and household operations & furnishings. Over the last 12 months the price of food from stores declined by 1.5%.

Figure 1 shows how prices change from one fiscal year to the next based on a 12-month average index (ending March 31). Governments tend to use this annual inflation rate to evaluate the prices of their goods and services.

The fiscal year inflation rate for Yellowknife decreased from the previous year to 1.1% in 2017/2018. This is in contrast with the Canadian rate which increased to 1.6%. This is the second year in a row where the Yellowknife rate was less than the Canadian rate.

**Figure 1**  
Annual Inflation Rate (Year Ending March 31)  
Canada & Yellowknife, 2000/01 to 2017/18



**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MARCH 2018**  
**SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)**

	18-Mar	18-Feb	17-Mar	% Change from	
				18-Feb	17-Mar
All Items	136.0	136.1	133.6	-0.1	1.8
Food	142.4	142.1	143.1	0.2	-0.5
Food from Stores	140.7	140.3	142.9	0.3	-1.5
Food from Restaurants	146.6	146.5	142.8	0.1	2.7
Shelter	156.1	156.4	150.2	-0.2	3.9
Water, Fuel & Electricity	205.9	209.2	191.1	-1.6	7.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	111.9	113.5	115.1	-1.4	-2.8
Household Operations	121.4	122.1	121.8	-0.6	-0.3
Household Furnishings	91.0	94.6	100.1	-3.8	-9.1
Clothing & Footwear	108.1	108.3	106.9	-0.2	1.1
Clothing	102.1	102.2	100.2	-0.1	1.9
Footwear	96.6	97.2	97.4	-0.6	-0.8
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	151.4	151.1	150.2	0.2	0.8
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	120.3	120.3	120.9	-	-0.5
Transportation	134.4	135.6	129.9	-0.9	3.5
Private Transportation	131.4	133.5	129.5	-1.6	1.5
Public Transportation	151.8	148.2	134.2	2.4	13.1
Health & Personal Care	124.0	124.2	122.3	-0.2	1.4
Health Care	124.7	123.5	120.7	1.0	3.3
Personal Care	122.3	124.3	123.7	-1.6	-1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	109.3	106.0	107.8	3.1	1.4
Recreation	105.0	101.9	103.6	3.0	1.4
Education & Reading	133.5	129.6	131.8	3.0	1.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	176.8	175.4	170.2	0.8	3.9
Alcoholic Beverages	146.4	146.4	145.1	-	0.9
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	221.1	217.1	204.4	1.8	8.2
<b>SPECIAL AGGREGATES:</b>					
All-Items Excluding:					
Food	134.8	134.9	131.9	-0.1	2.2
Energy	131.5	131.4	129.7	0.1	1.4
Shelter	127.5	127.5	126.3	-	1.0
Alcoholic Beverages	135.7	135.8	133.3	-0.1	1.8
Tobacco Products	134.6	134.7	132.3	-0.1	1.7
<b>ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:</b>					
Energy	184.9	187.5	172.3	-1.4	7.3
Electricity	196.6	196.6	190.9	-	3.0
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	247.2	255.9	214.9	-3.4	15.0
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	140.5	140.5	135.0	-	4.1
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

## Notes:

1. Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 326-0020
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.

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