

Consumer Price Index - March 2019 -

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 1.9% for Canada, 2.1% for Edmonton, 1.2% for Whitehorse and 2.2% for Iqaluit.

ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)

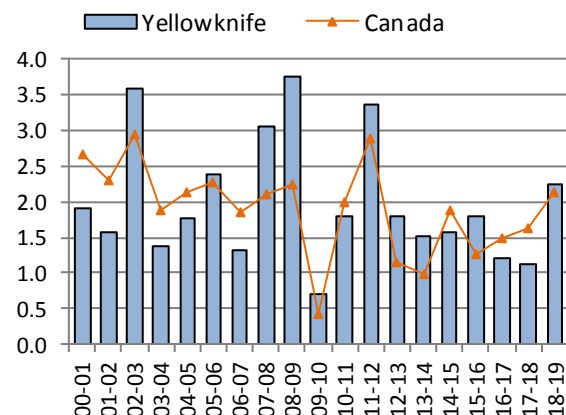
	19-Mar	19-Feb	18-Mar	% Change from		—12-Month Average—		
				19-Feb	18-Mar	18-Apr	17-Apr	%
				19-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	18-Mar	Change
Yellowknife	138.5	138.0	136.0	0.4	1.8	137.1	134.1	2.2
Canada	135.4	134.5	132.9	0.7	1.9	133.9	131.1	2.1
Edmonton	143.0	142.0	140.0	0.7	2.1	141.3	137.8	2.5
Whitehorse	131.6	131.1	130.0	0.4	1.2	131.1	128.1	2.3
Iqaluit	130.5	129.9	127.7	0.5	2.2	129.8	126.2	2.9

Between March 2018 and March 2019, Yellowknife consumer prices increased for all major components with the exception of clothing & footwear and recreation, education & reading. Transportation and food contributed to the increase, rising by 2.7% and 2.5% respectively.

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 2018/19 fiscal year inflation rate for Yellowknife was 2.2%, an increase from the previous year. This rate was slightly above the 2.1% Canadian rate. The last time Yellowknife's inflation rate was above Canada's was three years ago in 2015/16.

Figure 1
Annual Inflation Rate (Year Ending March 31)
Canada & Yellowknife, 2000/01 to 2018/19



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

	19-Mar	19-Feb	18-Mar	% Change from	
				19-Feb	18-Mar
All Items	138.5	138.0	136.0	0.4	1.8
Food	146.0	145.4	142.4	0.4	2.5
Food from Stores	143.9	143.6	140.7	0.2	2.3
Food from Restaurants	151.6	150.0	146.6	1.1	3.4
Shelter	159.5	158.4	156.1	0.7	2.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	211.2	205.8	205.9	2.6	2.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.6	115.6	111.9	-0.9	2.4
Household Operations	123.7	124.2	121.4	-0.4	1.9
Household Furnishings	95.0	96.6	91.0	-1.7	4.4
Clothing & Footwear	107.9	108.5	108.1	-0.6	-0.2
Clothing	100.8	101.0	102.1	-0.2	-1.3
Footwear	96.9	97.4	96.6	-0.5	0.3
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	152.5	155.8	151.4	-2.1	0.7
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	142.5	142.5	120.3	-	18.5
Transportation	138.0	137.1	134.4	0.7	2.7
Private Transportation	135.4	134.7	131.4	0.5	3.0
Public Transportation	154.0	151.8	151.8	1.4	1.4
Health & Personal Care	127.8	124.8	124.0	2.4	3.1
Health Care	124.1	124.4	124.7	-0.2	-0.5
Personal Care	131.0	125.7	122.3	4.2	7.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	108.3	108.0	109.3	0.3	-0.9
Recreation	103.8	103.8	105.0	-	-1.1
Education & Reading	134.1	132.2	133.5	1.4	0.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	180.4	180.6	176.8	-0.1	2.0
Alcoholic Beverages	146.6	146.8	146.4	-0.1	0.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	231.5	231.8	221.1	-0.1	4.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING:					
Food	137.1	136.7	134.8	0.3	1.7
Energy	133.9	133.8	131.5	0.1	1.8
Shelter	129.8	129.5	127.5	0.2	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages	138.3	137.8	135.7	0.4	1.9
Tobacco Products	137.1	136.6	134.6	0.4	1.9
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	189.0	182.6	184.9	3.5	2.2
Electricity	199.4	199.4	196.6	-	1.4
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	253.8	239.8	247.2	5.8	2.7
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	143.7	137.7	140.5	4.4	2.3
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: May 15, 2019.