



Consumer Price Index March 2026

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in March rose by 1.7% compared to one year ago. By comparison, annual prices increased by 2.4% for Canada, 2.1% for Edmonton, 3.7% for Whitehorse, and 0.6% for Iqaluit.

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

	26-Mar	26-Feb	25-Mar	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				26-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	24-Apr	%
						26-Mar	25-Mar	Change
Yellowknife	166.3	164.9	163.5	0.8	1.7	164.1	160.8	2.1
Canada	167.4	165.9	163.5	0.9	2.4	165.1	161.8	2.0
Edmonton	174.0	172.5	170.4	0.9	2.1	171.3	168.5	1.7
Whitehorse	168.0	166.6	162.0	0.8	3.7	164.9	159.9	3.1
Iqaluit	146.0	145.8	145.1	0.1	0.6	145.7	144.2	1.0

Consumer prices increased for all provinces in March 2026 compared to a year ago. Yellowknife had the lowest increase (1.7%) while Manitoba and Nova Scotia had the highest (3.0%).

In Yellowknife, year-over-year consumer prices rose in five of the eight major components including health & personal care (3.7%), food (2.5%), and shelter (2.4%).

Partially offsetting these increases were declines in household operations & furnishings (-0.3%), and clothing & footwear (-1.7%).

Looking at energy and its components, fuel oil & other fuels increased by 7.5% between March 2025 and March 2026. In contrast, gasoline and electricity declined by 4.0% and 3.6%, respectively over the same period. On a monthly basis, gasoline rose by 16.9% between February 2026 and March 2026.

**Percentage Change in Prices - All Items
March 2025 to March 2026**

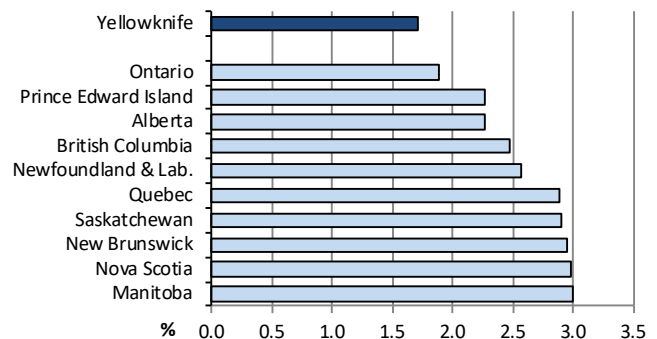


TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MARCH 2026
SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

	26-Mar	26-Feb	25-Mar	% Change from	
				26-Feb	25-Mar
All Items	166.3	164.9	163.5	0.8	1.7
Food	192.6	190.4	187.9	1.2	2.5
Shelter	205.0	202.7	200.2	1.1	2.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.0	108.7	108.3	-0.6	-0.3
Clothing & Footwear	111.1	112.3	113.0	-1.1	-1.7
Transportation	169.2	163.6	165.6	3.4	2.2
Health & Personal Care	144.7	143.7	139.6	0.7	3.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	122.2	123.1	122.2	-0.7	0.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	209.0	209.0	204.4	0.0	2.3
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	244.2	226.8	249.8	7.7	-2.2
Electricity	238.0	238.0	247.0	0.0	-3.6
Fuel Oil and Other Fuels	362.0	314.6	336.9	15.1	7.5
Gasoline	178.7	152.9	186.2	16.9	-4.0

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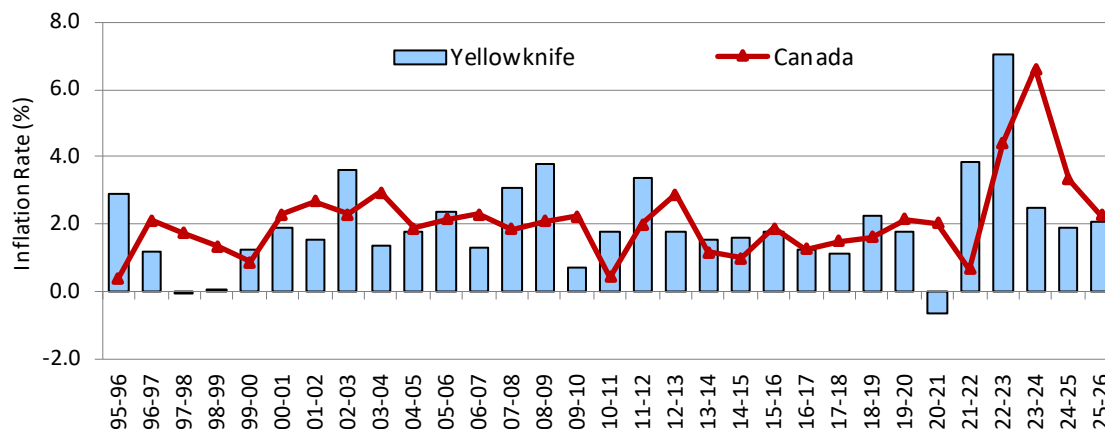
1. Source: Statistics Canada, Table 18-10-0004-01 Consumer Price Index, monthly, not seasonally adjusted.
2. CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centres are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

FISCAL YEAR INFLATION RATE: 2025/26

With the release today, the annual inflation rate is now available for the 2025/26 fiscal year. The annual inflation rate shows how prices change from one year to the next based on a 12-month average index (ending March 31). Governments tend to use this rate to evaluate the prices of their goods and services.

The 2025/26 fiscal year inflation rate for Yellowknife was 2.1%, up from 1.9% in 2024/25. In comparison, the Canadian rate fell to 2.0% in 2025/26 from 2.3% in the previous fiscal year.

Annual Inflation Rate (Year Ending March 31) Canada & Yellowknife, 1995/96 to 2025/26



Next release of CPI: May 19, 2026.