

## Consumer Price Index May 2021

Statistics Canada indicates that in May 2021 the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose by 2.5% compared to one year ago. By comparison, annual prices increased was 3.6% for Canada, 2.9% for Edmonton and 3.7% for Whitehorse and 1.4% for Iqaluit.

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

	21-May	21-Apr	20-May	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				21-Apr	20-May	20-Jun	19-Jun	%
				21-May	20-May	21-May	20-May	Change
<b>Yellowknife</b>	<b>141.2</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>137.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>139.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Canada	141.0	140.3	136.1	0.5	3.6	138.2	136.5	1.2
Edmonton	148.2	147.5	144.0	0.5	2.9	145.8	143.9	1.3
Whitehorse	138.0	137.8	133.1	0.1	3.7	135.4	134.5	0.7
Iqaluit	133.3	133.2	131.4	0.1	1.4	131.6	132.1	-0.4

A sharp decline in prices early last year resulted in lower than usual prices in spring 2020. The 2.5% increase in May 2021 reflects a return to price levels similar to those before the pandemic.

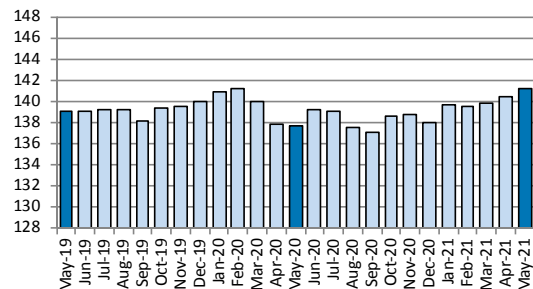
Between May 2020 and May 2021, Yellowknife consumer prices rose in five of the eight major components. Transportation increased by 6.5% as a result of higher prices for private transportation which includes gasoline and purchase and leasing of vehicles. Shelter also increased over the 12 month period due to higher prices for water, fuel and electricity.

Fuel oil & other fuels rose 54.5% between May 2020 and May 2021 while electricity prices remained the same over this period. Gasoline also rose by 45.4%. Overall energy prices increase by 27.5% over the 12 month period.

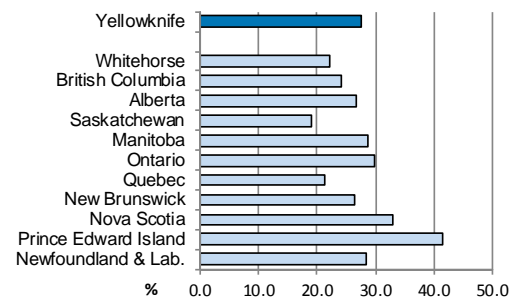
The increase in energy prices was not unique to Yellowknife as all jurisdictions experienced an increase between May 2020 and May 2021.

### CPI - All Items

#### Yellowknife, May 2019 to May 2021



### Percentage Change in Prices - Energy May 2020 to May 2021



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

	21-May	21-Apr	20-May	% Change from	
				21-Apr	20-May
All Items	141.2	140.5	137.7	0.5	2.5
Food	145.1	145.2	144.8	-0.1	0.2
Food from Stores	141.5	141.6	140.9	-0.1	0.4
Food from Restaurants	155.5	155.5	155.9	-	-0.3
Shelter	163.3	163.1	157.8	0.1	3.5
Water, Fuel & Electricity	211.3	208.7	179.3	1.2	17.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	111.3	112.6	112.7	-1.2	-1.2
Household Operations	119.1	119.6	120.2	-0.4	-0.9
Household Furnishings	94.2	96.8	95.8	-2.7	-1.7
Clothing & Footwear	107.5	107.9	106.0	-0.4	1.4
Clothing	97.7	99.3	98.5	-1.6	-0.8
Footwear	94.4	91.4	91.9	3.3	2.7
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	169.6	170.7	153.5	-0.6	10.5
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	165.2	162.8	162.8	1.5	1.5
Transportation	148.2	145.6	139.1	1.8	6.5
Private Transportation	145.0	140.6	133.3	3.1	8.8
Public Transportation	167.3	172.7	170.4	-3.1	-1.8
Health & Personal Care	128.9	127.2	124.3	1.3	3.7
Health Care	125.1	126.4	124.7	-1.0	0.3
Personal Care	132.1	128.3	124.6	3.0	6.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	108.1	107.3	108.1	0.7	-
Recreation	103.1	102.2	103.6	0.9	-0.5
Education & Reading	138.3	138.3	133.8	-	3.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	182.9	181.7	183.3	0.7	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages	146.1	146.0	145.4	0.1	0.5
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	260.2	256.0	245.2	1.6	6.1
<b>ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:</b>					
Energy	193.1	189.0	151.5	2.2	27.5
Electricity	202.4	202.4	202.4	-	-
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	240.5	234.0	155.7	2.8	54.5
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	161.1	155.2	110.8	3.8	45.4
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: July 28, 2021.