

Consumer Price Index November 2020

During the past several months, COVID-19 has restricted the movement of people and forced many businesses to change their normal operations. This affected how Statistics Canada conducted the Consumer Price Index in November. In-person 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.

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

	20-Nov	20-Oct	19-Nov	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				20-Oct	19-Nov	19-Dec 20-Nov	18-Dec 19-Nov	% Change
Yellowknife	138.8	138.6	139.5	0.1	-0.5	139.0	138.6	0.3
Canada	137.7	137.5	136.4	0.1	1.0	136.9	135.7	0.9
Edmonton	145.4	145.1	143.7	0.2	1.2	144.6	142.9	1.2
Whitehorse	134.8	134.5	133.9	0.2	0.7	134.5	133.0	1.1
Iqaluit	130.9	130.8	130.9	0.1	-	131.5	131.3	0.2

Statistics Canada indicates that in November 2020 the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index fell by 0.5% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price change in November was 1.0% for Canada, 1.2% for Edmonton and 0.7% for Whitehorse. Iqaluit experienced no change between November 2019 and November 2020.

Since April, there have been seven annual price declines (deflation) in Yellowknife. While every jurisdictions experienced deflation at some point in 2020, Yellowknife and the east coast provinces have seen relatively more annual price declines this year.

Between November 2019 and November 2020, Yellowknife consumer prices decreased in six of the eight major components. Shelter contributed to the decline, largely a result of the 11.1% decline in water, fuel and electricity.

Fuel oil & other fuels fell 27.4% between November 2019 and November 2020 while electricity prices remained the same over this period. Gasoline fell by 9.9% resulting in an overall decrease of 12.7% in energy prices.

The fall in energy prices was not unique to Yellowknife as most jurisdictions experienced a decline between November 2019 and November 2020.

**Annual (12 month) Change in Yellowknife CPI
January 2020 to November 2020**

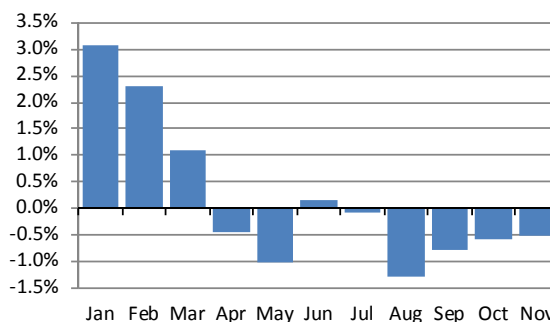


TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, NOVEMBER 2020
SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

	20-Nov	20-Oct	19-Nov	% Change from	
				20-Oct	19-Nov
All Items	138.8	138.6	139.5	0.1	-0.5
Food	146.0	145.3	146.4	0.5	-0.3
Food from Stores	142.6	141.9	143.8	0.5	-0.8
Food from Restaurants	155.5	155.2	153.7	0.2	1.2
Shelter	160.1	159.9	161.9	0.1	-1.1
Water, Fuel & Electricity	192.4	190.0	216.5	1.3	-11.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.8	113.5	114.2	0.3	-0.4
Household Operations	121.9	122.5	121.5	-0.5	0.3
Household Furnishings	96.0	94.0	98.0	2.1	-2.0
Clothing & Footwear	105.7	105.5	111.1	0.2	-4.9
Clothing	100.1	100.2	102.9	-0.1	-2.7
Footwear	81.3	81.9	96.7	-0.7	-15.9
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	165.7	162.1	163.3	2.2	1.5
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	162.8	162.8	169.9	-	-4.2
Transportation	139.8	139.6	138.3	0.1	1.1
Private Transportation	137.3	137.7	135.4	-0.3	1.4
Public Transportation	155.3	152.4	155.6	1.9	-0.2
Health & Personal Care	127.5	127.0	125.6	0.4	1.5
Health Care	122.9	122.1	122.9	0.7	-
Personal Care	131.4	131.1	128.1	0.2	2.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	108.1	108.7	108.9	-0.6	-0.7
Recreation	103.1	103.8	104.7	-0.7	-1.5
Education & Reading	138.3	138.4	132.6	-0.1	4.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	180.0	179.9	182.0	0.1	-1.1
Alcoholic Beverages	146.0	145.8	146.3	0.1	-0.2
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	249.2	249.2	238.2	-	4.6
ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:					
Energy	170.8	169.3	195.7	0.9	-12.7
Electricity	202.4	202.4	202.4	-	-
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	192.0	185.8	264.6	3.3	-27.4
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	136.1	137.3	151.1	-0.9	-9.9
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Notes:

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 18-10-0004-01 Consumer Price Index, monthly, not seasonally adjusted.

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: January 20, 2021.