

## Consumer Price Index September 2020

During the past few months, COVID-19 has restricted the movement of people and forced many businesses to change their normal operations. This has affected how Statistics Canada conducts the Consumer Price Index in September. 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-Sep	20-Aug	19-Sep	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				20-Aug	19-Sep	19-Oct 20-Sep	18-Oct 19-Sep	% Change
<b>Yellowknife</b>	<b>137.1</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Canada	136.9	137.0	136.2	-0.1	0.5	136.7	135.3	1.0
Edmonton	144.9	144.4	143.2	0.3	1.2	144.4	142.5	1.3
Whitehorse	133.9	133.6	133.5	0.2	0.3	134.3	132.5	1.4
Iqaluit	130.3	130.5	131.2	-0.2	-0.7	131.5	130.9	0.5

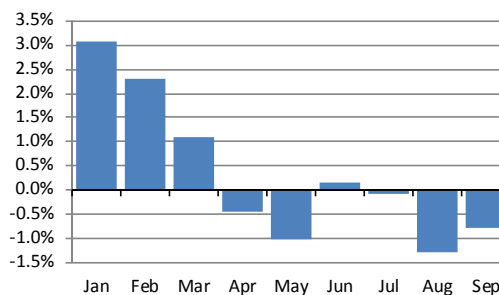
Statistics Canada indicates that in September 2020 the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index fell by 0.8% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price change in September was 0.5% for Canada, 1.2% for Edmonton, 0.3% for Whitehorse and -0.7% for Iqaluit.

Since April, there has been five annual price declines in Yellowknife. The last time there were multiple declines in a year was in 2009 during the financial crisis.

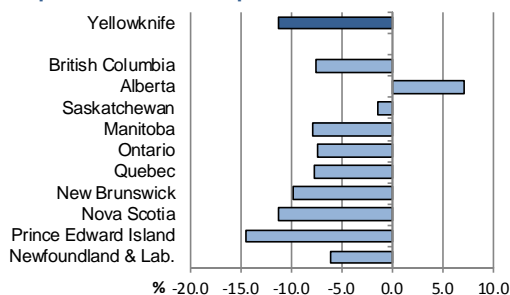
Between September 2019 and September 2020, Yellowknife consumer prices decreased in seven of the eight major components. Clothing and footwear experienced the largest decrease (-6.0%) followed by health and personal care (-2.1%).

Energy products was a major contributor to the Yellowknife CPI decline, falling by 11.2%. Fuel oil and other fuels decreased by 22.7%, gasoline declined by 12.1% while electricity remained the same over the last 12 months. The fall in energy prices was not unique to Yellowknife as most jurisdictions experienced a decline between September 2019 and September 2020. Alberta was the only province to experience a rise in energy prices over this period.

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



**Percentage Change in Prices - Energy  
September 2019 to September 2020**



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

	20-Sep	20-Aug	19-Sep	% Change from	
				20-Aug	19-Sep
All Items	137.1	137.5	138.2	-0.3	-0.8
Food	145.3	143.9	146.5	1.0	-0.8
Food from Stores	142.0	140.1	144.5	1.4	-1.7
Food from Restaurants	154.6	154.9	152.1	-0.2	1.6
Shelter	159.6	159.2	159.5	0.3	0.1
Water, Fuel & Electricity	188.8	188.2	206.2	0.3	-8.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	111.9	112.7	112.4	-0.7	-0.4
Household Operations	119.1	119.7	120.7	-0.5	-1.3
Household Furnishings	95.7	97.0	94.4	-1.3	1.4
Clothing & Footwear	102.9	106.1	109.5	-3.0	-6.0
Clothing	97.4	98.4	102.0	-1.0	-4.5
Footwear	80.9	91.7	96.4	-11.8	-16.1
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	155.5	155.8	161.9	-0.2	-4.0
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	162.8	162.8	142.5	-	14.2
Transportation	135.8	137.7	136.1	-1.4	-0.2
Private Transportation	132.9	133.1	132.8	-0.2	0.1
Public Transportation	152.9	163.5	155.2	-6.5	-1.5
Health & Personal Care	124.6	127.0	127.3	-1.9	-2.1
Health Care	122.6	124.5	124.3	-1.5	-1.4
Personal Care	126.7	129.3	130.0	-2.0	-2.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	108.5	107.4	109.5	1.0	-0.9
Recreation	103.5	102.7	105.4	0.8	-1.8
Education & Reading	138.3	134.9	132.6	2.5	4.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	179.4	178.7	181.5	0.4	-1.2
Alcoholic Beverages	145.8	145.8	146.2	-	-0.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	247.3	244.7	236.5	1.1	4.6
<b>ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:</b>					
Energy	167.3	166.5	188.4	0.5	-11.2
Electricity	202.4	202.4	202.4	-	-
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	182.5	181.5	236.0	0.6	-22.7
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	134.2	133.4	152.7	0.6	-12.1
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: November 18, 2020.