

## Consumer Price Index September 2021

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in September rose by 4.8% compared to one year ago, the largest annual increase for Yellowknife in over a decade. By comparison, annual prices increased by 4.4% for Canada, 3.7% for Edmonton, 4.9% for Whitehorse and 2.6% for Iqaluit.

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

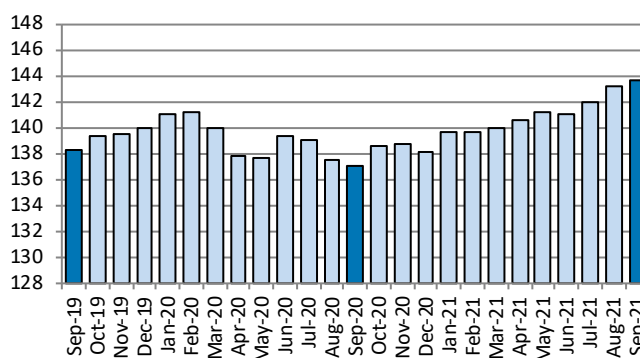
	21-Sep	21-Aug	20-Sep	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				21-Aug	20-Sep	20-Oct 21-Sep	19-Oct 20-Sep	% Change
<b>Yellowknife</b>	<b>143.7</b>	<b>143.1</b>	<b>137.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Canada	142.9	142.6	136.9	0.2	4.4	140.0	136.7	2.4
Edmonton	150.3	150.7	144.9	-0.3	3.7	147.4	144.4	2.1
Whitehorse	140.5	140.3	133.9	0.1	4.9	137.4	134.3	2.3
Iqaluit	133.7	133.9	130.3	-0.1	2.6	132.4	131.5	0.7

The 4.8% annual increase in the Yellowknife CPI is in part a result of lower than usual overall prices last summer. A sharp decline in prices early last year resulted in lower prices during the spring and summer of 2020. Since September 2020, monthly consumer prices in Yellowknife have been trending upward.

Between September 2020 and September 2021, Yellowknife consumer prices rose in seven of the eight major components. Transportation experienced the highest increase, rising by 11.7% due to higher prices for both private transportation, which includes gasoline and purchase and leasing of vehicles, and private transportation, which includes airline travel. Shelter also increased over the 12 month period due to higher prices for water, fuel and electricity.

Fuel oil & other fuels rose 35.1% between September 2020 and September 2021 while electricity prices remained the same over this period. Gasoline also rose, increasing by 27.7%. Overall energy prices increased by 18.4% over the 12 month period.

**CPI - All Items  
Yellowknife, September 2019 to September 2021**



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

	21-Sep	21-Aug	20-Sep	% Change from	
				21-Aug	20-Sep
All Items	143.7	143.1	137.1	0.4	4.8
Food	149.0	146.9	145.3	1.4	2.5
Food from Stores	146.0	143.2	142.0	2.0	2.8
Food from Restaurants	157.5	157.5	154.6	-	1.9
Shelter	163.7	163.4	159.6	0.2	2.6
Water, Fuel & Electricity	213.5	211.7	188.8	0.9	13.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.4	113.1	111.9	0.3	1.3
Household Operations	118.8	118.8	119.1	-	-0.3
Household Furnishings	99.3	98.8	95.7	0.5	3.8
Clothing & Footwear	108.5	107.5	102.9	0.9	5.4
Clothing	99.3	97.5	97.4	1.8	2.0
Footwear	94.5	95.5	80.9	-1.0	16.8
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	168.5	168.9	155.5	-0.2	8.4
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	166.9	166.9	162.8	-	2.5
Transportation	151.7	153.2	135.8	-1.0	11.7
Private Transportation	148.0	147.8	132.9	0.1	11.4
Public Transportation	176.6	198.6	152.9	-11.1	15.5
Health & Personal Care	124.3	123.0	124.6	1.1	-0.2
Health Care	127.2	126.3	122.6	0.7	3.8
Personal Care	123.4	121.8	126.7	1.3	-2.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	114.8	114.3	108.5	0.4	5.8
Recreation	110.2	110.0	103.5	0.2	6.5
Education & Reading	139.6	136.8	138.3	2.0	0.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	183.3	182.4	179.4	0.5	2.2
Alcoholic Beverages	146.2	146.2	145.8	-	0.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	261.4	258.5	247.3	1.1	5.7
<b>ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:</b>					
Energy	198.1	196.5	167.3	0.8	18.4
Electricity	202.4	202.4	202.4	-	-
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	246.6	241.5	182.5	2.1	35.1
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	171.4	171.2	134.2	0.1	27.7
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: November 17, 2021.