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Consumer Price Index - September 2019 -

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Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index in September rose by 1.3% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.9% for Canada, 1.4% for Edmonton, 2.3% for Whitehorse and 1.3% for Iqaluit.

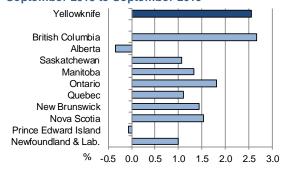
ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)

| | | | | | | ——12-Month Average —— | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--|
| | | | | % Chang | ge from | 18-Oct | 17-Oct | % | |
| | 19-Sep | 19-Aug | 18-Sep | 19-Aug | 18-Sep | 19-Sep | 18-Sep | Change | |
| Yellowknife | 138.2 | 139.3 | 136.4 | -0.8 | 1.3 | 138.3 | 135.8 | 1.8 | |
| Canada | 136.2 | 136.8 | 133.7 | -0.4 | 1.9 | 135.3 | 132.7 | 2.0 | |
| Edmonton | 143.2 | 143.6 | 141.2 | -0.3 | 1.4 | 142.5 | 140.0 | 1.8 | |
| Whitehorse | 133.5 | 134.8 | 130.5 | -1.0 | 2.3 | 132.5 | 130.0 | 1.9 | |
| Iqaluit | 131.2 | 133.6 | 129.5 | -1.8 | 1.3 | 130.9 | 128.3 | 2.0 | |

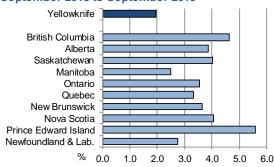
Between September 2018 and September 2019, Yellowknife consumer prices increased for most major components with the exception of household operations and furnishings. Transportation experienced the largest increase, rising by 2.6%. This increase was a result of higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and inter-city transportation (airlines) being partially offset by a decline in gasoline prices. Food also contributed to the overall increase in the all-items CPI, rising by 1.9% over the last 12 months.

The increase in both transportation and food were not unique to Yellowknife. While many jurisdictions experienced a rise in transportation prices over the last 12 months, the increase was more pronounced in Yellowknife. In contrast, all jurisdictions experienced larger food price increases than Yellowknife between September 2018 and September 2019.

Percentage Change in Prices - Transportation September 2018 to September 2019



Percentage Change in Prices - Food September 2018 to September 2019



Energy prices, which includes gasoline, declined by 4.4% over the last 12 months. This annual decline was a result of lower prices for fuel oil and other fuels (9.4%) and gasoline (8.7%) while electricity increased by 3.6%.



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, SEPTEMBER 2019
SELECTED INDEXES, YELLOWKNIFE (2002 = 100)

| | | | | % Change from | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | 19-Sep | 19-Aug | 18-Sep | 19-Aug | 18-Sep |
| A II v | 420.2 | 120.2 | 126.4 | 0.0 | 4.2 |
| All Items | 138.2 | 139.3 | 136.4 | -0.8 | 1.3 |
| Food | 146.5 | 146.6 | 143.7 | -0.1 | 1.9 |
| Food from Stores | 144.5 | 144.5 | 142.0 | - | 1.8 |
| Food from Restaurants | 152.1 | 152.1 | 148.3 | - | 2.6 |
| Shelter | 159.5 | 159.1 | 157.8 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Water, Fuel & Electricity | 206.2 | 204.1 | 209.8 | 1.0 | -1.7 |
| Household Operations & Furnishings | 112.4 | 113.3 | 113.5 | -0.8 | -1.0 |
| Household Operations | 120.7 | 121.9 | 122.0 | -1.0 | -1.1 |
| Household Furnishings | 94.4 | 94.6 | 94.8 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 109.5 | 108.1 | 107.5 | 1.3 | 1.9 |
| Clothing | 102.0 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Footwear | 96.4 | 96.7 | 96.5 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| Clothing Accessories & Jewellery | 161.9 | 161.8 | 154.0 | 0.1 | 5.1 |
| Clothing Material, Notions & Services | 142.5 | 142.5 | 142.5 | - | - |
| Transportation | 136.1 | 141.6 | 132.7 | -3.9 | 2.6 |
| Private Transportation | 132.8 | 132.5 | 130.0 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| Public Transportation | 155.2 | 188.7 | 148.2 | -17.8 | 4.7 |
| Health & Personal Care | 127.3 | 127.3 | 125.0 | _ | 1.8 |
| Health Care | 124.3 | 124.6 | 129.6 | -0.2 | -4.1 |
| Personal Care | 130.0 | 129.8 | 118.0 | 0.2 | 10.2 |
| Recreation, Education & Reading | 109.5 | 109.7 | 107.9 | -0.2 | 1.5 |
| Recreation | 105.4 | 105.4 | 103.3 | - | 2.0 |
| Education & Reading | 132.6 | 134.3 | 134.6 | -1.3 | -1.5 |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products | 181.5 | 181.4 | 178.9 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| Alcoholic Beverages | 146.2 | 146.3 | 146.5 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies | 236.5 | 235.9 | 227.0 | 0.3 | 4.2 |
| SPECIAL AGGREGATES: | | | | | |
| All-Items Excluding: | | | | | |
| Food | 136.6 | 138.0 | 135.0 | -1.0 | 1.2 |
| Energy | 133.6 | 134.9 | 131.1 | -1.0 | 1.9 |
| Shelter | 129.3 | 130.9 | 127.4 | -1.2 | 1.5 |
| Alcoholic Beverages | 137.9 | 139.1 | 136.1 | -0.9 | 1.3 |
| Tobacco Products | 136.7 | 137.9 | 134.9 | -0.9 | 1.3 |
| ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS: | | | | | |
| Energy | 188.4 | 186.0 | 197.0 | 1.3 | -4.4 |
| Electricity | 202.4 | 202.4 | 195.4 | - | 3.6 |
| Fuel Oil And Other Fuels | 236.0 | 230.9 | 260.5 | 2.2 | -9.4 |
| Natural Gas | | | | | |
| Gasoline | 152.7 | 150.5 | 167.2 | 1.5 | -8.7 |
| 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.

Next release of CPI: November 20, 2019.