

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
August 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	August '05 Index	% Change from July '05	% Change from August '04	August '05 Index	% Change from July '05	% Change from August '04
All Items	130.4	0.8	3.0	128.0	0.4	2.6
Food	129.8	0.1	2.7	128.5	-0.1	2.6
Shelter	130.3	0.0	4.2	124.4	-0.1	2.9
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.0	-0.1	1.1	115.8	0.1	0.7
Clothing & Footwear	110.3	4.9	-1.3	102.2	1.3	0.4
Transportation	152.2	2.6	6.1	153.1	1.9	5.8
Health & Personal Care	117.3	-0.1	0.7	121.1	-0.3	1.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	132.9	-0.1	0.0	128.4	-0.1	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.3	0.0	3.1	148.0	0.2	2.3
<i>Energy</i>	<i>172.8</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>171.4</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>12.5</i>

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's August 2005 all-items CPI index of 128.8 (1992=100) rose 0.7% from last month and increased 2.5% over August 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.8% in August; it increased 3.0% over August 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
 - women's clothing (+14.2%); footwear (+5.6%)
 - gasoline (+6.6)
 - fresh or frozen pork (+4.7%); fresh vegetables (+4.3%)
 - purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+1.7%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
 - household textiles (-10.8%)
 - fresh or frozen beef (-4.6%); other cereal grains & cereal products (-3.6%)
 - traveller accommodation (-2.2%)
 - men's clothing (-1.3%)
 - automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-0.3%)

Canada

- From July 2005 to August, all-items CPI increased 0.4% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.6% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
 - gasoline (+6.6%) - all provinces experienced price increases ranging from 2.3% in PE to 7.0% in ON
 - purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.8%) - slightly lower incentives offered by car manufacturers and reduction of discounts offered to consumers by some dealers
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
 - fresh vegetables (-5.3%) - abundance of local harvests; fresh fruit (-2.9%) - local harvests started becoming available
 - natural gas (-3.3%) - due to the 13.8% price decrease in Alberta—prices in most other provinces remained stable