

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
October 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Oct '05 Index	% Change from Sept '05	% Change from Oct '04	Oct '05 Index	% Change from Sept '05	% Change from Oct '04
All Items	131.6	-0.5	3.5	128.5	-0.5	2.6
Food	128.6	-0.7	1.7	127.7	0.3	1.9
Shelter	134.8	0.8	6.1	126.0	0.6	3.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.9	-0.1	1.1	115.7	-0.4	0.6
Clothing & Footwear	112.4	-1.9	-1.1	104.5	-1.2	-0.9
Transportation	152.3	-2.6	6.4	153.3	-2.4	6.0
Health & Personal Care	117.6	0.0	1.2	121.2	0.1	1.8
Recreation, Education & Reading	134.2	0.2	1.0	128.0	-0.9	-0.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.2	-0.1	3.1	147.9	-0.3	2.4
<i>Energy</i>	<i>180.6</i>	<i>-3.6</i>	<i>17.7</i>	<i>175.8</i>	<i>-4.6</i>	<i>13.5</i>

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's October 2005 all-items CPI index of 129.9 (1992=100) declined 0.5% from last month and increased 3.0% over October 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.5% in October; it increased 3.5% over October 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
 - fresh vegetables (+5.7%); bakery products (+2.9%)
 - property taxes (including special charges) (+5.3)
 - recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (+3.4%)
 - fuel oil and other fuel (+2.3)
 - purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.5)
- Since last month, price declines of particular note included:
 - traveller accommodation (-9.9)
 - fresh or frozen beef (-9.8%); non-alcoholic beverages (-6.8%); processed meat (-5.2%)
 - gasoline (-8.5%)
 - footwear (-6.2%)
 - homeowners' maintenance & repairs (-3.5%)

Canada

- From September 2005 to October, all-items CPI decreased 0.5% 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 notable higher prices included:
 - purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.6%)—less generous financial incentives from manufacturers
 - property taxes (+3.2%)—changes in property taxes are reflected in the CPI once a year in October. The biggest jump in rates was recorded in NB (+7.3%), while SK enjoyed lower rates (-0.2%).
- Price declines of note included:
 - traveller accommodation (off-season rates) (-9.2%)— lower hotel rates
 - gasoline (-8.9%)—result of lower wholesale prices and lower crude oil prices on the world market
 - women's clothing (-3.9%)—discount sales a normal occurrence this time of year. This month-over-month drop was the highest recorded for an October since the introduction of this series in 1982.