

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
November 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Nov '05 Index	% Change from Oct '05	% Change from Nov '04	Nov '05 Index	% Change from Oct '05	% Change from Nov '04
All Items	130.7	-0.7	2.3	128.2	-0.2	2.0
Food	129.6	0.8	1.3	128.4	0.5	1.4
Shelter	134.2	-0.4	4.9	126.1	0.1	3.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.8	-0.1	0.8	116.2	0.4	1.0
Clothing & Footwear	109.5	-2.6	-3.9	101.8	-2.6	-1.4
Transportation	149.4	-1.9	3.2	152.2	-0.7	3.7
Health & Personal Care	118.2	0.5	0.8	121.7	0.4	2.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	132.4	-1.3	0.9	127.1	-0.7	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.3	0.1	3.1	148.3	0.3	2.5
<i>Energy</i>	<i>167.7</i>	<i>-7.1</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>165.1</i>	<i>-6.1</i>	<i>8.8</i>

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's November 2005 all-items CPI index of 129.1 (1992=100) decreased 0.6% from last month and increased 1.9% over November 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.7% in November; it increased 2.3% over November 2004.
- Notable decreases from the previous month were recorded for:
 - traveller accommodation (-13.6%)
 - gasoline (-13.4%); fuel oil and other fuel (-3.0%)
 - sugar & confectionery (-8.4%)
 - footwear (-4.2%); women's clothing (-2.8%)
 - recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (-2.1%)
- Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
 - fresh or frozen beef (+12.1%); fresh vegetables (+3.4%); processed meat (+2.9%)
 - purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+5.3%); automotive vehicle parts, maintenance & repairs (+1.5%)
 - food purchased from restaurants (+0.5%)

Canada

- From October 2005 to November, all-items CPI decreased 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.0% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
 - gasoline (-11.2%)—result of lower wholesale prices and lower crude oil prices on the world market.
 - traveller accommodation (-11.0%)—normal November demand.
- Offsetting price increases of note included:
 - purchasing and leasing automotive vehicles (+5.0%)—reflecting prices for 2006 models.
 - fresh vegetables- (9.9%)—higher prices particularly for green peppers, cauliflower, celery and cucumbers.