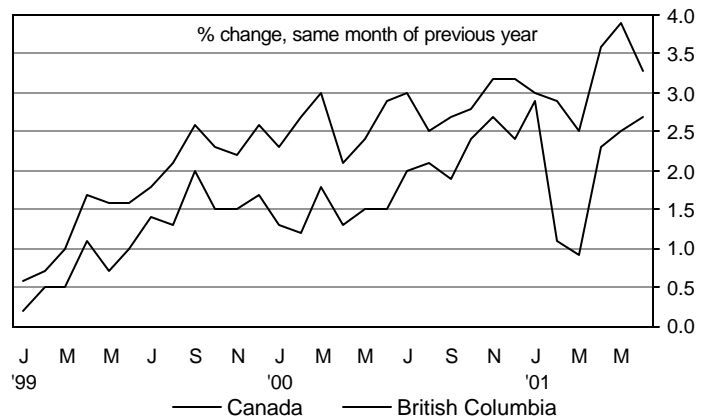


Consumer Price Index ♦ June 2001

Highlights

- British Columbia's year-over-year inflation rate was 2.7% in June 2001. This is the third consecutive month that consumer prices in BC rose more than 2.0% from a year ago. The smallest 12-month increase was in Newfoundland at 1.9% while Alberta posted the greatest increase at 5.5%. Canada's increase was 3.3% for the same period.
- Of the metropolitan areas, St. John's recorded the lowest year-over-year increase in prices at 1.9%. Prices in Victoria rose 2.0%, while Vancouver experienced a 2.8% increase compared to last June. The highest increases were seen in Calgary at 5.8% and Edmonton at 5.4%.
- BC's energy prices, which include natural gas, home heating oil, electricity and motor gasoline, rose 14.8% from last June, driven primarily by natural gas prices which increased 54.0% from the same month a year ago. Price increases from last June for home heating oil (+5.9%), motor gasoline (+11.2%) and electricity (+0.4%) are continuing to moderate.
- Also contributing to inflation in BC from last June are higher prices for fresh vegetables (+13.4%), fresh fruit (+12.9%), meat (+8.6%), fish and other seafood (+7.4%), and reading material (+5.5%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for household furnishings (-3.7%), children's clothing (-2.9%), and women's clothing (-2.0%).
- BC's consumer price index, excluding food and energy, rose 1.2% compared to a year ago. The comparable figure for Canada was 2.0%.

	1992=100	Index		% Change From	
		June 2001	May 2001	June 2001	June 2000
Canada	117.5	117.4	117.5	0.1	3.3
BC	116.3	116.3	116.3	0.6	2.7
Vancouver	117.0	117.0	117.0	0.6	2.8
Victoria	115.4	115.4	115.4	0.5	2.0



1992=100	Latest 12-month Average Index	Latest 12-month Average % Change
Canada	115.3	3.0
BC	114.4	2.1
Vancouver	115.2	2.6
Victoria	113.8	1.6

Note:
 Statistics Canada will release the July issue of the Consumer Price Index on August 21, 2001.