

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
April 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Apr '05 Index	% Change from Mar '05	% Change from Apr '04	Apr '05 Index	% Change from Mar '05	% Change from Apr '04
All Items	128.9	0.5	3.0	126.9	0.3	2.4
Food	129.1	0.3	4.7	128.3	0.9	4.0
Shelter	129.4	0.5	4.2	123.4	0.3	3.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.9	0.7	1.0	115.5	-0.2	-0.1
Clothing & Footwear	111.0	-1.7	1.9	102.9	-2.9	-0.9
Transportation	147.9	1.2	4.7	149.5	0.8	4.2
Health & Personal Care	117.4	0.3	1.0	120.9	0.8	1.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	130.3	0.2	-0.2	126.8	0.0	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	155.3	0.9	1.7	146.5	0.1	3.0
<i>Energy</i>	<i>162.4</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>161.9</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>10.7</i>

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's April 2005 all-items CPI index of 127.4 (1992=100) rose 0.4% from last month and increased 2.7% over April 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.5% in March; it increased 3.0% over April 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
 - gasoline (+5.4%)
 - fresh vegetables (+4.7%); bakery products (+4.2%)
 - furniture (+3.8%)
 - fuel oil & other fuel (+3.4%)
 - purchase & operation of recreational vehicles (+2.3%)
 - automotive vehicle parts, maintenance & repairs (+1.7%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
 - fresh or frozen pork (-6.4%), fresh or frozen chicken (-5.1%)
 - footwear (-4.3%); men's clothing (-3.2%); women's clothing (-1.0%)
 - inter-city transportation (-2.3%)
 - purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.7%)

Canada

- From March 2005 to April, all-items CPI increased 0.3% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.4% 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 (+5.2%)—increases ranged from 3.1% in Quebec to 9.6% in British Columbia.
 - electricity (+2.8%)—pushed up 6.6% in Ontario due to rate increase April 1. Saskatchewan was the only province where prices declined.
 - fresh vegetables (+5.5%)—poor weather conditions for harvests were main reason for increase.
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
 - women's clothing (-6.8%)—following increase in March, prices declined due to many specials typical of this month.
 - purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.6%)—increased financial incentives).
 - natural gas (-3.8%)—decreases in Ontario (-12.9%), although Alberta and Alberta showed increases of 15.9% and +2.1% respectively and other provinces remained stable.