

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
May 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	May '05 Index	% Change from Apr '05	% Change from May '04	May '05 Index	% Change from Apr '05	% Change from May '04
All Items	129.1	0.2	2.5	127.0	0.1	1.6
Food	129.1	0.0	4.5	128.5	0.2	3.3
Shelter	130.4	0.8	4.7	123.6	0.2	3.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.0	0.1	2.0	115.6	0.1	0.2
Clothing & Footwear	112.2	1.1	3.5	102.3	-0.6	-0.5
Transportation	146.6	-0.9	0.2	149.0	-0.3	0.5
Health & Personal Care	117.2	-0.2	1.2	120.7	-0.2	1.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	131.0	0.5	-0.6	127.5	0.6	-0.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	156.8	1.0	2.5	147.6	0.8	2.9
Energy	162.2	-0.1	6.6	158.8	-1.9	1.7

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's May 2005 all-items CPI index of 127.6 (1992=100) rose 0.3% from last month and increased 3.0% over May 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.2% in May; it increased 2.5% over May 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
 - electricity (+6.1%)
 - traveller accommodation (+5.4%)
 - footwear (+3.6%); women's clothing (+2.6%)
 - cigarettes (+1.1%)
 - purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.5%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
 - sugar & confectionery (-9.9%); non-alcoholic beverages (-6.0%)
 - children's clothing (-4.3%)
 - gasoline (-3.3%); fuel oil & other fuel (-0.5%)
 - automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-2.4%)
 - personal care supplies & equipment (-0.9%)

Canada

- From April 2005 to May, all-items CPI increased 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.6% 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:
 - fresh fruit (+7.2%)—seasonal increase
 - purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.6%)—reductions in financial incentives offered by some auto manufacturers
 - homeowners' maintenance & repairs (+2.4%)—of the provinces that experienced increase, Quebec at +3.9% and Alberta at +3.8% showed the highest increases
 - traveller accommodation (+5.8%)—price increase related to advent of summer seasons.
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
 - gasoline (-3.1%)—eight provinces posted declines ranging from 0.9% in NB to 4.7% in SK.