

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)
July 2005 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	July '05 Index	% Change from June '05	% Change from July '04	July '05 Index	% Change from June '05	% Change from July '04
All Items	129.4	0.3	2.1	127.5	0.2	2.0
Food	129.7	0.6	2.9	128.6	-0.2	2.4
Shelter	130.3	0.0	4.3	124.5	0.6	3.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.1	0.2	1.3	115.7	0.0	0.7
Clothing & Footwear	105.1	-3.2	-3.1	100.9	-0.4	0.0
Transportation	148.4	0.9	2.1	150.3	0.4	2.8
Health & Personal Care	117.4	0.0	0.7	121.5	0.3	1.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	133.0	1.0	-0.2	128.5	0.5	-0.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.3	1.0	3.1	147.7	0.0	2.4
<i>Energy</i>	<i>167.7</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>166.3</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>9.2</i>

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's July 2005 all-items CPI index of 127.9 (1992=100) rose 0.3% from last month and increased 1.8% over July 2004.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.3% in July; it increased 2.1% over July 2004.
- Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
 - traveller accommodations (+11.2%)
 - fresh and frozen beef (+10.3%); non-alcoholic beverages (+6.8%)
 - liquor purchased from stores (+7.8%)
 - gasoline (+5.6%)
 - cablevision (including Pay TV) (+3.0%)
 - men's clothing (+3.0%)
- Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
 - women's clothing (-11.2%)
 - fresh or frozen chicken (-4.6%); fresh vegetables (-3.1%)
 - footwear (-1.7%)
 - purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.5%)
 - recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (-1.2%)
 - automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-1.1%)

Canada

- From June 2005 to July, all-items CPI increased 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 higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
 - gasoline (+4.0%)—all provinces experienced price increases, ranging from 1.9% in BC to 6.4% in NB
 - natural gas (+10.7%)—most significant increase since October 2002; provinces most affected included AB (+27.6%), ON (+7.8%), BC (+4.4%) and QC (+2.1%)
 - traveller accommodations (+5.5%)—all provinces except NL (-4.0%) recorded increases ranging from 3.6% in MB to 11.2% in NS—key reason being peak tourist season
- Offsetting price declines of note included:
 - purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.7%)—increase in financial incentives offered by auto vehicle manufacturers
 - fresh vegetables (-5.0%)—availability of new local harvest lowered prices. QC exhibited the largest decline (-11.0%) and all other provinces showed decreases except SK