

**Consumer Price Index (1992=100)
April 2006**

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Apr'06 Index	% Change from Mar'06	% Change from Apr'05	Apr'06 Index	% Change from Mar'06	% Change from Apr'05
All-Items	132.9	1.2	3.1	130.0	0.5	2.4
Food	131.0	-0.2	1.5	130.0	-0.2	1.3
Shelter	135.8	1.8	4.9	127.7	0.3	3.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.8	0.0	-0.1	116.4	-0.1	0.8
Clothing & Footwear	109.9	-1.8	-1.0	100.8	-2.4	-2.0
Transportation	157.8	4.2	6.7	158.5	3.3	6.0
Health & Personal Care	118.6	0.3	1.0	122.3	0.3	1.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	131.9	0.2	1.2	126.6	0.0	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	160.0	0.5	3.0	150.7	0.3	2.9
<i>Energy</i>	<i>185.8</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>180.1</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>11.2</i>
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	<i>126.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>126.1</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>1.6</i>

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's April 2006 all-items CPI index of 131.2 (1992=100) rose 1.2 per cent from last month and increased 3.0 per cent over April 2005.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 1.2 per cent in April 2006; it increased 3.1 per cent over April 2005.

Notable increases:

- gasoline (+14.2 per cent); fuel oil and other fuel (+3.1 per cent)
- electricity (+8.6 per cent)
- fresh or frozen beef (+4.3 per cent)
- homeowners' maintenance & repairs (+2.9 per cent)
- purchase and operation of recreational vehicles (+2.9 per cent)
- automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+2.2 per cent)

Notable decreases:

- women's clothing (-5.2 per cent)
- fresh fruit (-5.1 per cent); other cereal grains & cereal products (-3.1 per cent); fresh or frozen chicken (-2.9 per cent)
- furniture (-2.1 per cent)
- personal care supplies & equipment (-1.0 per cent)
- purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.6 per cent)

Canada's all-items CPI, from March to April 2006, increased 0.5 per cent; Canadians paid 2.4 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

Notable increases:

- gasoline (+13.5 per cent)—the strongest monthly change in the index since May 2004 with every province posting increases in excess of 12 per cent, the lowest being AB at 12.4 per cent and the highest in PE at 17.2 per cent
- air transportation (+4.7 per cent)—largely due to higher rates for some international flights
- homeowner's replacement cost (+0.8 per cent)—largest increase was reported in Alberta at 4.2 per cent

Notable decreases:

- women's clothing (-5.8 per cent)—typical occurrence between March and April after new spring lines brought out in March
- natural gas (-3.7 per cent)—wide fluctuation across the country; ON posted the largest decrease at 11.2 per cent due to approval of lower prices while AB posted a 28.2 per cent gain due to provincial government approval to remove a rebate
- automotive vehicles purchase and leasing (-0.7 per cent)—some manufacturers offered financial incentives