

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	May'06 Index	%Change from Apr'06	% Change from May'05	May'06 Index	% Change from Apr'06	% Change from May'05
All-Items	133.2	0.2	3.2	130.6	0.5	2.8
Food	131.9	0.7	2.2	130.7	0.5	1.7
Shelter	136.6	0.6	4.8	128.6	0.7	4.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.4	0.5	0.4	116.5	0.1	0.8
Clothing & Footwear	108.1	-1.6	-3.7	101.1	0.3	-1.2
Transportation	156.6	-0.8	6.8	158.4	-0.1	6.3
Health & Personal Care	120.0	1.2	2.4	122.6	0.2	1.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	133.3	1.1	1.8	128.3	1.3	0.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	160.0	0.0	2.0	150.5	-0.1	2.0
<i>Energy</i>	<i>186.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>181.2</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>14.1</i>
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	<i>127.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>126.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>1.8</i>

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's May 2006 all-items CPI index of 131.5 (1992=100) rose 0.2 per cent from last month and increased 3.1 per cent over May 2005.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.2 per cent in May 2006; it increased 3.2 per cent over May 2005.

Since last month notable increases included:

- traveller accommodation (+15.9 per cent)
- fresh fruit (+5.1 per cent); non-alcoholic beverages (+3.0 per cent); processed meat (+2.8 per cent)
- fuel oil and other fuel (+4.3 per cent)
- personal care services (+3.2 per cent)

Notable decreases:

- footwear (-5.0 per cent); women's clothing (-2.5 per cent)
- household textiles (-4.6 per cent)
- fresh or frozen chicken (-3.3 per cent)
- gasoline (-2.1 per cent)
- homeowners' maintenance & repairs (-1.9 per cent)
- purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.6 per cent)

Canada's all-items CPI, from April to May 2006, increased 0.5 per cent; Canadians paid 2.8 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

Since last month notable increases:

- traveller accommodation (+17.3 per cent)—normal start of seasonal summer rates; however, the fluctuation is greater this year as many cities across the nation posted very high occupancy rates
- electricity prices (+3.9 per cent)—mainly due to 11.0 per cent increase in Ontario that took effect in May

Notable decreases:

- gasoline prices (-0.8 per cent)—pump prices fluctuated across Canada ranging from decline of 3.3 per cent in Ontario to an increase of 5.2 per cent in British Columbia
- purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.5 per cent)—pushed by financial incentives offered by some auto manufacturers
- natural gas (-0.8 per cent)—3.8 per cent decline in Alberta offset 2.4 per cent gain in Quebec.

CPI for June 2006 will be released July 21, 2006