

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	June'06 Index	% Change from May'06	% Change from June'05	June'06 Index	% Change from May'06	% Change from June'05
All-Items	133.0	-0.2	3.1	130.4	-0.2	2.5
Food	133.3	1.1	3.4	131.4	0.5	1.9
Shelter	136.7	0.1	4.9	128.4	-0.2	3.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.8	-0.5	-0.1	116.2	-0.3	0.4
Clothing & Footwear	102.3	-5.4	-5.8	99.0	-2.1	-2.3
Transportation	155.5	-0.7	5.7	157.7	-0.4	5.3
Health & Personal Care	120.1	0.1	2.3	122.6	0.0	1.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	133.9	0.5	1.7	127.9	-0.3	0.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	160.0	0.0	2.0	150.5	0.0	1.9
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	185.5	-0.3	13.5	179.4	-1.0	11.5
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	126.8	-0.2	1.6	126.5	-0.2	1.5

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's June 2006 all-items CPI index of 131.3 (1992=100) decreased 0.2 per cent from last month and increased 3.0 per cent over June 2005.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.2 per cent in June 2006; it increased 3.1 per cent over June 2005.

Since last month notable increases:

- traveller accommodations (+9.3 per cent)
- fresh vegetables (+6.3 per cent); non-alcoholic beverages (+5.3 per cent); fresh or frozen chicken (+3.9 per cent); food purchased from restaurants (+2.6 per cent)
- inter-city transportation (+2.1 per cent)

Notable decreases:

- children's clothing (-9.0 per cent); women's clothing (-7.8 per cent); men's clothing (-7.3 per cent)
- sugar and confectionery (-4.2 per cent)
- automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-2.2 per cent)
- purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.9 per cent)
- gasoline (-0.5 per cent)

Canada's all-items CPI, from May to June 2006, declined 0.2 per cent; Canadians paid 2.5 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

Since last month notable increases:

- fresh fruit (+4.0 per cent)—cost of all fresh fruit increased, e.g., apples, oranges, bananas, etc.
- homeowner's replacement cost (+0.7 per cent)—largely due to a 4.5 per cent increase in Alberta

Notable decreases:

- natural gas prices (-7.0 per cent)—AB experienced a 33.0 per cent decline due to lower prices for gas and from a credit from a gas distributor; natural gas prices fell 2.0 per cent in QC
- women's clothing (-2.8 per cent) and men's clothing (-2.5 per cent)—impacted by clearance sales
- purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.1 per cent)—affected by financial incentives offered by some automakers

Statistics Canada estimates that the Government of Canada's 1 per cent reduction in the GST to 6 per cent on July 1, 2006 will reduce the level of the CPI 0.6 per cent (assuming the entire decrease will be passed to consumers and price setting mechanisms are unchanged). The reduction would be less than 1.0 per cent as some products in the CPI index are GST-exempt.

CPI for July 2006 will be released August 22, 2006.