

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	July'06 Index	%Change from June'06	% Change from July'05	July'06 Index	% Change from June'06	% Change from July'05
<b>All-Items</b>	<b>133.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>130.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Food	134.1	0.6	3.4	131.4	0.0	2.2
Shelter	136.3	-0.3	4.6	128.8	0.3	3.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.9	-0.8	-1.1	115.4	-0.7	-0.3
Clothing & Footwear	105.3	2.9	0.2	98.4	-0.6	-2.5
Transportation	156.8	0.8	5.7	159.0	0.8	5.8
Health & Personal Care	118.7	-1.2	1.1	122.1	-0.4	0.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	134.4	0.4	1.1	127.9	0.0	-0.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	160.2	0.1	1.2	150.2	-0.2	1.7
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	187.9	1.3	12.0	184.0	2.6	10.6
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	126.9	0.1	1.7	126.3	-0.2	1.4

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Halifax Metro's** July 2006 all-items CPI index of 131.6 (1992=100) rose 0.2 per cent from last month and increased 2.9 per cent over July 2005.

**Nova Scotia's** overall monthly price index increased 0.2 per cent in July 2006; it increased 3.0 per cent over July 2005.

*Since last month notable increases:*

- women's clothing (+8.3 per cent); men's clothing (+3.9 per cent)
- fresh fruit (+6.6 per cent); fresh vegetables (+5.2 per cent)
- cablevision incl. Pay TV (+5.2 per cent)
- traveller accommodation (+4.9 per cent)
- gasoline (+3.7 per cent)

*Notable decreases:*

- footwear (-4.9 per cent)
- personal care supplies & equipment (-2.5 per cent)
- recreational equipment & services excl. vehicles (-1.8 per cent)
- telephone services (-0.9 per cent)
- electricity (-0.9 per cent)
- fuel oil & other fuel (-0.8 per cent)
- purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.8 per cent)

**Canada's** all-items CPI, from June to July 2006, increased 0.1 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.

*Since last month notable increases:*

- fresh fruit (+7.4 per cent)—upward trend for third month in a row; prices have increased 18.1 per cent since April.
- gasoline (+4.6 per cent)—increase after slight drop in previous two months despite GST reduction; ranged from increase of 6.4 per cent in QC and AB to low of 0.9 per cent in NL.

*Notable decreases:*

- purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.0 per cent)—the 1.0 per cent GST reduction impacted auto prices more than financial incentives offered by some car manufacturers to reduce inventory.
- telephone services (-0.9 per cent)—impacted by the 1.0 per cent reduction in GST effective July 1.
- restaurant meals (-0.7 per cent)—impacted by the 1.0 per cent reduction in GST effective July 1.

CPI for August 2006 will be released September 19, 2006.