

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Aug'06 Index	% Change from July'06	% Change from Aug'05	Aug'06 Index	% Change from July'06	% Change from Aug'05
<b>All-Items</b>	<b>133.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Food	134.4	0.2	3.5	131.3	-0.1	2.2
Shelter	136.7	0.3	4.9	129.1	0.2	3.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.0	0.1	-0.9	115.7	0.3	-0.1
Clothing & Footwear	103.8	-1.4	-5.9	100.4	2.0	-1.8
Transportation	156.9	0.1	3.1	158.6	-0.3	3.6
Health & Personal Care	119.2	0.4	1.6	121.9	-0.2	0.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	135.0	0.4	1.6	127.8	-0.1	-0.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	160.0	-0.1	1.1	150.5	0.2	1.7
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	<i>188.8</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>183.6</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>7.1</i>
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	<i>127.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>126.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>1.5</i>

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Halifax Metro's** August 2006 all-items CPI index of 131.8 (1992=100) rose 0.2 per cent from last month and increased 2.3 per cent over August 2005.

**Nova Scotia's** overall monthly price index increased 0.2 per cent in August 2006; it increased 2.4 per cent over August 2005.

*Since last month notable increases:*

- fresh or frozen pork (+8.3 per cent); sugar & confectionery (+4.2 per cent); other cereal grains & cereal products (+2.3 per cent)
- traveller accommodation (+6.4 per cent)
- homeowners' maintenance & repairs (+2.9 per cent)
- gasoline (+1.0 per cent)

*Notable decreases:*

- women's clothing (-4.0 per cent); footwear (-1.2 per cent)
- non-alcoholic beverages (-4.0 per cent); preserved fruit and fruit preparations (-2.3 per cent); bakery products (-0.8 per cent)
- purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.7 per cent)

**Canada's** all-items CPI, from July to August 2006, increased 0.2 per cent; Canadians paid 2.1 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

*Since last month notable increases:*

- men's clothing (+2.8 per cent)
- mortgage interest cost (+0.7 per cent)—a cost that has risen every month this year reflecting effect of higher mortgage rates and appreciation in the value of new properties
- homeowners' replacement cost (+0.7 per cent)—related to appreciation of new properties

*Notable decreases:*

- fresh vegetables (-4.1 per cent)—local availability of more variety of different vegetables
- natural gas (-3.0 per cent)—driven by 12.0 per cent slide in Alberta, a province that experiences wide fluctuations from one month to another
- purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.8 per cent)—car manufacturers offered substantial discounts to clear out 2006 models