

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Sept'06 Index	% Change from Aug'06	% Change from Sept'05	Sept'06 Index	% Change from Aug'06	% Change from Sept'05
All-Items	132.5	-0.7	0.2	130.0	-0.5	0.7
Food	133.9	-0.4	3.4	130.9	-0.3	2.8
Shelter	136.5	-0.1	2.1	129.8	0.5	3.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.8	1.6	0.7	116.1	0.3	-0.1
Clothing & Footwear	109.7	5.7	-4.3	103.6	3.2	-2.1
Transportation	148.6	-5.3	-5.0	151.6	-4.4	-3.4
Health & Personal Care	119.1	-0.1	1.3	122.5	0.5	1.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	135.4	0.3	1.1	128.3	0.4	-0.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	160.6	0.4	1.5	150.8	0.2	1.7
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	<i>171.8</i>	<i>-9.0</i>	<i>-8.3</i>	<i>166.9</i>	<i>-9.1</i>	<i>-9.4</i>
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	<i>127.8</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>127.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>1.8</i>

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's September 2006 all-items CPI index of 131.0 (1992=100) decreased 0.6 per cent from last month and increased 0.4 per cent over September 2005.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.7 per cent in September 2006; it increased 0.2 per cent over September 2005.

Since last month notable increases:

- women's clothing (+14.1 per cent); men's clothing (+2.8 per cent)
- furniture (+7.9 per cent)
- tuition fees (+4.8 per cent)
- homeowners' maintenance & repairs (+1.7 per cent)
- food purchased from restaurants (+0.8 per cent)
- purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.6 per cent)

Notable decreases:

- gasoline (-17.1 per cent); fuel oil & other fuel (-2.8 per cent)
- fresh vegetables (-9.2 per cent); fresh or frozen beef (-4.5 per cent); fresh fruit (-3.7 per cent)
- traveller accommodation (-4.9 per cent)
- purchase & operation of recreational vehicles (-2.2 per cent)

Canada's all-items CPI, from August to September 2006, declined 0.5 per cent, the most pronounced decrease since October 2005; Canadians paid 0.7 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

Since last month notable increases:

- Women's clothing (+8.5 per cent)—launch of new fall collections
- natural gas prices (+6.3 per cent)—largest increase in AB at 31.9 per cent
- tuition fees (+3.0 per cent)—particularly noted, a 5.7 per cent increase in Ontario
- purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (+1.0 per cent)—decrease in manufacturers incentives

Notable decreases:

- gasoline (-17.4 per cent)—reduction in all provinces ranging from 12.7 per cent in NL to 20.7 per cent in AB; a decline of this magnitude has never been observed since the introduction of gasoline to the CPI basket.
- fruit & vegetables (-4.6 per cent)—seasonal considerations

CPI for October 2006 will be released November 22, 2006.