

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Oct'06 Index	%Change from Sept'06	% Change from Oct'05	Oct'06 Index	% Change from Sept'06	% Change from Oct'05
All-Items	131.9	-0.5	0.2	129.7	-0.2	0.9
Food	133.7	-0.1	4.0	131.4	0.4	2.9
Shelter	135.2	-1.0	0.3	129.9	0.1	3.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	115.1	0.3	1.1	116.3	0.2	0.5
Clothing & Footwear	111.0	1.2	-1.2	102.8	-0.8	-1.6
Transportation	146.8	-1.2	-3.6	150.1	-1.0	-2.1
Health & Personal Care	119.0	-0.1	1.2	122.6	0.1	1.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	134.5	-0.7	0.2	127.5	-0.6	-0.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	161.1	0.3	1.8	151.0	0.1	2.1
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	163.3	-4.9	-9.6	160.5	-3.8	-8.7
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	128.0	0.2	1.7	127.3	0.2	2.0

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's October 2006 all-items CPI index of 130.6 (1992=100) declined 0.3 per cent from last month and increased 0.5 per cent over October 2005.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.5 per cent in October 2006; it increased 0.2 per cent over October 2005.

Since last month notable increases:

- fresh vegetables (+7.8 per cent); bakery products (+3.0 per cent)
- property taxes (including special charges) (4.9 per cent)
- footwear (+6.3 per cent)
- recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (+3.7 per cent)

Notable decreases:

- traveller accommodation (-13.9 per cent)
- fresh or frozen pork (-12.9 per cent); fresh or frozen beef (-5.6 per cent); non-alcoholic beverages (-5.4 per cent); processed meat (-3.8 per cent)
- fuel oil and other fuel (-10.8 per cent); gasoline (-4.3 per cent)

Canada's all-items CPI, from September to October 2006, decreased 0.2 per cent; Canadians paid 0.9 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 vegetables (+7.4 per cent)—which is a normal occurrence at this time of year marking the end of local grown harvests
- property taxes (+3.0 per cent)—except for NL & BC, other provinces experienced substantial increases, ranging from 2.6 per cent in MB to 7.0 per cent in PEI, with the increase in NS 4.9 per cent

Notable decreases:

- natural gas (-11.4 per cent)—driven by a 30.3 per cent reduction in prices in AB
- gasoline (-4.0 per cent)—ranged from -1.8 per cent in ON to -10.1 per cent in NB, with the decrease 4.3 per cent in NS

CPI for November 2006 will be released December 19, 2006.