

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Dec'06 Index	% Change from Nov'06	% Change from Dec'05	Dec'06 Index	% Change from Nov'06	% Change from Dec'05
All-Items	131.9	-0.2	0.8	130.2	0.2	1.6
Food	134.1	-0.4	2.4	132.2	-0.2	2.2
Shelter	134.5	-0.4	1.1	130.5	0.5	3.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.5	-0.6	0.8	116.3	0.0	0.1
Clothing & Footwear	104.4	-5.8	-6.3	98.4	-3.5	-2.0
Transportation	150.9	2.0	-0.1	153.4	1.2	0.9
Health & Personal Care	119.3	-0.6	1.4	122.7	-0.4	1.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	132.9	-0.6	0.9	126.5	-0.4	-0.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	163.2	0.2	3.2	152.2	0.7	3.2
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	164.8	1.8	-1.6	164.8	2.7	1.5
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	127.9	-0.5	1.1	127.5	-0.1	1.7

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's December 2006 all-items CPI index of 130.6 (1992=100) decreased 0.2 per cent from last month and increased 1.0 per cent over December 2005. **The 2006 annual all-items index of 130.7 was 2.0 per cent over 2005.**

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index declined 0.2 per cent in December 2006; it increased 0.8 per cent over December 2005. **The 2006 annual all-items index of 132.3 was 2.1 per cent over 2005.**

Since last month notable increases:

- gasoline (+6.6%)
- non-alcoholic beverages (+2.2%)
- inter-city transportation (+2.1%)
- cigarettes (+0.4%)
- purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.2%)

Notable decreases:

- women's clothing (-11.7%), children's clothing (-11.1%), men's clothing (-3.5%)
- fuel oil and other fuel (-4.6%)
- furniture (-3.4%); home entertainment equipment & services (-2.3%)
- recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (-1.9%)

Canada's all-items CPI, from November to December 2006, increased 0.2 per cent; Canadians paid 1.6 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago. **The 2006 annual all-items index of 129.9 was 2.0 per cent over 2005.**

Since last month notable increases:

- gasoline (+4.1%—increases across Canada except MB (-0.1%); (highest PE at +6.8%, NS was +6.6%)
- cigarettes (+1.7%)
- household maintenance and repairs (+1.7%); mortgage interest cost (+0.4%)

Notable decreases:

- women's clothing (-5.4%) and men's clothing (-4.1%)—discounts associated with fall sales and holidays sale pricing
- non-alcoholic beverages (-3.3%)—result of holiday season discounts on soft drinks

CPI for January 2007 will be released February 20, 2007.