

**Consumer Price Index (1992=100)  
February 2007**

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Feb'07 Index	%Change from Jan'07	% Change from Feb'06	Feb'07 Index	% Change from Jan'07	% Change from Feb'06
<b>All-Items</b>	<b>133.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>131.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Food	138.1	2.1	4.9	135.5	1.5	4.1
Shelter	133.8	0.1	0.1	130.7	0.0	2.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	115.9	1.0	1.9	117.2	0.6	0.5
Clothing & Footwear	110.9	7.3	5.7	100.4	1.3	0.0
Transportation	149.9	-0.4	0.1	153.6	0.9	1.4
Health & Personal Care	119.7	0.2	1.9	123.0	0.2	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	133.3	0.8	1.4	126.5	0.9	0.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	165.4	0.9	4.7	153.5	0.0	3.1
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	161.1	-0.4	-3.5	164.7	1.5	0.0
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	129.5	1.1	2.7	128.5	0.6	2.2

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Halifax Metro's** February 2007 all-items CPI index of 131.7 (1992=100) increased 0.9 per cent from last month and increased 2.1 per cent over February 2006.

**Nova Scotia's** overall monthly price index increased 0.9 per cent in February 2007; it increased 1.9 per cent over February 2006.

*Since last month notable increases:*

- Women's clothing (19.3%)
- Non-Alcoholic beverages (8.1%)
- Fresh vegetables (6.9%)
- Purchasing and leasing of automotive vehicles (0.5%)

*Notable declines since last month included:*

- Automotive Vehicle insurance premiums (2.6%)
- Gasoline (1.2%)
- Inter-city transportation (0.9%)
- Homeowners maintenance and repairs (0.7%)
- Fresh or frozen chicken (0.7%)

**Canada's** all-items CPI, from January to February 2007, increased 0.7 per cent; Canadians paid 2.0 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

*Since last month notable increases:*

- Gasoline (3.8%)-shortages caused by a refinery fire
- Fresh Vegetables (12.0%)-cool temperatures on the West Coast of the United States
- Travel tours (11.3%)-February is the peak travel month for southern vacations
- Men's clothing (2.9%)-fewer sales and smaller discounts
- Non-alcoholic beverages (3.9%)

*Notable declines since last month included:*

- Natural gas (2.9%)

CPI for March 2007 will be released April 19, 2007.