

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Apr'07 Index	%Change from Mar'07	% Change from Apr'06	Apr'07 Index	% Change from Mar'07	% Change from Apr'06
All-Items	134.7	0.5	1.4	132.8	0.4	2.2
Food	137.4	0.1	4.9	135.0	0.0	3.8
Shelter	135.9	1.2	0.1	132.2	0.7	3.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	114.6	-0.8	0.7	117.5	0.0	0.9
Clothing & Footwear	111.1	0.5	1.1	102.8	0.3	2.0
Transportation	157.6	1.2	-0.1	159.4	0.8	0.6
Health & Personal Care	120.9	0.3	1.9	123.4	0.4	0.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	133.6	0.5	1.3	127.5	0.1	0.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	167.3	0.6	4.6	153.9	0.3	2.1
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	179.3	3.4	-3.5	180.3	2.4	0.1
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	129.5	0.2	2.2	129.1	0.2	2.4

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's April 2007 all-items CPI index of 133.2 (1992=100) increased 0.5 per cent from last month and increased 1.5 per cent over April 2006.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index rose 0.5 per cent in April 2007; it increased 1.4 per cent over April 2006.

Since last month notable increases:

- electricity (+4.6%)
- automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+3.5%); automotive vehicle parts, maintenance & repairs (+2.4%)
- fuel oil & other fuel (+3.1%); gasoline (+3.0%)
- health care services (+2.2%)
- cigarettes (+0.9%)

Notable declines since last month:

- furniture (-5.3%)
- fresh fruit (-5.1%); non-alcoholic beverages (-4.0%); processed meat (-2.4%)
- footwear (-2.3%)
- household appliances (-2.1%)
- purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.1%)

Canada's all-items CPI, from March to April 2007, increased 0.4 per cent; Canadians paid 2.2 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 (+2.6%)—third month in a row experiencing increase, relatively moderate as compared to 12.5 per cent increase noted in March; except for ON's slight 0.2 per cent decline, prices increased in all other provinces, ranging from 3.0 per cent in NS to 7.1 per cent in BC.
- natural gas (+9.1%)—strongest rate of growth by this component since January 2001; mainly driven by 11.8 per cent increase in ON and 14.3 per cent increase in AB.
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- municipal water (+3.8%)—fastest gain since January 2006; most notable in AB (+6.5%) and ON (+4.7%).
- automotive repairs and maintenance (+2.4%)

Since last month notable declines:
-vehicle purchases & leases (-0.7%)—continued incentives offered to new vehicle purchasers brought declined pricing.
-non-alcoholic beverages (-4.7%)
-women's clothing (-1.2%)

CPI for May 2007 will be released June 19, 2007.

NOTE:

Effective June 19, 2007, Prices Division will be updating the 2001 consumer price index (CPI) basket of goods and services to the 2005 basket. Also, the base year will change from 1992 to 2002. This update of the CPI will reflect changes in the spending patterns of Canadian households, and is designed to ensure the CPI's reliability as a measure of inflation, a statistical series deflator and a tool for indexing various payments and transfers.

As a result of this update, several CANSIM tables will be terminated: 326-0001, 326-0002, 326-0016 to 326-0018. These tables will be replaced by new tables 326-0020 to 326-0022 which will contain historical and current data.