

**Consumer Price Index (2002=100)
May 2007**

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	May'07 Index	% Change from Apr'07	% Change from May'06	May'07 Index	% Change from Apr'07	% Change from May'06
All-Items	113.1	0.5	1.7	112.1	0.4	2.2
Food	114.8	0.2	4.4	112.5	0.3	3.5
Shelter	116.3	0.3	-0.2	116.0	-0.2	2.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	103.5	0.3	0.5	103.0	-0.3	0.6
Clothing & Footwear	100.2	0.4	3.2	96.0	-1.7	-0.1
Transportation	118.4	1.1	1.8	120.7	1.8	2.5
Health & Personal Care	106.9	0.1	0.8	107.4	0.6	1.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	105.9	1.0	1.1	102.2	1.3	0.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	136.6	0.8	5.5	125.2	0.6	2.8
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	143.8	1.6	-2.1	142.0	2.1	1.6
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	109.6	0.5	2.3	109.6	0.3	2.1

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's May 2007 all-items CPI index of 112.5 (2002=100) increased 0.5 per cent from last month and increased 1.8 per cent over May 2006.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.5 per cent in May 2007; it increased 1.7 per cent over May 2006.

Since last month notable increases:

- traveller accommodation (+6.8%)
- processed meat (+5.4%); food purchased from restaurants (+0.6%)
- inter-city transportation (+3.2%)
- gasoline (+3.0%)
- purchase and operation of recreational vehicles (+2.3%)

Notable declines since last month:

- non-electric kitchen utensils and tableware (-9.9%)
- fresh or frozen chicken (-3.2%); fresh vegetables (-1.2%); cereal products (excluding infant food) (-1.1%); bakery products (-0.6%)
- passenger vehicle insurance premiums (-0.3%)

Canada's all-items CPI, from April to May 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 (+5.5%)—fourth consecutive monthly increase; increases noted in all provinces since last month, ranging from 2.0 per cent in PE to 10.0% in SK
- traveller accommodation (+9.1%)—comparable to historical averages noted in the month of May

Notable declines since last month:

- natural gas (-5.2%)—much of decline was because of a decrease in prices granted Alberta residents
- women's clothing (-3.5%) and men's clothing (-1.4%)—usual period of spring promotions to stimulate sales and reduce inventory

NOTE: CPI data series historical revision (base adjusted to 2002=100 and basket adjustments).

CPI for June 2007 will be released July 18, 2007.