

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Jul'07 Index	% Change from Jun'07	% Change from Jul'06	Jul'07 Index	% Change from Jun'07	% Change from Jul'06
All-Items	113.0	0.0	1.5	112.0	0.1	2.2
Food	114.5	-0.7	2.3	112.3	-0.3	2.8
Shelter	117.6	0.1	1.2	117.0	0.2	3.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	103.5	0.0	1.8	103.2	0.2	1.8
Clothing & Footwear	95.0	1.4	0.4	94.6	1.6	1.2
Transportation	116.9	-0.3	0.3	118.5	-0.6	0.2
Health & Personal Care	107.0	-0.1	2.1	107.5	-0.4	1.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	107.4	0.7	1.7	103.0	0.5	1.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	137.6	0.0	6.1	126.0	0.2	3.7
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	142.1	0.5	-4.2	139.6	-0.4	-1.7
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	109.6	-0.1	2.4	109.7	0.1	2.5

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's July 2007 all-items CPI index of 112.4 (2002=100) decreased 0.1 per cent from last month and increased 1.7 per cent over July 2006.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index was unchanged in July 2007 from the previous month; it increased 1.5 per cent over July 2006.

Since last month notable increases:

- traveller accommodation (+7.0%)
- men's clothing (+6.7%); women's clothing (+5.0%); clothing accessories & jewellery (+3.0%)
- non-alcoholic beverages (+3.5%)
- gasoline (+0.9%)

Notable price declines noted since last month:

- footwear (-11.0%)
- fresh or frozen beef (-5.3%); fresh vegetables (-3.2%)
- homeowners' maintenance & repairs (-1.7%)
- recreational equipment & services (excluding recreational vehicles (-1.6%))

Canada's all-items CPI, from June to July 2007, increased 0.1 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:

- traveller accommodation (+4.6%)—such price shifts regularly observed during peak tourist season
- women's clothing (+4.0%)
- mortgage interest costs (+0.8%)—largest month-over-month increase since August 1994; growth mainly related to increase in mortgage rates

Since last month notable declines:

- fresh vegetables (-5.6%)—related to seasonal arrival of local harvests in grocery stores
- natural gas (-4.6%)—related to price declines in Alberta (-15.3%), Ontario (-3.3%) and Quebec (-1.7%)
- motor vehicle purchases and leases (-1.6%)—discounts given to reduce inventories of current year's models common at this time of year

CPI for August 2007 will be released September 19, 2007.