

**Consumer Price Index (2002=100)
April 2008**

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Apr'08 Index	%Change from Mar'08	% Change from Apr'07	Apr'08 Index	% Change from Mar'08	% Change from Apr'07
All-Items	115.5	0.9	2.7	113.5	0.8	1.7
Food	117.6	1.6	2.6	113.5	0.8	1.2
Shelter	124.8	1.2	7.7	121.2	0.9	4.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	105.4	0.3	2.1	104.4	0.3	1.1
Clothing & Footwear	97.8	-1.3	-2.0	94.3	-1.8	-3.5
Transportation	117.5	1.4	0.3	120.1	2.0	1.3
Health & Personal Care	107.7	0.0	0.8	108.3	0.4	1.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	105.1	0.2	0.2	101.6	0.3	0.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	138.5	0.0	2.2	126.7	0.1	1.8
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	157.6	3.9	11.3	150.2	4.9	8.0
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	110.8	0.5	1.6	110.5	0.3	1.1

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's April 2008 all-items CPI index of 114.8 (2002=100) increased 0.8 per cent from last month and increased 2.6 per cent over April 2007.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index rose 0.9 per cent in April 2008; it increased 2.7 per cent over April 2007.

Since last month notable increases:

- fuel and other fuels (+8.5%); gasoline (+3.6%)
- non-alcoholic beverages (+5.2%); bakery products (+3.7%); restaurant purchased food (+1.0%)
- telephone services (+1.6%)

Offsetting declines of note:

- household textiles (-4.7%); household appliances (-2.4%); furniture (-1.2%)
- homeowners' home and mortgage insurance (-3.7%)
- women's clothing (-3.3%); men's clothing (-3.1%)
- fresh or frozen chicken (-2.8%)

Canada's all-items CPI, from March to April 2008, increased 0.8 per cent; Canadians paid 1.7 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

Since last month the main upward contributors included:

- gasoline (+6.0%); natural gas (+6.2%)
- air transportation (+4.8%)
- electricity (+1.6%)

The main downward contributors were:

- women's clothing (-3.8%); men's clothing (-1.6%)

CPI for May 2008 will be released June 19, 2008

Source: Statistics Canada, *The Daily*, CPI release day, Catalogue No. 11-001-XIE; *The Consumer Price Index*, Catalogue 62-001-XIE; CANSIM Tables 326-0020 and 326-0021