

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	May'08 Index	% Change from Apr'08	% Change from May'07	May'08 Index	% Change from Apr'08	% Change from May'07
All-Items	117.1	1.4	3.5	114.6	1.0	2.2
Food	118.0	0.3	2.8	114.6	1.0	1.9
Shelter	126.9	1.7	9.1	121.6	0.3	4.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	105.6	0.2	2.0	104.3	-0.1	1.3
Clothing & Footwear	97.9	0.1	-2.3	93.0	-1.4	-3.1
Transportation	121.3	3.2	2.4	123.6	2.9	2.4
Health & Personal Care	108.6	0.8	1.6	108.6	0.3	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	106.3	1.1	0.4	102.9	1.3	0.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	139.9	1.0	2.4	127.4	0.6	1.8
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	169.7	7.7	18.0	158.4	5.5	11.5
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	111.3	0.5	1.6	111.0	0.5	1.3

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's May 2008 all-items CPI index of 116.2 (2002=100) increased 1.2 per cent from last month and increased 3.3 per cent over May 2007.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 1.4 per cent in May 2008; it increased 3.5 per cent over May 2007.

Since last month notable increases:

- traveller accommodation (+12.0%)
- gasoline (+9/0%); fuel oil and other fuels (+8.6%); electricity (+4.2%)
- personal care services (+5.4%)
- passenger vehicle insurance premiums (+4.3%)
- food purchased from restaurants (+1.3%)

Notable offsetting declines since last month:

- footwear (-5.5%)
- non-alcoholic beverages (-4.7%); fresh or frozen beef (-2.9%); dairy products (-1.1%)
- furniture (-1.7%)
- homeowners' home and mortgage insurance (-1.6%)
- purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles (-1.2%)

Canada's all-items CPI, from April to May 2008, increased 1.0 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.

CPI for June 2008 will be released July 23, 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