

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	July'08 Index	%Change from June'08	% Change from July'07	July'08 Index	% Change from June'08	% Change from July'07
All-Items	117.8	0.0	4.2	115.8	0.3	3.4
Food	119.0	0.4	3.9	116.5	0.6	3.7
Shelter	127.8	0.2	8.7	123.3	0.8	5.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	106.2	0.3	2.6	104.4	0.1	1.2
Clothing & Footwear	92.5	-4.4	-2.6	93.3	0.9	-1.4
Transportation	123.4	0.1	5.6	125.7	-0.1	6.1
Health & Personal Care	108.6	-0.3	1.5	108.5	-0.2	0.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	107.6	0.4	0.2	103.2	0.3	0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	140.0	-0.1	1.7	127.6	-0.1	1.3
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	177.5	0.9	24.9	169.1	2.3	21.1
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	111.2	-0.2	1.5	111.5	0.2	1.6

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's July 2008 all-items CPI index of 116.9 (2002=100) went unchanged from last month and increased 4.0 per cent over July 2007.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index did not change in July 2008; although it increased 4.2 per cent over July 2007.

Since last month notable increases:

- Fresh Vegetables (8.5%)
- Fresh Fruit (5.2%)
- Cereal Products (4.8%)
- Traveller Accommodation (4.7%)

Canada's all-items CPI, from June to July 2008, increased 0.3 per cent; Canadians paid 3.4 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

Since last month notable increases:

- Natural Gas (8.8%)
- Services Related to Household Furnishings and Equipment (5.2%)
- Leather Accessories (4.0%)
- Water, Fuel, and Electricity (3.4%)

CPI for August 2008 will be released September 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