

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Aug'08 Index	% Change from July'08	% Change from Aug'07	Aug'08 Index	% Change from July'08	% Change from Aug'07
<b>All-Items</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>115.6</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Food	120.2	1.0	4.8	116.8	0.3	4.5
Shelter	128.0	0.2	8.7	123.8	0.4	5.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	106.5	0.3	2.7	104.4	0.0	0.9
Clothing & Footwear	96.2	4.0	-0.8	93.7	0.4	-1.8
Transportation	119.7	-3.0	5.4	123.1	-2.1	5.8
Health & Personal Care	109.3	0.6	2.1	109.3	0.7	1.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	108.2	0.6	0.2	103.5	0.3	0.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	140.6	0.4	2.0	127.5	-0.1	1.1
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	<i>170.6</i>	<i>-3.9</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>164.0</i>	<i>-3.0</i>	<i>20.2</i>
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	<i>111.9</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>111.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>1.8</i>

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Halifax Metro's** August 2008 all-items CPI index of 116.9 (2002=100) remained unchanged from last month and increased 4.2 per cent over August 2007.

**Nova Scotia's** overall monthly price index declined 0.1 per cent in August 2008; it increased 4.4 per cent over August 2007.

*Since last month notable increases:*

- women's clothing (+8.8%)
- non-alcoholic beverages (+6.5%); fresh or frozen chicken (+5.4%)
- footwear (+4.7%)
- traveler accommodation (+3.0%)
- cablevision and satellite services, including pay television (+2.6%)
- food purchased from restaurants (+2.6%)

*Notable offsetting declines since last month:*

- gasoline (-7.5%)
- fresh or frozen pork (-4.1%); fresh vegetables (-3.4%); bakery products (-1.4%)
- inter-city transportation (-1.1%); purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles (-0.8%)
- telephone services (-0.4%)

**Canada's** all-items CPI, from July to August 2008, decreased 0.2 per cent; Canadians paid 3.5 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

CPI for September 2008 will be released October 24, 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