

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Sept'08 Index	%Change from Aug'08	% Change from Sept'07	Sept'08 Index	% Change from Aug'08	% Change from Sept'07
All-Items	117.6	-0.1	4.2	111.9	0.1	3.4
Food	121.2	0.8	6.3	117.1	0.3	5.6
Shelter	127.6	-0.3	8.0	123.1	-0.6	4.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	106.0	-0.5	1.6	105.6	1.1	1.8
Clothing & Footwear	97.3	1.1	-1.3	96.1	2.6	-1.3
Transportation	119.0	-0.6	3.4	122.4	-0.6	4.7
Health & Personal Care	109.3	0.0	2.1	109.4	0.1	1.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	107.3	-0.8	0.5	103.9	0.4	0.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	139.7	-0.6	1.2	128.0	0.4	1.1
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	169.5	-0.6	22.7	161.5	-1.5	18.2
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	111.8	-0.1	1.7	112.0	0.3	1.9

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's September 2008 all-items CPI index of 116.8 (2002=100) increased 3.7 per cent from last month and decreased 0.1 per cent over September 2007.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index declined 0.1 per cent in September 2008; it increased 4.2 per cent over September 2007.

Since last month notable increases:

- Fresh or Frozen Beef (+6.0%)
- Women's Clothing (+4.0%)
- Dairy Products (+3.3%)

Canada's all-items CPI, from August to September 2008, increased 0.1 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.

CPI for October 2008 will be released November 21, 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