

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Oct'08 Index	%Change from Sept'08	% Change from Oct'07	Oct'08 Index	% Change from Sept'08	% Change from Oct'07
<b>All-Items</b>	<b>116.4</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>114.5</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Food	121.8	0.5	7.2	117.4	0.3	6.1
Shelter	126.8	-0.6	6.5	123.2	0.1	3.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	106.4	0.4	1.8	105.2	-0.4	1.7
Clothing & Footwear	98.6	1.3	0.0	94.4	-1.8	-2.8
Transportation	113.9	-4.3	0.6	117.0	-4.4	1.6
Health & Personal Care	108.8	-0.5	1.6	109.2	-0.2	1.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	105.6	-1.6	0.0	103.0	-0.9	0.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	139.8	0.1	1.2	128.0	0.0	1.3
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	<i>155.0</i>	<i>-8.6</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>147.5</i>	<i>-8.7</i>	<i>9.7</i>
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	<i>112.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>111.8</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>1.8</i>

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Halifax Metro's** October 2008 all-items CPI index of 115.8 (2002=100) decreased 0.9 per cent from last month and increased 3.1 per cent over October 2007.

**Nova Scotia's** overall monthly price index declined 1.0 per cent in October 2008 to 116.4; it increased 3.4 per cent over October 2007.

*Since last month notable increases:*

- Non-alcoholic beverages (+10.2%)
- Men's clothing (+6.7%)
- Fresh or frozen chicken (+5.3%)

*Since last month notable decreases:*

- Gasoline (-12.9%)
- Traveller accommodation (-9.7%)
- Fuel oil and other fuels (-8.3%)

**Canada's** all-items CPI, from September to October 2008, decreased 1.0 per cent to 114.5; Canadians paid 2.6 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

CPI for November 2008 will be released December 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