

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Dec'08 Index	%Change from Nov'08	% Change from Dec'07	Dec'08 Index	% Change from Nov'08	% Change from Dec'07
All-Items	113.4	-1.4	-0.2	113.3	-0.7	1.2
Food	123.5	0.5	7.5	119.8	0.3	7.3
Shelter	123.6	-1.0	1.4	123.4	0.0	3.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	106.1	-0.2	1.1	105.5	0.0	1.9
Clothing & Footwear	88.2	-9.1	-4.9	91.3	-3.0	-2.6
Transportation	105.4	-3.5	-9.3	110.3	-2.6	-6.1
Health & Personal Care	108.7	-0.4	1.6	109.9	-0.2	2.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	102.9	-1.3	-1.5	101.2	-0.7	0.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	141.2	0.0	2.1	128.7	0.2	2.0
Products						
<i>Energy</i>	123.3	-7.8	-15.5	123.0	-5.9	-11.0
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	112.0	-0.6	1.9	112.6	-0.2	2.6

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax Metro's December 2008 all-items CPI index of 113.0 (2002=100) decreased 1.3 per cent from last month and decreased 0.1 per cent over December 2007.

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index declined 1.4 per cent in December 2008; it decreased 0.2 per cent over December 2007.

Since last month notable increases:

- Household textiles (6.5%)
- Inter-city transportation (5.0%)
- Non-alcoholic beverages (4.6%)
- Fresh Vegetables (4.4%)

Since last month notable decreases:

- Gasoline (12.7%)
- Men's clothing (12.7%)
- Women's clothing (10.7%)
- Fuel oil and other fuels (9.3%)
- Traveller accommodation (7.0%)
- Footwear (5.8%)

Canada's all-items CPI, from November to December 2008, decreased 0.7 per cent; Canadians paid 1.2 per cent more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

Since last month notable decreases:

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CPI for January 2009 will be released February 20, 2009

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