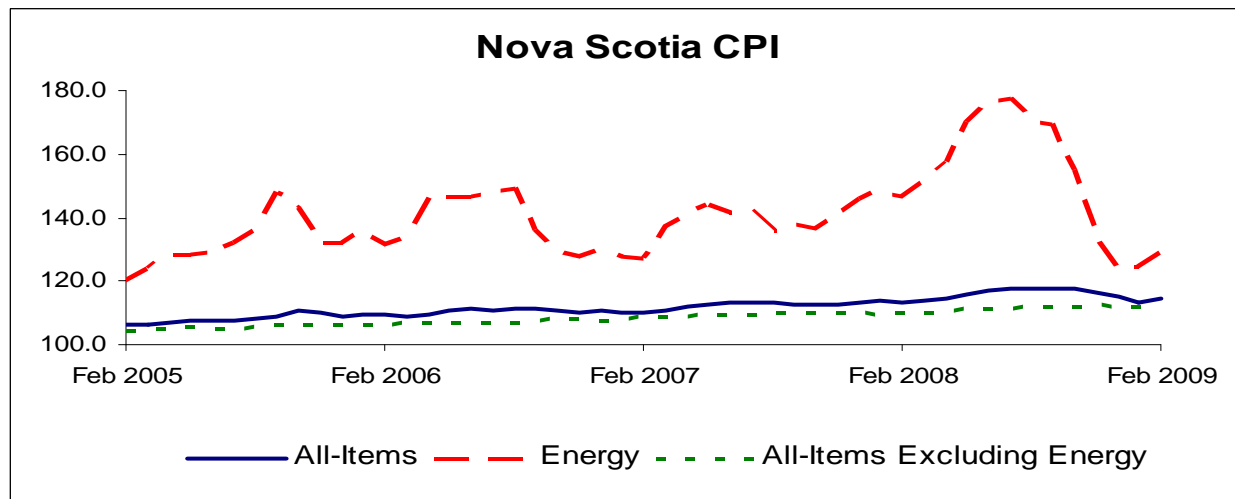


**Consumer Price Index (2002=100)
February 2009**

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Feb'09 Index	% Change from Jan'09	% Change from Feb'08	Feb'09 Index	% Change from Jan'09	% Change from Feb'08
All-Items	114.3	0.8	0.4	113.8	0.7	1.4
Food	125.5	0.6	8.0	121.2	0.5	7.4
Shelter	124.1	-0.5	1.3	123.2	0.1	3.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	106.4	-0.5	1.7	106.4	0.7	2.2
Clothing & Footwear	92.2	5.3	-5.2	93.6	2.0	-0.5
Transportation	106.2	3.2	-7.3	110.2	1.3	-5.8
Health & Personal Care	109.0	0.4	1.7	110.4	0.0	2.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	103.4	0.5	-1.1	101.1	1.4	0.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco						
Products	141.6	0.1	2.7	129.2	0.0	1.9
<i>Energy</i>	<i>128.7</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>-12.3</i>	<i>127.2</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>-8.8</i>
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	<i>112.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>112.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>2.5</i>

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.8 per cent in February 2009 from January 2009; it decreased 0.4 per cent over February 2008. The main contributors to the monthly NS CPI movement: *Women's clothing (+11.0%); Gasoline (+10.4%); Furniture (-6.5%); Sugar and confectionary (-5.0%); and Fuel oil and other fuels (-4.8%)*. The main contributors to the annual NS CPI movement: *Fresh Vegetables (+25.5%); Electricity (+17.7%); Fuel oil and other fuels (-24.3%); and Gasoline (-21.8%)*.

Halifax's overall monthly price index increased 0.7 per cent to 113.9 from January 2009; it increased 0.4 per cent over February 2008.



Changes in the **consumer price index** (CPI) on either a monthly, year-over-year or annual basis are often used as a measure for the rate of inflation (increases in prices). The CPI measures price change by comparing, through time, the cost of a fixed basket (approximately 600) of commodities. Since the basket contains commodities of unchanging or equivalent quantity and quality, the index reflects only pure price movements. Negative changes in CPI indicate deflation, or price decreases.

CPI for March 2009 will be released *April 17, 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