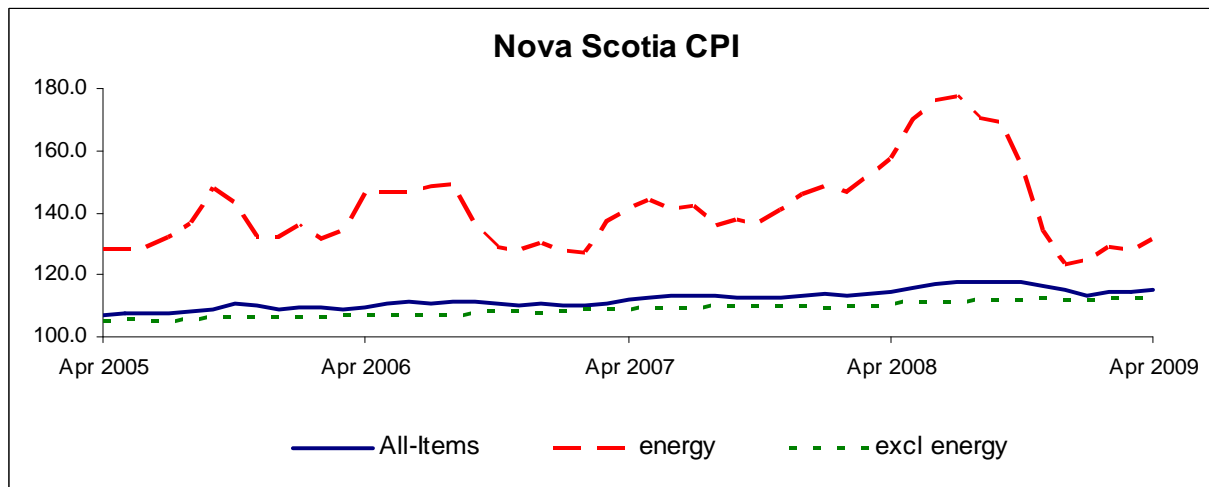


**Consumer Price Index (2002=100)
April 2009**

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Apr'09 Index	%Change from Mar'09	% Change from Apr'08	Apr'09 Index	% Change from Mar'09	% Change from Apr'08
All-Items	115.0	0.4	-0.4	113.9	-0.1	0.4
Food	125.0	-0.6	6.3	121.6	0.1	7.1
Shelter	124.1	0.4	-0.6	121.4	-1.0	0.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.3	1.5	2.8	107.3	0.5	2.8
Clothing & Footwear	95.7	1.3	-2.1	95.1	-0.6	0.8
Transportation	106.4	0.8	-9.4	110.5	0.0	-8.0
Health & Personal Care	110.1	-0.1	2.2	111.1	0.5	2.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	104.8	0.6	-0.3	102.4	0.6	0.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco						
Products	141.6	0.0	2.2	129.7	0.0	2.4
<i>Energy</i>	131.2	2.9	-16.8	123.9	-2.5	-17.5
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	112.9	0.1	1.9	113.1	0.1	2.4

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.4 per cent in April 2009 from March 2009; and decreased 0.4 per cent over April 2008. The main contributors to the monthly NS CPI movement: *Furniture (+12.7%); Fuel oil and other fuels (+5.5%); Gasoline (+4.1%); Fresh Vegetables (+4.0%); Fresh Fruit (-5.6%); Non-alcoholic Beverages (-5.1%)*. The main contributors to the annual NS CPI movement: *Fresh Vegetables (+33.6%); Electricity (+17.7%); Household chemical products (+12.1%); Fuel oil and other fuels (-32.5%); and Gasoline (-25.0%)*.

Halifax's overall monthly price index increased 0.5 per cent to 114.7 from March 2009; it decreased 0.1 per cent over April 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 May 2009 will be released *June 18, 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