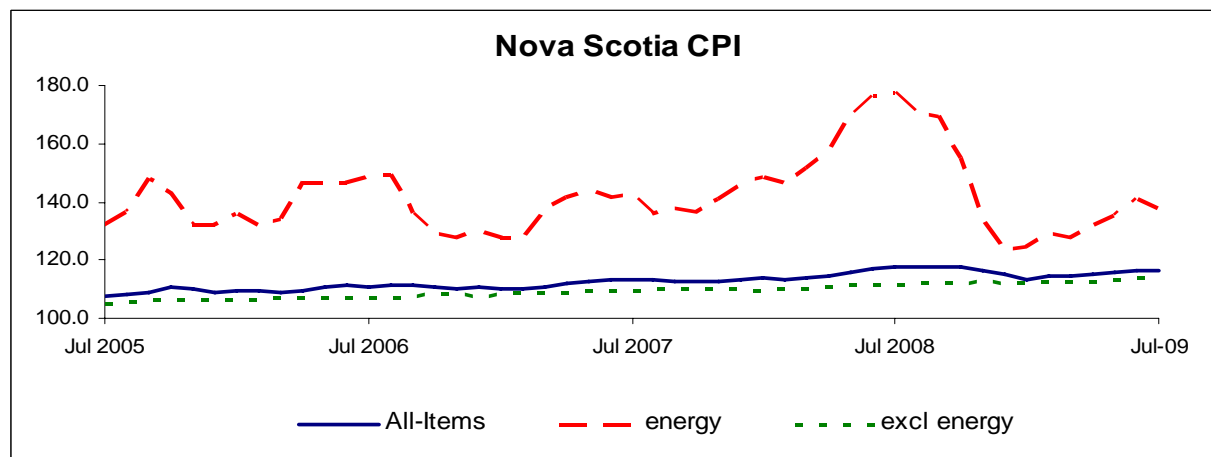


**Consumer Price Index (2002=100)
July 2009**

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	July'09 Index	% Change from June'09	% Change from July'08	July'09 Index	% Change from June'09	% Change from July'08
All-Items	116.6	0.1	-1.0	114.7	-0.3	-0.9
Food	127.1	0.3	6.8	122.3	0.1	5.0
Shelter	123.9	0.1	-3.1	120.8	-0.4	-2.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	109.6	0.1	3.2	107.1	-0.2	2.6
Clothing & Footwear	85.0	-1.3	-8.1	91.3	0.0	-2.1
Transportation	111.1	-1.6	-10.0	114.3	-1.6	-9.1
Health & Personal Care	111.7	0.8	2.9	112.5	-0.3	3.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	108.1	1.2	0.5	104.3	0.5	1.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco						
Products	154.1	4.5	10.1	131.5	-0.1	3.1
<i>Energy</i>	<i>138.1</i>	<i>-2.0</i>	<i>-22.2</i>	<i>129.6</i>	<i>-3.2</i>	<i>-23.4</i>
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	<i>114.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>113.5</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>1.8</i>

Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.1 per cent in July 2009 from June 2009; and decreased 1.0 per cent over July 2008. The main contributors to the monthly NS CPI movement: *Traveler accommodation (+8.3%); Cigarettes (+7.7%); Cablevision and Satellite services (+3.9%); Women's Clothing (-4.7%); Gasoline (-4.1%); and Non-alcoholic Beverages (-3.9%)*. The main contributors to the annual NS CPI movement: *Non-alcoholic beverages (+30.6%); Cigarettes (+16.6%); Electricity (+9.3%); Fuel oil and other fuels (-38.6%); and Gasoline (-28.3%); and Women's clothing (-17.8%)*.

Halifax's overall monthly price index increased 0.1 per cent to 116.1 from June 2009; it decreased 0.7 per cent over July 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 August 2009 will be released *September 17, 2009*.

Source: Statistics Canada, *The Daily*, CPI release day, Catalogue No. 11-001-X; *The Consumer Price Index*, Catalogue 62-001-X; CANSIM Tables 326-0020 and 326-0021