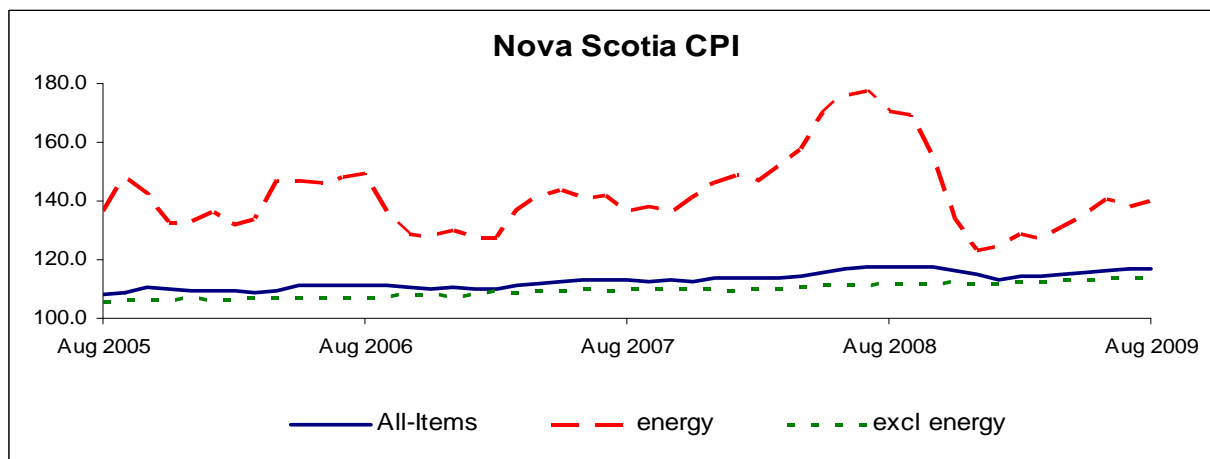


**Consumer Price Index (2002=100)  
August 2009**

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Aug '09 Index	% Change from July '09	% Change from Aug '08	Aug '09 Index	% Change from July '09	% Change from Aug '08
<b>All-Items</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>114.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
Food	126.4	-0.6	5.2	121.5	-0.7	4.0
Shelter	123.7	-0.2	-3.4	121.1	0.2	-2.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	109.0	-0.5	2.3	107.0	-0.1	2.5
Clothing & Footwear	87.5	2.9	-9.0	92.1	0.9	-1.7
Transportation	111.5	0.4	-6.9	114.8	0.4	-6.7
Health & Personal Care	111.9	0.2	2.4	112.5	0.0	2.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	108.5	0.4	0.3	104.4	0.1	0.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco						3.1
Products	153.9	-0.1	9.5	131.4	-0.1	
<i>Energy</i>	139.8	1.2	-18.1	132.6	2.3	-19.1
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	113.9	-0.1	1.8	113.3	-0.2	1.4

**Nova Scotia's** overall monthly price index increased 0.1 per cent in August 2009 from July 2009; and decreased 0.8 per cent over August 2008. The main contributors to the monthly NS CPI movement: *Footwear (+9.3%); Traveler accommodation (+3.9%); Women's Clothing (3.7%); Non-alcoholic beverages (-8.3%); and Children's clothing (including infants) (-3.8%)*. The main contributors to the annual NS CPI movement: *Cigarettes (+16.0%); Fresh Vegetables (+12.1%); Electricity (+9.3%); and Passenger vehicle insurance premiums (+7.7%); Fuel oil and other fuels (-38.6%); Women's clothing (-21.6%); and Gasoline (-20.5%)*.

**Halifax's** overall monthly price index increased 0.1 per cent to 116.2 from July 2009; it decreased 0.6 per cent over August 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 September 2009 will be released *October 16, 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