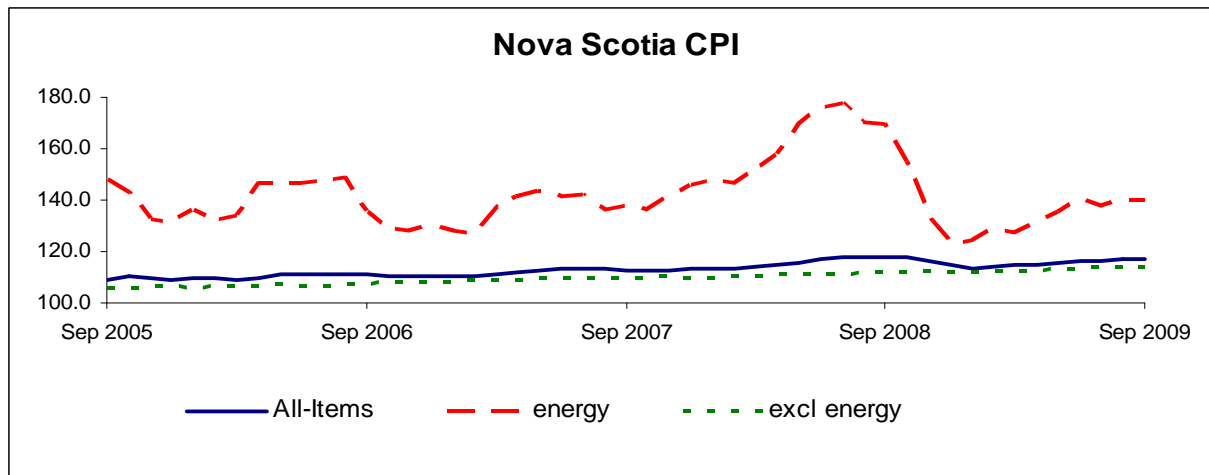


**Consumer Price Index (2002=100)  
September 2009**

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Sep '09 Index	% Change from Aug '09	% Change from Sep '08	Sep'09 Index	% Change from Aug '09	% Change from Sep'08
<b>All-Items</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>114.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Food	125.8	-0.5	3.8	120.4	-0.9	2.8
Shelter	124.2	0.4	-2.7	120.9	-0.2	-1.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	109.1	0.1	2.9	107.9	0.8	2.2
Clothing & Footwear	95.5	9.1	-1.8	94.9	3.0	-1.2
Transportation	109.8	-1.5	-7.7	113.6	-1.0	-7.2
Health & Personal Care	112.0	0.1	2.5	113.7	1.1	3.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	107.3	-1.1	0.0	105.0	0.6	1.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco						
Products	154.2	0.2	10.4	131.3	-0.1	2.6
<i>Energy</i>	<i>140.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>-17.3</i>	<i>131.3</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	<i>-18.7</i>
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	<i>113.9</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>113.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.3</i>

**Nova Scotia's** overall monthly price index was unchanged in September 2009 from August 2009; and decreased 0.8 per cent over September 2008. The main contributors to the monthly NS CPI movement: *Women's clothing (+22.6%); Children's clothing (+10.5%); Fuel oil and other fuels (+6.0%); Traveler accommodation (-8.8%); Fresh vegetables (-7.0%)*. The main contributors to the annual NS CPI movement: *Non-alcoholic beverages (+19.5%); Cigarettes (+16.0%); Electricity (+9.3%); Fuel oil and other fuels (-32.8%); and Gasoline (-22.2%)*.

**Halifax's** overall monthly price index increased 0.1 per cent to 116.3 from August 2009; it decreased 0.4 per cent over September 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 October 2009 will be released *November 18, 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