

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

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Oct '09 Index	%Change from Sep'09	% Change from Oct'08	Oct'09 Index	% Change from Sep'09	% Change from Oct'08
All-Items	115.9	-0.7	-0.4	114.6	-0.1	0.1
Food	123.9	-1.5	1.7	120.1	-0.2	2.3
Shelter	123.5	-0.6	-2.6	121.2	0.2	-1.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.3	-0.7	1.8	107.9	0.0	2.6
Clothing & Footwear	94.2	-1.4	-4.5	95.0	0.1	0.6
Transportation	109.1	-0.6	-4.2	113.4	-0.2	-3.1
Health & Personal Care	112.0	0.0	2.9	112.9	-0.7	3.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	107.0	-0.3	1.3	104.5	-0.4	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco						
Products	154.2	0.0	10.3	131.4	0.1	2.7
<i>Energy</i>	134.7	-3.9	-13.1	128.8	-1.9	-12.7
<i>All-items excluding Energy</i>	113.5	-0.4	1.3	113.4	0.1	1.4

Nova Scotia's consumer price index (CPI) decreased 0.7 percent in October 2009 from September 2009. The NS CPI decreased 0.4 percent over October 2008.

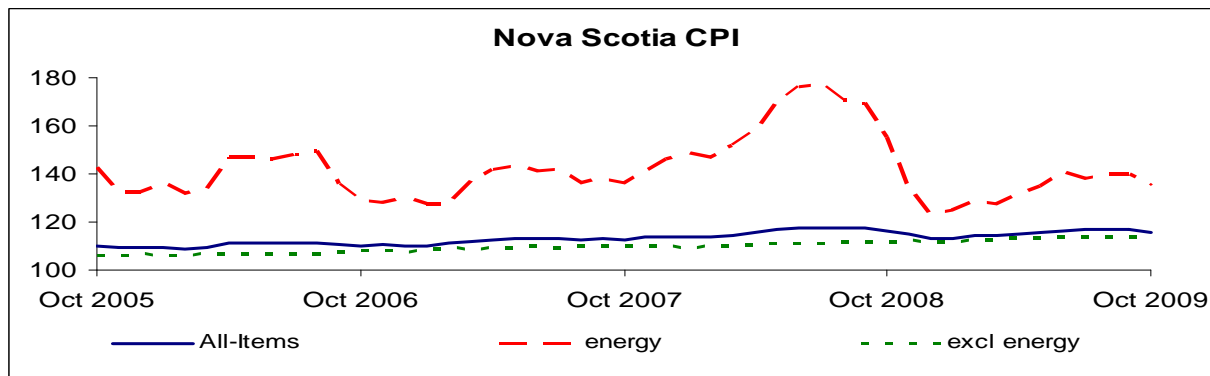
Main contributors to monthly NS CPI movement:

- *Property taxes (+4.7%);*
- *Fresh or frozen chicken (+3.7%);*
- *Fresh or frozen beef (-11.9%); and*
- *Fresh vegetables (-12.1%)*

Main contributors to annual NS CPI movement:

- *Cigarettes (+16.0%);*
- *Prescribed medicines (+10.0%);*
- *Gasoline (-13.3%); and*
- *Fuel oil and other fuels (-28.1%).*

Halifax's CPI decreased 0.8 percent from September 2009. It decreased 0.3 percent over October 2008.



Year-to-date (January to October 2009) Nova Scotia's CPI decreased 0.6 percent compared to the same period last year (January to October 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 changes for the cost of a fixed basket of commodities. Negative changes in CPI indicate deflation, or price decreases.

CPI for November 2009 will be released *December 17, 2009*.

Contact: Kirsten Robertson (424-5810)

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.