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Consumer Price Index – April 2012

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 3.5% from April 2011. By comparison, the annual price increase was 2.0% for Canada, 1.0% for Edmonton and 2.9% for Whitehorse.

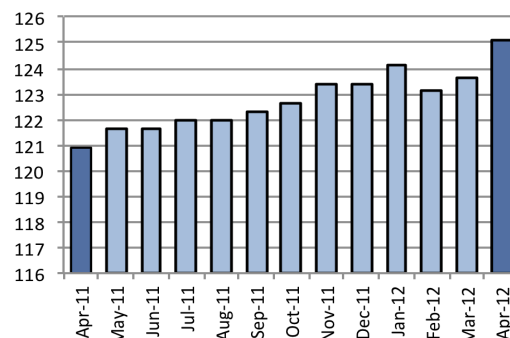
All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	12-Apr	12-Mar	11-Apr	% Change from		— 12-Month Average —		
				12-Mar	11-Apr	11-May	10-May	% Change
Yellowknife	125.1	123.6	120.9	1.2	3.5	122.9	118.9	3.4
Whitehorse	120.7	120.1	117.3	0.5	2.9	119.1	115.6	3.0
Edmonton	127.4	127.0	126.2	0.3	1.0	126.7	123.6	2.5
Canada	122.2	121.7	119.8	0.4	2.0	120.8	117.5	2.7

Between April 2011 and April 2012 prices in Yellowknife increased for all major components with the exception of health & personal care. Contributing factors to the 3.5% increase in the All-items CPI in April were higher prices for transportation at 6.9%, clothing & footwear at 4.4% and shelter at 3.6%.

On a monthly basis, prices for consumer goods and services in Yellowknife increased for all major components. The main factors in the overall increase were a 7.4% increase in household furnishing, 3.1% increase in clothing and a 2.8% increase in private transportation. This is the second month in a row where clothing and private transportation were major contributors to the overall price increase in Yellowknife. Specifically, prices for women’s clothing and passenger vehicles have increased over the last two months.

**CPI - Yellowknife
April 2011 to April 2012**



CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centers are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

Next release of CPI: Friday, June 22, 2012.

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Consumer Price Index, April 2012
Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	12-Apr	12-Mar	11-Apr	% Change from	
				12-Mar	11-Apr
All Items	125.1	123.6	120.9	1.2	3.5
Food	123.8	123.5	121.3	0.2	2.1
Food from Stores	122.1	121.8	119.2	0.2	2.4
Food from Restaurants	128.2	127.8	126.8	0.3	1.1
Shelter	145.1	144.1	140.1	0.7	3.6
Water, Fuel & Electricity	183.6	182.2	178.2	0.8	3.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	111.1	108.6	108.7	2.3	2.2
Household Operations	118.7	119.1	115.8	-0.3	2.5
Household Furnishings	94.8	88.3	93.1	7.4	1.8
Clothing & Footwear	101.1	98.6	96.8	2.5	4.4
Clothing	96.5	93.6	90.9	3.1	6.2
Footwear	89.1	86.7	89.1	2.8	-
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	137.5	136.8	133.7	0.5	2.8
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	110.3	110.3	110.0	-	0.3
Transportation	121.1	118.5	113.3	2.2	6.9
Private Transportation	120.9	117.6	112.1	2.8	7.9
Public Transportation	125.2	124.9	120.6	0.2	3.8
Health & Personal Care	117.8	116.9	118.1	0.8	-0.3
Health Care	118.2	117.1	116.7	0.9	1.3
Personal Care	118.3	117.7	120.1	0.5	-1.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	100.4	99.6	97.9	0.8	2.6
Recreation	97.6	96.7	94.9	0.9	2.8
Education & Reading	117.2	117.2	115.7	-	1.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	153.3	152.6	150.4	0.5	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages	139.1	138.5	136.6	0.4	1.8
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	168.2	167.3	164.8	0.5	2.1
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
All-Items Excluding:					
Food	125.2	123.6	120.7	1.3	3.7
Energy	120.2	118.7	116.1	1.3	3.5
Shelter	116.8	115.1	112.9	1.5	3.5
Alcoholic Beverages	124.7	123.3	120.5	1.1	3.5
Tobacco Products	124.1	122.7	119.9	1.1	3.5
Housing (1986 Definition)	134.2	132.8	130.0	1.1	3.2
Energy and its Components:					
Energy	179.8	179.5	174.4	0.2	3.1
Electricity	159.2	158.5	150.4	0.4	5.9
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	260.5	260.5	258.3	-	0.9
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	157.9	157.7	152.6	0.1	3.5
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Note: Additional indexes are available from T-stat and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.
Source: Statistics Canada