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Consumer Price Index – February 2013

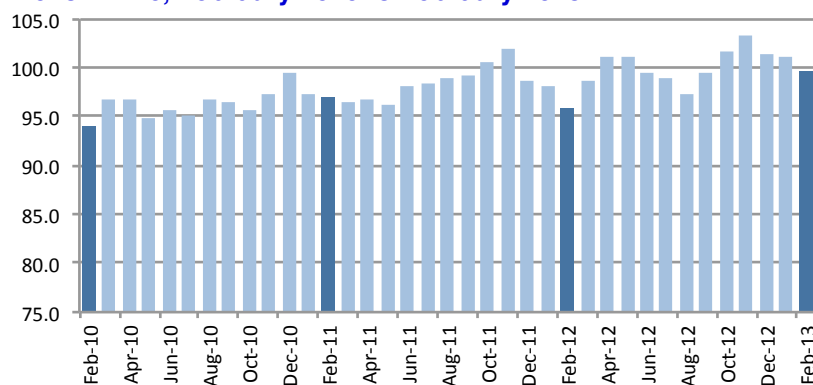
Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 1.9% from February 2012. By comparison, the annual price change was 1.2% for Canada, 1.8% for Whitehorse and 0.9% for Edmonton.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	13-Feb	13-Jan	12-Feb	% Change from		—12-Month Average—		
				13-Jan	12-Feb	12-Mar 13-Feb	11-Mar 12-Feb	% Change
Yellowknife	125.4	125.1	123.1	0.2	1.9	124.6	122.3	1.9
Whitehorse	121.2	120.8	119.0	0.3	1.8	121.2	118.6	2.2
Canada	122.7	121.3	121.2	1.2	1.2	121.9	120.4	1.2
Edmonton	128.0	126.8	126.9	0.9	0.9	127.5	126.5	0.8

Compared to February 2012, consumer prices in Yellowknife increased for all major components. Contributing to the overall increase was a 3.9% increase in clothing & footwear, a 3.7% increase in alcoholic beverages & tobacco products, and a 2.8% increase in transportation. While clothing & footwear prices are higher than 12 months ago, they are below the seasonal peak experienced last November, having fallen in each of the last three months.

CPI - Clothing & Footwear Yellowknife, February 2010 to February 2013



Comparing January to February 2013, overall prices in Yellowknife increased by 0.2%. Most major components experienced a price increase from last month; the two exceptions were price decreases for household operations & furnishings and clothing & footwear.

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, April 19, 2013.

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Consumer Price Index, February 2013
Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	13-Feb	13-Jan	12-Feb	% Change from	
				13-Jan	12-Feb
All Items	125.4	125.1	123.1	0.2	1.9
Food	126.2	125.2	124.0	0.8	1.8
Food from Stores	124.3	122.9	122.5	1.1	1.5
Food from Restaurants	131.2	131.2	127.7	-	2.7
Shelter	146.1	145.8	144.1	0.2	1.4
Water, Fuel & Electricity	186.2	185.2	182.2	0.5	2.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	109.8	110.8	108.2	-0.9	1.5
Household Operations	118.9	119.3	118.9	-0.3	-
Household Furnishings	91.3	93.2	87.7	-2.0	4.1
Clothing & Footwear	99.6	101.1	95.9	-1.5	3.9
Clothing	92.7	96.1	88.9	-3.5	4.3
Footwear	93.8	89.5	90.8	4.8	3.3
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	141.4	141.2	136.1	0.1	3.9
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	109.1	108.7	109.9	0.4	-0.7
Transportation	120.3	119.7	117.0	0.5	2.8
Private Transportation	120.8	119.9	116.1	0.8	4.0
Public Transportation	121.4	121.6	123.4	-0.2	-1.6
Health & Personal Care	118.3	116.2	117.3	1.8	0.9
Health Care	117.4	117.8	115.7	-0.3	1.5
Personal Care	119.9	115.9	119.4	3.5	0.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	100.0	99.3	99.1	0.7	0.9
Recreation	96.8	96.0	96.1	0.8	0.7
Education & Reading	119.4	119.4	117.3	-	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.3	156.1	152.6	1.4	3.7
Alcoholic Beverages	144.5	141.7	138.5	2.0	4.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	171.8	171.0	167.3	0.5	2.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
All-Items Excluding:					
Food	125.2	125.0	122.9	0.2	1.9
Energy	120.4	120.1	118.2	0.2	1.9
Shelter	116.9	116.5	114.5	0.3	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages	125.0	124.7	122.8	0.2	1.8
Tobacco Products	124.4	124.1	122.2	0.2	1.8
Housing (1986 Definition)	134.6	134.6	132.7	-	1.4
Energy and its Components:					
Energy	181.4	180.8	179.6	0.3	1.0
Electricity	167.5	167.5	158.5	-	5.7
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	255.3	252.4	260.5	1.1	-2.0
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	157.6	157.9	157.8	-0.2	-0.1
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