

April 20, 2012

Consumer Price Index – March 2012

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 2.6% from March 2011. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.9% for Canada, 1.8% for Edmonton and 2.6% for Whitehorse.

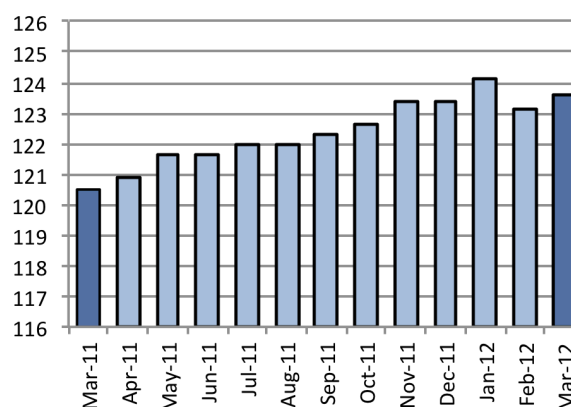
All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	12-Mar	12-Feb	11-Mar	% Change from		12-Month Average		
				12-Feb	11-Mar	11-Apr	10-Apr	% Change
Yellowknife	123.6	123.1	120.5	0.4	2.6	122.6	118.6	3.4
Whitehorse	120.1	119.0	117.0	0.9	2.6	118.8	115.3	3.0
Canada	121.7	121.2	119.4	0.4	1.9	120.6	117.2	2.9
Edmonton	127.0	126.9	124.8	0.1	1.8	126.6	123.3	2.7

The main factors in the 2.6% increase in the All-items CPI for Yellowknife in March were higher prices in transportation component at 6.0%, shelter and alcoholic beverages & tobacco products components both at 3.1%.

On a monthly basis, prices for consumer goods and services in Yellowknife increased by 0.4% in March compared with the preceding month. Price increases at the component level were observed for clothing & footwear at 2.8%, transportation at 1.3%, recreation, education & reading at 0.5% and household operations & furnishings at 0.4%. These higher prices were slightly offset by lower prices for food at 0.4% and health & personal care at 0.3%. The shelter and alcoholic beverages & tobacco products index remained unchanged from the previous month.

CPI - Yellowknife
March 2011 to March 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, May 18, 2012.

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

	12-Mar	12-Feb	11-Mar	% Change from	
				12-Feb	11-Mar
All Items	123.6	123.1	120.5	0.4	2.6
Food	123.5	124.0	122.3	-0.4	1.0
Food from Stores	121.8	122.5	120.8	-0.6	0.8
Food from Restaurants	127.8	127.7	125.8	0.1	1.6
Shelter	144.1	144.1	139.7	-	3.1
Water, Fuel & Electricity	182.2	182.2	176.1	-	3.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.6	108.2	108.5	0.4	0.1
Household Operations	119.1	118.9	115.3	0.2	3.3
Household Furnishings	88.3	87.7	93.6	0.7	-5.7
Clothing & Footwear	98.6	95.9	96.4	2.8	2.3
Clothing	93.6	88.9	90.2	5.3	3.8
Footwear	86.7	90.8	90.0	-4.5	-3.7
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	136.8	136.1	133.3	0.5	2.6
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	110.3	109.9	110.0	0.4	0.3
Transportation	118.5	117.0	111.8	1.3	6.0
Private Transportation	117.6	116.1	110.6	1.3	6.3
Public Transportation	124.9	123.4	118.8	1.2	5.1
Health & Personal Care	116.9	117.3	117.3	-0.3	-0.3
Health Care	117.1	115.7	116.8	1.2	0.3
Personal Care	117.7	119.4	118.5	-1.4	-0.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	99.6	99.1	97.9	0.5	1.7
Recreation	96.7	96.1	95.0	0.6	1.8
Education & Reading	117.2	117.3	115.5	-0.1	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	152.6	152.6	148.0	-	3.1
Alcoholic Beverages	138.5	138.5	136.6	-	1.4
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	167.3	167.3	159.4	-	5.0
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
All-Items Excluding:					
Food	123.6	122.9	120.1	0.6	2.9
Energy	118.7	118.2	116.1	0.4	2.2
Shelter	115.1	114.5	112.6	0.5	2.2
Alcoholic Beverages	123.3	122.8	120.1	0.4	2.7
Tobacco Products	122.7	122.2	119.6	0.4	2.6
Housing (1986 Definition)	132.8	132.7	129.7	0.1	2.4
Energy and its Components:					
Energy	179.5	179.6	170.8	-0.1	5.1
Electricity	158.5	158.5	150.4	-	5.4
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	260.5	260.5	252.4	-	3.2
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	157.7	157.8	147.1	-0.1	7.2
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