

**Consumer Price Index – March 2015**

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 1.1% compared to one year ago. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.2% for Canada, 0.1% for Edmonton while prices in Whitehorse declined by 1.0%.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	15-Mar	15-Feb	14-Mar	15-Feb	14-Mar	12-Month Average		
						14-Apr 15-Mar	13-Apr 14-Mar	% Change
Yellowknife	129.4	128.4	128.0	0.8	1.1	128.7	126.7	1.6
Canada	126.3	125.4	124.8	0.7	1.2	125.5	123.2	1.9
Edmonton	132.6	131.6	132.5	0.8	0.1	132.0	129.8	1.7
Whitehorse	123.0	122.1	124.3	0.7	-1.0	124.0	123.5	0.4

Compared to March 2014, consumer prices increased in Yellowknife for most major components with the exception of shelter, clothing & footwear and transportation. Higher prices for food (4.2%) and electricity (7.9%) were partially offset by lower prices for fuel oil and other fuels (-22.4%) and gasoline (-15.8%).

**Figure 1**  
Annual Inflation Rate (Year Ending March 31)  
Canada & Yellowknife, 2000/01 to 2014/15

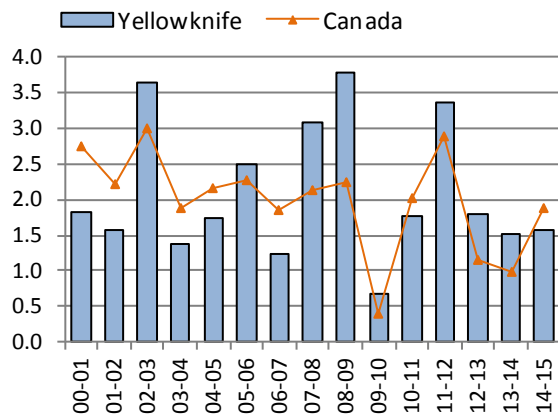


Figure 1 shows how prices change from one fiscal year to the next based on a 12-month average index (ending March 31). Governments tend to use this annual inflation rate to evaluate the prices of their goods and services. Between 2013/14 and 2014/15, the annual inflation rate for Yellowknife was 1.6%.

Both the Yellowknife and Canadian inflation rates were higher in 2014/15 than in 2013/14. This is the first time in four years where the rate in Yellowknife was lower than the rate in Canada.

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 centres are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

Next release of CPI: May 22, 2015.

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Consumer Price Index, March 2015  
Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	15-Mar	15-Feb	14-Mar	— % Change from —	
				15-Feb	14-Mar
All Items	129.4	128.4	128.0	0.8	1.1
Food	136.7	137.0	131.2	-0.2	4.2
Food from Stores	135.9	136.4	129.2	-0.4	5.2
Food from Restaurants	137.7	137.6	136.2	0.1	1.1
Shelter	150.1	150.0	151.0	0.1	-0.6
Water, Fuel & Electricity	191.6	190.3	205.2	0.7	-6.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	113.4	112.4	110.5	0.9	2.6
Household Operations	121.9	121.6	120.6	0.2	1.1
Household Furnishings	95.7	93.5	90.8	2.4	5.4
Clothing & Footwear	97.4	95.5	102.2	2.0	-4.7
Clothing	91.2	88.3	95.5	3.3	-4.5
Footwear	94.3	93.4	94.6	1.0	-0.3
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	129.2	128.7	146.4	0.4	-11.7
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	110.1	111.1	109.8	-0.9	0.3
Transportation	122.8	118.8	122.9	3.4	-0.1
Private Transportation	122.9	117.0	123.0	5.0	-0.1
Public Transportation	125.8	128.2	125.7	-1.9	0.1
Health & Personal Care	120.4	119.8	117.6	0.5	2.4
Health Care	116.7	116.0	114.6	0.6	1.8
Personal Care	124.2	123.7	120.8	0.4	2.8
Recreation, Education & Reading	101.7	101.3	97.5	0.4	4.3
Recreation	97.4	96.9	92.8	0.5	5.0
Education & Reading	126.6	127.3	126.0	-0.5	0.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	166.1	165.9	162.3	0.1	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages	148.9	149.0	146.3	-0.1	1.8
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	185.8	185.0	180.0	0.4	3.2
<b>SPECIAL AGGREGATES:</b>					
All-Items Excluding:					
Food	128.1	126.8	127.4	1.0	0.5
Energy	125.2	124.3	122.3	0.7	2.4
Shelter	120.8	119.4	118.6	1.2	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages	129.0	127.9	127.6	0.9	1.1
Tobacco Products	128.4	127.3	127.0	0.9	1.1
Housing (1986 Definition)	138.6	138.1	138.0	0.4	0.4
<b>ENERGY AND ITS COMPONENTS:</b>					
Energy	173.7	171.3	194.1	1.4	-10.5
Electricity	189.4	189.4	175.5	-	7.9
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	226.3	222.3	291.8	1.8	-22.4
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	133.4	129.8	158.4	2.8	-15.8
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Note: Additional indexes are available from the Time Series Retrieval and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.  
Source: Statistics Canada