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Consumer Price Index – September 2013

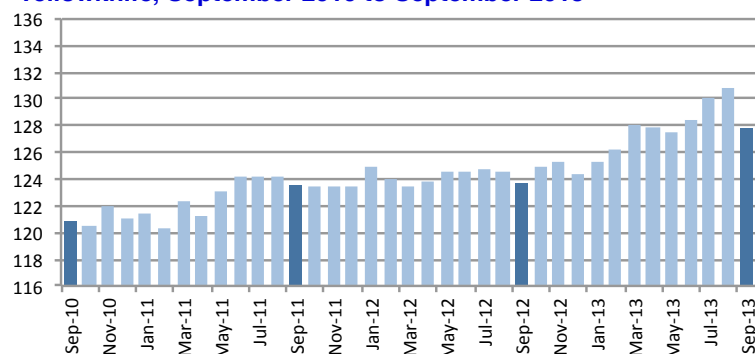
Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 2.0% from September 2012. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.1% for Canada, 1.1% for Edmonton and 2.1% for Whitehorse.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	13-Sep	13-Aug	12-Sep	% Change from		—12-Month Average—		
				13-Aug	12-Sep	12-Oct 13-Sep	11-Oct 12-Sep	% Change
Yellowknife	126.4	126.6	123.9	-0.2	2.0	125.7	123.9	1.5
Whitehorse	124.0	124.1	121.4	-0.1	2.1	122.4	120.3	1.7
Canada	123.3	123.1	122.0	0.2	1.1	122.5	121.4	0.9
Edmonton	129.5	129.4	128.1	0.1	1.1	128.6	127.3	1.0

Compared to September 2012, consumer prices in Yellowknife increased for all major components. The highest price increases over the last 12 months were for food (3.3%) and transportation (3.1%).

CPI - Food Yellowknife, September 2010 to September 2013



While Yellowknife food prices have increased since the start of the year, they decreased last month falling 2.3% between August and September 2013. This decrease is the largest monthly decline in food prices in over 15 years and reverses most of the increases seen between June and August.

The other notable price declines last month were in public transportation (airlines) and recreation, which decreased 1.8% and 1.6% respectively.

These declines were mostly offset by price increases in many of the other items, resulting in an overall monthly decrease of 0.2% between August and September 2013.

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.

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

	13-Sep	13-Aug	12-Sep	% Change from	
				13-Aug	12-Sep
All Items	126.4	126.6	123.9	-0.2	2.0
Food	127.8	130.8	123.7	-2.3	3.3
Food from Stores	125.3	129.5	122.0	-3.2	2.7
Food from Restaurants	134.0	134.4	128.0	-0.3	4.7
Shelter	146.7	146.5	144.2	0.1	1.7
Water, Fuel & Electricity	190.3	189.9	185.0	0.2	2.9
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.1	110.8	110.9	1.2	1.1
Household Operations	120.4	119.9	118.5	0.4	1.6
Household Furnishings	94.8	92.4	94.6	2.6	0.2
Clothing & Footwear	99.7	99.7	99.6	-	0.1
Clothing	92.5	92.1	93.5	0.4	-1.1
Footwear	95.7	96.3	94.5	-0.6	1.3
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	140.5	142.0	135.3	-1.1	3.8
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	109.4	109.3	108.9	0.1	0.5
Transportation	119.4	119.1	115.8	0.3	3.1
Private Transportation	118.2	117.3	115.2	0.8	2.6
Public Transportation	127.2	129.5	121.1	-1.8	5.0
Health & Personal Care	118.3	117.4	116.4	0.8	1.6
Health Care	117.0	117.5	116.9	-0.4	0.1
Personal Care	120.3	118.3	117.0	1.7	2.8
Recreation, Education & Reading	102.9	103.5	101.8	-0.6	1.1
Recreation	99.3	100.9	98.9	-1.6	0.4
Education & Reading	124.2	119.4	119.2	4.0	4.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	159.1	159.0	155.2	0.1	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages	145.4	145.1	141.7	0.2	2.6
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	172.4	172.5	168.2	-0.1	2.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
Food	126.0	125.8	123.8	0.2	1.8
Energy	121.3	121.6	118.9	-0.2	2.0
Shelter	117.9	118.3	115.5	-0.3	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages	125.9	126.2	123.5	-0.2	1.9
Tobacco Products	125.4	125.6	122.9	-0.2	2.0
Housing (1986 Definition)	136.6	136.4	134.2	0.1	1.8
Energy and Its Components:					
Energy	183.7	183.4	180.8	0.2	1.6
Electricity	175.5	175.5	167.7	-	4.7
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	251.9	251.0	252.4	0.4	-0.2
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	158.4	158.4	157.9	-	0.3
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