

# Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

December 2008

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According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.8 percent between November 2008 and December 2008 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.7 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.7 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the December All-items Index decreased from November 2008 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, fuel oil and other fuels and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for men's clothing, non-alcoholic beverages and traveller accommodations.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for mortgage interest cost, rent and inter-city transportation. Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants, fresh or frozen pork, dairy products and other food preparations.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.6 percent between December 2007 and December 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 3.0 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The December All-items Index increased from December 2007 primarily due to higher prices for mortgage interest cost, housing replacement cost, rent and natural gas. Prices also increased for food purchased from restaurants, fresh vegetables and bakery products.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, purchase and operation of recreational vehicles and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for home entertainment equipment – parts and services, household appliances and men's clothing.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

**ALL-ITEMS  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Dec. 2008</u>	<u>Nov. 2008</u> (2002 = 100)	<u>Nov. 2008</u> to <u>Dec. 2008</u>	<u>Dec. 2007</u> to <u>Dec. 2008</u>
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>				
All-Items	115.8	116.7	-0.8	2.6
Food	120.7	120.3	0.3	9.1
Shelter	139.7	139.6	0.1	8.6
Household Operations and Furnishings	101.5	101.9	-0.4	0.7
Clothing and Footwear	91.7	93.5	-1.9	-1.5
Transportation	105.9	109.7	-3.5	-7.1
Health and Personal Care	108.4	108.4	0.0	2.3
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.5	103.5	-1.0	-0.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	129.7	129.8	-0.1	1.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	115.1	115.2	-0.1	3.8
Energy	122.0	130.3	-6.4	-7.4
<b>CANADA</b>				
All-Items	113.3	114.1	-0.7	1.2
Food	119.8	119.5	0.3	7.3
Shelter	123.4	123.4	0.0	3.5
Household Operations and Furnishings	105.5	105.5	0.0	1.9
Clothing and Footwear	91.3	94.1	-3.0	-2.6
Transportation	110.3	113.2	-2.6	-6.1
Health and Personal Care	109.9	110.1	-0.2	2.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	101.2	101.9	-0.7	0.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	128.7	128.5	0.2	2.0
All-Items Excluding Energy	112.6	112.8	-0.2	2.6
Energy	123.0	130.7	-5.9	-11.0
<b>REGINA</b>				
All-Items	115.6	116.4	-0.7	3.0
<b>SASKATOON</b>				
All-Items	116.9	117.8	-0.8	2.5

**Note:** These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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PERCENT CHANGE  
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Nov. 2008</u> to <u>Dec. 2008</u>	<u>Dec. 2007</u> to <u>Dec. 2008</u>
Canada	-0.7	1.2
Newfoundland	-1.0	1.2
Prince Edward Island	-1.9	0.0
Nova Scotia	-1.4	-0.2
New Brunswick	-1.2	-0.6
Quebec	-0.6	0.5
Ontario	-0.6	1.5
Manitoba	-0.7	1.9
Saskatchewan	-0.8	2.6
Alberta	-0.3	1.9
British Columbia	-0.8	1.2
Whitehorse	-0.6	3.0
Yellowknife	-0.6	3.1
Iqaluit	0.4	3.4

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PERCENT CHANGE  
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Nov. 2008</u> to <u>Dec. 2008</u>	<u>Dec. 2007</u> to <u>Dec. 2008</u>
St. John's	-0.8	1.6
Charlottetown-Summerside	-1.8	0.2
Halifax	-1.3	-0.1
Saint John	-1.3	-0.6
Quebec City	-0.7	0.5
Montreal	-0.5	0.7
Ottawa	-0.5	1.7
Toronto	-0.4	1.7
Thunder Bay	-0.6	1.9
Winnipeg	-0.6	2.0
Regina	-0.7	3.0
Saskatoon	-0.8	2.5
Edmonton	-0.3	2.0
Calgary	-0.2	2.4
Vancouver	-0.9	1.3
Victoria	-0.8	1.2
Whitehorse	-0.6	3.0
Yellowknife	-0.6	3.1
Iqaluit	0.4	3.4