

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

August 2009

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.1 percent between July 2009 and August 2009 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.0 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.0 percent and fell 0.1 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the August All-items Index decreased from July 2009 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, traveller accommodation, preserved fruit and fruit preparations, and prescribed medicines. Prices also fell for homeowners' maintenance and repairs, other food preparations, and rent.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, bakery products, fresh fruit, and fresh vegetables. Prices also fell for personal care supplies and equipment, women's clothing, and footwear.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 0.8 percent between August 2008 and August 2009 while the Canada All-items Index decreased 0.8 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.4 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The August All-items Index increased from August 2008 primarily due to increased prices for food purchased from restaurants, electricity, mortgage interest cost, and rent. Prices also rose for prescribed medicines, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, and property taxes (including special charges).

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, housing (replacement cost), and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for natural gas, fuel oil and other fuels, and home entertainment equipment, parts and services.

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

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>August 2009</u>	<u>July 2009</u>	<u>July 2009</u> to <u>August 2009</u>	<u>August 2008</u> to <u>August 2009</u>
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	117.9	118.0	-0.1	0.8
Food	122.8	123.5	-0.6	4.9
Shelter	139.7	139.5	0.1	2.9
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.8	104.7	0.1	3.3
Clothing and Footwear	95.9	96.6	-0.7	2.0
Transportation	107.8	108.0	-0.2	-9.0
Health and Personal Care	114.4	114.1	0.3	7.3
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.8	104.6	0.2	0.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	132.7	132.1	0.5	2.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	116.4	116.5	-0.1	2.3
Energy	132.0	131.7	0.2	-10.4
CANADA				
All-Items	114.7	114.7	0.0	-0.8
Food	121.5	122.3	-0.7	4.0
Shelter	121.1	120.8	0.2	-2.2
Household Operations and Furnishings	107.0	107.1	-0.1	2.5
Clothing and Footwear	92.1	91.3	0.9	-1.7
Transportation	114.8	114.3	0.4	-6.7
Health and Personal Care	112.5	112.5	0.0	2.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.4	104.3	0.1	0.9
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.4	131.5	-0.1	3.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.3	113.5	-0.2	1.4
Energy	132.6	129.6	2.3	-19.1
REGINA				
All-Items	118.0	118.0	0.0	1.4
SASKATOON				
All-Items	118.9	119.0	-0.1	0.7

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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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>July 2009</u> to <u>August 2009</u>	<u>August 2008</u> to <u>August 2009</u>
Canada	0.0	-0.8
Newfoundland	-0.2	-0.7
Prince Edward Island	-0.1	-0.8
Nova Scotia	0.1	-0.8
New Brunswick	-0.3	-0.2
Quebec	0.1	0.4
Ontario	0.0	-1.0
Manitoba	-0.4	-0.4
Saskatchewan	-0.1	0.8
Alberta	0.4	-1.7
British Columbia	0.4	-1.1
Whitehorse	-0.2	-1.0
Yellowknife	-0.2	-0.5
Iqaluit	0.6	1.6

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>July 2009</u> to <u>August 2009</u>	<u>August 2008</u> to <u>August 2009</u>
St. John's	-0.2	-0.2
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.2	-0.5
Halifax	0.1	-0.6
Saint John	-0.3	-0.2
Quebec City	0.1	0.6
Montreal	0.2	0.6
Ottawa	0.0	-0.9
Toronto	0.0	-1.0
Thunder Bay	-0.1	-1.5
Winnipeg	-0.4	-0.5
Regina	0.0	1.4
Saskatoon	-0.1	0.7
Edmonton	0.2	-1.2
Calgary	0.4	-1.8
Vancouver	0.6	-0.8
Victoria	0.2	-0.8
Whitehorse	-0.2	-1.0
Yellowknife	-0.2	-0.5
Iqaluit	0.6	1.6