

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

February 2012

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.2 percent between January 2012 and February 2012 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.2 percent for both cities during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the February All-items Index decreased from January 2012 primarily due to lower prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and gasoline. Prices also fell for fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, sugar and confectionery, alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments and furniture.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for travel tours, traveller accommodation, women's clothing and clothing accessories, watches and jewellery. Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants, non-alcoholic beverages and rent.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.0 percent between February 2011 and February 2012 while the Canada All-items Index increased 2.6 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.2 percent and 1.7 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The February All-items Index increased from February 2011 primarily due to higher prices for homeowners' replacement cost, mortgage interest cost, rent, water and telephone services. Prices also rose for gasoline and clothing accessories, watches and jewellery.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for home entertainment equipment, parts and services, household textiles, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and purchase and operation of recreational vehicles. Prices also fell for sugar and confectionery, travel tours and men's clothing.

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

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Feb. 2012</u>	<u>Jan. 2012</u>	<u>Jan. 2012</u> to <u>Feb. 2012</u>	<u>Feb. 2011</u> to <u>Feb. 2012</u>
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	122.7	122.9	-0.2	2.0
Food	130.4	131.2	-0.6	3.6
Shelter	146.1	145.9	0.1	2.3
Household Operations and Furnishings	105.9	106.1	-0.2	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	97.6	95.8	1.9	1.9
Transportation	116.9	118.5	-1.4	2.5
Health and Personal Care	114.3	113.6	0.6	2.2
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.0	103.3	0.7	-0.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	142.5	143.5	-0.7	1.4
All-Items Excluding Energy	121.0	121.2	-0.2	2.0
Energy	138.2	138.8	-0.4	1.1
CANADA				
All-Items	121.2	120.7	0.4	2.6
Food	130.4	130.2	0.2	4.1
Shelter	126.9	127.1	-0.2	1.9
Household Operations and Furnishings	112.8	112.2	0.5	2.5
Clothing and Footwear	91.9	89.3	2.9	2.8
Transportation	127.8	127.4	0.3	4.2
Health and Personal Care	118.4	118.1	0.3	2.1
Recreation, Education and Reading	103.7	102.6	1.1	-0.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	136.6	136.3	0.2	1.2
All-Items Excluding Energy	118.3	117.9	0.3	2.2
Energy	156.9	155.5	0.9	7.2
REGINA				
All-Items	123.3	123.5	-0.2	2.2
SASKATOON				
All-Items	123.2	123.4	-0.2	1.7

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>Jan. 2012</u> to <u>Feb. 2012</u>	<u>Feb. 2011</u> to <u>Feb. 2012</u>
Canada	0.4	2.6
Newfoundland	0.4	2.8
Prince Edward Island	1.0	3.1
Nova Scotia	0.5	2.8
New Brunswick	0.2	2.6
Quebec	0.6	3.2
Ontario	0.7	2.9
Manitoba	0.1	1.7
Saskatchewan	-0.2	2.0
Alberta	-0.4	1.9
British Columbia	0.3	1.7
Whitehorse	0.2	2.7
Yellowknife	-0.8	3.3
Iqaluit	0.2	1.9

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Jan. 2012</u> to <u>Feb. 2012</u>	<u>Feb. 2011</u> to <u>Feb. 2012</u>
St. John's	0.4	2.7
Charlottetown-Summerside	1.0	2.9
Halifax	0.5	2.5
Saint John	0.3	2.4
Quebec City	0.5	3.3
Montreal	0.5	3.0
Ottawa	0.7	2.7
Toronto	0.7	3.1
Thunder Bay	0.7	2.7
Winnipeg	0.1	1.7
Regina	-0.2	2.2
Saskatoon	-0.2	1.7
Edmonton	-0.3	2.1
Calgary	-0.3	1.7
Vancouver	0.4	2.1
Victoria	0.3	1.6
Whitehorse	0.2	2.7
Yellowknife	-0.8	3.3
Iqaluit	0.2	1.9