

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

May 2012

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent between April 2012 and May 2012 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.1 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the May All-items Index increased from April 2012 primarily due to higher prices for passenger vehicle insurance premiums, telephone services, traveller accommodations and men's clothing. Prices also rose for fresh fruit, fresh vegetables and processed meat.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, gasoline, women's clothing and homeowners' maintenance and repairs. Price also fell for prescribed medicines, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and seeds, plants and cut flowers.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.5 percent between May 2011 and May 2012 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.7 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The May All-items Index increased from May 2011 primarily due to higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums and passenger vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs. Prices also rose for mortgage interest cost, rent, homeowners' replacement cost and clothing accessories, watches and jewellery.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, natural gas, home entertainment equipment, parts and services and furniture. Prices also fell for prescribed medicines, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and fresh vegetables.

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

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>May 2012</u>	<u>Apr. 2012</u> (2002 = 100)	<u>Apr. 2012</u> to <u>May 2012</u>	<u>May 2011</u> to <u>May 2012</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	124.5	124.2	0.2	1.5
Food	131.5	130.4	0.8	3.1
Shelter	146.2	146.2	0.0	2.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	107.0	106.3	0.7	1.2
Clothing and Footwear	96.8	96.2	0.6	3.6
Transportation	121.4	121.5	-0.1	0.7
Health and Personal Care	114.7	114.5	0.2	0.1
Recreation, Education and Reading	107.1	106.4	0.7	0.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	143.4	143.7	-0.2	1.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	122.5	122.1	0.3	2.3
Energy	143.6	144.0	-0.3	-4.1
CANADA				
All-Items	122.1	122.2	-0.1	1.2
Food	130.9	130.1	0.6	2.5
Shelter	126.7	126.6	0.1	1.2
Household Operations and Furnishings	112.8	112.6	0.2	2.2
Clothing and Footwear	93.4	95.3	-2.0	-0.3
Transportation	129.9	131.3	-1.1	0.8
Health and Personal Care	118.8	118.9	-0.1	1.4
Recreation, Education and Reading	106.7	105.4	1.2	0.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	137.7	137.7	0.0	1.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	119.3	119.1	0.2	1.7
Energy	157.7	161.0	-2.0	-1.6
REGINA				
All-Items	125.1	124.8	0.2	1.7
SASKATOON				
All-Items	125.0	124.6	0.3	1.4

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>Apr. 2012</u> to <u>May 2012</u>	<u>May 2011</u> to <u>May 2012</u>
Canada	-0.1	1.2
Newfoundland	-0.6	2.5
Prince Edward Island	-0.3	1.6
Nova Scotia	-0.4	1.9
New Brunswick	-0.3	1.8
Quebec	-0.2	1.9
Ontario	0.0	1.2
Manitoba	0.3	1.1
Saskatchewan	0.2	1.5
Alberta	-0.3	0.4
British Columbia	0.3	1.3
Whitehorse	0.7	2.6
Yellowknife	-0.2	2.7
Iqaluit	0.9	2.1

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Apr. 2012</u> to <u>May 2012</u>	<u>May 2011</u> to <u>May 2012</u>
St. John's	-0.5	2.4
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.3	1.5
Halifax	-0.5	1.7
Saint John	-0.3	1.7
Quebec City	-0.1	2.0
Montreal	-0.2	1.8
Ottawa	-0.1	1.1
Toronto	0.0	1.3
Thunder Bay	-0.1	0.6
Winnipeg	0.3	1.1
Regina	0.2	1.7
Saskatoon	0.3	1.4
Edmonton	-0.3	0.4
Calgary	-0.4	0.3
Vancouver	0.3	1.5
Victoria	0.3	1.2
Whitehorse	0.7	2.6
Yellowknife	-0.2	2.7
Iqaluit	0.9	2.1