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Education Price Index

1998

For the first time since 1995, prices for goods and services in elementary and secondary education increased more than overall inflation. In 1998, the Education Price Index (EPI) increased 1.2 %, while the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.9%.

Teachers' salaries account for more than 70% of school boards' operating expenses and are the major component of the EPI. Growth in teacher's salaries has remained at or under 1% annually since 1994. The non-teaching salary component of the EPI, which saw little or no increases during the mid-1990s, rose 1.5% in 1997 and 3.2% in 1998.

The prices of the non-salary items included in the EPI have not been as stable as salaries in recent years. This non-salary component rose 0.8% in 1998, the smallest increase in over a decade. It includes school facilities, instructional supplies, fees and contractual services. This component has a relatively smaller influence on the overall EPI, because it represents only 20% of the total operating budgets of school boards.

Note: The Education Price Index was established in the 1970s to estimate whether increases in elementary and secondary education operating expenditures were attributable to inflation or variations in the quantity and quality of goods purchased by schools (including teaching services). The EPI is used mainly to indicate price changes in elementary and secondary education and to express its expenditures in constant dollar amounts.

Data are now available for the years 1971 to 1998.

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Level and annual growth rate of the EPI and its major components compared with the CPI 1992=100

	Relative importance of the EPI's components %	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Education Price Index (EPI)	100.0	102.8	105.3	105.8	106.6	107.9
% change from previous year		0.9	2.4	0.5	0.8	1.2
Salaries and wages	79.9	102.2	102.0	102.3	103.0	104.2
% change		0.4	-0.2	0.3	0.6	1.2
Teachers' salaries	71.7	102.3	102.0	102.4	102.9	104.0
% change		0.5	-0.3	0.4	0.5	1.0
Non-teaching salaries	8.2	101.7	101.7	101.7	103.2	106.5
% change		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	3.2
Non-salary	20.1	105.5	121.2	122.5	124.3	125.4
% change		3.1	14.9	1.0	1.5	0.8
Instructional supplies	6.9	109.6	163.8	155.5	152.5	152.7
% change		7.9	49.5	-5.1	-1.9	0.2
School facilities, supplies and services	4.3	101.7	100.1	102.1	105.8	106.0
% change		0.6	-1.6	2.0	3.6	0.1
Fees and contractual services	8.9	105.2	107.8	114.3	118.0	120.0
% change		1.6	2.5	6.0	3.2	1.7
Consumer Price Index		102.0	104.2	105.9	107.6	108.6
% change		0.2	2.2	1.6	1.6	0.9

Note: Growth rates may differ slightly due to rounding.

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Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

March 2000 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 477 100 cubic metres in March, down 3.5% from March 1999. Total motor gasoline sales were off 2.3% from the previous year, and sales of mid- and premium grades dropped by 33.8% and 34.2%, respectively. Light fuel oil decreased by 12.5 %. Heavy fuel oil continued a downward trend, falling 29.1%. Of the seven major product groups, only diesel fuel oil posted an increase (+7.5%).

Year-to-date sales of refined petroleum products were up 91 100 cubic metres, or 0.4%, over the same period in 1999. Sales increased for four of the seven major product groups. The largest advances were in sales of diesel fuel (+510 500 cubic metres or +10.2%) and other refined products (+250 200 cubic metres or +14.2%). Sales of heavy fuel oil fell 25.7%, and petrochemical feedstocks dropped 11.8%.

Sales of refined petroleum products

	March 1999 ^r	March 2000 ^p	March 1999 to March 2000
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total, all products	7 750.1	7 477.1	-3.5
Motor gasoline	3 108.1	3 036.5	-2.3
Diesel fuel oil	1 739.0	1 869.6	7.5
Light fuel oil	670.3	586.4	-12.5
Heavy fuel oil	735.9	521.9	-29.1
Aviation turbo fuels	457.2	457.1	0.0
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	430.3	403.6	-6.2
All other refined products	609.3	602.0	-1.2

	Jan. to March 1999 ^r	Jan. to March 2000 ^p	Jan.-March 1999 to Jan.-March 2000
Total, all products	22 552.0	22 643.1	0.4
Motor gasoline	8 827.4	8 924.8	1.1
Diesel fuel oil	5 024.2	5 534.7	10.2
Light fuel oil	2 157.2	2 023.8	-6.2
Heavy fuel oil	2 189.0	1 625.8	-25.7
Aviation turbo fuels	1 329.2	1 407.5	5.9
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	1 261.2	1 112.5	-11.8
All other refined products	1 763.8	2 014.0	14.2

^r Revised.

^p Preliminary.

¹ Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

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Steel wire and specified wire products

March 2000

Shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 78 921 tonnes in March, up 0.5% from 78 543 tonnes in March 1999. Production and export market data for selected commodities are also available.

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