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OTHER RELEASES

Education Price Index

1999

For the first time since 1995, prices for goods and services in elementary and secondary education rose more than overall inflation. In 1999, the Education Price Index (EPI) increased 2.3 % while the Consumer Price Index (CPI) moved up 1.7%. In recent years, the changes in the EPI have generally mirrored those of the CPI.

Teachers' salaries account for more than 70% of school boards' operating expenses, and are the major component of the EPI. Since 1994, teacher's salaries grew at or under 1.0% annually. In 1999, they rose 2.1% as a result of a number of retroactive collective agreements. However, since 1992, teachers' salaries have shown the smallest increase when compared with the other components of the EPI. The non-teaching salary component of the EPI, which saw few or no increases during the mid-1990s, went up 2.7% in 1998 and 2.2% in 1999.

The prices of the non-salary items included in the EPI rose 2.8% in 1999, the largest increase since 1995. These items include school facilities, instructional supplies, fees and contractual services. The non-salary component has a relatively smaller influence on the overall EPI, because it represents only 20% of school boards' total operating budgets.

Note: The EPI 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 and services purchased by schools (including teaching services). The EPI is used mainly to indicate price changes in elementary and secondary education and to express its spending in constant dollar amounts.

These data are now available for the years 1971 to 1999.

Available on CANSIM: table 4780013.

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Level and annual growth rate of the Education Price Index and its major components compared with the Consumer Price Index

(1992=100)

	Relative importance of the EPI's components %	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Education Price Index % change from previous year	100.0	105.3 2.4	105.8 0.5	106.6 0.8	107.6 0.9	110.1 2.3
Salaries and wages	80.0	102.0	102.3	103.0	104.2	106.4
% change		-0.2	0.3	0.6	1.2	2.1
Teachers' salaries	71.7	102.0	102.4	102.9	104.0	106.2
% change		-0.3	0.4	0.5	1.0	2.1
Non-teaching salaries	8.3	101.7	101.7	103.2	105.9	108.3
% change		0.0	0.0	1.5	2.7	2.2
Non-salary	20.0	121.2	122.5	124.3	124.3	127.9
% change		14.9	1.0	1.5	0.0	2.8
Instructional supplies	6.7	163.8	155.5	152.5	149.0	153.9
% change		49.5	-5.1	-1.9	-2.3	3.3
School facilities, supplies and services	4.3	100.1	102.1	105.8	106.0	109.4
% change		-1.6	2.0	3.6	0.1	3.2
Fees and contractual services	9.0	107.8	114.3	118.0	120.0	122.7
% change		2.5	6.0	3.2	1.7	2.3
Consumer Price Index		104.2	105.9	107.6	108.6	110.5
% change		2.2	1.6	1.6	0.9	1.7

Note: Growth rates may differ slightly due to rounding.

Production and disposition of tobacco products

July 2001

Sales of cigarettes by tobacco product manufacturers were up strongly in July. Production dropped and was well below sales, causing a substantial fall in inventories.

July sales rose 22% to 4.6 billion cigarettes, or 29% above July, 2000 sales. Year-to-date sales were 26.0 billion cigarettes, 1% below sales at the end of July 2000.

Cigarette production fell to 3.1 billion in July, from a June level of 4.0 billion. This was a decrease of 23% from June and of 3% from July 2000. Year-to-date total production was 25.9 billion cigarettes, down 2% from the same period of 2000.

The slowdown in production, together with higher shipments, drew inventories down to 3.7 billion. They lost 36% during July from June, and were 3% below July 2000 inventories. Stocks had been kept high to supply the market during summer plant closings.

Available on CANSIM: table 3030007 and matrix 46.

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The July 2001 issue of *Production and disposition of tobacco products*, Vol. 30, no. 7 (32-022-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. *See How to order products*.

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Egg production

July 2001 (preliminary)

Egg production is estimated at 48.1 million dozen in July, up 3.0 % from July 2000.

Available on CANSIM: tables 30022, 30038 and 30039 and matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

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To order *Production of eggs* (23-003-XPB; \$110), contact Julie Gordon (613-951-5039), Agriculture Division.

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Farm product prices

January to July 2001

Monthly farm product prices to July are now available.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gail-Ann Breese (204-983-3445; fax: 613-951-3868), Agriculture Division.

NEW PRODUCTS

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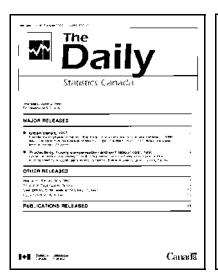
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