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Perspectives on Labour and Income

Autumn 2010

The Autumn 2010 print edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, released today, includes four articles previously released in the online edition.

"Health factors and early retirement among older workers" examines associations between health factors and early exits from the labour market.

"Labour market activity among seniors" uses census data to study labour market activity among senior men and women.

"Income in manufacturing regions" covers income, low-income incidence and Employment Insurance use in regions with varying concentrations of manufacturing employment. The article focuses on the period from 2000, the most recent peak in manufacturing employment, to 2007, the last full year of economic growth.

"Income replacement during the retirement years" examines the extent to which the family income of individuals in their mid-fifties is "replaced" by other sources of income during the retirement years.

This edition also features a yearly update on gambling as well as the "What's new?" section, which highlights recent studies of interest from Statistics Canada and other organizations.

The Autumn 2010 print edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, Vol. 22, no. 3 (75-001-X, \$20/\$63), is now available. See *How to order products*.

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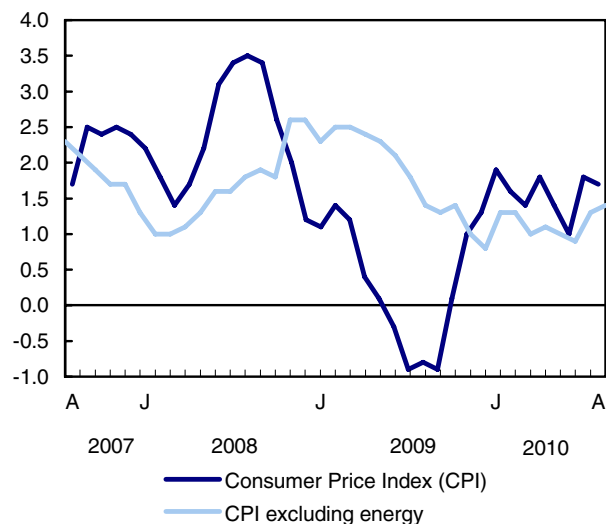
Consumer Price Index

August 2010

Consumer prices rose 1.7% in the 12 months to August, following a 1.8% increase in July.

The 12-month change in the CPI and the CPI excluding energy

12-month % change



Overall, energy prices rose 5.0% between August 2009 and August 2010, following a 7.9% increase during the 12-month period to July. Excluding energy, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was up 1.4% in August.

Within the energy price index, prices for electricity rose 7.7% in August compared with the same month a year earlier.

Higher consumer prices were also recorded in August for homeowner's replacement costs (+5.5%), passenger vehicle insurance premiums (+5.1%) and food purchased from restaurants (+2.5%).

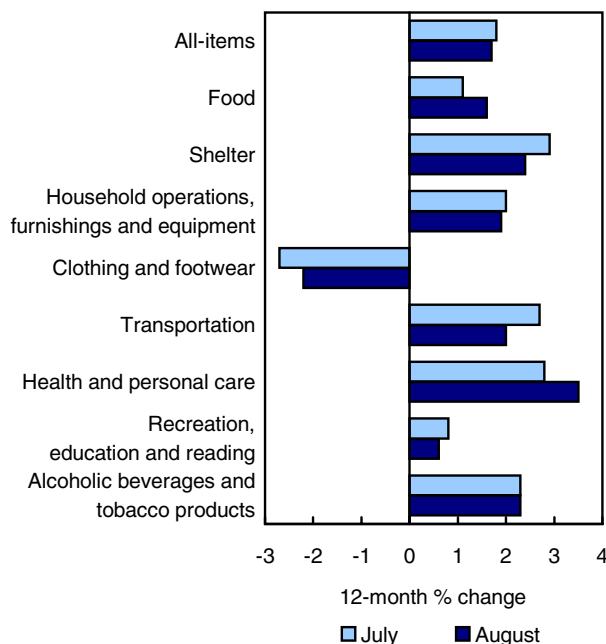
Seasonally adjusted monthly CPI increases

On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, consumer prices rose 0.1% in August, following a 0.6% increase in July. The food index was up 0.3%, while the health and personal care index rose 0.7%. The transportation index fell 0.3%.

12-month change: Seven of the eight CPI major components rise

Prices increased in seven of the eight major components of the CPI in the 12 months to August; the only exception was clothing and footwear.

Of the eight major Consumer Price Index components, seven register increases in August



Shelter costs rose 2.4% in August compared with the same month last year. In addition to paying higher prices for electricity and homeowner's replacement costs, consumers also paid more for rent and natural gas.

The mortgage interest cost index, which measures the change in the interest portion of payments on outstanding mortgage debt, declined 3.8% in August, following a 4.2% decrease in July.

Transportation costs went up 2.0% in the 12 months to August after rising 2.7% in July. As well as paying higher prices for passenger vehicle insurance premiums, consumers paid 2.2% more for the purchase of passenger vehicles in August. Gasoline prices

rose 1.9% during the 12-month period to August, after posting a 4.8% increase in July.

Food prices advanced 1.6%, after increasing 1.1% in July. In August, higher prices were recorded for both food purchased from restaurants and food purchased from stores. Prices rose for dairy products and eggs, sugar and confectionery, bakery and cereal products, non-alcoholic beverages, and vegetables and vegetable preparations.

Prices in the household operations, furnishings and equipment component were up 1.9% in August compared with the same month last year. Higher prices were recorded for telephone services, child care and domestic services, as well as pet food and supplies. Prices for furniture, household textiles and household appliances fell.

In the health and personal care component, prices rose 3.5%.

Prices in the recreation, education and reading component rose 0.6%. Consumers paid more for cablevision and satellite services as well as for the use of recreational facilities and services. Prices for home entertainment equipment, parts and services, and computer equipment and supplies fell.

Consumers paid 2.2% less for clothing and footwear in August than they did a year earlier. Lower prices were recorded for women's and children's clothing. Prices for women's footwear also declined in August.

12-month change: Consumer prices increase in all provinces

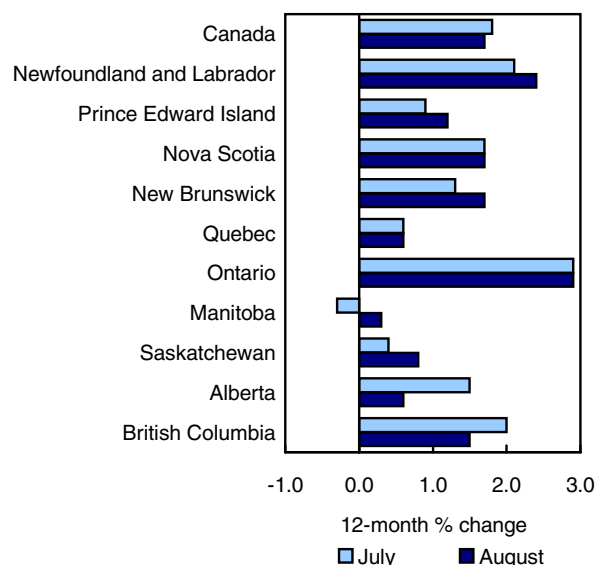
Consumer prices increased in all provinces in the 12 months to August. Ontario recorded the largest year-over-year increase.

Consumer prices rose 2.9% in Ontario between August 2009 and August 2010, matching the increase in July. Prices for electricity, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, and homeowner's replacement costs went up. As well, Ontarians paid 3.8% more for gasoline.

Prices in British Columbia rose 1.5% during the 12-month period to August, after a 2.0% increase in July. In August, prices for food purchased from restaurants increased 6.7% and gasoline prices advanced 6.5%. Homeowner's replacement costs also went up.

In Quebec, prices increased 0.6% in the 12 months to August. Higher prices were recorded for telephone services, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, child care and domestic services, as well as the purchase of passenger vehicles.

Ontario records the largest year-over-year increase of all provinces in August



Prices increased 2.4% in Newfoundland and Labrador. Upward price movements were recorded for electricity, meat, food purchased from restaurants, and the purchase of passenger vehicles.

12-month change in the Bank of Canada's core index

The Bank of Canada's core index advanced 1.6% in the 12 months to August, matching the rate of growth recorded in July.

The seasonally adjusted monthly core index posted no change in August, following a 0.1% increase in July.

For a more detailed analysis, consult the publication *The Consumer Price Index*.

Available on CANSIM: tables 326-0009, 326-0012, 326-0015 and 326-0020 to 326-0022.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2301.

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI are also available online in *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (62-557-X, free) from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

The August 2010 issue of *The Consumer Price Index*, Vol. 89, no. 8 (62-001-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. A paper copy is also available (\$12/\$111). A more detailed analysis of the CPI is available in this publication. See *How to order products*.

The September Consumer Price Index will be released on October 22.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of

this release, contact the Dissemination Unit (toll-free 1-866-230-2248; 613-951-9606; fax: 613-951-2848; cpd-info-dpc@statcan.gc.ca), Consumer Prices Division.

Consumer Price Index and major components, Canada

| | Relative importance ¹ | August 2009 | July 2010 | August 2010 | July to August 2010 | August 2009 to August 2010 |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Not seasonally adjusted | | | | | | |
| | | (2002=100) | | % change | | |
| All-items | 100.00² | 114.7 | 116.8 | 116.7 | -0.1 | 1.7 |
| Food | 17.04 | 121.5 | 123.7 | 123.5 | -0.2 | 1.6 |
| Shelter | 26.62 | 121.1 | 124.3 | 124.0 | -0.2 | 2.4 |
| Household operations, furnishings and equipment | 11.10 | 107.0 | 109.2 | 109.0 | -0.2 | 1.9 |
| Clothing and footwear | 5.36 | 92.1 | 88.8 | 90.1 | 1.5 | -2.2 |
| Transportation | 19.88 | 114.8 | 117.4 | 117.1 | -0.3 | 2.0 |
| Health and personal care | 4.73 | 112.5 | 115.6 | 116.4 | 0.7 | 3.5 |
| Recreation, education and reading | 12.20 | 104.4 | 105.1 | 105.0 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products | 3.07 | 131.4 | 134.5 | 134.4 | -0.1 | 2.3 |
| Special aggregates | | | | | | |
| Core CPI ³ | 82.71 | 113.8 | 115.5 | 115.6 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| All-items excluding energy | 90.62 | 113.3 | 115.0 | 114.9 | -0.1 | 1.4 |
| Energy | 9.38 | 132.6 | 139.8 | 139.2 | -0.4 | 5.0 |
| Gasoline | 4.92 | 144.7 | 147.8 | 147.4 | -0.3 | 1.9 |
| All-items excluding food and energy | 73.57 | 111.5 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| Goods | 48.78 | 107.8 | 109.1 | 109.1 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| Services | 51.22 | 121.6 | 124.5 | 124.3 | -0.2 | 2.2 |

1. 2005 CPI basket weights at April 2007 prices, Canada, effective May 2007. Detailed weights are available under the Documentation section of survey 2301 (www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/index-eng.htm).

2. Figures may not add to 100% as a result of rounding.

3. The measure of the core Consumer Price Index (CPI) excludes from the all-items CPI the effect of changes in indirect taxes and eight of the most volatile components identified by the Bank of Canada: fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; gasoline; inter-city transportation; and tobacco products and smokers' supplies. For additional information on the core CPI, please consult the Bank of Canada website (www.bankofcanada.ca/en/inflation/index.htm).

Consumer Price Index by province, and for Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Iqaluit

| | Relative importance ¹ | August 2009 | July 2010 | August 2010 | July to August 2010 | August 2009 to August 2010 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Not seasonally adjusted | | | | | | |
| | | (2002=100) | | % change | | |
| Canada | 100.00² | 114.7 | 116.8 | 116.7 | -0.1 | 1.7 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 1.27 | 115.0 | 117.6 | 117.8 | 0.2 | 2.4 |
| Prince Edward Island | 0.35 | 118.3 | 119.5 | 119.7 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| Nova Scotia | 2.56 | 116.7 | 118.6 | 118.7 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| New Brunswick | 1.97 | 114.1 | 115.9 | 116.0 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| Quebec | 21.05 | 113.9 | 114.5 | 114.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Ontario | 41.22 | 113.7 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 |
| Manitoba | 3.06 | 114.5 | 114.7 | 114.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 2.64 | 117.9 | 118.5 | 118.8 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| Alberta | 11.43 | 122.0 | 123.3 | 122.7 | -0.5 | 0.6 |
| British Columbia | 14.29 | 112.8 | 114.6 | 114.5 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| Whitehorse | 0.06 | 114.2 | 115.1 | 115.1 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Yellowknife | 0.08 | 116.3 | 118.0 | 118.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100) | 0.02 | 114.0 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 0.0 | -1.7 |

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Consumer Price Index and major components

| | Relative importance ¹ | June 2010 | July 2010 | August 2010 | June to July 2010 | July to August 2010 |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Seasonally adjusted | | | | | | |
| | | (2002=100) | | | % change | |
| All-items | 100.00² | 115.5 | 116.2 | 116.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Food | 17.04 | 122.4 | 123.2 | 123.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| Shelter | 26.62 | 123.3 | 124.3 | 124.0 | 0.8 | -0.2 |
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| Clothing and footwear | 5.36 | 91.5 | 90.5 | 90.7 | -1.1 | 0.2 |
| Transportation | 19.88 | 117.3 | 117.4 | 117.1 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Health and personal care | 4.73 | 114.5 | 115.5 | 116.3 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Recreation, education and reading | 12.20 | 103.6 | 104.0 | 103.9 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products | 3.07 | 132.2 | 134.5 | 134.4 | 1.7 | -0.1 |
| Special aggregates | | | | | | |
| Core CPI ³ | 82.71 | 115.5 | 115.6 | 115.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| All-items excluding food and energy | 73.57 | 112.6 | 112.9 | 113.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 |

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Travel between Canada and other countries July 2010

Travel by United States residents to Canada reached 1.7 million trips in July, up 2.3% from the previous month.

Residents of the United States made 1.0 million overnight trips to Canada in July, up 2.9% from June. Overnight travel by car increased 4.6%, while overnight travel by plane remained unchanged. Americans also made 615,000 same-day car trips to Canada, up 1.2%.

Travel by residents of overseas countries decreased 1.3% to 369,000 trips in July with 7 of the top 12 countries posting declines. Travel by residents of the United Kingdom, Canada's largest overseas market, fell by 5.6%.

Overall, travel to Canada by foreign residents rose 1.6% to 2.1 million trips in July.

Canadian residents took 4.5 million trips abroad in July, up 2.5% from the previous month. The number of trips by Canadians to the United States rose 3.0% to 3.8 million.

Overnight trips to the United States increased 2.6% to 1.7 million. Overnight trips by car increased 4.8%, while those by plane decreased 1.3%. Same-day trips

by car to the United States reached 2.0 million, up 3.4% from June.

Travel by Canadians to overseas destinations increased 0.3% to 732,000 trips in July.

Note: Monthly data are seasonally adjusted.

Available on CANSIM: tables 427-0001 to 427-0006.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5005.

The July 2010 issue of *International Travel, Advance Information*, Vol. 26, no. 7 (66-001-P, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Travel between Canada and other countries

| | July 2009 ^r | June 2010 ^r | July 2010 ^p | June to July 2010 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Seasonally adjusted | | | | |
| | thousands | | | % change ¹ |
| Canadian trips abroad² | 3,759 | 4,393 | 4,505 | 2.5 |
| To the United States | 3,080 | 3,664 | 3,773 | 3.0 |
| To other countries | 679 | 730 | 732 | 0.3 |
| Same-day car trips to the United States | 1,595 | 1,969 | 2,036 | 3.4 |
| Total trips, one or more nights | 2,130 | 2,385 | 2,430 | 1.9 |
| United States ³ | 1,451 | 1,655 | 1,698 | 2.6 |
| Car | 868 | 970 | 1,017 | 4.8 |
| Plane | 497 | 595 | 588 | -1.3 |
| Other modes of transportation | 87 | 90 | 94 | 4.4 |
| Other countries ⁴ | 679 | 730 | 732 | 0.3 |
| Travel to Canada² | 1,941 | 2,046 | 2,079 | 1.6 |
| From the United States | 1,606 | 1,672 | 1,710 | 2.3 |
| From other countries | 335 | 374 | 369 | -1.3 |
| Same-day car trips from the United States | 575 | 608 | 615 | 1.2 |
| Total trips, one or more nights | 1,272 | 1,341 | 1,364 | 1.7 |
| United States ³ | 945 | 976 | 1,004 | 2.9 |
| Car | 561 | 579 | 606 | 4.6 |
| Plane | 281 | 289 | 289 | 0.0 |
| Other modes of transportation | 103 | 108 | 109 | 1.6 |
| Other countries ⁴ | 327 | 365 | 360 | -1.6 |
| Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets, by country of origin⁵ | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 54 | 60 | 56 | -5.6 |
| France | 35 | 37 | 36 | -1.2 |
| Germany | 27 | 29 | 28 | -0.6 |
| Japan | 16 | 22 | 21 | -2.6 |
| Australia | 18 | 20 | 20 | 0.9 |
| China | 12 | 17 | 18 | 0.7 |
| South Korea | 12 | 16 | 15 | -8.5 |
| India | 9 | 11 | 11 | 0.2 |
| Netherlands | 9 | 8 | 10 | 20.8 |
| Hong Kong | 9 | 11 | 9 | -12.3 |
| Mexico | 13 | 10 | 9 | -3.4 |
| Italy | 8 | 9 | 9 | 3.7 |

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Percentage change is based on unrounded data.

2. Totals exceed the sum of "same-day car trips" and "total trips, one or more nights" because they include all of the same-day trips.

3. Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

4. Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

5. Includes same-day and overnight trips.



Refined petroleum products

July 2010 (preliminary)

Data on the production, inventories and domestic sales of refined petroleum products are now available for July. Other selected data about these products are also available.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (toll-free 1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; energ@statcan.gc.ca), Manufacturing and Energy Division. ■

Investment in new housing construction

July 2010

Data on investment in new housing construction (including single dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, row housing, apartments and condominiums) are now available for July.

These series are not offered on CANSIM.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5155.

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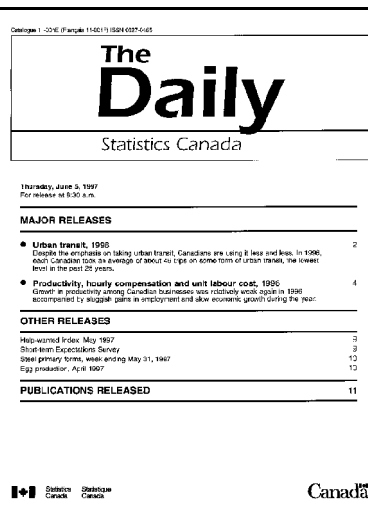
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