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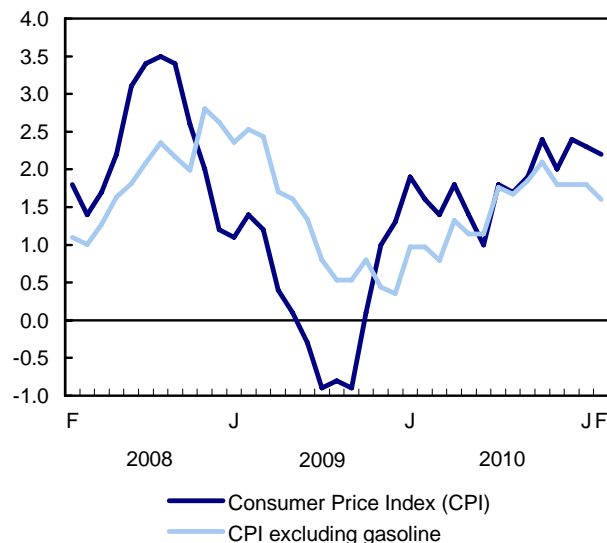
Consumer Price Index

February 2011

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

12-month % change



Energy prices rose 10.6% during the 12 months to February, after posting a 9.0% increase the previous month. Gasoline prices continued to increase in February, rising 15.7%, after recording a 13.0% increase in the 12 months to January.

Excluding gasoline, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.6% in the 12 months to February, compared with a 1.8% increase in January.

On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, consumer prices held steady from January to February, after a period of seven consecutive monthly increases. The transportation index, which includes gasoline, increased 0.2% in February, a slower rate of growth than the 1.0% increase observed in the previous month. The food index rose 0.2% in February, following a 0.4%

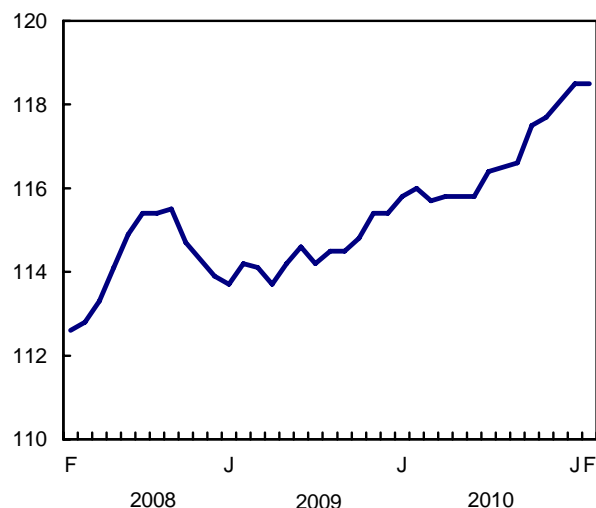
Note to readers

The Bank of Canada's core index excludes eight of the Consumer Price Index's most volatile components (fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; heating oil and other fuels; gasoline; inter-city transportation; and tobacco products and smokers' supplies) as well as the effects of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

increase in January. The clothing and footwear index posted a decline of 0.1%, after falling 1.2% in January.

No change in the seasonally adjusted monthly Consumer Price Index in February

index (2002=100)

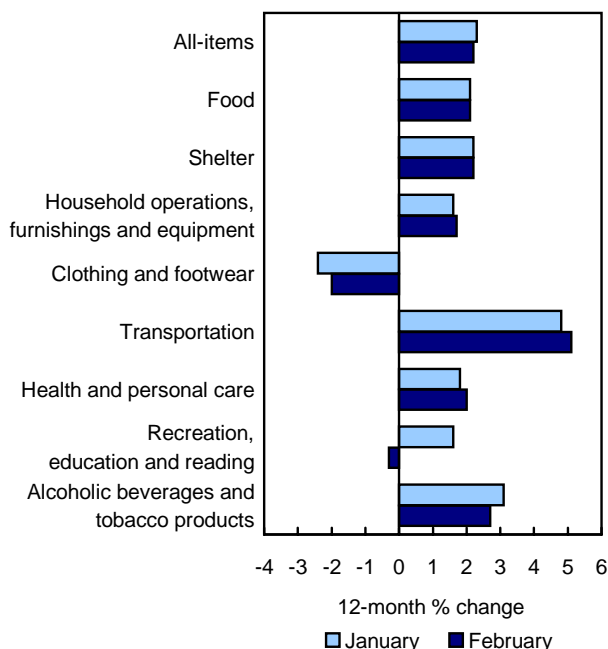


12-month change: Increases in six of the eight major components

On a year-over-year basis, prices increased in six of the eight major components of the CPI in the 12 months to February.

The largest increase occurred in the transportation component, where prices rose 5.1% in the 12 months to February, after a 4.8% increase in January.

Prices up in six of the eight major components



In addition to higher gasoline prices in the 12 months to February, consumers paid 4.0% more in passenger vehicle insurance premiums. They also paid more for air transportation but less for the purchase of passenger vehicles.

Shelter costs rose 2.2% in February, matching the increase in January. Homeowners' replacement cost increased 3.5% in the 12 months to February. Consumers paid more for electricity as well as for fuel oil and other fuels.

However, the mortgage interest cost index, which measures the change in the interest portion of payments on outstanding mortgage debt, continued to decrease. Consumers also paid less for natural gas.

Food prices went up 2.1% in the 12 months to February, identical to the increase in January. Food purchased from stores increased 2.0% in February. Prices rose for bread, unsweetened rolls and buns as well as for confectionery. Consumers paid 2.6% more for food purchased from restaurants.

Prices for household operations, furnishings and equipment increased 1.7% between February 2010 and February 2011. Within this component, higher prices were recorded for several items, notably for child care, domestic services and Internet access.

Prices for health and personal care advanced 2.0% in February, on the heels of a 1.8% rise in January. Consumers paid more for dental care and non-prescribed medicines, while prices for prescribed medicines fell.

For clothing and footwear, prices declined 2.0% in February, following a 2.4% decrease in January. Consumers paid less for women's clothing and children's clothing.

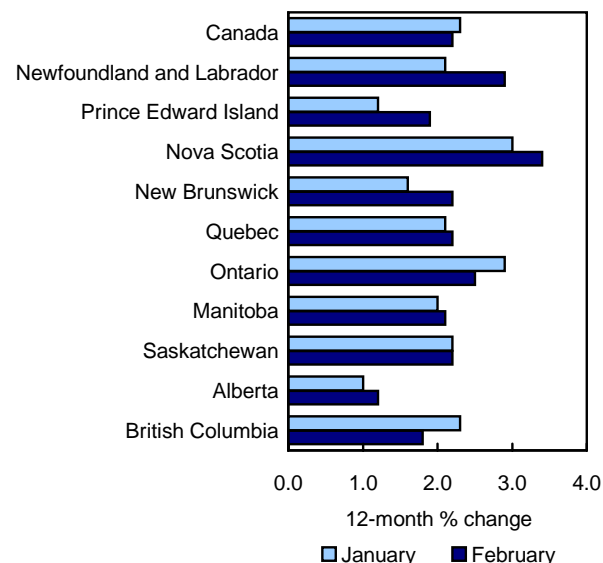
The recreation, education and reading price index decreased 0.3% in the 12 months to February, after increasing 1.6% in the previous month. Traveller accommodation was among the main contributors to this decrease. In February 2010, when Vancouver was hosting the Winter Olympics, prices for hotel rooms were much higher than they were in the same month this year. Consumers also paid less for travel tours in February 2011 compared with February 2010.

The provinces

Consumer prices rose in every province between February 2010 and February 2011. Drivers faced double-digit price increases for gasoline in all provinces except Manitoba.

In the 12 months to February, the largest increases in consumer prices were observed in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador. In those provinces, fuel oil and other fuels are used more extensively for home heating.

Consumer prices increase in all provinces, year-over-year



In Ontario, consumer prices rose 2.5% in the 12 months to February, after advancing 2.9% in January. More than half of the 0.4 percentage point decrease can be attributed to a smaller year-over-year increase in electricity prices in February compared with January. Electricity prices increased 1.1% in February, much less than the 10.4% increase recorded the month before.

Gasoline prices rose 18.3% in Ontario following a 15.6% increase in January. Consumers in Ontario also paid more for passenger vehicle insurance premiums.

Consumer prices in Quebec increased 2.2% in the 12 months to February, following a 2.1% increase in January. Prices for gasoline rose 15.8%. Prices for fuel oil and other fuels also increased.

Prices in British Columbia went up 1.8% in the 12 months to February, following a 2.3% increase in January. Consumers paid 12.6% more for gasoline and 7.8% more for food purchased from restaurants. Conversely, consumers paid less for traveller accommodation.

In Alberta, prices rose 1.2% in February, following a 1.0% increase in January. Consumers in Alberta paid 15.3% more for gasoline. Electricity prices also rose.

The Bank of Canada's core index

The Bank of Canada's core index advanced 0.9% in the 12 months to February, following a 1.4% rise in January.

The seasonally adjusted monthly core index fell 0.1% in February, following a 0.1% increase the previous month.

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 February 2011 issue of *The Consumer Price Index*, Vol. 90, no. 2 (62-001-X, free), is now available from *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. A more detailed analysis of the CPI is available in this publication.

The March 2011 Consumer Price Index will be released on April 19.

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.

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Consumer Price Index and major components, Canada

	Relative importance ¹	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	January to February 2011	February 2010 to February 2011
Not seasonally adjusted						
	%	(2002=100)		% change		
All-items	100.00²	115.6	117.8	118.1	0.3	2.2
Food	17.04	122.7	124.9	125.3	0.3	2.1
Shelter	26.62	121.8	124.5	124.5	0.0	2.2
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	11.10	108.3	109.6	110.1	0.5	1.7
Clothing and footwear	5.36	91.2	87.9	89.4	1.7	-2.0
Transportation	19.88	116.7	122.8	122.6	-0.2	5.1
Health and personal care	4.73	113.7	115.8	116.0	0.2	2.0
Recreation, education and reading	12.20	104.1	102.7	103.8	1.1	-0.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	3.07	131.4	135.2	135.0	-0.1	2.7
Special aggregates						
Core CPI ³	82.71	115.2	116.0	116.2	0.2	0.9
All-items excluding energy	90.62	114.2	115.5	115.8	0.3	1.4
Energy	9.38	132.3	146.0	146.3	0.2	10.6
Gasoline	4.92	142.3	163.6	164.6	0.6	15.7
All-items excluding food and energy	73.57	112.4	113.4	113.7	0.3	1.2
Goods	48.78	108.5	110.5	110.8	0.3	2.1
Services	51.22	122.6	125.0	125.3	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% due to rounding.

3. The measure of 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 Core CPI, consult the Bank of Canada website (www.bankofcanada.ca/en/inflation/index.htm).

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

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Canada	100.00²	115.6	117.8	118.1	0.3	2.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	1.27	116.3	119.0	119.7	0.6	2.9
Prince Edward Island	0.35	118.8	120.1	121.1	0.8	1.9
Nova Scotia	2.56	116.9	120.4	120.9	0.4	3.4
New Brunswick	1.97	115.6	117.2	118.2	0.9	2.2
Québec	21.05	114.2	116.4	116.7	0.3	2.2
Ontario	41.22	115.1	117.8	118.0	0.2	2.5
Manitoba	3.06	114.6	116.6	117.0	0.3	2.1
Saskatchewan	2.64	117.7	120.1	120.3	0.2	2.2
Alberta	11.43	122.7	123.5	124.2	0.6	1.2
British Columbia	14.29	113.2	114.8	115.2	0.3	1.8
Whitehorse	0.06	114.4	115.9	115.9	0.0	1.3
Yellowknife	0.08	117.4	119.3	119.2	-0.1	1.5
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	0.02	111.1	112.5	112.3	-0.2	1.1

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Consumer Price Index and major components

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Shelter	26.62	124.6	124.5	124.5	-0.1	0.0
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	11.10	109.6	109.9	109.9	0.3	0.0
Clothing and footwear	5.36	91.4	90.3	90.2	-1.2	-0.1
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Repair and maintenance services

2009

The 2009 edition of *Service Bulletin: Repair and Maintenance Services*, which contains industry highlights along with financial data including revenues, expenses, and operating profit margins, is now available.

Note: This survey excludes vehicle repairs provided by gasoline stations, retailers such as car dealers and retail chain stores.

Available on CANSIM: tables 361-0006, 361-0017 and 361-0018.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4720.

The publication *Service Bulletin: Repair and Maintenance Services*, 2009 (63-247-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-877-801-3282; 613-951-4612; servicesind@statcan.gc.ca), Service Industries Division. ■

Stocks of frozen eggs, poultry meats and edible dried egg products

March 1, 2011 (preliminary)

Data on stocks of frozen eggs, poultry meats and edible dried egg products in storage as of March 1 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0023 and 003-0024.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3425.

For more information, call Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Sandra Venturino (613-951-9278; sandra.venturino@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Advertising and related services

2009

Data on the advertising and related services industry are now available for 2009.

Available on CANSIM: tables 360-0003, 360-0014 and 360-0015.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2437.

The publication *Service Bulletin: Advertising and Related Services*, 2009 (63-257-X, free), will be available in April.

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Canadian passenger bus and urban transit industries

2009 (preliminary)

Data for the Annual Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Survey are now available for 2009.

Available on CANSIM: tables 408-0005 to 408-0012.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2798.

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Catalogue number 11-010-X (HTML, free)

Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire, January 2011, Vol. 7, no. 1
Catalogue number 41-019-X (PDF, free; HTML, free)

The Consumer Price Index, February 2011, Vol. 90, no. 2
Catalogue number 62-001-X (PDF, free; HTML, free)

Wholesale Trade, January 2011, Vol. 74, no. 1
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23	EnviroStats	March 2011
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