

Consumer Price Index: 2020 in Review



Canada

The pandemic caused slower price growth in 2020 compared with 2019, mostly attributable to a decline in consumer spending.

All-items

+0.7%

All-items excluding gasoline

+1.3%

Goods and services in the pandemic

Consumer spending patterns changed amid the COVID-19 pandemic as Canadians adapted to staying home, travelling less and buying more of certain items and fewer of others.

Air transportation

-0.8%



Personal care services

+4.2%



Meat

+4.5%



Sporting and exercise equipment

+1.9%



Gasoline

-14.0%



Food from restaurants

+2.2%



Traveller accommodation

-17.6%



Household equipment

+1.8%



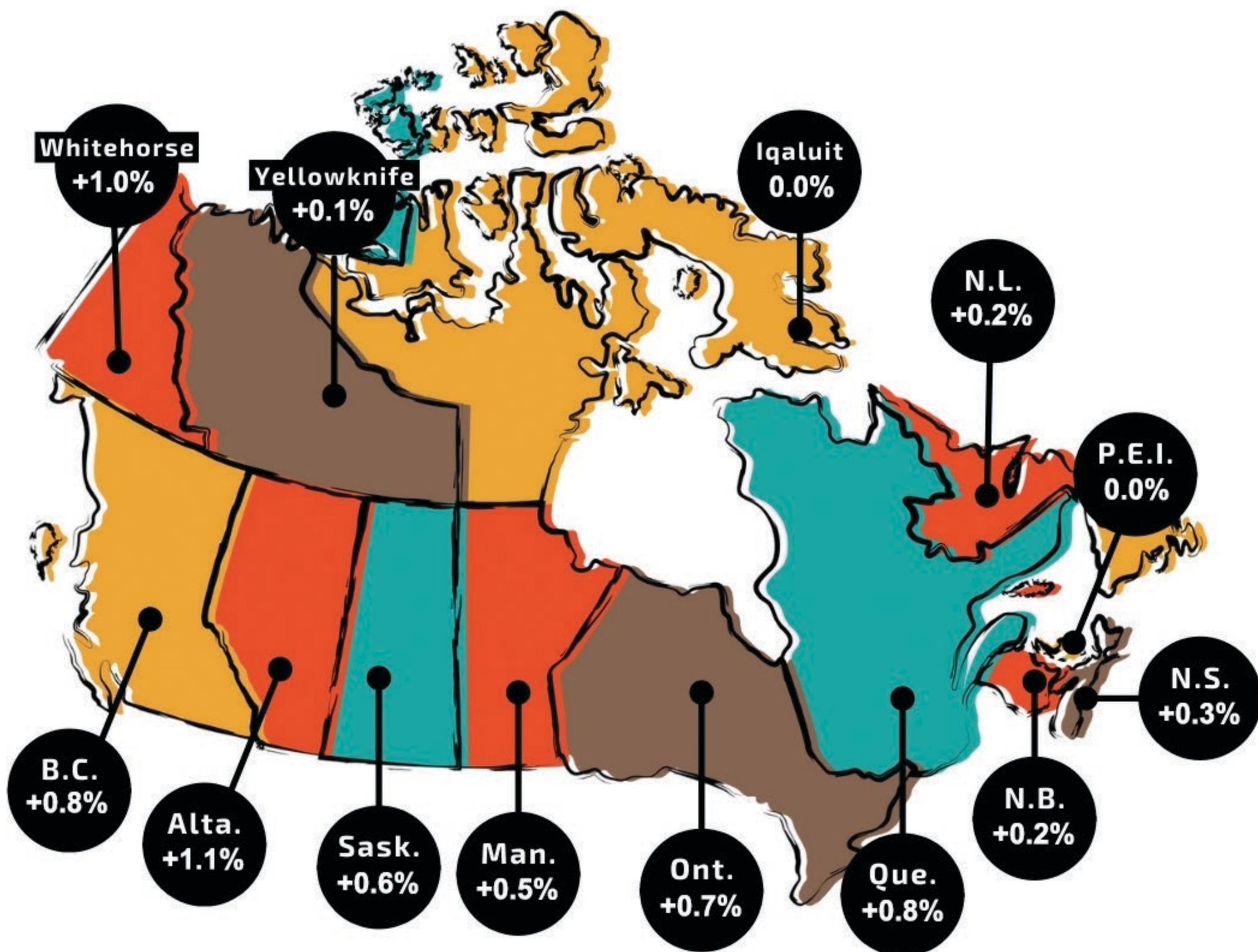
Clothing and footwear

-1.8%



Consumer inflation by region

Annual average consumer inflation rose at a slower pace in every province in 2020. Prices rose at the slowest pace in Atlantic Canada.



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