Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

January 2015

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.1 percent between December 2014 and January 2015, while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.2 percent. The Regina All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.2 percent, while Saskatoon remained unchanged during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the January 2015 Allitems Index decreased from December 2014 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, travel tours, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, and purchase and operation of recreational vehicles. Prices also fell for footwear, fuel oil and other fuels and bakery products.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for water, men's clothing, electricity and women's clothing. Prices also increased for children's clothing, non-alcoholic beverages and fresh fruit.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.4 percent between January 2014 and January 2015, while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.0 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.2 percent and 1.7 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The January 2015 All-items Index increased from January 2014 primarily due to higher prices for natural gas, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, fresh or frozen beef and water. Prices also increased for rent, food purchased from restaurants and property taxes and other special charges.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, travel tours, home entertainment equipment, parts and services and fuel oil and other fuel. Prices also decreased for furniture, coffee and tea and household cleaning products.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

The basket of goods and services used in the calculation of the CPI has been updated with the release of the January 2015 data.

The new weighting pattern is based on the 2013 Survey of Household Spending (SHS). It replaces the previous weights, which were based on the 2011 SHS.

ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

| | | | Percent Change | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | lex | Dec. 2014 | Jan. 2014 |
| | <u>Jan. 2015</u> | <u>Dec. 2014</u> | to | to |
| | (2002 = 100) | | <u>Jan. 2015</u> | <u>Jan. 2015</u> |
| SASKATCHEWAN | | | | |
| All-Items | 128.2 | 128.3 | -0.1 | 1.4 |
| Food | 141.5 | 140.3 | 0.9 | 4.7 |
| Shelter | 157.4 | 156.2 | 0.8 | 3.1 |
| Household Operations | | | | |
| and Furnishings | 111.5 | 111.4 | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 95.9 | 93.4 | 2.7 | 2.0 |
| Transportation | 115.2 | 118.0 | -2.4 | -3.7 |
| Health and Personal Care | 119.0 | 118.8 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| Recreation, Education | 400.4 | 400 6 | 0 = | |
| and Reading | 108.1 | 108.6 | -0.5 | 0.7 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 160.4 | 160.0 | 0.3 | 4.2 |
| All-Items Excluding Energy | 128.1 | 127.6 | 0.4 | 2.5 |
| Energy | 125.7 | 133.2 | -5.6 | -10.1 |
| CANADA | | | | |
| All-Items | 124.3 | 124.5 | -0.2 | 1.0 |
| Food | 139.1 | 137.4 | 1.2 | 4.6 |
| Shelter | 133.1 | 133.0 | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| Household Operations | | | | |
| and Furnishings | 118.0 | 117.8 | 0.2 | 2.9 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 91.1 | 91.1 | 0.0 | 2.1 |
| Transportation | 122.4 | 124.9 | -2.0 | -5.3 |
| Health and Personal Care | 120.0 | 119.6 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| Recreation, Education | | | | |
| and Reading | 105.6 | 106.1 | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 149.9 | 149.1 | 0.5 | 6.4 |
| All-Items Excluding Energy | 122.9 | 122.5 | 0.3 | 2.3 |
| Energy | 139.5 | 148.7 | -6.2 | -12.9 |
| REGINA | | | | |
| All-Items | 128.9 | 129.2 | -0.2 | 1.2 |
| SASKATOON | | | | |
| All-Items | 128.5 | 128.5 | 0.0 | 1.7 |

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within

each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, Consumer Price Index Survey

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PERCENT CHANGE CANADA AND PROVINCES

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| | Dec. 2014 to Jan. 2015 | Jan. 2014 to Jan. 2015 |
| Canada | -0.2 | 1.0 |
| Newfoundland | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| Prince Edward Island | -1.1 | -1.9 |
| Nova Scotia | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| New Brunswick | -0.8 | -0.2 |
| Quebec | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| Ontario | -0.1 | 1.6 |
| Manitoba | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| Saskatchewan | -0.1 | 1.4 |
| Alberta | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| British Columbia | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| Whitehorse | -1.1 | -1.3 |
| Yellowknife | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| Iqaluit | 0.3 | 1.3 |

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ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PERCENT CHANGE CANADIAN CITIES

Percent Change

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| | Dec. 2014 to | <u>Jan. 2014</u> to |
| | <u>Jan. 2015</u> | Jan. 2015 |
| St. John's | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| Charlottetown-Summerside | -0.9 | -1.6 |
| Halifax | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| Saint John | -0.7 | -0.3 |
| Quebec City | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| Montreal | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| Ottawa | -0.2 | 1.2 |
| Toronto | 0.1 | 2.1 |
| Thunder Bay | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| Winnipeg | -0.1 | 0.9 |
| Regina | -0.2 | 1.2 |
| Saskatoon | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Edmonton | -0.5 | 0.7 |
| Calgary | -0.3 | 1.2 |
| Vancouver | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Victoria | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Whitehorse | -1.1 | -1.3 |
| Yellowknife | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| Iqaluit | 0.3 | 1.3 |

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