

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

August 2011

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent between July 2011 and August 2011 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index both rose 0.2 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the August All-items Index increased from July 2011 primarily due to higher prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, dairy products and women's clothing. Prices also rose for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments, food purchased from restaurants, fresh fruit and other food preparations.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for traveller accommodations, gasoline, inter-city transportation and children's clothing (including infants). Prices also declined for fresh vegetables, processed meat and cereal products (excluding infant food).

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.8 percent between August 2010 and August 2011 while the Canada All-items Index increased 3.1 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.9 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The August All-items Index increased from August 2010 primarily due to increased prices for gasoline, food purchased from restaurants and cablevision and satellite services (including pay per view television). Prices also rose for homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, rent, homeowners' replacement cost and mortgage interest cost.

These increases were partially offset by decreased prices for natural gas, prescribed medicines and women's clothing. Prices also declined for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), home entertainment equipment, parts and services, furniture and household appliances.

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>August 2011</u>	<u>July 2011</u>	<u>July 2011</u> to <u>August 2011</u>	<u>August 2010</u> to <u>August 2011</u>
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	122.1	121.8	0.2	2.8
Food	129.2	128.6	0.5	4.0
Shelter	144.0	143.9	0.1	2.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	106.6	106.5	0.1	1.7
Clothing and Footwear	95.6	95.1	0.5	-0.4
Transportation	115.5	114.9	0.5	6.7
Health and Personal Care	113.9	113.2	0.6	-1.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	106.8	107.4	-0.6	1.9
Tobacco and Alcohol	143.0	141.9	0.8	2.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	119.9	119.6	0.3	2.0
Energy	142.2	142.7	-0.4	8.8
CANADA				
All-Items	120.3	120.0	0.3	3.1
Food	128.9	129.0	-0.1	4.4
Shelter	126.2	125.9	0.2	1.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	111.2	110.7	0.5	2.0
Clothing and Footwear	90.6	89.7	1.0	0.6
Transportation	125.3	125.0	0.2	7.0
Health and Personal Care	117.5	116.7	0.7	0.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	106.4	106.8	-0.4	1.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	136.1	136.1	0.0	1.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	117.2	117.0	0.2	2.0
Energy	157.9	157.9	0.0	13.4
REGINA				
All-Items	122.5	122.3	0.2	2.9
SASKATOON				
All-Items	122.7	122.5	0.2	2.4

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.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>July 2011</u> to <u>August 2011</u>	<u>August 2010</u> to <u>August 2011</u>
Canada	0.3	3.1
Newfoundland	0.3	3.6
Prince Edward Island	0.5	3.5
Nova Scotia	0.3	3.8
New Brunswick	0.3	4.1
Quebec	0.2	3.4
Ontario	0.1	3.1
Manitoba	0.1	3.0
Saskatchewan	0.2	2.8
Alberta	0.5	2.9
British Columbia	0.3	2.1
Whitehorse	-0.1	3.0
Yellowknife	0.0	3.4
Iqaluit	0.1	1.2

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>July 2011</u> to <u>August 2011</u>	<u>August 2010</u> to <u>August 2011</u>
St. John's	0.3	3.4
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.4	3.2
Halifax	0.3	3.5
Saint John	0.2	4.0
Quebec City	0.3	3.4
Montreal	0.2	3.2
Ottawa	0.1	2.9
Toronto	0.1	2.9
Thunder Bay	0.1	3.1
Winnipeg	0.1	3.0
Regina	0.2	2.9
Saskatoon	0.2	2.4
Edmonton	0.6	3.0
Calgary	0.3	2.6
Vancouver	0.2	1.7
Victoria	0.3	1.9
Whitehorse	-0.1	3.0
Yellowknife	0.0	3.4
Iqaluit	0.1	1.2