

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

May 2009

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.8 percent between April 2009 and May 2009 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.7 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.8 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the May All-items Index increased from April 2009 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, purchase and operation of recreational vehicles, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and passenger vehicle insurance premiums. Prices also rose for traveller accommodations, homeowners' maintenance and repairs and prescribed medicines.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for women's clothing, men's clothing and footwear. Prices also fell for homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, dairy products, sugar and confectionery and bakery products.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 0.7 percent between May 2008 and May 2009 while the Canada All-items Index increased 0.1 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.5 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The May All-items Index increased from May 2008 primarily due to increased prices for mortgage interest cost, rent, property taxes and homeowners' maintenance and repairs. Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants, dairy products and fresh vegetables.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for housing replacement cost, natural gas, fuel oil and other fuels and telephone services.

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

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>May 2009</u>	<u>Apr. 2009</u>	<u>Apr. 2009</u> to <u>May 2009</u>	<u>May 2008</u> to <u>May 2009</u>
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	117.0	116.1	0.8	0.7
Food	123.0	122.4	0.5	9.0
Shelter	138.2	138.0	0.1	2.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.1	103.9	0.2	2.0
Clothing and Footwear	94.8	96.6	-1.9	-0.2
Transportation	106.9	105.2	1.6	-10.2
Health and Personal Care	110.7	109.0	1.6	4.4
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.6	102.5	2.0	0.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	132.2	131.1	0.8	1.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	116.2	115.5	0.6	2.9
Energy	124.9	122.8	1.7	-15.0
CANADA				
All-Items	114.7	113.9	0.7	0.1
Food	121.9	121.6	0.2	6.4
Shelter	121.4	121.4	0.0	-0.2
Household Operations and Furnishings	107.6	107.3	0.3	3.2
Clothing and Footwear	93.9	95.1	-1.3	1.0
Transportation	113.5	110.5	2.7	-8.2
Health and Personal Care	112.1	111.1	0.9	3.2
Recreation, Education and Reading	103.8	102.4	1.4	0.9
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.2	129.7	1.2	3.0
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.5	113.1	0.4	2.3
Energy	129.4	123.9	4.4	-18.3
REGINA				
All-Items	117.1	116.2	0.8	1.5
SASKATOON				
All-Items	118.1	117.4	0.6	0.4

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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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Apr. 2009</u> to <u>May 2009</u>	<u>May 2008</u> to <u>May 2009</u>
Canada	0.7	0.1
Newfoundland	1.0	0.6
Prince Edward Island	1.0	-1.1
Nova Scotia	0.7	-1.1
New Brunswick	1.1	-0.2
Quebec	0.9	0.1
Ontario	0.7	0.4
Manitoba	0.6	0.8
Saskatchewan	0.8	0.7
Alberta	0.8	-0.7
British Columbia	0.7	0.1
Whitehorse	0.5	0.4
Yellowknife	0.6	0.3
Iqaluit	0.1	3.5

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Apr. 2009</u> to <u>May 2009</u>	<u>May 2008</u> to <u>May 2009</u>
St. John's	1.0	1.1
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.9	-0.8
Halifax	0.5	-0.8
Saint John	1.1	-0.1
Quebec City	1.0	0.4
Montreal	0.9	0.4
Ottawa	0.8	0.5
Toronto	0.7	0.5
Thunder Bay	0.5	0.3
Winnipeg	0.6	0.7
Regina	0.8	1.5
Saskatoon	0.6	0.4
Edmonton	0.9	-0.2
Calgary	0.6	-0.7
Vancouver	0.6	0.1
Victoria	0.6	0.3
Whitehorse	0.5	0.4
Yellowknife	0.6	0.3
Iqaluit	0.1	3.5