

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

February 2011

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent between January 2011 and February 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 February All-items Index increased from January 2011 primarily due to higher prices for women's clothing, travel tours, traveller accommodations and dairy products. Prices also rose for home entertainment equipment – parts and services, household appliances and gasoline.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, fresh fruit, preserved fruit and fruit preparations and other food preparations. Prices also fell for household chemical products, alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments and cigarettes.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.2 percent between February 2010 and February 2011 while the Canada All-items Index also increased 2.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.4 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The February All-items Index increased from February 2010 primarily due to increased prices for gasoline and food purchased from restaurants. Prices also rose for electricity, rent, housing replacement cost, property taxes (including special charges) and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance.

These increases were partially offset by price reductions for prescribed medicines, natural gas, traveller accommodations and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums and home entertainment equipment – parts and services.

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

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

| | Index | | Percent Change | |
|---|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| | <u>Feb. 2011</u> | <u>Jan. 2011</u> | <u>Jan. 2011</u> to <u>Feb. 2011</u> | <u>Feb. 2010</u> to <u>Feb. 2011</u> |
| | (2002 = 100) | | | |
| SASKATCHEWAN | | | | |
| All-Items | 120.3 | 120.1 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| Food | 125.9 | 126.1 | -0.2 | 3.5 |
| Shelter | 142.8 | 142.7 | 0.1 | 3.0 |
| Household Operations and Furnishings | 104.0 | 103.8 | 0.2 | 1.6 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 95.8 | 92.9 | 3.1 | -0.5 |
| Transportation | 114.0 | 114.6 | -0.5 | 3.5 |
| Health and Personal Care | 111.8 | 112.4 | -0.5 | -0.6 |
| Recreation, Education and Reading | 104.8 | 103.3 | 1.5 | -0.4 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 140.5 | 141.9 | -1.0 | 4.1 |
| All-Items Excluding Energy | 118.6 | 118.4 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| Energy | 136.7 | 136.3 | 0.3 | 6.9 |
| CANADA | | | | |
| All-Items | 118.1 | 117.8 | 0.3 | 2.2 |
| Food | 125.3 | 124.9 | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| Shelter | 124.5 | 124.5 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| Household Operations and Furnishings | 110.1 | 109.6 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 89.4 | 87.9 | 1.7 | -2.0 |
| Transportation | 122.6 | 122.8 | -0.2 | 5.1 |
| Health and Personal Care | 116.0 | 115.8 | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| Recreation, Education and Reading | 103.8 | 102.7 | 1.1 | -0.3 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 135.0 | 135.2 | -0.1 | 2.7 |
| All-Items Excluding Energy | 115.8 | 115.5 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| Energy | 146.3 | 146.0 | 0.2 | 10.6 |
| REGINA | | | | |
| All-Items | 120.7 | 120.5 | 0.2 | 2.4 |
| SASKATOON | | | | |
| All-Items | 121.1 | 120.9 | 0.2 | 2.0 |

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>Jan. 2011</u> to <u>Feb. 2011</u> | <u>Feb. 2010</u> to <u>Feb. 2011</u> |
| Canada | 0.3 | 2.2 |
| Newfoundland | 0.6 | 2.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 0.4 | 3.4 |
| New Brunswick | 0.9 | 2.2 |
| Quebec | 0.3 | 2.2 |
| Ontario | 0.2 | 2.5 |
| Manitoba | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| Alberta | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| British Columbia | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| Whitehorse | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| Yellowknife | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| Iqaluit | -0.2 | 1.1 |

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

| | Percent Change | |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| | <u>Jan. 2011</u> to <u>Feb. 2011</u> | <u>Feb. 2010</u> to <u>Feb. 2011</u> |
| St. John's | 0.5 | 2.9 |
| Charlottetown-Summerside | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| Halifax | 0.4 | 3.2 |
| Saint John | 0.9 | 2.2 |
| Quebec City | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| Montreal | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| Ottawa | 0.3 | 2.7 |
| Toronto | 0.3 | 2.4 |
| Thunder Bay | 0.0 | 2.4 |
| Winnipeg | 0.3 | 2.0 |
| Regina | 0.2 | 2.4 |
| Saskatoon | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| Edmonton | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Calgary | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| Vancouver | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| Victoria | 0.3 | 1.6 |
| Whitehorse | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| Yellowknife | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| Iqaluit | -0.2 | 1.1 |