

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

April 2009

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.4 percent between March 2009 and April 2009 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.1 percent. Both the Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.3 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the April All-items Index decreased from March 2009 primarily due to lower prices for natural gas, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, women's clothing and personal care supplies and equipment. Prices also fell for non-alcoholic beverages, processed meat and traveller accommodations.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for gasoline, the purchase and operation of recreational vehicles and passenger vehicle parts – maintenance and repairs. Prices also rose for health care services, food purchased from restaurants, cablevision and satellite services (including pay television) and bakery products.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 0.6 percent between April 2008 and April 2009 while the Canada All-items Index increased 0.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.6 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The April All-items Index increased from April 2008 primarily due to higher prices for mortgage interest costs, rent, property taxes (including special charges) and homeowners' maintenance and repairs. Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants, dairy products and fresh vegetables.

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

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

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Apr. 2009</u>	<u>Mar. 2009</u> (2002 = 100)	<u>Mar. 2009</u> to <u>Apr. 2009</u>	<u>Apr. 2008</u> to <u>Apr. 2009</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	116.1	116.6	-0.4	0.6
Food	122.4	122.1	0.2	8.6
Shelter	138.0	140.9	-2.1	3.5
Household Operations and Furnishings	103.9	103.5	0.4	1.6
Clothing and Footwear	96.6	97.2	-0.6	0.5
Transportation	105.2	104.8	0.4	-9.8
Health and Personal Care	109.0	108.4	0.6	3.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.5	102.0	0.5	-0.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.1	131.3	-0.2	0.7
All-Items Excluding Energy	115.5	115.3	0.2	2.6
Energy	122.8	128.7	-4.6	-13.3
CANADA				
All-Items	113.9	114.0	-0.1	0.4
Food	121.6	121.5	0.1	7.1
Shelter	121.4	122.6	-1.0	0.2
Household Operations and Furnishings	107.3	106.8	0.5	2.8
Clothing and Footwear	95.1	95.7	-0.6	0.8
Transportation	110.5	110.5	0.0	-8.0
Health and Personal Care	111.1	110.5	0.5	2.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.4	101.8	0.6	0.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	129.7	129.7	0.0	2.4
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.1	113.0	0.1	2.4
Energy	123.9	127.1	-2.5	-17.5
REGINA				
All-Items	116.2	116.6	-0.3	1.6
SASKATOON				
All-Items	117.4	117.8	-0.3	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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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Mar. 2009</u> to <u>Apr. 2009</u>	<u>Apr. 2008</u> to <u>Apr. 2009</u>
Canada	-0.1	0.4
Newfoundland	0.5	0.4
Prince Edward Island	0.7	-0.3
Nova Scotia	0.4	-0.4
New Brunswick	0.2	-0.3
Quebec	0.1	0.3
Ontario	-0.4	0.6
Manitoba	0.6	0.9
Saskatchewan	-0.4	0.6
Alberta	-0.4	-0.7
British Columbia	0.1	0.3
Whitehorse	-0.2	1.4
Yellowknife	0.9	0.3
Iqaluit	1.0	4.1

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Mar. 2009</u> to <u>Apr. 2009</u>	<u>Apr. 2008</u> to <u>Apr. 2009</u>
St. John's	0.4	0.9
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.7	0.1
Halifax	0.5	-0.1
Saint John	0.2	0.0
Quebec City	0.1	0.4
Montreal	0.2	0.6
Ottawa	-0.4	0.9
Toronto	-0.6	0.8
Thunder Bay	-0.4	0.6
Winnipeg	0.5	0.8
Regina	-0.3	1.6
Saskatoon	-0.3	0.4
Edmonton	-0.3	-0.6
Calgary	-0.4	-0.3
Vancouver	0.0	0.4
Victoria	0.3	0.4
Whitehorse	-0.2	1.4
Yellowknife	0.9	0.3
Iqaluit	1.0	4.1