

# Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

February 2008

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According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.5 percent between January 2008 and February 2008 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively, during the same period

In Saskatchewan, the February All-items Index increased from January 2008 primarily due to higher prices for housing replacement cost, mortgage interest cost and men's clothing. Prices also rose for furniture, travel tours, non-alcoholic beverages and bakery products.

Moderating these increases were price decreases for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, women's clothing and pet food and supplies. Prices also fell for fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, cereal products (excluding infant food) and other food preparations.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.4 percent between February 2007 and February 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.8 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.7 percent and 4.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The February All-items Index increased from February 2007 primarily due to higher prices for housing replacement cost, mortgage interest cost, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance and other owned accommodation expenses. Prices also rose for gasoline, food purchases from restaurants and rent.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and home entertainment equipment, parts and services. Prices also decreased for natural gas, fresh vegetables and fresh fruit.

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

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

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Feb. 2008</u>	<u>Jan. 2008</u>	<u>Jan. 2008</u> to <u>Feb. 2008</u>	<u>Feb. 2007</u> to <u>Feb. 2008</u>
	(2002 = 100)			
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>				
All-Items	113.6	113.0	0.5	3.4
Food	111.4	111.0	0.4	-0.3
Shelter	130.5	129.4	0.9	11.3
Household Operations and Furnishings	101.6	100.4	1.2	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	97.4	94.7	2.9	1.1
Transportation	113.1	114.1	-0.9	0.9
Health and Personal Care	105.0	105.0	0.0	0.8
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.1	101.4	0.7	0.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	129.3	128.5	0.6	3.9
All-Items Excluding Energy	111.5	111.0	0.5	2.8
Energy	132.9	132.6	0.2	7.7
<b>CANADA</b>				
All-Items	112.2	111.8	0.4	1.8
Food	112.8	112.4	0.4	0.2
Shelter	119.6	119.2	0.3	4.1
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.1	103.3	0.8	1.1
Clothing and Footwear	94.1	92.2	2.1	-1.4
Transportation	117.0	117.6	-0.5	2.5
Health and Personal Care	107.7	107.5	0.2	1.1
Recreation, Education and Reading	100.8	99.6	1.2	0.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	126.8	126.4	0.3	2.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	110.0	109.6	0.4	1.0
Energy	139.4	139.0	0.3	9.7
<b>REGINA</b>				
All-Items	112.7	112.3	0.4	2.7
<b>SASKATOON</b>				
All-Items	115.0	114.2	0.7	4.6

**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. 2008</u> to <u>Feb. 2008</u>	<u>Feb. 2007</u> to <u>Feb. 2008</u>
Canada	0.4	1.8
Newfoundland	0.4	2.1
Prince Edward Island	0.4	2.4
Nova Scotia	0.4	2.6
New Brunswick	0.0	1.9
Quebec	0.4	1.6
Ontario	0.5	1.5
Manitoba	0.4	1.6
Saskatchewan	0.5	3.4
Alberta	0.2	3.5
British Columbia	0.4	1.1
Whitehorse	-0.3	2.6
Yellowknife	0.9	2.9
Iqaluit	0.2	1.8

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PERCENT CHANGE  
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Jan. 2008</u> to <u>Feb. 2008</u>	<u>Feb. 2007</u> to <u>Feb. 2008</u>
St. John's	0.4	2.4
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.4	2.4
Halifax	0.4	2.5
Saint John	-0.1	1.8
Quebec City	0.5	1.7
Montreal	0.5	1.6
Ottawa	0.5	1.3
Toronto	0.5	1.8
Thunder Bay	0.5	1.0
Winnipeg	0.4	1.6
Regina	0.4	2.7
Saskatoon	0.7	4.6
Edmonton	0.2	3.9
Calgary	0.2	3.0
Vancouver	0.5	1.3
Victoria	0.4	0.5
Whitehorse	-0.3	2.6
Yellowknife	0.9	2.9
Iqaluit	0.2	1.8