

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2015

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.9 percent between February 2015 and March 2015 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.7 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 1.0 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2015 primarily due to higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, gasoline, women's clothing and men's clothing. Prices also increased for children's clothing, dairy products and purchase and operation of recreational vehicles.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for travel tours, inter-city transportation, non-alcoholic beverages and fresh fruit. Prices also declined for non-prescription medicines, bakery products and fresh vegetables.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.4 percent between March 2014 and March 2015 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.3 percent and 1.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2014 primarily due to higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, natural gas, passenger vehicle insurance premiums and water. Prices also increased for rent, food purchased from restaurants and travel tours.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, fuel oil and other fuels, footwear and home entertainment equipment, parts and services. Prices also decreased for non-alcoholic beverages, homeowners' replacement cost and coffee and tea.

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>Mar-2015</u> | <u>Feb-2015</u> | <u>Feb-2015</u> to <u>Mar-2015</u> | <u>Feb-2014</u> to <u>Mar-2015</u> |
| | (2002 = 100) | | | |
| SASKATCHEWAN | | | | |
| All-Items | 130.5 | 129.3 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| Food | 141.9 | 141.2 | 0.5 | 3.3 |
| Shelter | 157.8 | 157.7 | 0.1 | 3.0 |
| Household Operations and Furnishings | 112.3 | 111.9 | 0.4 | 1.8 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 102.0 | 98.3 | 3.8 | 1.3 |
| Transportation | 120.0 | 116.9 | 2.7 | -3.2 |
| Health and Personal Care | 118.6 | 118.7 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| Recreation, Education and Reading | 111.2 | 111.8 | -0.5 | 3.0 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 161.0 | 160.9 | 0.1 | 1.8 |
| All-Items Excluding Energy | 129.8 | 128.9 | 0.7 | 2.4 |
| Energy | 135.4 | 131.7 | 2.8 | -9.4 |
| CANADA | | | | |
| All-Items | 126.3 | 125.4 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Food | 139.5 | 139.5 | 0.0 | 3.8 |
| Shelter | 133.3 | 133.1 | 0.2 | 1.4 |
| Household Operations and Furnishings | 119.4 | 118.9 | 0.4 | 3.2 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 96.4 | 93.3 | 3.3 | 2.6 |
| Transportation | 126.6 | 124.3 | 1.9 | -3.9 |
| Health and Personal Care | 119.5 | 120.1 | -0.5 | 1.2 |
| Recreation, Education and Reading | 108.7 | 107.9 | 0.7 | 2.1 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 150.7 | 150.3 | 0.3 | 3.7 |
| All-Items Excluding Energy | 124.3 | 123.7 | 0.5 | 2.3 |
| Energy | 149.8 | 145.1 | 3.2 | -10.4 |
| REGINA | | | | |
| All-Items | 131.4 | 130.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| SASKATOON | | | | |
| All-Items | 130.7 | 129.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 |

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.

**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

| | Percent Change | |
|----------------------|--|--|
| | <u>Feb-2015</u> to <u>Mar-2015</u> | <u>Feb-2014</u> to <u>Mar-2015</u> |
| Canada | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Newfoundland | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| Prince Edward Island | 1.2 | -0.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| New Brunswick | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Quebec | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| Ontario | 0.7 | 1.6 |
| Manitoba | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| Alberta | 0.8 | -0.1 |
| British Columbia | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Whitehorse | 0.7 | -1.0 |
| Yellowknife | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Iqaluit | 0.2 | 1.5 |

**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

| | Percent Change | |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| | <u>Feb-2015</u> to <u>Mar-2015</u> | <u>Feb-2014</u> to <u>Mar-2015</u> |
| St. John's | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| Charlottetown-Summerside | 1.2 | -0.6 |
| Halifax | 1.2 | 0.6 |
| Saint John | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| Quebec City | 0.7 | 1.5 |
| Montreal | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| Ottawa | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| Toronto | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| Thunder Bay | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| Winnipeg | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Regina | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Saskatoon | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| Edmonton | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Calgary | 0.8 | -0.1 |
| Vancouver | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Victoria | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Whitehorse | 0.7 | -1.0 |
| Yellowknife | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Iqaluit | 0.2 | 1.5 |