



Consumer Price Index, January 2021

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Comparing January 2021 to January 2020, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.2% in Whitehorse (data are not available for Yukon). Whitehorse's year-over-year CPI change for the month of January was 0.8 percentage points lower than that for Canada (1.0%).

The year-over-year increase in Whitehorse CPI for the month of January 2021 was mainly attributable to price increases in: purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, rent, and internet access services. Some of these increases were offset by price decreases in: gasoline, fuel oil and other fuels, mortgage interest cost.

On a monthly basis, the CPI in Whitehorse increased 0.9% in January 2021 compared to December 2020; nationally, the CPI increased 0.6%.

Statistics Canada's note re: Travel tours and COVID-19

In the wake of international travel advisories, travel tours remained unavailable to consumers in January. A general imputation strategy for services not available to consumers resulted in prices for travel tours being replaced with an imputed movement from the all-items CPI. This imputation effectively removed the impact of travel tours from the monthly CPI movement. At times, this approach has resulted in large year-over-year index movements because prices for travel tours often fluctuate significantly throughout the year, given the highly seasonal nature of travel services.

Consumer Price Index, All-items

January 2021 (unadjusted), 2002 = 100

	Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Dec '20 to Jan '21	Jan '20 to Jan '21
	----- % change -----				
Canada	136.8	137.4	138.2	0.6	1.0
Newfoundland and Labrador	140.0	140.4	142.1	1.2	1.5
Prince Edward Island	139.0	138.2	139.7	1.1	0.5
Nova Scotia	138.5	138.7	140.3	1.2	1.3
New Brunswick	137.3	136.9	138.2	0.9	0.7
Quebec	132.6	133.4	134.3	0.7	1.3
Ontario	138.0	138.8	139.5	0.5	1.1
Manitoba	137.5	137.5	138.5	0.7	0.7
Saskatchewan	140.6	140.9	141.9	0.7	0.9
Alberta	144.7	144.8	145.8	0.7	0.8
British Columbia	132.1	132.8	133.6	0.6	1.1
Whitehorse	135.8	134.9	136.1	0.9	0.2
Yellowknife	141.0	138.1	139.7	1.2	-0.9
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	131.8	131.2	132.0	0.6	0.2

Note: Statistics Canada collects information on consumer prices and household spending patterns (Survey of Household Spending) to calculate the Consumer Price Index. The data collection covers urban and rural areas of provinces, and the capital cities of the territories.