



Consumer Price Index, December 2020

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Comparing December 2020 to December 2019, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.1% in Whitehorse (data are not available for Yukon). Whitehorse's year-over-year CPI change for the month of December was 0.6 percentage points lower than that for Canada (0.7%).

The year-over-year increase in Whitehorse CPI for the month of December 2020 was mainly attributable to price increases in: electricity, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, and rent. Some of these increases were offset by price decreases in: inter-city transportation, gasoline, and fuel oil and other fuels.

On a monthly basis, the CPI in Whitehorse increased 0.1% in December 2020 compared to November 2020; nationally, the CPI decreased 0.2%.

On an annual average basis, the CPI in Whitehorse in 2020 increased by 1.0%; Canada's 2020 annual average CPI increased by 0.7%.

***Note:** Goods and services in the CPI which were not available to consumers in December due to COVID-19 restrictions received special treatments, effectively removing their impact on the monthly CPI. The following sub-indexes were imputed from the monthly change in the All-items index: travel tours, components of spectator entertainment, recreational services, and some components of use of recreational facilities and services in some areas. Consistent with previous months affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, prices for suspended flights are excluded from the December CPI calculation because passengers were ultimately unable to consume them. As a result, select sub-components of the air transportation index were imputed from the parent index (air transportation).*

Consumer Price Index, All-items

December 2020 (unadjusted), 2002 = 100

	Dec 2019	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Nov '20 to Dec '20	Dec '19 to Dec '20
	----- % change -----				
Canada	136.4	137.7	137.4	-0.2	0.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	139.6	141.0	140.4	-0.4	0.6
Prince Edward Island	138.4	138.3	138.2	-0.1	-0.1
Nova Scotia	137.9	138.7	138.7	0.0	0.6
New Brunswick	136.4	136.8	136.9	0.1	0.4
Quebec	132.4	133.5	133.4	-0.1	0.8
Ontario	137.8	139.0	138.8	-0.1	0.7
Manitoba	137.4	138.4	137.5	-0.7	0.1
Saskatchewan	139.6	141.6	140.9	-0.5	0.9
Alberta	143.7	145.4	144.8	-0.4	0.8
British Columbia	131.7	133.3	132.8	-0.4	0.8
Whitehorse	134.8	134.8	134.9	0.1	0.1
Yellowknife	140.0	138.8	138.1	-0.5	-1.4
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	132.2	130.9	131.2	0.2	-0.8

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.