

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2016

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.8 percent between February 2016 and March 2016 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.6 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 1.0 percent and 0.8 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2016 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline; purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles; women's clothing; men's clothing; and non-alcoholic beverages.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for fresh vegetables; non-electric kitchen utensils, tableware and cookware; dairy products; furniture; and preserved vegetables and vegetable preparations.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.3 percent between March 2015 and March 2016 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.1 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2015 primarily due to higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles; homeowners' home and mortgage insurance; water; passenger vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs; and property taxes and other special charges.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline; natural gas; recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles); homeowner's replacement cost; and men's clothing.

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

	<u>Mar-2016</u>	Index		Percent Change	
		<u>Feb-2016</u> (2002 = 100)	<u>Mar-2015</u>	<u>Feb-2016</u> to <u>Mar-2016</u>	<u>Mar-2015</u> to <u>Mar-2016</u>
SASKATCHEWAN					
All-Items	132.2	131.1	130.5	0.8	1.3
Food	146.5	145.9	141.9	0.4	3.2
Shelter	160.1	160.2	157.8	-0.1	1.5
Household Operations, Furnishings and Equipment	114.3	114.0	112.3	0.3	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	100.8	98.0	102.0	2.9	-1.2
Transportation	120.5	117.3	120.0	2.7	0.4
Health and Personal Care	121.0	120.5	118.6	0.4	2.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	112.1	112.0	111.2	0.1	0.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	165.1	165.1	161.0	0.0	2.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	132.6	132.0	129.8	0.5	2.2
Energy	124.9	117.2	135.4	6.6	-7.8
CANADA					
All-Items	127.9	127.1	126.3	0.6	1.3
Food	144.5	145.0	139.5	-0.3	3.6
Shelter	134.8	134.7	133.3	0.1	1.1
Household Operations, Furnishings and Equipment	121.4	121.0	119.4	0.3	1.7
Clothing and Footwear	96.0	92.1	96.4	4.2	-0.4
Transportation	125.3	123.7	126.6	1.3	-1.0
Health and Personal Care	121.4	121.5	119.5	-0.1	1.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	110.9	109.6	108.7	1.2	2.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	156.2	155.2	150.7	0.6	3.6
All-Items Excluding Energy	126.9	126.2	124.3	0.6	2.1
Energy	138.1	134.6	149.8	2.6	-7.8
REGINA					
All-Items	132.9	131.6	131.4	1.0	1.1
SASKATOON					
All-Items	132.7	131.6	130.7	0.8	1.5

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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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	2/1/2016 Percent Change	
	<u>Feb-2016</u> to <u>Mar-2016</u>	<u>Mar-2015</u> to <u>Mar-2016</u>
Canada	0.6	1.3
Newfoundland	0.5	1.1
Prince Edward Island	0.5	0.3
Nova Scotia	0.4	0.4
New Brunswick	0.4	1.1
Quebec	0.4	0.7
Ontario	0.6	1.5
Manitoba	0.9	0.9
Saskatchewan	0.8	1.3
Alberta	0.9	1.5
British Columbia	0.8	1.7
Whitehorse	0.4	1.0
Yellowknife	0.5	1.7
Iqaluit	0.3	2.5

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Feb-2016</u> to <u>Mar-2016</u>	<u>Mar-2015</u> to <u>Mar-2016</u>
St. John's	0.5	0.9
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.5	0.5
Halifax	0.5	0.5
Saint John	0.4	1.2
Quebec City	0.4	0.6
Montreal	0.3	0.8
Ottawa	0.6	1.0
Toronto	0.7	1.9
Thunder Bay	0.6	1.5
Winnipeg	0.9	0.9
Regina	1.0	1.1
Saskatoon	0.8	1.5
Edmonton	1.1	1.6
Calgary	0.8	1.4
Vancouver	1.0	2.1
Victoria	0.8	1.5
Whitehorse	0.4	1.0
Yellowknife	0.5	1.7
Iqaluit	0.3	2.5