

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

February 2013

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 1.1 percent between January 2013 and February 2013 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 1.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 1.1 percent and 1.0 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the February All-items Index increased from January 2013 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, travel tours and traveller accommodation. Prices also rose for women's clothing, fresh vegetables and non-alcoholic beverages.

Moderating these increases were lower prices reported for fresh or frozen chicken, fresh or frozen pork and fresh or frozen beef. Prices also fell for personal care supplies and equipment, fresh fruit, cereal products (excluding infant food) and preserved vegetables and vegetables preparations.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.8 percent between February 2012 and February 2013 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.0 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The February All-items Index increased from February 2012 primarily due to higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, rent and electricity. Higher prices were also recorded for food purchased from restaurants, cablevision and satellite services (including pay per view television) and tuition fees.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for natural gas, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance and mortgage interest cost. Prices also fell for home entertainment equipment, parts and services, women's clothing, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and prescribed medicines.

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>Feb. 2013</u>	<u>Jan. 2013</u>	<u>Jan. 2013</u> to <u>Feb. 2013</u>	<u>Feb. 2012</u> to <u>Feb. 2013</u>
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	124.9	123.5	1.1	1.8
Food	132.6	131.8	0.6	1.7
Shelter	148.4	148.1	0.2	1.6
Household Operations and Furnishings	108.7	108.0	0.6	2.6
Clothing and Footwear	96.7	93.6	3.3	-0.9
Transportation	119.9	116.3	3.1	2.6
Health and Personal Care	115.7	116.2	-0.4	1.2
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.8	104.9	0.9	1.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	144.7	143.7	0.7	1.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	123.4	122.5	0.7	2.0
Energy	139.9	132.1	5.9	1.2
CANADA				
All-Items	122.7	121.3	1.2	1.2
Food	132.9	131.6	1.0	1.9
Shelter	127.9	127.8	0.1	0.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	114.3	113.5	0.7	1.3
Clothing and Footwear	91.4	87.9	4.0	-0.5
Transportation	130.3	126.7	2.8	2.0
Health and Personal Care	118.6	118.5	0.1	0.2
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.7	103.7	1.0	1.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	139.4	138.9	0.4	2.0
All-Items Excluding Energy	119.7	118.7	0.8	1.2
Energy	160.1	152.8	4.8	2.0
REGINA				
All-Items	125.8	124.4	1.1	2.0
SASKATOON				
All-Items	125.0	123.8	1.0	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**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Jan. 2013</u> to <u>Feb. 2013</u>	<u>Feb. 2012</u> to <u>Feb. 2013</u>
Canada	1.2	1.2
Newfoundland	1.8	2.3
Prince Edward Island	1.2	1.5
Nova Scotia	1.0	1.9
New Brunswick	1.3	1.5
Quebec	1.4	1.4
Ontario	1.2	1.2
Manitoba	1.1	2.2
Saskatchewan	1.1	1.8
Alberta	0.9	0.9
British Columbia	1.0	0.9
Whitehorse	0.3	1.8
Yellowknife	0.2	1.9
Iqaluit	0.3	1.2

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Jan. 2013</u> to <u>Feb. 2013</u>	<u>Feb. 2012</u> to <u>Feb. 2013</u>
St. John's	1.7	2.1
Charlottetown-Summerside	1.2	1.5
Halifax	0.9	1.8
Saint John	1.3	1.4
Quebec City	1.4	1.6
Montreal	1.3	1.4
Ottawa	1.2	1.1
Toronto	1.2	1.2
Thunder Bay	1.4	0.9
Winnipeg	1.1	2.2
Regina	1.1	2.0
Saskatoon	1.0	1.5
Edmonton	0.9	0.9
Calgary	1.0	1.0
Vancouver	0.9	0.7
Victoria	1.1	1.2
Whitehorse	0.3	1.8
Yellowknife	0.2	1.9
Iqaluit	0.3	1.2