

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2020

MONTHLY CHANGE

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.8 percent between February 2020 and March 2020 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.6 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.9 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index decreased from February 2020 primarily due to decreases in prices of: gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, purchase and operation of recreational vehicles, rent, and inter-city transportation.

Moderating these decreases were increases in prices of: recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), women's clothing, fresh or frozen beef, household appliances, and men's clothing.

ANNUAL CHANGE

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 0.6 percent between March 2019 and March 2020 while the Canada All-items Index increased 0.9 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 0.4 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from March 2019 primarily due to increases in prices of: natural gas, food purchased from restaurants, mortgage interest cost, travel tours, and, non-alcoholic beverages.

These increases were partially offset by decreases in prices of: gasoline, homeowners' replacement cost, purchase and operation of recreational vehicles, traveller accommodation, and, home entertainment equipment, parts and services.

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

	<u>Mar-2020</u>	<u>Index</u> <u>Feb-2020</u> (2002 = 100)	<u>Mar-2019</u>	Percent Change	
				<u>Feb-2020</u> to <u>Mar-2020</u>	<u>Mar-2019</u> to <u>Mar-2020</u>
SASKATCHEWAN					
All-Items	140.0	141.2	139.2	↓ -0.8	↑ 0.6
Food	155.8	154.8	150.3	↑ 0.6	↑ 3.7
Shelter	171.4	171.8	168.7	↓ -0.2	↑ 1.6
Household Operations, Furnishings and Equipment	114.9	114.6	114.3	↑ 0.3	↑ 0.5
Clothing and Footwear	107.2	105.1	104.6	↑ 2.0	↑ 2.5
Transportation	130.9	136.7	135.0	↓ -4.2	↓ -3.0
Health and Personal Care	127.5	128.0	124.9	↓ -0.4	↑ 2.1
Recreation, Education and Reading	115.6	116.3	115.3	↓ -0.6	↑ 0.3
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis	183.5	184.0	186.0	↓ -0.3	↓ -1.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	140.2	140.4	138.3	↓ -0.1	↑ 1.4
Energy	134.5	147.3	147.2	↓ -8.7	↓ -8.6
CANADA					
All-Items	136.6	137.4	135.4	↓ -0.6	↑ 0.9
Food	152.8	152.9	149.4	↓ -0.1	↑ 2.3
Shelter	146.5	146.7	143.8	↓ -0.1	↑ 1.9
Household Operations, Furnishings and Equipment	123.7	123.3	123.5	↑ 0.3	↑ 0.2
Clothing and Footwear	99.0	97.4	96.4	↑ 1.6	↑ 2.7
Transportation	138.9	144.0	140.6	↓ -3.5	↓ -1.2
Health and Personal Care	128.6	128.8	126.6	↓ -0.2	↑ 1.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	116.0	116.0	116.6	→ 0.0	↓ -0.5
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis	171.5	171.4	170.9	↑ 0.1	↑ 0.4
All-Items Excluding Energy	135.8	135.7	133.5	↑ 0.1	↑ 1.7
Energy	140.6	156.6	159.1	↓ -10.2	↓ -11.6
REGINA					
All-Items	140.5	141.8	140.0	↓ -0.9	↑ 0.4
SASKATOON					
All-Items	140.8	141.7	139.7	↓ -0.6	↑ 0.8

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, PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Feb-2020 to Mar-2020</u>	<u>Mar-2019 to Mar-2020</u>
Canada	-0.6	0.9
Newfoundland	-0.8	0.1
Prince Edward Island	-1.0	0.4
Nova Scotia	-0.8	0.9
New Brunswick	-0.7	0.5
Quebec	-0.5	1.1
Ontario	-0.6	0.7
Manitoba	-0.7	1.0
Saskatchewan	-0.8	0.6
Alberta	-1.0	0.7
British Columbia	-0.5	1.2
Whitehorse, Yukon	-0.6	2.7
Yellowknife, N. W. Territories	-0.8	1.1
Iqaluit, Nunavut	0.2	1.7

Note: CPI coverage for the territories is limited to the three main urban centres of Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Iqaluit.

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Feb-2020 to Mar-2020</u>	<u>Mar-2019 to Mar-2020</u>
St. John's	■ -0.6	■ 0.3
Charlottetown-Summerside	■ -1.0	■ 0.4
Halifax	■ -0.7	■ 1.0
Saint John	■ -0.7	■ 0.5
Quebec City	■ -0.5	■ 1.2
Montreal	■ -0.3	■ 1.4
Ottawa	■ -0.6	■ 1.4
Toronto	■ -0.3	■ 0.4
Thunder Bay	■ -0.2	■ 0.5
Winnipeg	■ -0.6	■ 1.1
Regina	■ -0.9	■ 0.4
Saskatoon	■ -0.6	■ 0.8
Edmonton	■ -0.8	■ 0.9
Calgary	■ -0.8	■ 0.6
Vancouver	■ -0.4	■ 1.1
Victoria	■ -0.1	■ 1.6
Whitehorse	■ -0.6	■ 2.7
Yellowknife	■ -0.8	■ 1.1
Iqaluit	■ 0.2	■ 1.7