



CHANGES TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BEGINNING WITH THE JANUARY 2003 CPI

Starting with the January 2003 Consumer Price Index (CPI), the basket of goods and services used to calculate the CPI was updated to reflect changes in consumer spending patterns. Consumer spending patterns indicate the proportion, by geographic area, of consumers' budget spent on various items. The basket must be changed from time to time to ensure that too much importance is not given to some items and geographic areas and too little to others.

While it is necessary to update the basket, it is difficult and expensive to obtain current information on consumer spending patterns. To balance these factors, Statistics Canada updates the basket approximately every four to five years. This month, 1996 spending patterns have been replaced by 2001 consumer spending patterns. However, the time base remains as 1992=100.

Whenever Statistics Canada updates a basket, it also reviews the principles on which the CPI program is based. Statistics Canada decided to incorporate the following changes at the same time it updates the basket:

1. Some modifications have been made to the commodity classification system. Detailed indexes for the Women's, Men's and Children's clothing categories are no longer being published. The clothing indexes that will be published are the Women's, Men's and Children's Clothing aggregates.
2. Indexes for Internet Access Services and Financial Services are now available on the time base of December 2002=100.
3. The All-Items index for Iqaluit is now available on the time base of December 2002=100.
4. The treatment of seasonal adjustment has also changed. The All-Items series will no longer be calculated as a weighted average of the seasonally adjusted eight major component indexes. Henceforth, the official unadjusted series for All-items, each of the eight major component indexes and three special aggregates (All-items excluding food, All-items excluding food and energy, and All-items excluding the 8 most volatile components (Bank of Canada definition)) will be seasonally adjusted independently. Time series will be seasonally adjusted only when the underlying seasonality can be identified reliably. Time series with no detectable seasonal movements will remain unchanged from the official series. Each month, the previous month's seasonally adjusted index will be subject to revision. On an annual basis, the seasonally adjusted values for the last three years will be revised with the January data release.

CPI information is available in the monthly publication *The consumer price index* (Catalogue 62-001-XPB) and in electronic form on CANSIM II, Statistics Canada's information database. The appendices indicate what will be available in each of these products.

Further information on the changes to the CPI may be obtained by contacting your regional Statistics Canada Office or by contacting Prices Division of Statistics Canada.

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APPENDIX 1
CPI CLASSIFICATION BY PRODUCTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2003

Title	National level		Provincial level	
	1	2	1	2
ALL ITEMS	X	X	X	X
FOOD	X	X	X	X
FOOD PURCHASED FROM STORES	X	X	X	X
MEAT	X	X	X	X
Fresh or frozen meat (excluding poultry)	X	X		X
• Fresh or frozen beef	X	X		X
• Fresh or frozen pork	X	X		X
• Other fresh or frozen meat (excluding poultry)	X	X		
Fresh or frozen poultry meat	X	X		X
• Fresh or frozen chicken	X	X		X
• Other fresh or frozen poultry meat	X	X		
Processed meat	X	X		X
• Ham and bacon	X	X		
• Other processed meat	X	X		
FISH AND OTHER SEAFOOD	X	X		X
Fish	X	X		X
• Fresh or frozen fish (including portions and fish sticks)	X	X		
• Canned and other preserved fish	X	X		
Other seafood		X		
DAIRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS	X	X		X
Dairy products	X	X	X	X
• Fresh milk	X	X		X
• Butter	X	X		X
• Cheese	X	X		X
• Ice cream and related products	X	X		
• Other dairy products	X	X		
Eggs	X	X		X
BAKERY AND OTHER CEREAL PRODUCTS	X	X	X	X
Bakery products	X	X		X
• Bread, rolls and buns	X	X		
• Biscuits	X	X		
• Other bakery products	X	X		
Other cereal grains and cereal products	X	X		X
• Rice (including mixes)	X	X		
• Breakfast cereal and other cereal products	X	X		
• Pasta products	X	X		
• Flour and flour based mixes	X	X		
FRUIT, FRUIT PREPARATIONS AND NUTS	X	X		X
Fresh fruit	X	X	X	X
• Apples	X	X		
• Oranges	X	X		
• Bananas	X	X		
• Other fresh fruit	X	X		
Preserved fruit and fruit preparations	X	X		X
• Fruit juices	X	X		
• Other preserved fruit and fruit preparations	X	X		

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Title	National level		Provincial level	
	1	2	1	2
Nuts	X	X		
VEGETABLES AND VEGETABLE PREPARATIONS	X	X		X
Fresh vegetables	X	X	X	X
• Potatoes	X	X		
• Tomatoes	X	X		
• Lettuce	X	X		
• Other fresh vegetables	X	X		
Preserved vegetables and vegetable preparations	X	X		X
• Frozen and dried vegetables	X	X		
• Canned vegetables and other vegetable preparations	X	X		
OTHER FOOD PRODUCTS	X	X		X
Sugar and confectionery	X	X		X
• Sugar and syrup		X		
• Confectionery		X		
Fats and oils	X	X		X
• Margarine		X		
• Other edible fats and oils		X		
Coffee and tea	X	X		X
• Coffee		X		
• Tea		X		
Condiments, spices and vinegars	X	X		
Other food preparations	X	X		
• Soup		X		
• Infant and junior foods		X		
• Pre-cooked frozen food preparations		X		
• All other food preparations		X		
Non-alcoholic beverages	X	X		X
FOOD PURCHASED FROM RESTAURANTS	X	X	X	X
• Food purchased from table-service restaurants	X	X		
• Food purchased from fast food and take-outs restaurants	X	X		
• Food purchased from cafeterias and other restaurants	X	X		
SHELTER	X	X	X	X
RENTED ACCOMMODATION	X	X	X	X
• Rent	X	X		X
• Tenants' insurance premiums	X	X		
• Tenants' maintenance, repairs and other expenses	X	X		
OWNED ACCOMMODATION	X	X	X	X
• Mortgage interest cost	X	X		
• Replacement cost	X	X	X	X
• Property taxes (including special charges)	X	X		X
• Homeowners' insurance premiums	X	X	X	X
• Homeowners' maintenance and repairs	X	X	X	X
• Other owned accommodation expenses	X	X		
WATER, FUEL AND ELECTRICITY	X	X	X	X
• Electricity	X	X	X	X
• Water	X	X		X
• Piped gas	X	X	X	X
• Fuel oil and other fuel	X	X	X	X

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HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	X	X	X	X
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	X	X	X	X
COMMUNICATIONS	X	X		X
Telephone services	X	X	X	X
Internet Access services	X	X	X	X
Postal services and other communication services	X	X		
CHILD CARE AND DOMESTIC SERVICES	X	X		X
• Child care	X	X		
• Domestic services	X	X		
HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	X	X		X
• Detergent and soap		X		
• Other household chemical products		X		
PAPER, PLASTIC AND FOIL SUPPLIES	X	X		X
• Paper supplies		X		
• Plastic and foil supplies		X		
OTHER HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND SERVICES	X	X		X
• Pet food and supplies	X	X		
• Seeds, plants and cut flowers	X	X		
• Other horticultural goods	X	X		
• Other household supplies		X		
• Other household services		X		
• Financial Services	X	X		X
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS	X	X	X	X
FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES	X	X		X
Furniture	X	X		X
• Upholstered furniture		X		
• Wooden furniture		X		
• Other furniture		X		
Household textiles	X	X		X
• Window coverings		X		
• Bedding and other household textiles		X		
• Area rugs and mats		X		
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT	X	X		X
Household appliances	X	X		X
• Cooking appliances		X		
• Refrigeration and air conditioning appliances		X		
• Laundry and dishwashing appliances		X		
• Other household appliances		X		
Kitchen utensils, tableware and flatware	X	X		X
• Kitchen utensils		X		
• Tableware and flatware		X		
Tools and other household equipment		X		
• House and yard tools		X		
• Other household equipment		X		
SERVICES RELATED TO HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS	X	X		

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CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	X	X	X	X
CLOTHING	X	X		X
WOMEN'S CLOTHING	X	X	X	X
MEN'S CLOTHING	X	X	X	X
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING	X	X		X
FOOTWEAR	X	X	X	X
• Women's footwear (excluding athletic)		X		
• Men's footwear (excluding athletic)		X		
• Children's footwear (excluding athletic)		X		
• Athletic footwear		X		
CLOTHING ACCESSORIES AND JEWELLERY	X	X		X
• Leather accessories		X		
• Watches		X		
• Jewellery		X		
• Other accessories		X		
CLOTHING MATERIAL, NOTIONS AND SERVICES	X	X		X
• Clothing material and notions		X		
• Laundry service		X		
• Dry cleaning services		X		
• Other clothing services		X		
TRANSPORTATION	X	X	X	X
PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION	X	X	X	X
PURCHASE, LEASING AND RENTAL OF AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES	X	X		X
Purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles	X	X	X	X
• Purchase of automotive vehicles	X	X		X
• Leasing of automotive vehicles		X		
Rental of automotive vehicles	X	X		
OPERATION OF AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES	X	X		X
Gasoline	X	X	X	X
Automotive vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs	X	X		X
• Automotive vehicle parts and supplies		X		
• Automotive vehicle maintenance and repair services		X		
Other automotive vehicle operating expenses	X	X		X
• Automotive vehicle insurance premiums	X	X	X	X
• Automotive vehicle registration fees	X	X		X
• Drivers' licences	X	X		
• Parking fees	X	X		
• All other automotive vehicle operating expenses	X	X		

1. Monthly publication - 2. CANSIM II

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	X	X	X	X
LOCAL AND COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION	X	X		X
• City bus and subway transportation	X	X		X
• Taxi and other local and commuter transportation	X	X		X
INTER-CITY TRANSPORTATION	X	X		X
• Air transportation	X	X		
• Rail, bus and other inter-city transportation	X	X		
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	X	X	X	X
HEALTH CARE	X	X	X	X
HEALTH CARE GOODS	X	X		X
Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	X	X		X
• Prescribed medicines	X	X		X
• Non-prescribed medicines	X	X		X
Other health care goods		X		
HEALTH CARE SERVICES	X	X		X
• Eye care	X	X		
• Dental care	X	X		
• Other health care services		X		
PERSONAL CARE	X	X	X	X
PERSONAL CARE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	X	X		X
• Personal soap		X		
• Toilet preparations and cosmetics		X		
• Oral-hygiene products		X		
• Other personal care supplies and equipment		X		
PERSONAL CARE SERVICES	X	X		X
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	X	X	X	X
RECREATION	X	X	X	X
RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (EXCLUDING VEHICLES)	X	X		X
• Sporting and athletic equipment		X		
• Toys, games and hobby supplies		X		
• Computer equipment and supplies		X		
• Photographic equipment		X		
• Photographic services and supplies		X		
• Other recreational equipment and services		X		
PURCHASE AND OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES	X	X		X
Purchase of recreational vehicles		X		
Operation of recreational vehicles		X		
• Fuel, parts and supplies for recreational vehicles		X		
• Insurance, licences and other services for rec vehicles		X		

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HOME ENTERTAINMENT EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES	X	X		X
• Audio equipment		X		
• Audio discs and tapes		X		
• Video equipment		X		
• Rental of videotapes and videodiscs		X		
• Purchase of videotapes and videodiscs		X		
• Other home entertainment services and equipment		X		
TRAVEL SERVICES	X	X		X
Traveller accommodation	X	X		X
Travel tours	X	X		
OTHER RECREATIONAL SERVICES	X	X		X
• Spectator entertainment (excluding cablevision)	X	X		
• Cablevision (including pay TV)	X	X		X
• Use of recreational facilities and services	X	X		
EDUCATION AND READING	X	X	X	X
EDUCATION	X	X		X
• Tuition fees	X	X		X
• School textbooks and supplies		X		
• Other lessons, courses and education services		X		
READING MATERIAL AND OTHER PRINTED MATTER (EXCL. TEXTBOOKS)	X	X		X
• Newspapers	X	X		
• Magazines and periodicals	X	X		
• Books (excluding textbooks) and other printed matter		X		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS	X	X	X	X
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	X	X	X	X
SERVED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	X	X		X
• Served beer	X	X		
• Served wine		X		
• Served liquor	X	X		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PURCHASED FROM STORES	X	X		X
• Beer purchased from stores	X	X		X
• Wine purchased from stores	X	X		X
• Liquor purchased from stores	X	X		X
TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND SMOKERS' SUPPLIES	X	X	X	X
• Cigarettes	X	X		X
• Other tobacco products and smokers' supplies		X		

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1. Monthly publication - 2. CANSIM II

APPENDIX 2
SPECIAL AGGREGATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2003

Title	National level		Provincial level	
	1	2	1	2
SPECIAL AGGREGATES				
HOUSING (1986 DEFINITION)		X		X
SHELTER (1986 DEFINITION)		X		X
GOODS AND SERVICES		X		X
GOODS	X	X		X
• Durable goods	X	X		X
• Semi-durable goods	X	X		X
• Non-durable goods	X	X		X
SERVICES	X	X		X
GOODS EXCLUDING FOOD PURCHASED FROM STORES		X		
GOODS EXCLUDING FOOD PURCHASED FROM STORES AND ENERGY		X		
NON-DURABLE GOODS EXCLUDING FOOD PURCHASED FROM STORES		X		
NON-DURABLE GOODS EXCLUDING FOOD PURCHASED STORES AND ENERGY		X		
SERVICES EXCLUDING SHELTER SERVICES		X		
ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING FOOD	X	X	X	X
ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING FOOD AND ENERGY	X	X	X	X
FOOD AND ENERGY		X		X
ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING ENERGY	X	X	X	X
ENERGY	X	X	X	X
ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING MORTGAGE INTEREST COST		X		
ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS	X	X		X
ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		X		X
ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING TOBACCO PRODUCTS		X		X
ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING SHELTER		X		X
FRESH FRUIT AND FRESH VEGETABLES		X		X
ALL ITEMS 1986=100	X	X	X	X

CANSIM II Tables

Data based on the new basket will be loaded onto the existing Cansim II tables and vectors. The only changes involve the termination of the clothing series mentioned above and the addition of vectors for Iqaluit, Internet Access Services and Financial Services.

	Monthly Indexes	Annual indexes
Table Number	326-0001	326-0002
Canada; Internet Access Services	V19699793	V19700131
Canada; Financial Services	V19699823	V19700161
Newfoundland and Labrador; Internet Access Services	V19699794	V19700132
Newfoundland and Labrador; Financial Services	V19699824	V19700162
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Prince Edward Island; Financial Services	V19699826	V19700164
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New Brunswick; Financial Services	V19699830	V19700168
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British Columbia; Financial Services	V19699847	V19700185
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Whitehorse; Financial Services	V19699850	V19700188
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Yellowknife; Financial Services	V19699851	V19700189
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