



Changes to The Consumer Price Index beginning with the May 2007 CPI

Starting with the May 2007 Consumer Price Index (CPI), the basket of goods and services used to calculate the CPI was updated to reflect changes in spending patterns of Canadian Households. 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.

The update, which occurs periodically, is designed to ensure the CPI's reliability for three key purposes: a measure of inflation; a statistical series deflator; and a tool for indexing various payments and transfers.

The update includes two major changes: the weights of various items in the basket of goods and services used to calculate the index have been updated from 2001 to 2005; and the CPI base year (the period for which the value 100 is assigned to the index) has changed from 1992 to 2002. As the result of rebasing, CANSIM tables 326-0001, 326-0002 and 326-0016 have been replaced by new tables 326-0020, 326-0021 and 326-0022. These two new CANSIM tables contain historical and current data. A vector number [concordance table](#) between the new and old table is available on CANSIM.

Although the CPI base year has changed from 1992 to 2002, the base period 1992=100 will still be published for the All-items index. The Consumer Price Index with base period 1986=100 will be discontinued. Users should note that the changeover to the base year 2002=100 will in no way alter rates of change measured for previous periods, barring rounding.

Also, the content and format of two publications will be reviewed and updated in the near future: Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index (cat. 62-557) and Consumer Price Index (cat. [62-001](#)). An update of the Consumer Price Index Reference Paper is planned at a later date.

Statistics Canada decided to incorporate the following changes at the same time it updates the basket:

1. The "rental of videotapes and videodiscs" index was expanded to include the rental of video games for consoles.
2. The "photographic equipment" and "photographic services and supplies" categories were redefined to provide a clearer distinction between the goods component and the services component. The new categories are "photographic equipment and supplies" and "photographic services."
3. The "audio discs and tapes" purchase and the "video tapes and videodiscs" purchase indexes were replaced with a single index covering the purchase of both audio and video media.
4. Though unpublished, structures under the "video equipment" and "audio equipment" headings have been updated to include new electronic products.
5. A special effort has also been made to reflect recent new trends in health care. Two new indexes are now published: one for ophthalmological goods, and another for ophthalmological services.
6. Detailed indexes for "cooking utensils" and "tableware and flatware" are discontinued. Now, only the "kitchen utensils, tableware and flatware" aggregate is published.
7. Two new special aggregates are computed and disseminated: CPI All-items less gasoline CPI All-items less housing, insurance and financial services



CPI information and data are available in the monthly publication The consumer price index (cat. 62-001) and on CANSIM, Statistics Canada's information database. The appendix indicates what will be available in CANSIM and in the publication.

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Appendix 1
CPI Classification by products effective May 2007

	Canada		Province	
	Pub	CANSIM	Pub	CANSIM
	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	-	-
Fresh or Frozen Poultry Meat	X	X	-	X
Fresh or Frozen Chicken	X	X	-	X
Other Fresh or Frozen Poultry Meat	-	X	-	-
Processed Meat	X	X	-	X
Ham and Bacon	X	X	-	-
Other Processed Meat	X	X	-	-
Fish, Seafood and Other Marine Products	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	-	-
Seafood and Other Marine Products	-	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	-	-
Eggs	X	X	-	X
Bakery and Cereal Products (excluding infant food)	X	X	X	X
Bakery Products	X	X	-	X
Bread, Unsweetened Rolls and Buns	X	X	-	-
Biscuits	X	X	-	-
Other Bakery Products	X	X	-	-
Cereal Products (excluding infant food)	X	X	-	X
Rice (including rice-based mixes)	X	X	-	-
Breakfast Cereal and Other Grain Products (excluding infant food)	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 and Plantains	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	-	-
Nuts	X	X	-	-

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	Canada		Province	
	Pub	CANSIM	Pub	CANSIM
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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 (excluding canned)	X	X	-	-
Canned Vegetables and Other Vegetable Preparations	X	X	-	-
Other Food Products and Non-alcoholic Beverages	X	X	-	X
Sugar & Confectionery	X	X	-	X
Sugar and Syrup	-	X	-	-
Confectionery	-	X	-	-
Fats and Oils	X	X	-	X
Margarine	-	X	-	-
Other Edible Fats and Oils, n.e.c.	-	X	-	-
Coffee and Tea	X	X	-	X
Coffee	-	X	-	-
Tea	-	X	-	-
Condiments, Spices and Vinegars	X	X	-	-
Other Food Preparations	X	X	-	-
Soup (excluding infant 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-Out Restaurants	X	X	-	-
Food Purchased From Cafeterias and Other Restaurants	-	X	-	-
Shelter	X	X	X	X
Rented Accommodation	X	X	X	X
Rent	X	X	-	X
Tenants' Insurance Premiums	-	X	-	-
Tenants' Maintenance Repairs and Other Expenses	-	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' Home and Mortgage Insurance	X	X	X	X
Homeowners' Maintenance and Repairs	X	X	X	X
Other Owned Accommodation Expenses	-	X	-	-
Water Fuel and Electricity	X	X	X	X
Electricity	X	X	X	X
Water	X	X	-	X
Natural Gas	X	X	X	X
Fuel Oil and Other Fuels	X	X	X	X

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	Pub	CANSIM	Pub	CANSIM
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Household Operations, Furnishings and Equipment	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 (other than personal care)	-	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 and Equipment	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	-	-
Non-electric Kitchen Utensils and Tableware	X	X	-	X
Tools and Other Household Equipment	-	X	-	-
House Tools (including lawn, garden and snow removal equipment)	-	X	-	-
Other Household Equipment	-	X	-	-
Services Related to Household Furnishings and Equipment	X	X	-	-
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 (Including Infants)	X	X	-	X

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	1	2	1	2
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 (excluding watches)	-	X	-	-
Other Accessories	-	X	-	-
Clothing Material, Notions and Services	X	X	-	X
Clothing Material and Notions	-	X	-	-
Laundry Services	-	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 Passenger Vehicles	X	X	-	X
Purchase and Leasing of Passenger Vehicles	X	X	X	X
Purchase of Passenger Vehicles	X	X	-	X
Leasing of Passenger Vehicles	-	X	-	-
Rental of Passenger Vehicles	X	X	-	-
Operation of Passenger Vehicles	X	X	-	X
Gasoline	X	X	X	X
Passenger Vehicle Parts, Maintenance and Repairs	X	X	-	X
Passenger Vehicle Parts and Supplies	-	X	-	-
Passenger Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services	-	X	-	-
Other Passenger Vehicle Operating Expenses	X	X	-	X
Passenger Vehicle Insurance Premiums	X	X	X	X
Passenger Vehicle Registration Fees	X	X	-	X
Driver's Licences	X	X	-	-
Parking Fees	X	X	-	-
All Other Passenger Vehicle Operating Expenses	-	X	-	-
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
Optical Goods	X	X	-	-
Other Health Care Goods	-	X	-	-

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Health Care Services	X	X	-	X
Optical Services	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 Equipment	-	X	-	-
Toys, Non-Video Games and Hobby Supplies	-	X	-	-
Computer Equipment and Supplies	-	X	-	-
Photographic Equipment and Supplies	-	X	-	-
Photographic Services	-	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 Recreational Vehicles	-	X	-	-
Home Entertainment Equipment, Parts and Services	X	X	-	X
Audio Equipment	-	X	-	-
Video Equipment	-	X	-	-
Rental of DVDs and Videogames	-	X	-	-
Purchase of DVDs and CDs (blank and pre-recorded)	-	X	-	-
Other Home Entertainment Equipment, Parts and Services	-	X	-	-
Travel Services	X	X	-	X
Traveller Accommodation	X	X	-	X
Travel Tours	X	X	-	-
Other Cultural and Recreational Services	X	X	-	X
Spectator Entertainment (excluding cablevision)	X	X	-	-
Cablevision and Satellite Services (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 Material (excluding textbooks)	X	X	-	X
Newspapers	X	X	-	-
Magazines and Periodicals	X	X	-	-
Books (excluding textbooks) and Other Printed Material	-	X	-	-

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	Pub	CANSIM	Pub	CANSIM
	1	2	1	2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Products	X	X	X	X
Alcoholic Beverages	X	X	X	X
Alcoholic Beverages Served in Licensed Establishments	X	X	-	X
Beer Beverages Served in Licensed Establishments	X	X	-	-
Wine Beverages Served in Licensed Establishments	-	X	-	-
Liquor Beverages Served in Licensed Establishments	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	-	-
Special aggregates				
All-Items (1992=100)	X	X	X	X
Core Consumer Price Index (CPI) (Bank of Canada Definition)	X	X	-	-
All-items Excluding Eight of the Most Volatile Components (Bank of Canada definition)	-	X	-	-
All-Items Excluding Food	X	X	X	X
All-Items Excluding Food and Energy	X	X	X	X
All-Items Excluding Mortgage Interest Cost	-	X	-	X
All-Items Excluding Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco Products and Smokers' Supplies	X	X	-	X
All-Items Excluding Alcoholic Beverages	-	X	-	X
All-Items Excluding Tobacco Products and Smokers' Supplies	-	X	-	X
All-Items Excluding Shelter	-	X	-	X
All-Items Excluding Energy	X	X	X	X
All-items Excluding Gasoline	X	X	X	X
All-items Excluding Shelter, Insurance and Financial Services	X	X	-	X
Food and Energy	-	X	-	X
Fresh Fruit and Fresh Vegetables	-	X	-	X
Energy	X	X	X	X
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
Non-Durable Goods Excluding Food Purchased From Stores	-	X	-	-
Non-Durable Goods Excluding Food Purchased From Stores and Energy	-	X	-	-
Goods Excluding Food Purchased From Stores	-	X	-	-
Goods Excluding Food Purchased From Stores and Energy	-	X	-	-
Services	X	X	-	X
Services Excluding Shelter Services	-	X	-	-

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	Canada		Province	
	Pub 1	CANSIM 2	Pub 1	CANSIM 2
Series for cities				
All-Items				
Shelter				
Rented Accommodation				
Owned Accommodation				
Water Fuel and Electricity				
All-Items (1992=100)				

Note: x = data available.
- = data not available.