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Perspectives on Labour and Income

Summer 2010

The Summer 2010 print edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, released today, includes five articles previously released in the online edition.

"Self-employment in the downturn" examines the sources and characteristics of an increase in self-employment in 2009.

"Labour market review 2009" highlights the trends behind the headline unemployment rate: where jobs were lost, who was most affected and how hours of work changed.

"Job-education match and mismatch: Wage differentials" estimates the wage premium for a close job-to-education match among university and college graduates.

"Layoffs in Canada" compares the risk of layoff between the 1990s and 2000s and examines the duration of jobless spells as well as various characteristics of the lost jobs and subsequent jobs.

"Women's participation and economic downturns" looks at the evolution of the employment rate and work hours of wives whose husbands suffered job loss during the last three labour market downturns.

This edition also features an update on minimum wage as well as the "What's New?" section, which highlights recent studies of interest from Statistics Canada and other organizations.

The Summer 2010 print edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, Vol. 22, no. 2 (75-001-X, \$20/\$63), is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Releases

Consumer Price Index

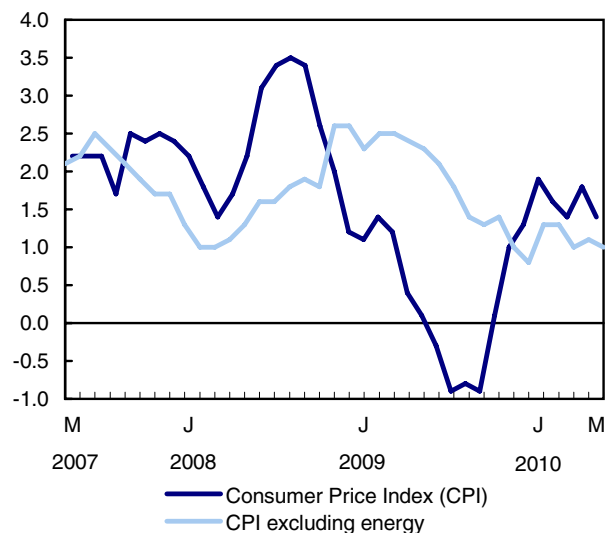
May 2010

Consumer prices rose 1.4% in the 12 months to May, following a 1.8% increase in April.

Overall, energy prices rose 6.2% between May 2009 and May 2010, following a 9.8% increase during the 12-month period to April. Excluding energy, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.0% in May, after increasing 1.1% in April.

The 12-month change in the Consumer Price Index and the CPI excluding energy

12-month % change



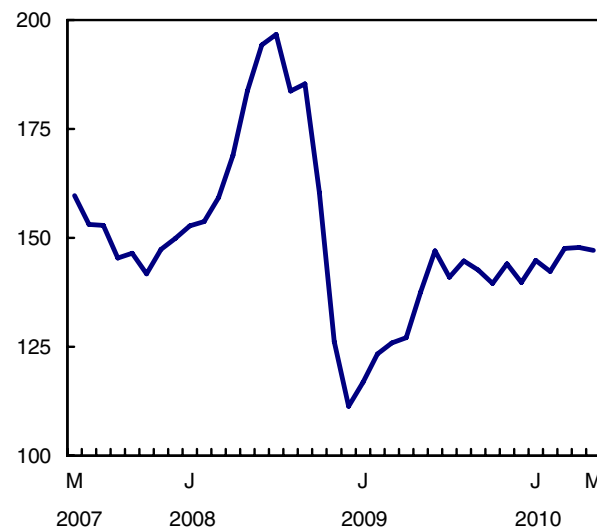
In May, prices at the pump were 6.9% higher than a year earlier, after increasing 16.3% the previous month.

In addition, natural gas prices rose 4.7% in May, following a 3.3% gain in April. The increase in May was the second consecutive rise after several months of decline.

Prices for fuel oil and other fuels rose 19.9% in May.

Evolution of the gasoline price index since May 2007

index (2002=100)



Prices for the purchase of passenger vehicles rose for the fifth consecutive month, up 5.1% in May following a 5.3% increase in April.

Seasonally adjusted monthly CPI falls

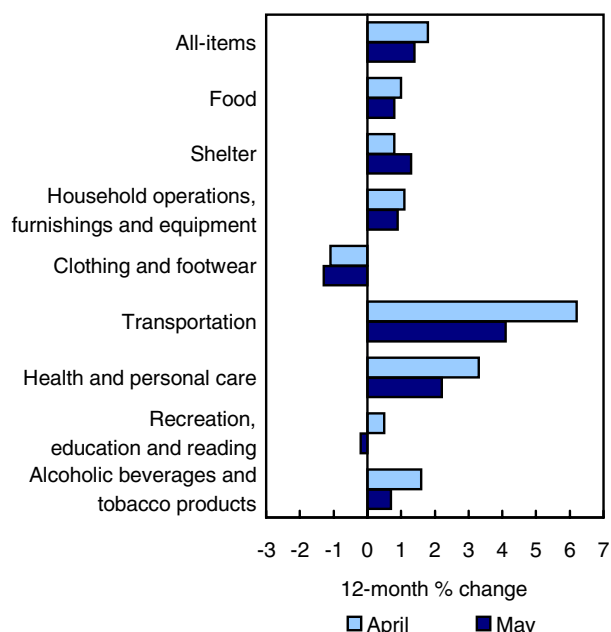
On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the CPI declined 0.1% in May, after remaining unchanged from March to April. The clothing and footwear index fell 0.4%. Prices also declined in the health and personal care component, in recreation, education and reading, as well as in food.

12-month change: Six of the eight CPI components rise

Overall, six of the eight major components of the CPI recorded price increases in the 12 months to May. The exceptions were clothing and footwear as well as recreation, education and reading.

Transportation prices rose 4.1% in the 12 months to May, after increasing 6.2% in April. In addition to paying higher prices for gasoline and passenger vehicles, consumers paid 5.1% more for passenger vehicle insurance premiums.

Transportation posts the largest price increases



Shelter costs rose 1.3% in the 12 months to May, after increasing 0.8% in April. Homeowner's replacement costs rose 4.4% following a 2.9% increase in April. In addition to paying higher prices for natural

gas, and fuel oil and other fuels, consumers also paid more for electricity.

On the other hand, the mortgage interest cost index, which measures the change in the interest portion of payments on outstanding mortgage debt, declined 5.4% in May, following a 6.1% decrease in April.

Food prices went up 0.8%, following a 1.0% increase in April. The increase in May was the smallest since March 2008. Prices for food purchased from restaurants rose 2.2%. Prices also increased for sugar and confectionery, and tomatoes while prices for fresh fruit and potatoes fell.

Consumers paid 0.9% more for household operations, furnishings and equipment in the 12 months to May. This increase followed a 1.1% rise in the 12 months to April. Higher prices were recorded for telephone services and child care.

Prices in the health and personal care component were up 2.2%. Most of the indexes within this component increased.

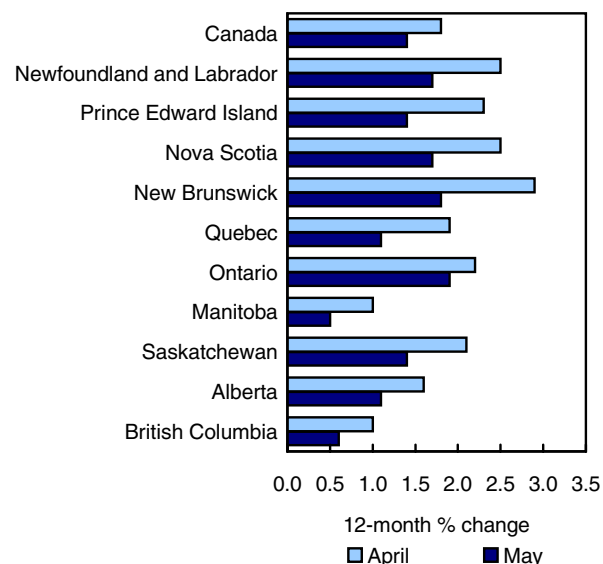
Prices in the recreation, education and reading component fell 0.2% in the 12 months to May. This was the first decline in this index since November 2008. Prices for video equipment and computer equipment and supplies fell. However, consumers paid more for cablevision and satellite services.

Prices for clothing and footwear declined 1.3%. In this component, lower prices were recorded for women's and children's clothing. Prices for women's footwear also fell.

The provinces

Consumer prices rose in all provinces in the 12 months to May, but at a slower pace than in April. Ontario and three of the four Atlantic provinces registered the largest year-over-year increases.

Smaller price increases in all provinces compared with the previous month



In Ontario, consumer prices rose 1.9% in May. Prices for the purchase of passenger vehicles were up as were passenger vehicle insurance premiums. Additionally, gasoline prices rose 4.9%, following a 17.6% increase in April.

Although gasoline prices rose in all provinces, the increases in the Atlantic provinces were among the largest. Atlantic Canada also registered price increases for fuel oil and other fuels.

Prices rose 0.5% in Manitoba in the 12 months to May, following a 1.0% increase in April. Gasoline prices and the cost of purchasing passenger vehicles were up,

whereas prices for natural gas and home and mortgage insurance premiums declined.

In British Columbia, prices advanced 0.6% in May, after rising 1.0% in April. Gasoline and electricity prices rose 9.6% and 9.3%, respectively.

12-month change in the Bank of Canada's core index

The Bank of Canada's core index advanced 1.8% in the 12 months to May, following a 1.9% rise in April. Price increases were recorded for the purchase of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, homeowner's replacement costs and telephone services.

The seasonally adjusted monthly core index rose 0.1% in May, after increasing 0.2% in April.

For a more detailed analysis, consult the publication *The Consumer Price Index*.

Available on CANSIM: tables 326-0009, 326-0012, 326-0015 and 326-0020 to 326-0022.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2301.

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI are also available online in *Your Guide to The Consumer Price Index* (62-557-X, free) from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

The May 2010 issue of the *Consumer Price Index*, Vol. 89, no. 5 (62-001-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. A paper copy is also available (\$12/\$111). A more detailed analysis of the CPI is available in this publication. See *How to order products*.

The June Consumer Price Index will be released on July 23.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the Dissemination Unit (toll-free 1-866-230-2248; 613-951-9606; fax: 613-951-2848; cpd-info-dpc@statcan.gc.ca), Consumer Prices Division.

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Consumer Price Index and major components

	Relative importance ¹	May 2009	April 2010	May 2010	April to May 2010	May 2009 to May 2010
Not seasonally adjusted						
		(2002=100)			% change	
All-items	100.00²	114.7	116.0	116.3	0.3	1.4
Food	17.04	121.9	122.8	122.9	0.1	0.8
Shelter	26.62	121.4	122.4	123.0	0.5	1.3
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	11.10	107.6	108.5	108.6	0.1	0.9
Clothing and footwear	5.36	93.9	94.1	92.7	-1.5	-1.3
Transportation	19.88	113.5	117.4	118.1	0.6	4.1
Health and personal care	4.73	112.1	114.8	114.6	-0.2	2.2
Recreation, education and reading	12.20	103.8	102.9	103.6	0.7	-0.2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	3.07	131.2	131.8	132.1	0.2	0.7
Special aggregates						
Core CPI ³	82.71	113.7	115.3	115.7	0.3	1.8
All-items excluding energy	90.62	113.5	114.4	114.6	0.2	1.0
Energy	9.38	129.4	136.0	137.4	1.0	6.2
Gasoline	4.92	137.6	147.8	147.1	-0.5	6.9
All-items excluding food and energy	73.57	111.7	112.5	112.8	0.3	1.0
Goods	48.78	108.1	109.4	109.4	0.0	1.2
Services	51.22	121.3	122.6	123.2	0.5	1.6

1. 2005 CPI basket weights at April 2007 prices, Canada, effective May 2007. Detailed weights are available under the Documentation section of survey 2301 (www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/index-eng.htm).

2. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

3. The measure of Core Consumer Price Index (CPI) excludes from the all-items CPI the effect of changes in indirect taxes and eight of the most volatile components identified by the Bank of Canada: fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; gasoline; inter-city transportation; and tobacco products and smokers' supplies. For additional information on Core CPI, consult the Bank of Canada website (www.bankofcanada.ca/en/inflation/index.htm).

Consumer Price Index by province, and for Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Iqaluit

	Relative importance ¹	May 2009	April 2010	May 2010	April to May 2010	May 2009 to May 2010
Not seasonally adjusted						
		(2002=100)			% change	
Canada	100.00²	114.7	116.0	116.3	0.3	1.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	1.27	115.2	117.0	117.2	0.2	1.7
Prince Edward Island	0.35	117.6	119.1	119.2	0.1	1.4
Nova Scotia	2.56	115.8	117.9	117.8	-0.1	1.7
New Brunswick	1.97	113.7	115.8	115.7	-0.1	1.8
Québec	21.05	113.7	114.8	114.9	0.1	1.1
Ontario	41.22	114.0	115.7	116.2	0.4	1.9
Manitoba	3.06	114.4	114.8	115.0	0.2	0.5
Saskatchewan	2.64	117.0	118.5	118.6	0.1	1.4
Alberta	11.43	121.4	122.3	122.7	0.3	1.1
British Columbia	14.29	112.9	113.2	113.6	0.4	0.6
Whitehorse	0.06	114.0	113.6	114.3	0.6	0.3
Yellowknife	0.08	116.0	117.2	117.8	0.5	1.6
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	0.02	113.6	111.8	112.2	0.4	-1.2

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Consumer Price Index and major components

	Relative importance ¹	March 2010	April 2010	May 2010	March to April 2010	April to May 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	(2002=100)				% change	
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Large urban transit

April 2010 (preliminary)

Total operating revenue (excluding subsidies) for 10 of Canada's largest urban transit properties rose 9.1% from April 2009 to \$222.8 million in April.

These 10 companies represent about 80% of total urban transit across the country.

Ridership levels rose to 122.4 million passenger trips in April, a 2.5% increase from the same month a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: table 408-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2745.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the Dissemination Unit (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; fax: 613-951-0009; transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Film, television and video production

2008

The 2008 edition of *Service Bulletin: Film, Television and Video Production*, which contains industry highlights along with financial data including revenues, expenses, and operating profit margins, is now available.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2413.

The publication *Service Bulletin: Film, Television and Video Production*, 2008 (87-010-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Prepared Food and Beverage Sales Survey 2009

Data from the Prepared Food and Beverage Sales Survey are now available for the province of Ontario for 2009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5175.

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Crude oil and natural gas production

April 2010 (preliminary)

Provincial crude oil and marketable natural gas production data are now available for April.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2198.

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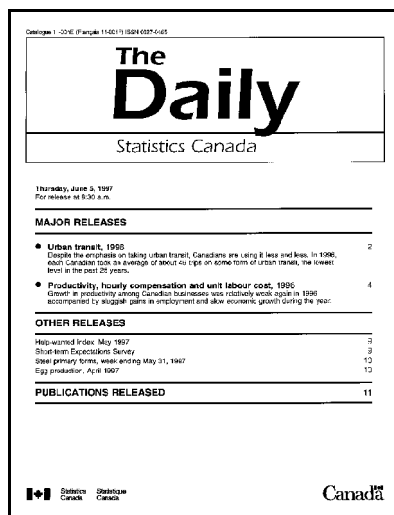
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