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### Consumer Price Index - June 2008

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index for June was 4.5% higher than a year earlier. By comparison, the annual price increase was 3.1% for Canada, 4.3% for Edmonton and 4.5% for Whitehorse.

On a month-to-month basis, the seasonally-adjusted all-items index for Yellowknife rose 0.8% between May and June. The main contributing factor in the monthly increase was a 2.4% rise for the transportation component reflecting higher prices for public transportation at 5.8%. Price increases were also noted for clothing & footwear at 2.0%, food at 0.9%, shelter, household operations & furnishings, and recreation, education & reading all at 3.0%. Prices for health & personal care component fell 0.5%. The alcoholic beverages & tobacco products component remained unchanged between May and June.

The overall price increase in Yellowknife of 4.5% for June compared with a year earlier can be largely attributed to higher prices for the shelter component at 10.8%, and for the clothing & footwear at 4.9%. Compared with last year, price declines were observed for household operations & furnishings component at 0.9%. Fuel oil and other fuels showed an increase of 39.6%.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	08-Jun	08-May	07-Jun	— % Change from —	
				08-May	07-Jun
Yellowknife	116.6	115.7	111.6	0.8	4.5
Whitehorse	114.6	113.6	109.7	0.9	4.5
Canada	115.4	114.6	111.9	0.7	3.1
Edmonton	123.7	121.9	118.6	1.5	4.3

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centers are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

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Consumer Price Index, June 2008  
Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002=100)

	08-Jun	08-May	07-Jun	% Change from	
				08-May	07-Jun
All Items	116.6	115.7	111.6	0.8	4.5
Food	109.8	108.8	109.5	0.9	0.3
Food from Stores	108.2	106.9	108.8	1.2	-0.6
Food from Restaurants	113.9	113.9	110.9	-	2.7
Shelter	134.5	134.1	121.4	0.3	10.8
Water, Fuel & Electricity	174.6	174.3	141.1	0.2	23.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	103.4	103.1	104.3	0.3	-0.9
Household Operations	109.2	108.8	107.5	0.4	1.6
Household Furnishings	90.7	90.4	97.1	0.3	-6.6
Clothing & Footwear	98.8	96.9	94.2	2.0	4.9
Clothing	94.1	92.0	91.8	2.3	2.5
Footwear	95.9	93.6	90.8	2.5	5.6
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	126.1	126.1	109.6	-	15.1
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	101.5	100.8	98.4	0.7	3.2
Transportation	115.9	113.2	110.6	2.4	4.8
Private Transportation	113.1	111.5	109.9	1.4	2.9
Public Transportation	129.9	122.8	115.8	5.8	12.2
Health & Personal Care	106.0	106.5	105.1	-0.5	0.9
Health Care	110.2	110.5	107.8	-0.3	2.2
Personal Care	103.4	103.9	103.7	-0.5	-0.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	101.8	101.5	102.0	0.3	-0.2
Recreation	100.2	99.5	100.3	0.7	-0.1
Education and Reading	109.5	111.6	110.0	-1.9	-0.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	132.4	132.4	129.3	-	2.4
Alcoholic Beverages	129.1	129.1	124.2	-	3.9
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	134.6	134.6	133.7	-	0.7
<b>SPECIAL AGGREGATES:</b>					
All-Items excluding:					
Food	118.0	117.1	112.0	0.8	5.4
Energy	110.9	110.2	108.5	0.6	2.2
Shelter	109.2	108.1	107.5	1.0	1.6
Alcoholic Beverages	116.3	115.4	111.3	0.8	4.5
Tobacco Products	116.1	115.2	111.0	0.8	4.6
Housing (1986 definition)	125.4	124.9	116.4	0.4	7.7

Note: Additional indexes are available from T-stat and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.

Source: Statistics Canada