

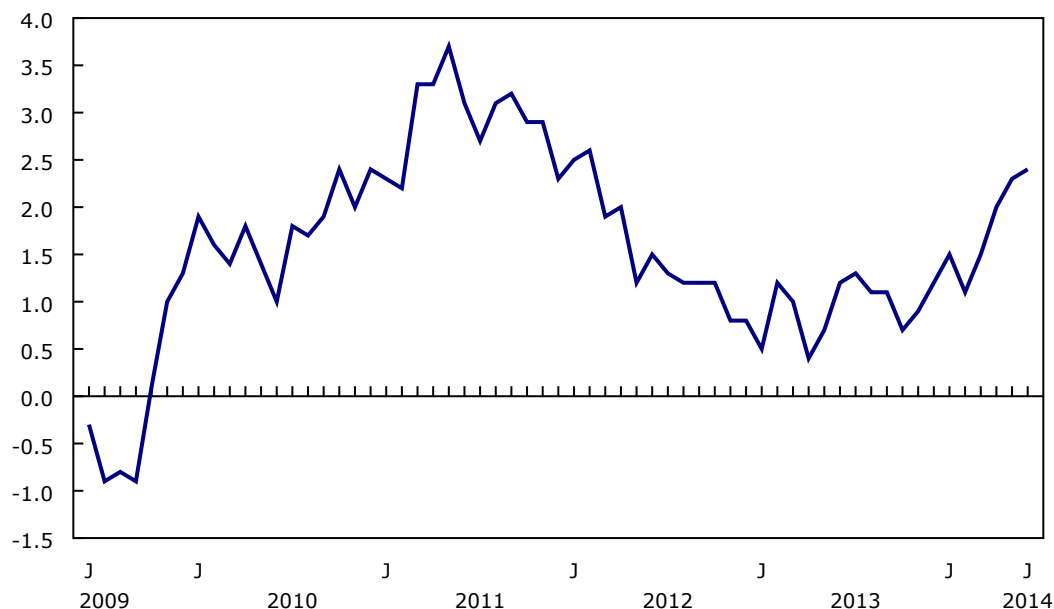
# Consumer Price Index, June 2014

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.4% in the 12 months to June, following a 2.3% increase in May.

**Chart 1**  
**The 12-month change in the Consumer Price Index**

12-month % change

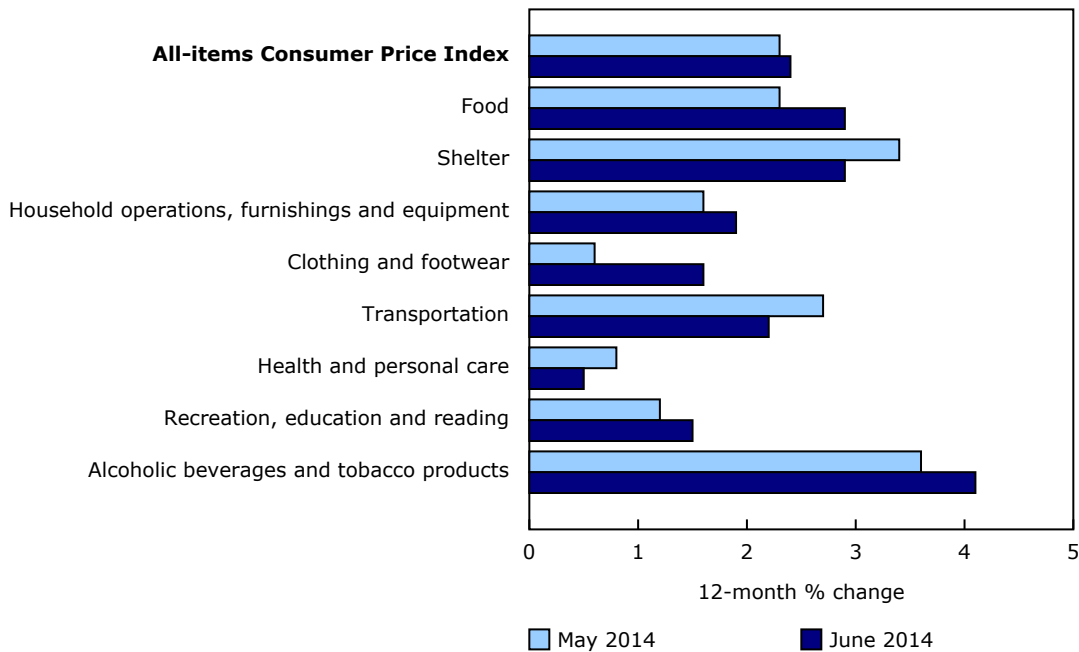


## 12-month change in the major components

Prices increased in all major components in the 12 months to June. Higher prices for shelter, food and transportation contributed the most to the rise in the CPI.



**Chart 2**  
**Prices increase in all major components**



Shelter costs rose 2.9% on a year-over-year basis in June, following a 3.4% increase in May. Consumers paid more for natural gas and property taxes in June compared with the same month a year earlier. Prices for electricity rose 4.2% in the 12 months to June, a slower increase than in May (+7.0%).

Food prices increased 2.9% in the 12 months to June, after advancing 2.3% in May. Prices for food purchased from stores rose 3.2% year over year in June, following a 2.5% gain the previous month. Consumers paid 9.4% more for meat and 9.5% more for fresh vegetables. Prices for food purchased from restaurants increased 2.3% on a year-over-year basis.

The transportation index increased 2.2% year over year in June, following a 2.7% rise in May. Gasoline prices advanced 5.4% in the 12 months to June, after increasing 6.3% in May. As well, prices for the purchase of passenger vehicles rose 1.6% on a year-over-year basis, following a 2.0% increase the previous month.

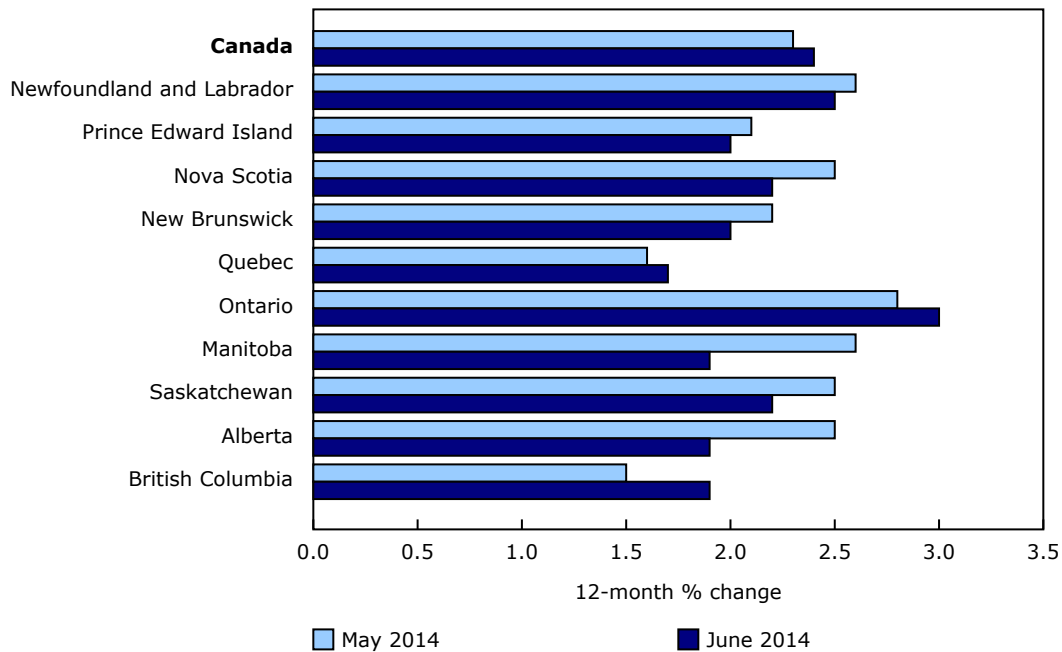
Prices for clothing and footwear rose 1.6% in the 12 months to June, after posting a 0.6% gain in May. This faster increase was largely attributable to fewer discounts observed this June compared with the same month a year ago.

The index for alcoholic beverages and tobacco products increased 4.1% in the 12 months to June. This rise was mainly attributable to a 10.3% year-over-year advance in cigarette prices. Quebec's tobacco tax increased in June. Previously in 2014, the federal excise tax on tobacco, as well as the tobacco taxes in Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario and British Columbia increased.

**12-month change in the provinces**

Consumer prices rose in every province in the 12 months to June. Ontario posted the largest increase, while Quebec recorded the smallest.

**Chart 3**  
**Ontario records the largest increase in consumer prices**



In Ontario, consumer prices rose 3.0% in the 12 months to June, following a 2.8% gain in May. Among the provinces, Ontario recorded the largest year-over-year price increases for natural gas (+38.4%) and gasoline (+9.4%) in June.

Quebec's CPI increased 1.7% on a year-over-year basis in June. The indexes for natural gas, clothing, and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance rose at slower year-over-year rates in Quebec compared with Canada as a whole in June.

**Seasonally adjusted monthly Consumer Price Index increases**

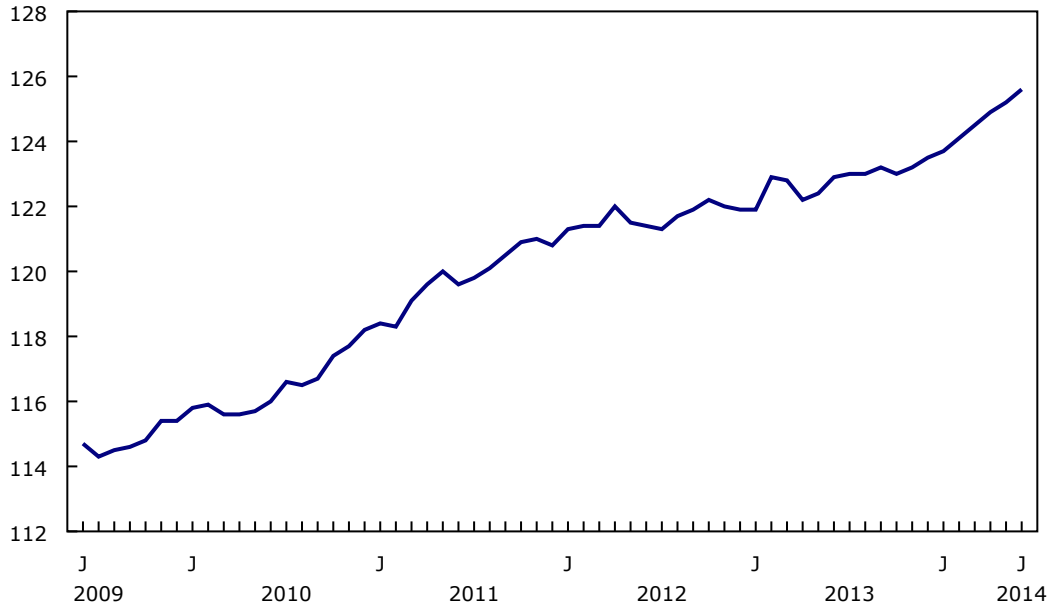
On a [seasonally adjusted monthly basis](#), the CPI increased 0.3% in June, marking the eighth consecutive rise. The June increase followed a 0.2% advance in May.

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**Chart 4**  
**Seasonally adjusted monthly Consumer Price Index**

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index (2002=100)



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In June, six of eight major components increased on a seasonally adjusted monthly basis. The indexes for shelter as well as health and personal care were the exceptions.

The seasonally adjusted index for transportation (+0.8%) posted the largest monthly rise. Before seasonal adjustment, the transportation index rose 0.3%, led by a 2.0% gain in gasoline prices.

The clothing and footwear index increased 0.5% in June on a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, while on an unadjusted basis this index declined 1.9%. This indicates that the decrease in clothing and footwear prices was smaller than the usual seasonal decline for June.

The seasonally adjusted food index rose 0.5% in June. On an unadjusted monthly basis, prices for both fresh vegetables (+3.5%) and meat (+1.5%) rose more this June compared with the price changes typically observed for these components in June.

**Bank of Canada's core index**

The [Bank of Canada's core index](#) rose 1.8% in the 12 months to June, after increasing 1.7% in May.

The seasonally adjusted core index rose 0.2% on a monthly basis in June, matching the increase in May.

### Note to readers

A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Users employing Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for indexation purposes are advised to use the unadjusted indexes. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

The Bank of Canada's core index excludes eight of the CPI's most volatile components (fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuels; gasoline; inter-city transportation; and tobacco products and smokers' supplies) as well as the effects of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

The travel tours index, which is part of the recreation, education and reading major component, underwent a [methodology update](#) effective with the September 2013 CPI. Therefore, until the release of the September 2014 CPI, the 12-month rate of change for this index should be interpreted with caution as it compares periods before and after the update.

**Table 1**  
**Consumer Price Index and major components, Canada – Not seasonally adjusted**

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	May to June 2014	June 2013 to June 2014
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI)</b>	<b>100.00<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>123.0</b>	<b>125.8</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Food	16.60	132.5	135.7	136.4	0.5	2.9
Shelter	26.26	128.5	132.6	132.2	-0.3	2.9
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	12.66	114.2	115.8	116.4	0.5	1.9
Clothing and footwear	5.82	91.2	94.5	92.7	-1.9	1.6
Transportation	19.98	130.2	132.7	133.1	0.3	2.2
Health and personal care	4.93	118.4	119.2	119.0	-0.2	0.5
Recreation, education and reading	10.96	106.6	107.8	108.2	0.4	1.5
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	2.79	140.9	146.2	146.7	0.3	4.1
<b>Special aggregates</b>						
Core CPI <sup>3</sup>	84.91	121.0	123.3	123.2	-0.1	1.8
All-items CPI excluding energy	91.44	119.9	122.1	122.2	0.1	1.9
Energy <sup>4</sup>	8.56	162.1	172.7	173.0	0.2	6.7
Gasoline	4.62	188.5	194.8	198.7	2.0	5.4
All-items CPI excluding food and energy	74.85	117.2	119.1	119.1	0.0	1.6
Goods	48.18	114.8	117.9	117.8	-0.1	2.6
Services	51.82	131.1	133.6	133.9	0.2	2.1

1. 2011 CPI basket weights at January 2013 prices, Canada, effective February 2013. Detailed weights are available under the Documentation section of survey 2301 ([www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/2301-eng.htm](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/2301-eng.htm)).

2. Figures may not add up to 100% as a result of rounding.

3. The Bank of Canada's core index excludes eight of the CPI's most volatile components (fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuels; gasoline; inter-city transportation; and tobacco products and smokers' supplies) as well as the effects of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components. For additional information on the core CPI, consult the Bank of Canada website ([www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/indicators/key-variables/inflation-control-target/](http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/indicators/key-variables/inflation-control-target/)).

4. The special aggregate "Energy" includes: electricity; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuels; gasoline; and fuel, parts and supplies for recreational vehicles.

**Table 2**  
**Consumer Price Index by province, and for Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Iqaluit – Not seasonally adjusted**

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	May to June 2014	June 2013 to June 2014
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>100.00<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>123.0</b>	<b>125.8</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	1.36	126.0	129.2	129.1	-0.1	2.5
Prince Edward Island	0.36	127.9	130.6	130.5	-0.1	2.0
Nova Scotia	2.59	126.4	129.5	129.2	-0.2	2.2
New Brunswick	1.96	122.5	125.3	124.9	-0.3	2.0
Quebec	22.04	121.8	123.8	123.9	0.1	1.7
Ontario	39.05	123.2	126.5	126.9	0.3	3.0
Manitoba	3.16	123.6	126.2	126.0	-0.2	1.9
Saskatchewan	2.94	126.2	129.2	129.0	-0.2	2.2
Alberta	12.32	129.8	132.8	132.3	-0.4	1.9
British Columbia	14.05	117.6	119.7	119.8	0.1	1.9
Whitehorse	0.08	124.1	125.1	125.3	0.2	1.0
Yellowknife	0.07	126.5	128.7	128.8	0.1	1.8
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	0.02	117.5	118.1	118.7	0.5	1.0

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**Table 3**  
**Consumer Price Index and major components – Seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup>**

	April 2014	May 2014	June 2014	April to May 2014	May to June 2014
	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI)</b>	<b>124.9</b>	<b>125.2</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Food	134.7	135.3	136.0	0.4	0.5
Shelter	132.4	132.6	132.2	0.2	-0.3
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	115.4	115.8	116.3	0.3	0.4
Clothing and footwear	92.3	92.8	93.3	0.5	0.5
Transportation	130.7	131.3	132.3	0.5	0.8
Health and personal care	118.6	118.9	118.8	0.3	-0.1
Recreation, education and reading	106.8	107.2	107.5	0.4	0.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	145.1	146.2	146.7	0.8	0.3
<b>Special aggregates</b>					
Core CPI <sup>2</sup>	122.6	122.9	123.2	0.2	0.2
All-items CPI excluding food and energy <sup>3</sup>	118.5	118.8	119.1	0.3	0.3

1. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Each month, the previous month's seasonally adjusted index is subject to revision. On an annual basis, the seasonally adjusted values for the last three years are revised with the January data release. Users employing CPI data for indexation purposes are advised to use the unadjusted indexes. For more information on the availability and uses of seasonally adjusted CPI data, please see the Definitions, data sources and methods section of survey 2301 ([www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/2301-eng.htm](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/2301-eng.htm)).

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**Available in CANSIM: tables 326-0009, 326-0012, 326-0020 and 326-0022.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2301.**

For a more detailed analysis, consult the publication *The Consumer Price Index*. The June 2014 issue of *The Consumer Price Index*, Vol. 93, no. 6 (62-001-X), is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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

The Consumer Price Index for July will be released on August 22.

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