

Traveller Accommodation Services Price Index, fourth quarter 2018

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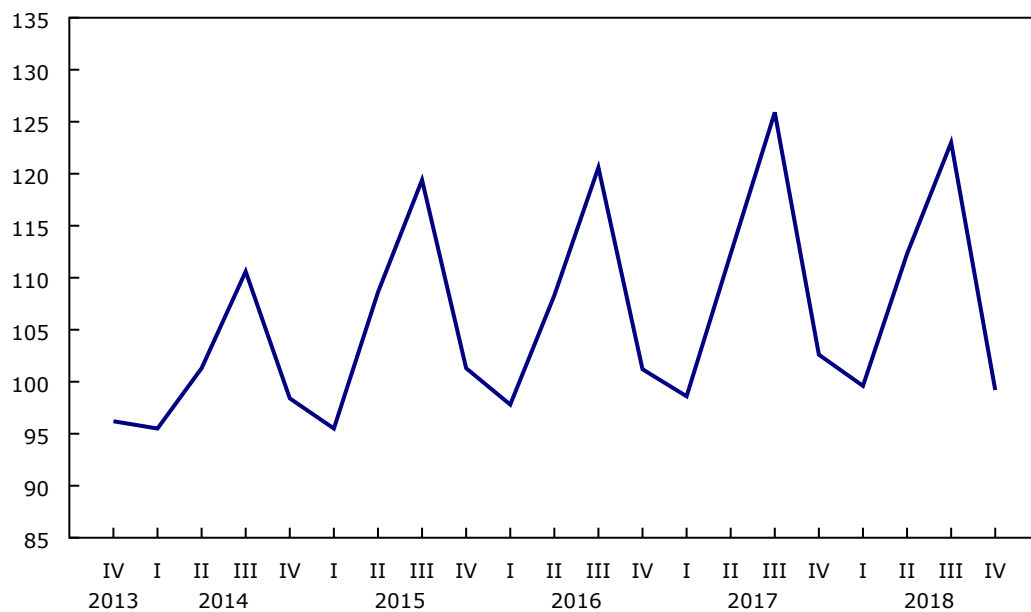
The Traveller Accommodation Services Price Index (TASPI) declined 19.3% in the fourth quarter. The index has decreased in the fourth quarter every year since its inception, as lower seasonal demand typically drives down accommodation prices in the fall and winter.

Both leisure (-22.3%) and business (-16.1%) clients paid lower prices in the fourth quarter.

Prices for traveller accommodation services were down in nine provinces and two territories. Lower prices in British Columbia (-32.0%), Ontario (-15.9%), Alberta (-14.9%) and Quebec (-16.9%) contributed the most to the decrease. Higher accommodation prices in Manitoba (+0.3%) and the Northwest Territories (+0.7%) somewhat moderated the decline.

Chart 1
Traveller Accommodation Services Price Index

index (2013=100)



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Leisure clients pay less in every province and two territories

Prices for leisure clients fell 22.3% at the Canada level, largely due to lower prices in British Columbia (-33.9%), Ontario (-19.9%), Alberta (-16.7%) and Quebec (-19.4%). Prices increased in the Northwest Territories (+1.2%).

Lower prices for business clients except in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories

Prices paid by business clients decreased 16.1% at the Canada level. The decline was driven by lower prices in British Columbia (-29.2%), Ontario (-11.6%) and Alberta (-13.4%). Meanwhile, business clients paid higher prices in Manitoba (+3.0%) and the Northwest Territories (+0.2%).



Year-over-year change

The TASPI fell 3.3% in the fourth quarter compared with the same quarter in 2017. Accommodation prices declined in 2018 after hitting record highs in 2017, coinciding with Canada 150 celebrations. Lower prices for both leisure (-4.2%) and business (-2.5%) clients contributed to the year-over-year decrease.

Lower prices were reported in nine provinces, led by Ontario (-4.0%) and Alberta (-4.3%). These declines were partially offset by higher prices in Prince Edward Island and all three territories, most notably Nunavut (+12.4%).

Note to readers

The Traveller Accommodation Services Price Index measures the monthly and quarterly price movements of short-term accommodation services. This index reflects changes in room rates (excluding all taxes) and covers hotel and motel lodging services.

Separate index aggregations are available for Canada, the economic regions, provinces and territories, by major client group.

The contribution of a given sub-aggregate to the composite price change depends on both the price change exhibited by the sub-aggregate and on its importance in the basket, as measured by the weight.

The index is not subject to revision and is not seasonally adjusted.

A Historical Timeline of Canadian Producer Price Statistics

"A Historical Timeline of Canadian Producer Price Statistics," which is part of the Prices Analytical Series (62F0014M), was created to showcase the key milestones in the history of Canadian producer price statistics. This historical timeline contains answers to questions such as: Who collected Canada's first statistics? What do Canadian producer price indexes measure?

Infographic: Producer Price Indexes at a Glance

The infographic "Producer Price Indexes at a Glance," which is part of Statistics Canada — Infographics (11-627-M) demonstrates how producer price indexes for goods and services are calculated and why they are important for the Canadian economy.

Table 1
Traveller Accommodation Services Price Index – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ¹	Fourth quarter 2017	Third quarter 2018	Fourth quarter 2018	Third quarter to fourth quarter 2018	Fourth quarter 2017 to fourth quarter 2018
	%	(2013=100)			% change	
Canada, total	100.00	102.6	123.0	99.2	-19.3	-3.3
Leisure clients	51.14	103.3	127.4	99.0	-22.3	-4.2
Business clients	48.86	102.3	118.9	99.7	-16.1	-2.5
Atlantic region	6.31	105.0	124.7	96.7	-22.5	-7.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	1.66	97.1	102.7	78.4	-23.7	-19.3
Prince Edward Island	0.60	93.3	137.1	94.9	-30.8	1.7
Nova Scotia	2.38	107.4	131.6	99.6	-24.3	-7.3
New Brunswick	1.67	110.3	127.3	108.5	-14.8	-1.6
Quebec	13.71	104.6	123.8	102.9	-16.9	-1.6
Ontario	28.47	108.3	123.7	104.0	-15.9	-4.0
Prairie region	28.75	92.1	98.9	88.2	-10.8	-4.2
Manitoba	5.29	96.7	91.2	91.5	0.3	-5.4
Saskatchewan	4.29	81.7	81.0	79.5	-1.9	-2.7
Alberta	19.16	94.0	105.7	90.0	-14.9	-4.3
British Columbia	21.65	108.2	156.8	106.7	-32.0	-1.4
Territories	1.11	104.7	117.6	109.1	-7.2	4.2
Yukon	0.47	103.5	124.2	104.9	-15.5	1.4
Northwest Territories	0.43	103.0	105.9	106.6	0.7	3.5
Nunavut	0.21	111.5	126.9	125.3	-1.3	12.4

1. The relative importance is calculated by dividing the weight of each component by the total weight. The weights correspond to the accommodation revenue shares derived from the 2013 Annual Survey of Service Industries: Accommodation Services (2418).

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Available tables: [18-10-0249-01](#) and [18-10-0250-01](#).

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