

Computer and peripherals price indexes, May 2019

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The price of desktop and similar computers, laptop and tablet computers, and servers edged up 0.1% in May.

Price increases for tablets (+0.4%), desktop and similar computers (+0.2%) and laptops (+0.2%) were largely offset by server price decreases (-0.6%).

Smartphone prices declined by 1.0%.

The computer peripherals index was up 0.2%. Prices for computer printers rose by 0.5%, while prices for computer monitors decreased 0.6%.

Year over year, prices for desktop and similar computers, laptop and tablet computers, and servers were down 1.3%. Prices for computer peripherals declined 1.2% compared with May 2018.

Note to readers

The computer and peripherals price indexes are a monthly series that measure the changes over time in the price of computers, computer peripherals and smartphones sold to governments, businesses and households. With each release, data for the previous six months may have been revised. The indexes are not seasonally adjusted.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

*Starting with the June 2019 reference month, the Commercial Software Price Index and the Computer and peripherals price indexes will be released together in *The Daily* under the title "Computers, Peripherals and Software Price Indexes."*

Products

A video entitled "[Producer Price Indexes](#)" is available on the Statistics Canada Training Institute webpage. It provides an introduction to Statistics Canada's Producer Price Indexes—what they are, how they are made and what they are used for.

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.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5032](#).

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