

Consumer Price Index, December 2022

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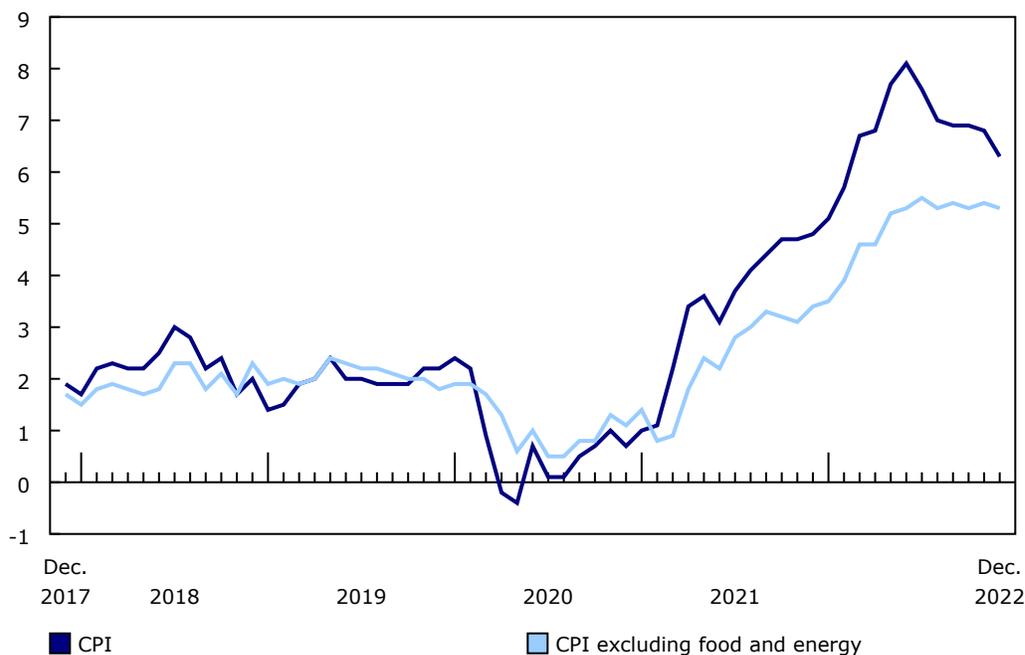
Excluding food and energy, prices rose 5.3% on a yearly basis in December, following a gain of 5.4% in November.

The headline CPI grew at a slower pace largely due to slower growth in prices for gasoline. Additional deceleration came from homeowners' replacement cost, fuel oil and other owned accommodation expenses, as well as from various durable goods. Slower price growth was offset by increases in mortgage interest cost, clothing and footwear and personal care supplies and equipment.

On a monthly basis, the CPI fell 0.6% in December following a 0.1% gain in November. The monthly decline in December is the largest since April 2020, mostly driven by gasoline prices, which also posted their largest monthly decline since April 2020. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the CPI was down 0.1% in December 2022.

Chart 1
12-month change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and CPI excluding food and energy

12-month % change



Source(s): Table 18-10-0004-01.



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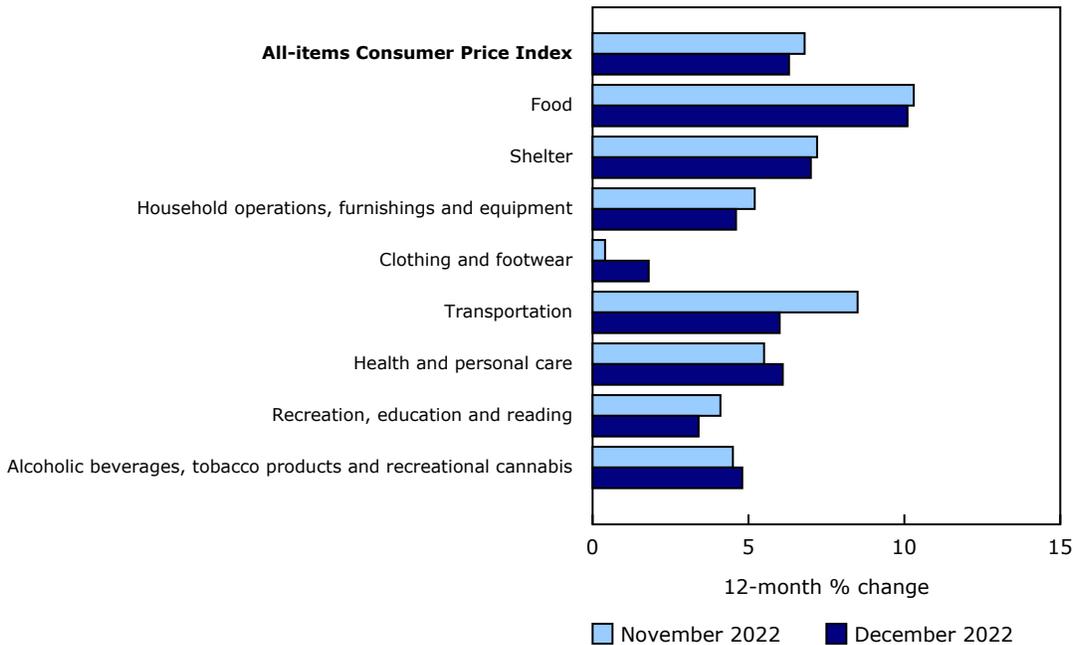
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Chart 2
Prices rise at a slower pace in December in five major components



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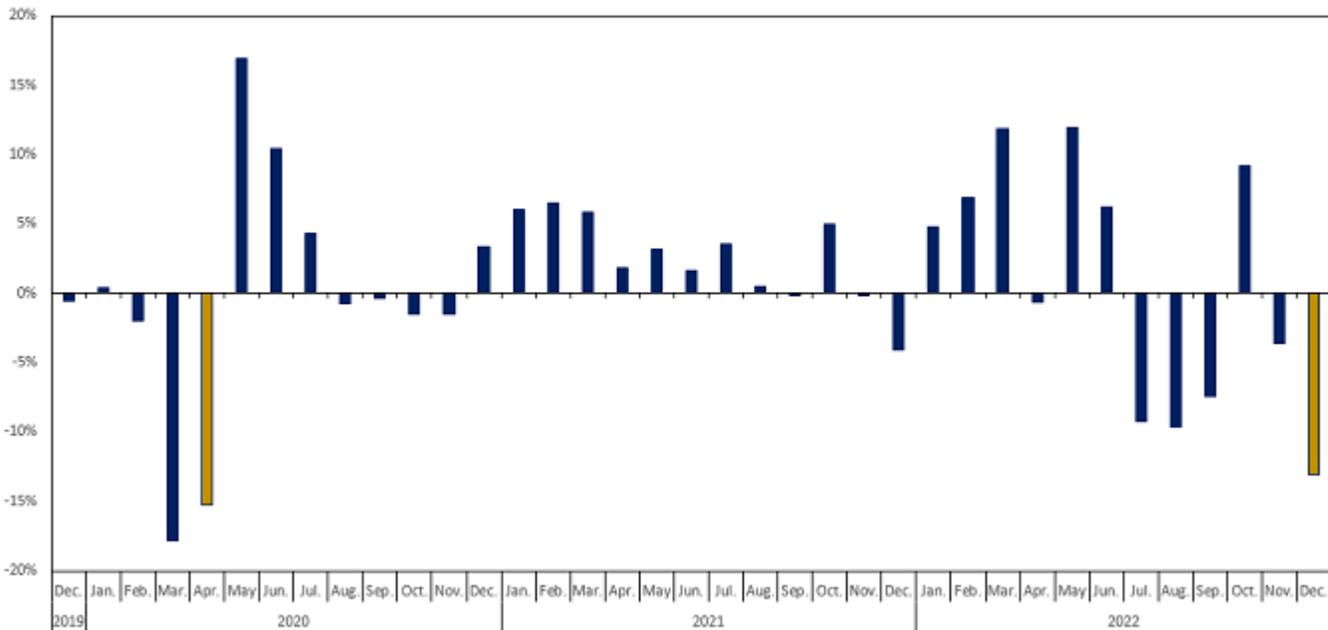
Prices for gasoline and fuel oil fall month over month

Consumers paid 13.1% less at the pump in December compared with November, the largest monthly decline since April 2020. This reflected lower prices for crude oil amid concerns of a slowing global economy, as well as reduced demand following an increase in COVID-19 cases in China. On a yearly basis, prices for gasoline rose 3.0% in December after a 13.7% increase in November.

Lower crude oil prices were also reflected in a 14.8% month-over-month decline in prices for fuel oil and other fuels. On a year-over-year basis, this led to a smaller increase in December (+51.2%) than in November (+73.4%).

Infographic 1 – Largest month-over-month drop in gasoline prices since April 2020

1-month % change



Source(s): Table 18-10-0004-01.

Prices for durable goods decelerate

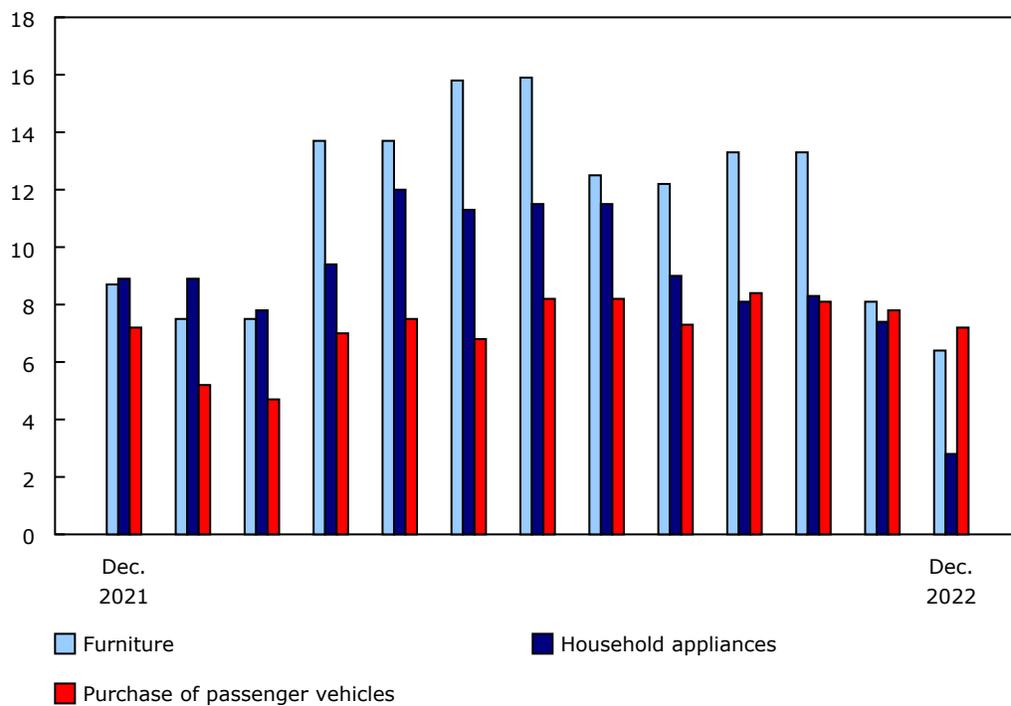
Growth in prices for durable goods slowed to 4.7% year over year in December after a 5.3% increase in November, with prices decelerating for the third consecutive month.

Prices for household appliances rose at a slower pace in December (+2.8%) than in November (+7.4%), the result of the largest month-over-month decline (-4.1%) on record. Similarly, consumers paid 6.4% more, year over year, for furniture, compared with an 8.1% increase in November. These slowdowns in price growth occurred amid easing supply chain pressures and lower shipping costs, as well as softer demand.

For the third month in a row, yearly price growth slowed for passenger vehicles (+7.2%), which may reflect slowing demand for used vehicles.

Chart 3
Price growth trending downwards for some durable goods

12-month % change



Source(s): Table 18-10-0004-01.

Homeowners' replacement cost and other owned accommodation expenses continue to grow at a slower pace

On a year-over-year basis, homeowners' replacement cost (+4.7%) and other owned accommodation expenses (+2.5%) continued to slow as the housing market continued to show signs of cooling, putting downward pressure on the CPI.

The mortgage interest cost index continued to put upward pressure on the CPI amid the ongoing higher interest rate environment, rising 18.0% on a year-over-year basis in December following a 14.5% increase in November.

Grocery prices grow at a slightly slower pace

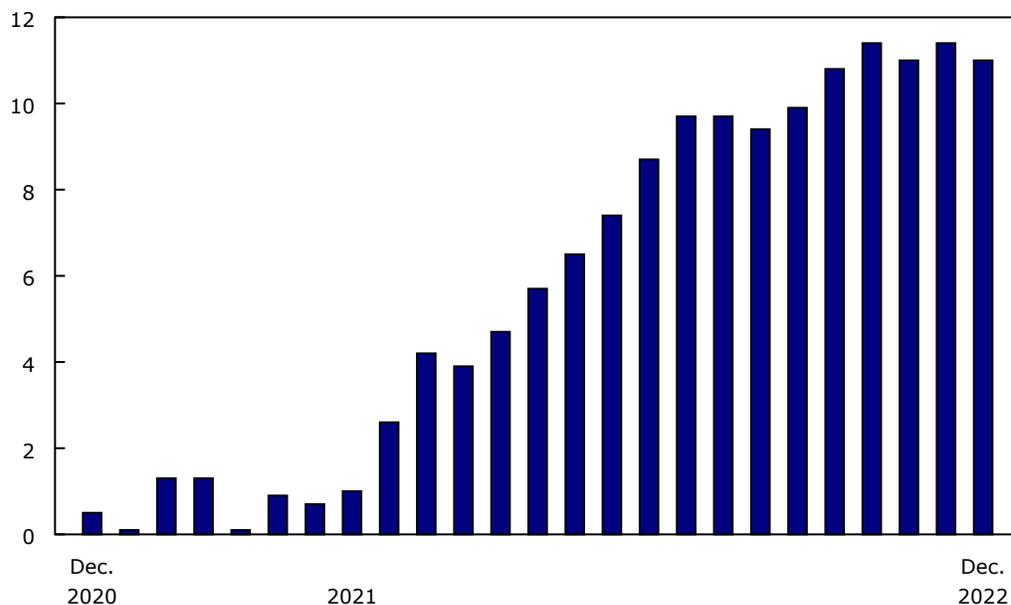
Year over year, prices for food purchased from stores decelerated marginally in December (+11.0%) compared with November (+11.4%), with price growth hovering around 11% for the last five months.

Prices in December rose at a slower pace for a number of food items, including non-alcoholic beverages (+16.6%), bakery products (+13.5%), coffee and tea (+13.2%), other food preparations (+11.5%) and preserved fruit and fruit preparations (+7.2%).

Slowing price growth for groceries was offset by prices for fresh vegetables, which rose 13.6% in December following an 11.2% increase in November. Accelerated price growth was widespread across vegetables, including tomatoes (+21.9%) and other fresh vegetables (+11.7%) amid unfavourable weather in growing regions.

Chart 4
Price growth for food purchased from stores remains elevated

12-month % change



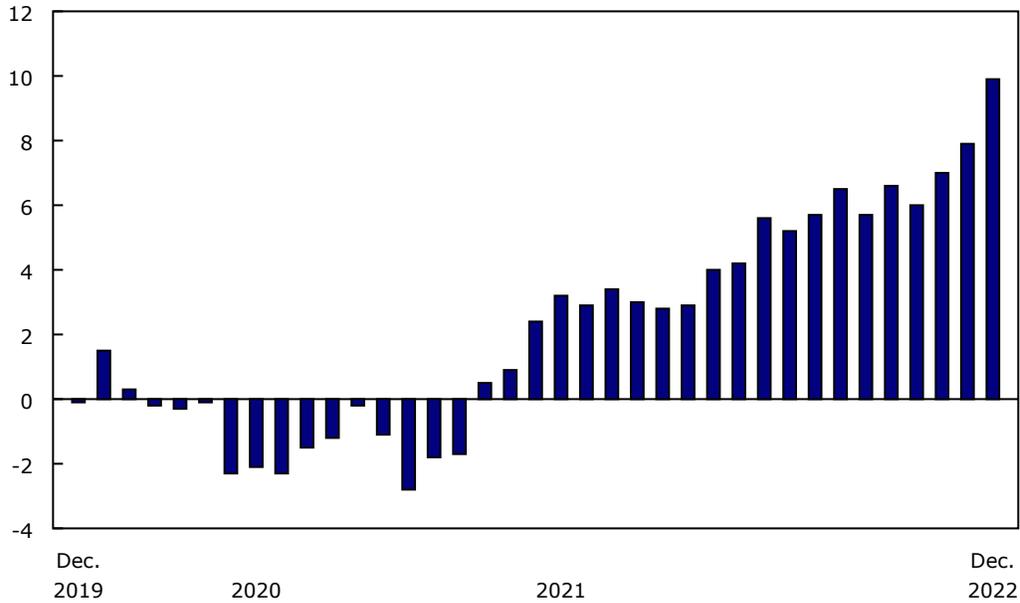
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Prices for personal care supplies and equipment continue to grow at a faster rate

Prices for personal care supplies and equipment grew 9.9% year over year in December, the largest increase since February 1983. Price growth has trended upward since April 2021 as a result of broad-based increases among personal soap, toiletry items and cosmetics, oral-hygiene products and other personal care supplies and equipment.

Chart 5
Price growth for personal care supplies and equipment trends upward

12-month % change

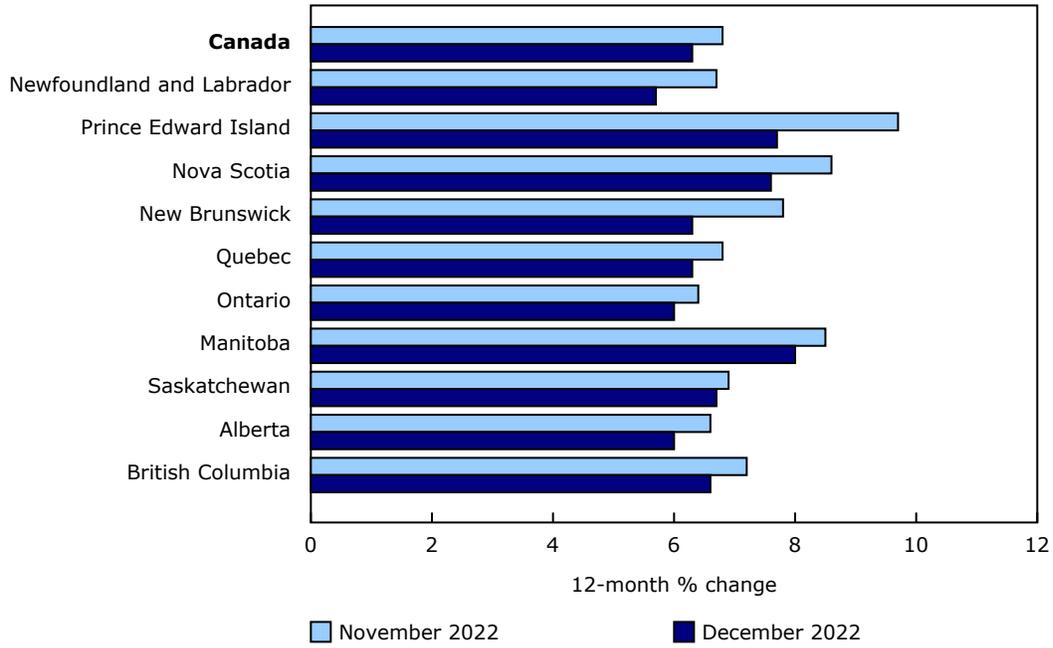


Source(s): Table [18-10-0004-01](#).

Regional highlights

Year over year, prices rose at a slower pace in December compared with November in all provinces. Prices decelerated the most in Atlantic provinces, largely the result of lower prices for furnace fuel oil, which is commonly used for home heating in Atlantic Canada. Prices for gasoline fell in all provinces but declined the most in Alberta and in Atlantic Canada.

Chart 6
The Consumer Price Index rises at a slower pace in all provinces



Source(s): Table 18-10-0004-01.

Note to readers

Find the [answers to the most common questions](#) about the Consumer Price Index (CPI), including how food prices are collected, how shelter costs are measured, and why revisions to the CPI-common have been larger in recent months.

Upcoming enhancements to CPI-median and CPI-trim

With the release of the January 2023 CPI on February 21, the CPI-trim and CPI-median will be revised back 84 months as per their normal revision policy. Two enhancements are also being made at this time:

1. Statistics Canada will publish, for the first time, index-level data series for the CPI-trim and CPI-median to accompany the year-over-year figures published monthly since December 2016. The change is being made in response to user requests, and to provide users additional flexibility with the data.
2. The seasonal adjustment treatment of step-series indexes that are included in the calculation of the CPI-trim and CPI-median is being enhanced as part of the regular review of methodologies that ensures techniques are improved to produce the most accurate indicators as possible for users.

These enhancements have no impact on the All-items CPI, seasonally adjusted All-items CPI, or the CPI-common.

Additional details can be found in the explanatory note, [Enhancements to the publication of core inflation measures based on the trimmed mean \(CPI-trim\) and the weighted median \(CPI-median\)](#).

Upcoming enhancement: New approach to estimating the sub-indices of the digital computing equipment and devices index

The computer equipment, software and supplies index and the multipurpose digital devices index, which are sub-indices of the digital computing equipment and devices index, will be updated with an enhanced methodology and new data sources in the coming months. A technical paper describing the new approach will be available on February 21.

Real-time data tables

Real-time data table [18-10-0259-01](#) will be updated on January 30, 2023. For more information, consult the document "[Real-time data tables](#)."

Next release

The Consumer Price Index for January 2023 will be released on February 21, 2023.

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

	Relative importance ^{1,2}	December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	November to December 2022	December 2021 to December 2022
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
All-items	100.00	144.0	154.0	153.1	-0.6	6.3
Food	15.94	161.6	177.3	177.9	0.3	10.1
Shelter	29.80	156.8	167.2	167.8	0.4	7.0
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	14.50	126.1	132.9	131.9	-0.8	4.6
Clothing and footwear	4.31	93.1	97.3	94.8	-2.6	1.8
Transportation	16.91	154.9	168.6	164.2	-2.6	6.0
Gasoline	4.28	202.2	239.6	208.3	-13.1	3.0
Health and personal care	4.62	133.4	141.5	141.5	0.0	6.1
Recreation, education and reading	9.29	117.7	123.4	121.7	-1.4	3.4
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis	4.63	175.7	184.5	184.2	-0.2	4.8
Special aggregates						
All-items excluding food	84.06	140.7	149.7	148.5	-0.8	5.5
All-items excluding food and energy	76.65	136.7	144.2	144.0	-0.1	5.3
All-items excluding alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and smokers' supplies and recreational cannabis	95.37	143.1	153.1	152.1	-0.7	6.3
All-items excluding energy	92.59	141.1	149.8	149.7	-0.1	6.1
All-items excluding gasoline	95.72	142.0	151.2	151.0	-0.1	6.3
Energy ³	7.41	184.2	214.6	197.7	-7.9	7.3
Goods	48.88	130.8	142.2	139.8	-1.7	6.9
Durable goods	14.41	98.2	103.8	102.8	-1.0	4.7
Semi-durable goods	7.08	97.1	103.2	101.4	-1.7	4.4
Non-durable goods	27.39	160.1	177.4	173.9	-2.0	8.6
Services	51.12	157.2	165.5	166.0	0.3	5.6

1. 2021 Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket weights at April 2022 prices, Canada, effective with the May 2022 CPI.

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

3. The special aggregate "energy" comprises electricity; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuels; gasoline; and fuel, parts and accessories for recreational vehicles.

Source(s): Tables [18-10-0004-01](#) and [18-10-0007-01](#).

Table 2
Consumer Price Index for the provinces and for Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Iqaluit – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ^{1,2}	December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	November to December 2022	December 2021 to December 2022
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
Canada	100.00	144.0	154.0	153.1	-0.6	6.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	1.30	146.3	156.8	154.6	-1.4	5.7
Prince Edward Island	0.37	147.4	162.3	158.8	-2.2	7.7
Nova Scotia	2.39	145.4	158.5	156.4	-1.3	7.6
New Brunswick	1.91	144.3	155.9	153.4	-1.6	6.3
Quebec	20.23	140.2	150.1	149.0	-0.7	6.3
Ontario	40.46	146.0	155.4	154.8	-0.4	6.0
Manitoba	3.18	144.0	157.0	155.5	-1.0	8.0
Saskatchewan	2.84	145.9	157.0	155.7	-0.8	6.7
Alberta	11.47	151.7	161.6	160.8	-0.5	6.0
British Columbia	15.67	138.0	148.1	147.1	-0.7	6.6
Whitehorse	0.08	140.8	152.0	152.2	0.1	8.1
Yellowknife	0.08	144.8	155.6	155.0	-0.4	7.0
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	0.03	134.7	139.6	138.7	-0.6	3.0

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

Source(s): Tables [18-10-0004-01](#) and [18-10-0007-01](#).

Table 3
Consumer Price Index, major components and special aggregates – Seasonally adjusted¹

	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	October to November 2022	November to December 2022
	(2002=100)			% change	
All-items	153.9	154.4	154.3	0.3	-0.1
Food	176.5	177.7	178.4	0.7	0.4
Shelter	166.2	167.2	167.8	0.6	0.4
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	132.6	132.8	132.7	0.2	-0.1
Clothing and footwear	95.7	95.4	96.2	-0.3	0.8
Transportation	170.7	170.1	168.6	-0.4	-0.9
Health and personal care	140.1	141.1	141.9	0.7	0.6
Recreation, education and reading	124.9	124.7	124.6	-0.2	-0.1
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis	183.6	184.6	184.9	0.5	0.2
Special aggregates					
All-items excluding food	149.6	150.0	150.0	0.3	0.0
All-items excluding food and energy ²	143.9	144.4	144.8	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 release of January data. Users employing Consumer Price Index (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](#).

2. The special aggregate "energy" comprises electricity; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuels; gasoline; and fuel, parts and accessories for recreational vehicles.

Source(s): Table [18-10-0006-01](#).

Table 4
Consumer Price Index statistics, preferred measures of core inflation – Bank of Canada definitions, year-over-year percent change, Canada^{1,2}

	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022
	% change			
CPI-common ^{3,5}	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.6
CPI-median ^{4,6}	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.0
CPI-trim ^{4,7}	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3

- For more information on these measures of core inflation, please consult the [methodology](#) and [general information](#) documents found in the "Definitions, data sources and methods" section of survey [2301](#).
- The Bank of Canada's preferred measures of core inflation, CPI-common, CPI-median and CPI-trim, are subject to revision. In the case of CPI-median and CPI-trim, this results from the fact that these measures are based on seasonally adjusted price index series. In the case of CPI-common, revisions are due to the statistical technique used, as the factor model is estimated over all available historical data. Table 18-10-0259-01 contains the historical release data for these three measures and will be updated every month.
- This measure is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) series adjusted to remove the effect of changes in indirect taxes.
- This measure is based on CPI series that have been treated to remove the effect of changes in indirect taxes and that have been seasonally adjusted.
- CPI-common is a measure of core inflation that tracks common price changes across categories in the CPI basket.
- CPI-median is a measure of core inflation corresponding to the price change located at the 50th percentile (in terms of CPI basket weights) of the distribution of price changes in a given month.
- CPI-trim is a measure of core inflation that excludes CPI components whose rates of change in a given month are located in the tails of the distribution of price changes.

Source(s): Table [18-10-0256-01](#).

Table 5
Main contributors to the 12-month and 1-month change in the Consumer Price Index

	December 2021 to December 2022
	% change
Main contributors to the 12-month change	
Main upward contributors	
Mortgage interest cost	18.0
Purchase of passenger vehicles	7.2
Rent	5.8
Food purchased from restaurants	7.7
Homeowners' replacement cost	4.7
Main downward contributors	
Passenger vehicle registration fees	-28.2
Video equipment	-8.4
Child care and housekeeping services	-4.7
Digital computing equipment and devices	-5.7
Internet access services	-2.6
	November to December 2022
	% change
Main contributors to the 1-month change, not seasonally adjusted	
Main upward contributors	
Mortgage interest cost	2.7
Air transportation	20.0
Fresh vegetables	3.5
Homeowners' home and mortgage insurance	2.8
Fresh fruit	4.2
Main downward contributors	
Gasoline	-13.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	-14.8
Women's clothing	-3.2
Household appliances	-4.1
Purchase of recreational vehicles and outboard motors	-3.2

Source(s): Table [18-10-0004-01](#).

Available tables: [18-10-0001-01](#), [18-10-0004-01](#), [18-10-0006-01](#) and [18-10-0256-01](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2301](#).

The "[Consumer Price Index Data Visualization Tool](#)" is available on the Statistics Canada website.

More information on the concepts and use of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is available in *The Canadian Consumer Price Index Reference Paper* ([62-553-X](#)).

For information on the history of the CPI in Canada, consult the publication *Exploring the First Century of Canada's Consumer Price Index* ([62-604-X](#)).

Two videos, "[An Overview of Canada's Consumer Price Index \(CPI\)](#)" and "[The Consumer Price Index and Your Experience of Price Change](#)," are available on Statistics Canada's YouTube channel.

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