Consumer Price Index, June 2023

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.8% year over year in June, following a 3.4% increase in May. While deceleration was fairly broad-based, another base-year effect in gasoline prices led the slowdown in the CPI. Excluding gasoline, headline inflation would have been 4.0% in June, following a 4.4% increase in May.

Canadians continued to see elevated grocery prices (+9.1%) and mortgage interest costs (+30.1%) in June, with those indexes contributing the most to the headline CPI increase. The all-items excluding food index rose 1.7% and the all-items excluding mortgage interest cost index rose 2.0%.

On a monthly basis, the CPI edged up 0.1% in June, following a 0.4% gain in May. After contributing to the increase in May, travel tours put downward pressure on the monthly all-items index in June. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the CPI also rose 0.1%.

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

12-month % change

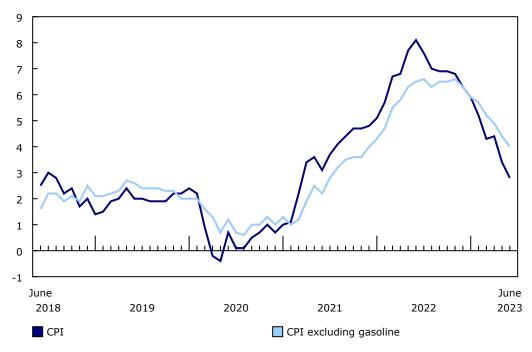


Chart 2 Decelerating price growth across Consumer Price Index special aggregates

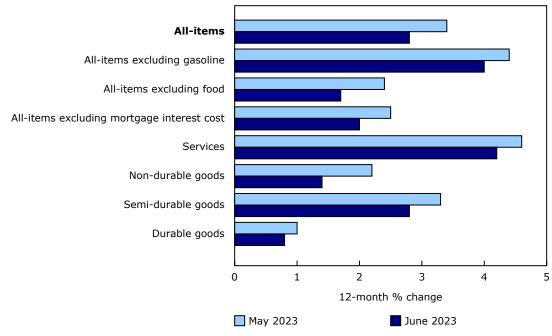
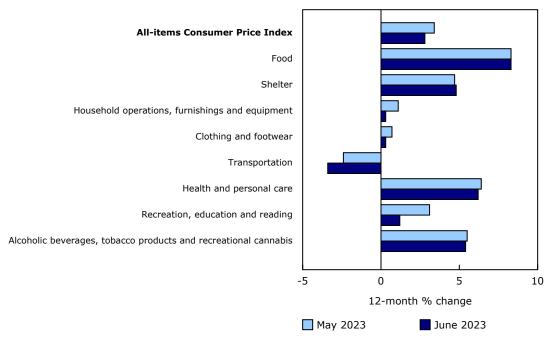


Chart 3
Transportation and recreation, education and reading lead the slowdown in headline inflation



Base-year effects drive deceleration in the transportation component

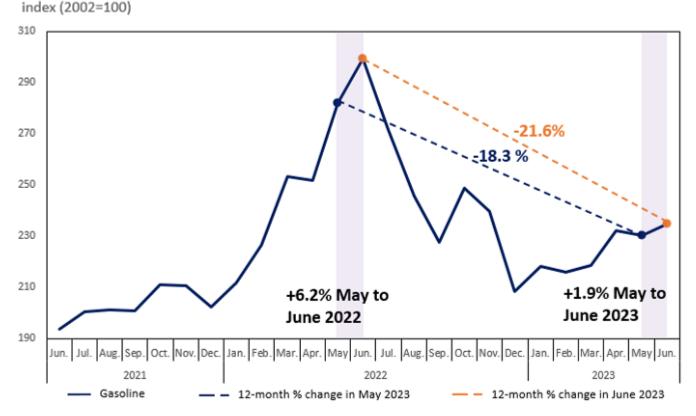
On a year-over-year basis, the transportation component fell 3.4% in June after a 2.4% decline in May.

Gasoline prices fell 21.6% year over year in June following an 18.3% decline in May. The year-over-year decrease was a result of elevated prices in June 2022 amid higher global demand for crude oil as China, the largest importer of crude oil, eased some COVID-19 public health restrictions. In June 2023, consumers paid 1.9% more at the pump compared with May.

Passenger vehicle prices rose at a slower pace in June (+2.4%) than in May (+3.2%). The year-over-year slowdown was the result of a base-year effect, with a 1.5% month-over-month increase in June 2022 being replaced with a smaller 0.6% month-over-month increase in June 2023. This coincided with improved supply chains and inventories compared with a year ago.

Moderating deceleration in the transportation component was passenger vehicle insurance premiums, which rose 5.4% in June after a 3.1% increase in May. The index recorded a 0.5% monthly increase in June 2023 compared with a 1.7% monthly decline in June 2022.

Infographic 1 - Gasoline prices decline at a faster pace year over year due to base-year effect



Smaller year-over-year increase in travel tour prices

Prices for travel tours rose at a slower pace year over year in June (+6.8%) than in May (+23.4%), putting downward pressure on the all-items CPI. This was largely driven by an 11.5% month-over-month decline, in line with normal seasonal patterns leading up to the peak travel season in July.

Prices for telecommunications fall

Consumers paid 14.7% less for cellular services year over year in June, following an 8.2% decline in May. This was a result of both lower prices for cellular data plans and promotional pricing.

Prices for Internet access services fell 3.2% in June on a year-over-year basis after increasing 1.0% in May. On a month-over-month basis, prices declined 5.0%, the largest 1-month decline since February 2019. This was mostly due to promotions in Ontario and lower prices in Quebec.

Grocery prices continue to put upward pressure on the Consumer Price Index

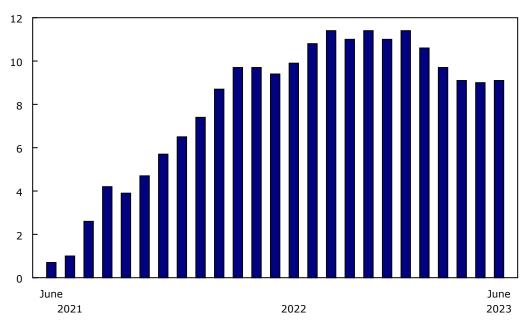
Grocery prices remain one of the largest contributors to the all-items CPI, with a 9.1% year-over-year increase in June, nearly unchanged from the increase in May (+9.0%). The largest contributors within the food component were meat (+6.9%), bakery products (+12.9%), dairy products (+7.4%) and other food preparations (+10.2%).

Fresh fruit prices grew at a faster pace year over year in June (+10.4%) than in May (+5.7%), driven, in part, by a 30.0% month-over-month increase in the price of grapes.

Food purchased from restaurants continued to contribute to the headline CPI increase, albeit at a slower year-over-year pace in June (+6.6%) than in May (+6.8%).

Chart 4 Grocery prices remain elevated

12-month % change



Explore the Consumer Price Index tools

Check out the Personal Inflation Calculator. This interactive calculator allows you to enter dollar amounts in the common expense categories to produce a personalized inflation rate, which you can compare to the official measure of inflation for the average Canadian household—the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

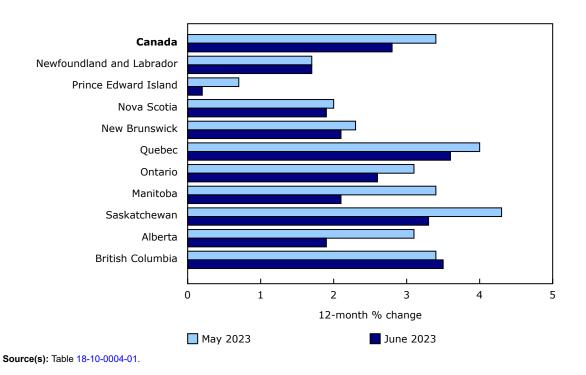
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Browse the Consumer Price Index Data Visualization Tool to access current (Latest Snapshot of the CPI) and historical (Price trends: 1914 to today) CPI data in a customizable visual format.

Regional highlights

Year over year, prices rose at a slower pace in June compared with May in eight provinces. Among the provinces, year-over-year consumer inflation was lowest in Prince Edward Island (+0.2%), largely the result of the largest decline in energy prices (-24.1%) in the country.

Chart 5
The Consumer Price Index rises at a slower pace in eight provinces



Note to readers

Real-time data tables

Real-time data table 18-10-0259-01 will be updated on July 31. For more information, consult the document "Real-time data tables."

Next release

The Consumer Price Index for July will be released on August 15.

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

	Relative	June	May	June	May to June	June 2022 to
	importance ^{1,2}	2022	2023	2023	2023	June 2023
	%	((2002=100)		% change	
All-items	100.00	152.9	157.0	157.2	0.1	2.8
Food	16.65	170.6	184.6	184.8	0.1	8.3
Shelter	28.34	163.6	170.6	171.4	0.5	4.8
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	14.36	131.8	133.0	132.2	-0.6	0.3
Clothing and footwear	4.73	95.9	97.9	96.2	-1.7	0.3
Transportation	16.44	176.2	168.1	170.2	1.2	-3.4
Gasoline	3.89	299.4	230.3	234.7	1.9	-21.6
Health and personal care	5.03	137.8	146.0	146.4	0.3	6.2
Recreation, education and reading	9.92	125.3	127.8	126.8	-0.8	1.2
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and						
recreational cannabis	4.53	180.7	190.3	190.5	0.1	5.4
Special aggregates						
All-items excluding food	83.35	149.5	151.9	152.1	0.1	1.7
All-items excluding food and energy	76.57	142.2	147.2	147.2	0.0	3.5
All-items excluding alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and smokers' supplies and recreational						
cannabis	95.47	152.0	155.9	156.1	0.1	2.7
All-items excluding energy	93.22	147.1	153.4	153.5	0.1	4.4
All-items excluding gasoline	96.11	148.5	154.5	154.5	0.0	4.0
Energy ³	6.78	242.5	204.4	207.2	1.4	-14.6
Goods	47.22	142.4	144.1	144.4	0.2	1.4
Durable goods	13.08	104.2	104.3	105.0	0.7	0.8
Semi-durable goods	7.56	100.8	104.9	103.6	-1.2	2.8
Non-durable goods	26.59	178.6	180.4	181.1	0.4	1.4
Services	52.78	162.7	169.4	169.5	0.1	4.2

^{1. 2022} Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket weights at April 2023 prices, Canada, effective with the May 2023 CPI.

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

	Relative importance ^{1,2}	June 2022	May 2023	June 2023	May to June 2023	June 2022 to June 2023
	%	(2002=100)		% cha	ange
Canada	100.00	152.9	157.0	157.2	0.1	2.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	1.30	156.2	158.5	158.9	0.3	1.7
Prince Edward Island	0.38	160.6	161.3	161.0	-0.2	0.2
Nova Scotia	2.45	156.5	158.8	159.4	0.4	1.9
New Brunswick	1.93	154.4	157.3	157.6	0.2	2.1
Quebec	20.67	148.7	153.5	154.1	0.4	3.6
Ontario	40.14	154.4	158.5	158.4	-0.1	2.6
Manitoba	3.24	155.3	159.1	158.5	-0.4	2.1
Saskatchewan	2.87	155.4	160.4	160.5	0.1	3.3
Alberta	11.46	161.4	164.1	164.4	0.2	1.9
British Columbia	15.40	146.5	151.0	151.6	0.4	3.5
Whitehorse	0.08	149.2	154.9	156.4	1.0	4.8
Yellowknife	0.07	152.8	156.4	156.6	0.1	2.5
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	0.03	139.0	143.0	142.6	-0.3	2.6

^{1. 2022} Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket weights at April 2023 prices, effective with the May 2023 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.

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

	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	April to May 2023	May to June 2023
	(2002=100)		% change		
All-items	156.1	156.1	156.3	0.0	0.1
Food	183.0	184.0	184.6	0.5	0.3
Shelter	169.9	170.6	171.4	0.4	0.5
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	133.2	132.6	132.1	-0.5	-0.4
Clothing and footwear	96.8	96.4	96.3	-0.4	-0.1
Transportation	167.3	165.8	166.7	-0.9	0.5
Health and personal care	145.0	145.7	146.2	0.5	0.3
Recreation, education and reading	126.0	126.4	125.7	0.3	-0.6
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and					
recreational cannabis	189.1	189.7	190.3	0.3	0.3
Special aggregates					
All-items excluding food	151.0	151.1	151.2	0.1	0.1
All-items excluding food and energy ²	146.5	146.7	146.9	0.1	0.1

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.

Table 4
Consumer Price Index statistics (CPI), measures of core inflation – Bank of Canada definitions,
Canada^{1,2}

	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023
	year-over-year % change			
CPI-common ^{3,5}	5.9	5.7	5.2	5.1
CPI-median ^{4,6}	4.7	4.4	4.0	3.9
CPI-trim ^{4,7}	4.4	4.2	3.8	3.7
		index (January 1989	=100)	
CPI-median ^{4,6}	204.5	205.3	205.7	206.3
CPI-trim ^{4,7}	200.9	201.9	202.3	202.9

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.

- This measure is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) series adjusted to remove the effect of changes in indirect taxes.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 7. 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.

^{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**.

^{2.} The Bank of Canada's 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.

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

	June 2022 to June 2023
	% change
Main contributors to the 12-month change	
Main upward contributors	
Mortgage interest cost	30.1
Rent	5.8
Food purchased from restaurants	6.6
Meat	6.9
Purchase of passenger vehicles	2.4
Main downward contributors	
Gasoline	-21.6
Telephone services	-11.1
Other owned accommodation expenses	-2.5
Fuel oil and other fuels	-31.5
Child care and housekeeping services	-10.4
	May to June 2023
	% change
Main contributors to the 1-month change, not seasonally adjusted	
Main upward contributors	
Traveller accommodation	11.6
Gasoline	1.9
Mortgage interest cost	1.6
Air transportation	8.2
Purchase of passenger vehicles	0.6
Main downward contributors	
Travel tours	-11.5
Telephone services	-5.8
Women's clothing	-3.3
Men's clothing	-4.4
Internet access services	-5.0

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.

Find out answers to the most common questions posed about the CPI in the context of COVID-19 and beyond.

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