



### Highlights:

- The all-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Whitehorse increased 2.0% on an annual average basis in 2024 following a 4.9% increase in 2023; Canada's CPI increased 2.4% in 2024 following a 3.9% increase in 2023.
- In 2024, prices in Whitehorse decreased for three major CPI components including *Clothing and footwear*; *Household operations, furnishings and equipment*; and *Recreation, education and reading*. Prices in Canada decreased for *Clothing and footwear*; and *Household operations, furnishings and equipment*.

### Changes in the Consumer Price Index

The annual average of the all-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Whitehorse increased by 2.0% in 2024; nationally, the all-items CPI increased by 2.4% in 2024.

The 2024 annual CPI growth for Whitehorse (2.0%) was 2.9 percentage points lower than in 2023 (4.9%). Canada's annual CPI growth in 2024 (2.4%) was 1.5 percentage points lower than in 2023 (3.9%). Within Canada, Whitehorse's all-items CPI increase (2.0%) was in the middle of all jurisdictions.

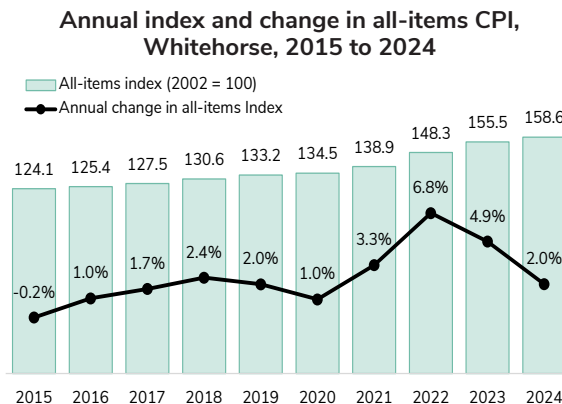
During the past ten years (2015 to 2024), the all-items CPI for Whitehorse has increased every year except 2015, when it decreased by 0.2%. The all-items CPI for Canada increased every year over the same period.

Comparing 2024 to 2015, the all-items CPI in Whitehorse increased by 27.8%, equivalent to a compound annual rate of 2.5% per year.

From 2015 to 2019, the all-items CPI growth for Whitehorse fluctuated between a high of 2.4% in 2018 and a low of -0.2% in 2015.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the all-items CPI for Whitehorse, as in other provinces and territorial capitals, started increasing at a higher rate: 3.3% in 2021 and 6.8% in 2022.

The all-items CPI growth in Whitehorse began to slow down in 2023, reaching 4.9%. In 2024, the CPI growth rate dropped further to 2.0%, matching the level seen in 2019, the year prior to the pandemic.



	Whitehorse, Yukon	Canada
2024	2.0%	2.4%
2023	4.9%	3.9%
2022	6.8%	6.8%
2021	3.3%	3.4%
2020	1.0%	0.7%
2019	2.0%	1.9%
2018	2.4%	2.3%
2017	1.7%	1.6%
2016	1.0%	1.4%
2015	-0.2%	1.1%

Province/Territory	Annual Change (%)
MB	1.1%
SK	1.4%
NU*	1.6%
NFLD	1.8%
PEI	1.8%
NWT*	1.9%
YT*	2.0%
NB	2.2%
NS	2.3%
QC	2.3%
ON	2.4%
BC	2.6%
AB	2.9%

\* CPIs for territories are estimated for capital cities only.

#### Notes on Consumer Price Index:

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the rate of price change for goods and services bought by Canadian consumers. It is the most widely used indicator of price changes in Canada. CPI is not a cost-of-living index.

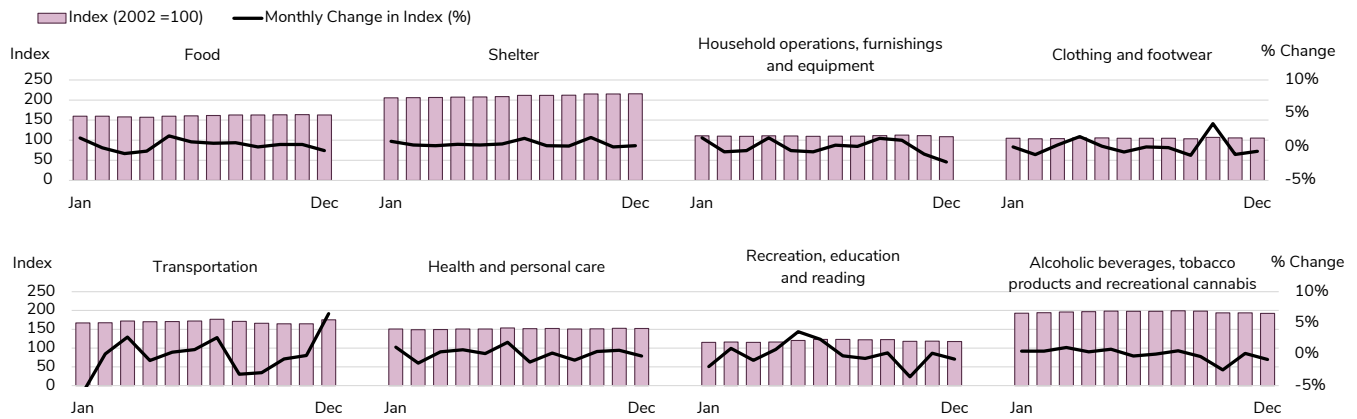
The CPI should be thought of as a measure of the percentage change over time of the average cost of a large basket of goods and services purchased by Canadians. The CPI does not count the price of each item equally but weights each according to its share of total household expenditures in the base period.

The quantity and quality of the goods and services in the basket remain the same. Therefore, changes in the cost of the basket over time are not due to changes in the quantity and/or quality of the goods and services observed, but are purely due to price movements.

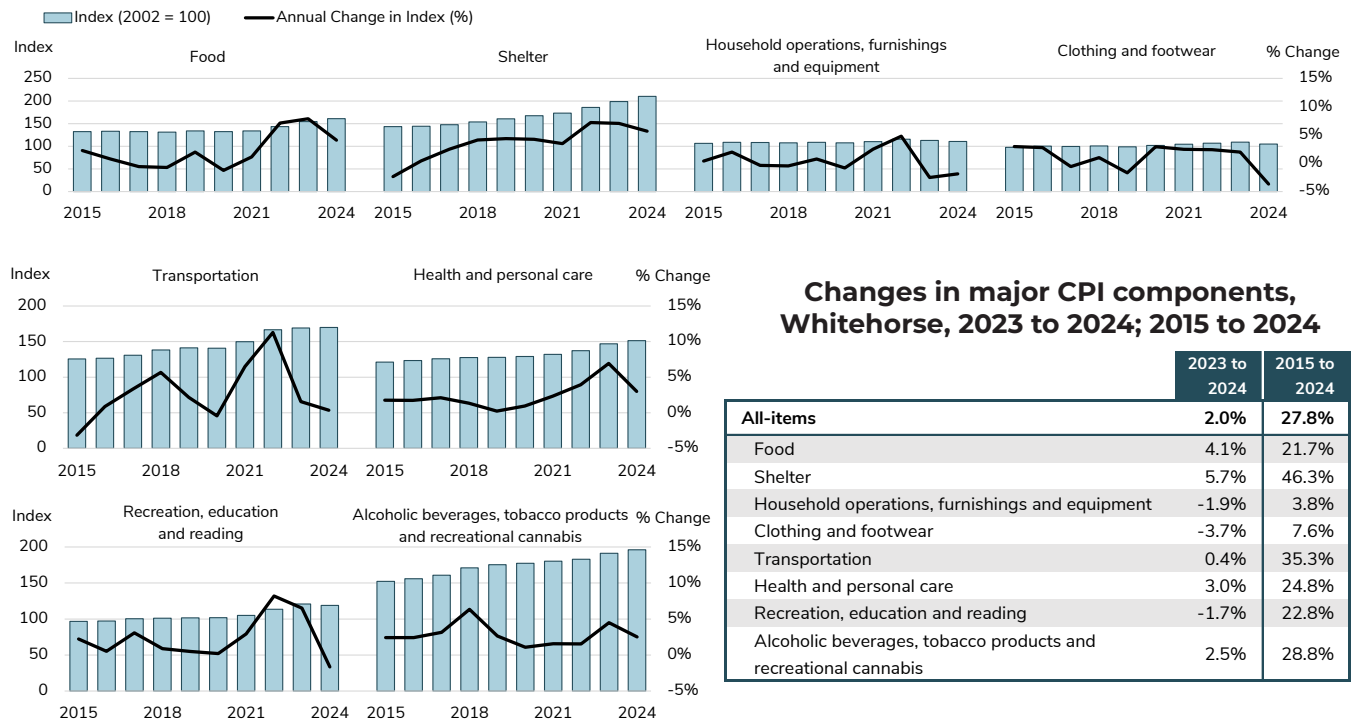
#### Related links

- [Statistics Canada's The Canadian Consumer Price Index Reference Paper](#)
- [Yukon Monthly Statistical Review - including the Community Spatial Price Index](#)
- [Monthly Yukon Fuel Price Survey](#)
- [Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index: Annual Review 2024](#)

## Changes in major CPI components, Whitehorse, January to December 2024



## Changes in major CPI components, Whitehorse, 2015 to 2024



### Changes in major CPI components, Whitehorse, 2023 to 2024; 2015 to 2024

	2023 to 2024	2015 to 2024
<b>All-items</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>
Food	4.1%	21.7%
Shelter	5.7%	46.3%
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	-1.9%	3.8%
Clothing and footwear	-3.7%	7.6%
Transportation	0.4%	35.3%
Health and personal care	3.0%	24.8%
Recreation, education and reading	-1.7%	22.8%
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis	2.5%	28.8%

## Index weighting

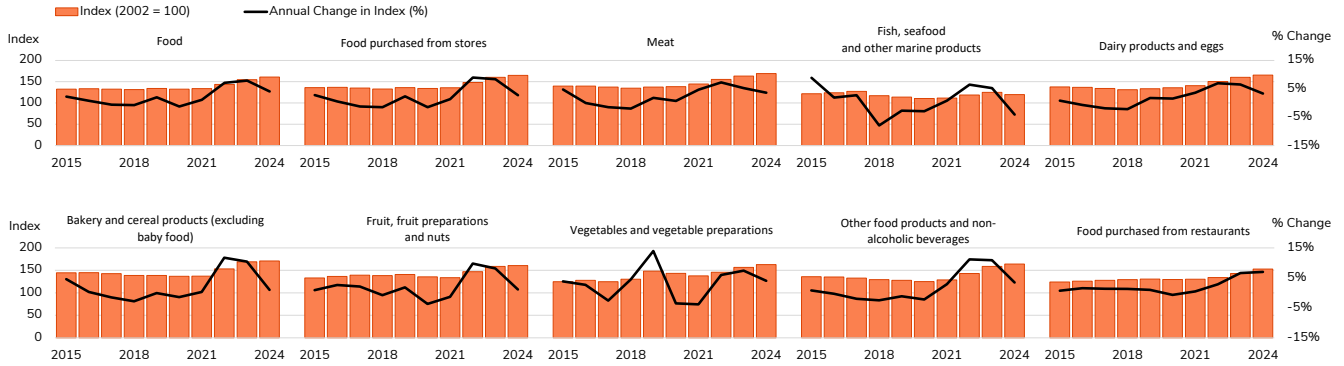
The weighting of the Consumer Price Index is based on consumer spending patterns within each geographic area; the weighting of the Whitehorse CPI is unique to Whitehorse residents' spending patterns.

For example, on average, Whitehorse residents spend 28.00 cents of every dollar of their household expenditures on Shelter, while spending 3.05 cents on Clothing and footwear.

The index is reweighted periodically to reflect changes in consumer behaviour. For example, comparing the 2023 basket weights to 2020, the weight attributed to Shelter increased by 1.67 percentage points (from 26.33% to 28.00%) to reflect an increase in the proportion of household expenditure that Whitehorse residents allocated to Shelter.

Major Components	Whitehorse CPI Weighting (2023 Basket)	Change in Index Weight 2022 to 2023	Change in Index Weight 2020 to 2023
<b>All-items</b>	<b>100.00</b>	...	...
Shelter	28.00	0.52	1.67
Food	19.25	2.93	1.26
Transportation	13.29	0.27	1.34
Recreation, education and reading	13.10	-1.76	-2.43
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	11.91	-1.82	-0.80
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis	8.07	1.16	0.10
Health and personal care	3.33	-0.97	-1.02
Clothing and footwear	3.05	-0.33	-0.11

## CPI for Food and sub-components, Whitehorse, 2015 to 2024



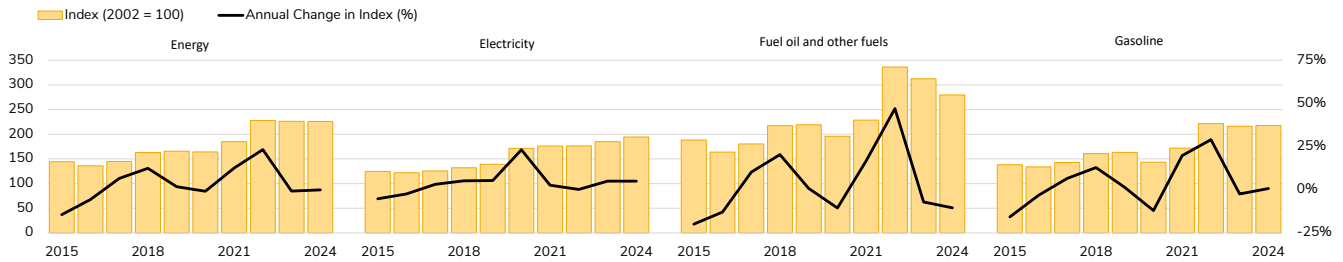
Comparing 2024 to 2023, the CPI for Food increased by 4.1%. During this period, the CPI for all sub-components of Food increased. In terms of percentage increase, the top three sub-components were:

- Food purchased from restaurants (7.0%);
- Vegetables and vegetable preparations (4.0%); and
- Meat (3.6%).

Comparing 2024 to 2015, the CPI for Food increased by 21.7%. During this period, the CPI for all sub-components of Food increased. In terms of percentage increase, the top three sub-components were:

- Vegetables, and vegetable preparations (30.8%);
- Food purchased from restaurants (23.3%); and
- Meat (21.2%).

## CPI for Energy and sub-components, Whitehorse, 2015 to 2024



The special aggregate of Energy includes the sub-components Electricity, Fuel oil and other fuels, Gasoline, Natural gas (no data available) and Fuel, parts and supplies for recreational vehicles (no data available).

The CPI for Energy decreased by 0.1% in 2024 compared to 2023, and increased by 56.7% compared to 2015.

In 2024, the CPI for Fuel oil and other fuels decreased by 10.5% compared to 2023, and increased by 48.7% compared to 2015.

In 2024, the CPI for Gasoline increased by 0.7% compared to 2023, and increased by 57.6% compared to 2015.

In 2024, the CPI for Electricity increased by 5.0% compared to 2023, and increased by 55.7% compared to 2015.

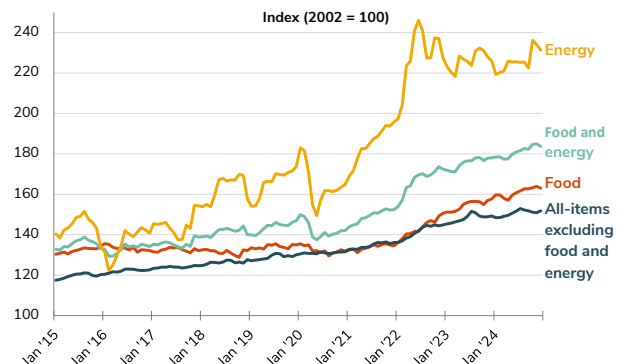
## CPI aggregates, by month, Whitehorse, January 2015 to December 2024

In general, Food prices and Energy prices are the two most volatile components of the CPI.

In the past ten years, the CPI for Energy was the lowest in February 2016 and the highest in June 2022. Comparing December 2024 to December 2020, Energy prices increased by 40.4%.

During the past ten years, the CPI for Food was relatively stable from 2016 until early 2020, with a slight drop in 2018. From 2021, Food prices began to increase at a faster rate, reaching a ten year high in November 2024.

The All-items excluding food and energy index was at its lowest level in the past ten years in January 2015 and reached its highest level in July 2024.



## Changes in all available CPI components, Whitehorse, 2024 compared to 2023

<b>Food</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>Household operations, furnishings and equipment</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>Transportation, cont'd</b>	
Food purchased from stores	2.7%	Household operations	-3.1%	Public transportation	-2.5%
Meat	3.6%	Communications	-8.6%	Local and commuter transportation	1.7%
Fresh or frozen meat (excluding poultry)	8.4%	Telephone services	-12.7%	City bus and subway transportation	0.0%
Fresh or frozen beef	8.1%	Internet access services (200212=100) 13	-1.3%	Taxi and other local and commuter transportation services	2.8%
Fresh or frozen pork	10.3%	Child care and housekeeping services	-4.2%	Inter-city transportation	-2.7%
Fresh or frozen poultry	1.0%	Household cleaning products	0.9%		
Fresh or frozen chicken	2.7%	Paper, plastic and aluminum foil supplies	0.7%	<b>Health and personal care</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
Processed meat	2.2%	Other household goods and services	1.6%	Health care	3.5%
Fish, seafood and other marine products	-4.1%	Financial services (200212=100)	-0.2%	Health care goods	2.2%
Fish	-7.0%	Household furnishings and equipment	0.0%	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	2.0%
Dairy products and eggs	3.3%	Furniture and household textiles	-1.5%	Prescribed medicines (excluding medicinal cannabis)	1.1%
Dairy products	3.0%	Furniture	-2.3%	Non-prescribed medicines	3.1%
Fresh milk	1.2%	Household textiles	4.9%	Health care services	4.7%
Butter	-2.6%	Household equipment	0.2%	Personal care	2.7%
Cheese	3.2%	Household appliances	-4.5%	Personal care supplies and equipment	4.8%
Eggs	5.8%	Non-electric kitchen utensils, tableware and cookware	-15.3%	Personal care services	-2.5%
Bakery and cereal products (excl. baby food)	1.0%				
Bakery products	-0.1%	<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>	<b>Recreation, education and reading</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>
Cereal products (excluding baby food)	3.1%	Clothing	-6.6%	Recreation	-2.0%
Fruit, fruit preparations and nuts	1.1%	Women's clothing	-7.8%	Recreational equipment and services (excl. rec. veh.)	0.5%
Fresh fruit	-0.8%	Men's clothing	-6.4%	Purchase and operation of recreational vehicles	0.2%
Preserved fruit and fruit preparations	9.1%	Children's clothing	-4.9%	Home entertainment equipment, parts and services	-5.1%
Vegetables and vegetable preparations	4.0%	Footwear	-2.6%	Travel services	-1.3%
Fresh vegetables	4.1%	Clothing accessories, watches and jewellery	0.7%	Traveller accommodation	-1.6%
Preserved vegetables and vegetable preparations	3.0%	Clothing material, notions and services	1.6%	Other cultural and recreational services	0.4%
Other food products and non-alcoholic beverages	3.5%			Education and reading	1.3%
Sugar and confectionery	2.8%	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	Reading material (excluding textbooks)	-0.5%
Edible fats and oils	13.6%	Private transportation	0.9%		
Coffee and tea	5.2%	Purchase, leasing and rental of passenger vehicles	0.4%	<b>Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
Non-alcoholic beverages	2.1%	Purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles	0.0%	Alcoholic beverages	1.4%
Food purchased from restaurants	7.0%	Purchase of passenger vehicles	0.1%	Alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments	0.7%
		Operation of passenger vehicles	1.4%	Alcoholic beverages purchased from stores	2.0%
<b>Shelter</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	Gasoline	0.7%	Beer purchased from stores	3.1%
Water, fuel and electricity	0.2%	Passenger vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs	2.7%	Wine purchased from stores	-0.2%
Electricity	5.0%	Other passenger vehicle operating expenses	-0.2%	Liquor purchased from stores	2.6%
Water	4.7%	Passenger vehicle insurance premiums	-0.3%	Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	8.7%
Fuel oil and other fuels	-10.5%	Passenger vehicle registration fees	0.0%	Cigarettes	8.7%

Data sources to this point in the publication include: Statistics Canada Tables 18-10-0004-01; 18-10-0005-01; and 18-10-0007-01

## Community Spatial Price Index (Whitehorse = 100), 2024

The Community Spatial Price Index is produced quarterly (two periods' data are presented below) by Yukon Bureau of Statistics to compare prices of regularly purchased items in Whitehorse to prices in other Yukon communities. For example, in July 2024, if the selected items in this table totalled \$100.00 in Whitehorse, the same items would cost \$111.00 in Carmacks, \$119.10 in Dawson City, \$107.30 in Faro, \$122.90 in Haines Junction, \$114.30 in Mayo, \$181.40 in Old Crow, \$118.10 in Ross River, \$119.40 in Teslin and \$116.10 in Watson Lake.

	Carmacks		Dawson City		Faro		Haines Junction		Mayo		Old Crow		Ross River		Teslin		Watson Lake	
	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul
<b>Total Survey Items</b>	<b>113.9</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>119.3</b>	<b>119.1</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>123.8</b>	<b>122.9</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>185.1</b>	<b>181.4</b>	<b>117.0</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>116.1</b>
Meat	119.7	109.1	108.8	110.2	96.9	106.1	95.6	88.6	112.0	110.6	165.9	147.6	99.0	97.2	123.7	116.4	103.8	104.6
Dairy/eggs	99.9	104.1	120.2	120.0	108.0	104.1	152.3	149.3	109.5	111.4	145.4	165.8	103.5	120.2	123.3	120.3	123.4	119.4
Fruit/vegetables	123.8	123.4	109.2	109.2	108.1	102.4	120.9	114.0	119.3	124.5	191.6	189.2	126.0	130.2	114.8	117.4	116.3	119.1
Bread/cereal	122.6	112.8	135.6	136.6	110.9	109.2	142.0	140.8	122.9	112.6	171.5	183.1	122.0	118.1	125.7	119.6	115.8	128.7
Other foods	114.0	109.0	128.6	126.5	121.7	112.9	126.2	136.2	113.9	115.4	217.5	212.9	134.6	129.3	117.3	124.7	121.8	122.6
Household operations	118.0	114.4	131.4	136.5	118.9	124.5	126.8	118.9	122.8	120.1	243.9	252.8	119.8	123.1	145.3	152.8	132.9	122.5
Health & personal care	119.8	125.6	137.6	139.7	108.8	107.7	139.1	123.9	130.4	128.1	169.5	173.6	119.2	112.2	126.8	128.7	125.8	122.6
Gasoline/Diesel	106.0	107.2	111.5	107.8	107.4	105.6	104.1	107.4	105.2	105.9	..	..	107.7	104.3	102.2	102.4	100.4	100.8
Cigarettes	101.7	96.8	103.1	101.6	97.2	99.8	..	..	107.2	100.1	136.7	125.0	108.5	110.8	101.4	100.6	105.5	100.3
Home heating fuel	102.5	101.6	106.5	102.7	104.6	101.0	102.5	101.6	103.5	101.4	..	..	100.1	100.4	102.5	101.6	104.7	105.0

.. = data not available

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics

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