

# Consumer Price Index



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## Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

### Highlights

British Columbia's consumer price index (CPI) was 2.6% higher (*unadjusted*) in March 2019 than in the same month of 2018. On a monthly basis, the rate of inflation rose 0.7% from February 2019.

The overall annual inflation rate increases by 2.3% when food and energy are excluded from the index.

The cost of food climbed 4.3% since March of 2018. Prices for groceries purchased from stores (+5.0%) and meals purchased from restaurants (+3.0%) were both up from the previous year. Within the food category, the highest rise in prices was for fresh vegetables (+15.7%), followed by coffee and tea (+11.1%), fresh fruit (+8.0%), and fish and other seafood (+4.7%).

The cost of shelter continued to climb in March (+3.4%), with prices for both renters (+4.3%) and home owners (+2.7%) rising. Within the shelter category, there were increases in the cost of utilities, including piped gas (+10.5%), electricity (+2.8%), and fuel oil and other fuel (+2.6%).

The overall cost of clothing and footwear was also on the rise (+2.4%) compared to March 2018. The price for clothing (+1.8%) and footwear (+3.3%) increased.

The transportation index rose 2.4% in March, with the price of both private (+1.9%) and public (+2.4%) transportation going up. The price of gasoline (-0.8%)

decreased since March 2018, and public transportation passengers paid more to travel between cities (+2.1%).

Compared to a year ago, consumers paid more for alcoholic beverages and tobacco products (+5.1%), health and personal care (+1.6%), household operations and furnishing (+1.3%), and recreation, education and reading (+0.1%). Within these categories, items with significant price increases include cigarettes (+8.6%), beer purchased from stores (+5.3%), education (+2.2%), and liquor purchased from stores (+1.9%). The only category to see a price decrease over March 2018 was reading material and other printed matter (-2.6%).

Consumer prices rose in both Vancouver (+2.5%) and Victoria (+2.7%) in March compared to the same month of 2018.

Canada's CPI was up 1.9% (*unadjusted*) in March. The rate of inflation in British Columbia (+2.6%), Manitoba (+2.3%), and Alberta (+2.3%) were highest among the provinces.

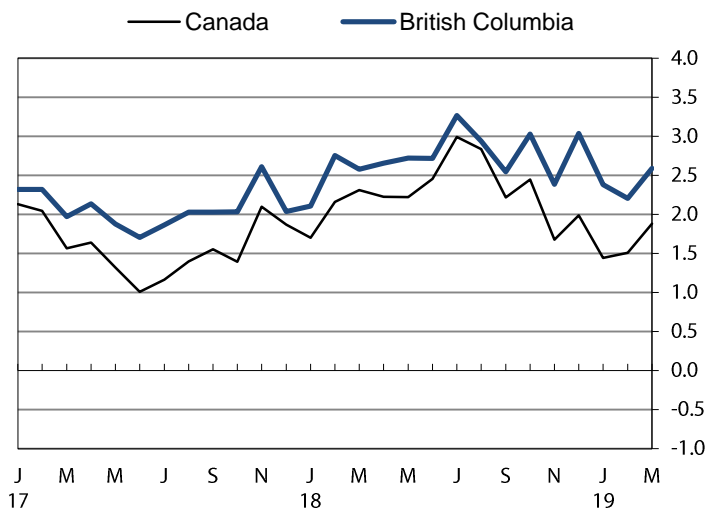
*Note: Statistics Canada will release the April Consumer Price Index on May 15, 2019.*

| 2002=100              | All-Items Index<br>March<br>2019 | % Change from    |               |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                       |                                  | February<br>2019 | March<br>2018 |
| Canada                | 135.4                            | 0.7              | 1.9           |
| BC                    | 130.7                            | 0.7              | 2.6           |
| Vancouver             | 133.3                            | 0.7              | 2.5           |
| Victoria              | 128.3                            | 0.7              | 2.7           |
| Canada-X <sup>1</sup> | 133.5                            | 0.3              | 1.6           |
| BC (excluding energy) | 127.8                            | 0.4              | 2.7           |

<sup>1</sup> Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, inter-city transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

## BC and Canada Inflation Trend

(% change, same month of previous year)



| 2002=100  | Latest 12-month Average Index (ending in March 2019) | Latest 12-month Average % Change | 2018 Annual Average % Change |
|-----------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Canada    | 133.9  | 2.2                              | 2.3                          |
| BC        | 129.2  | 2.7                              | 2.7                          |
| Vancouver | 131.8  | 2.7                              | 2.9                          |
| Victoria  | 126.7  | 2.5                              | 2.4                          |

## Terms and definitions

### Base effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

### Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

### Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

### Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC Stats makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

*Source: Statistics Canada*

### Harmonized Sales Tax

On July 1, 2010, the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) came into effect in British Columbia and Ontario. As well, Nova Scotia increased its HST by two percentage points.

On April 1, 2013, the Harmonized Sales Tax came into effect in Prince Edward Island, while British Columbia returned to the Provincial Sales Tax and the Goods and Services Tax.

*Source: Statistics Canada*

### Additional information

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication [Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index](#) (catalogue 62-557-XIB).

With the release of the May 2011 CPI, Statistics Canada updated the basket of goods & services used in the calculation of the Index. [Learn more.](#)

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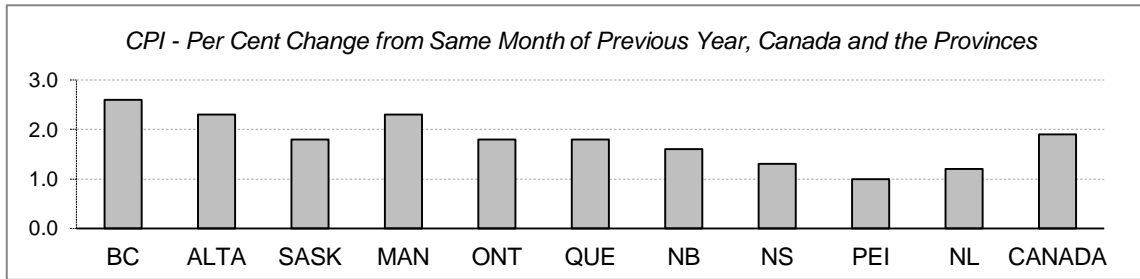
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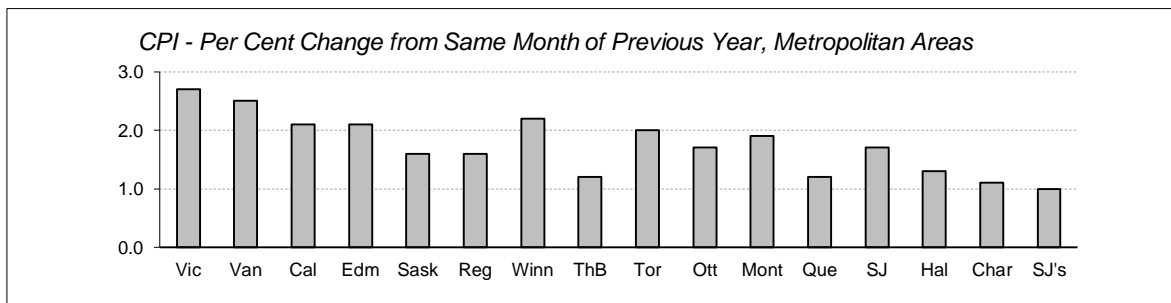
|   | British Columbia |                  |               | Canada        |                  |               |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|   | Index            | % Change From    |               | Index         | % Change From    |               |
|   | March<br>2019    | February<br>2019 | March<br>2018 | March<br>2019 | February<br>2019 | March<br>2018 |
| <b>All-Items Index (2002=100)</b>                 | <b>130.7</b>     | <b>0.7</b>       | <b>2.6</b>    | <b>135.4</b>  | <b>0.7</b>       | <b>1.9</b>    |
| <b>Food</b>                                       | <b>144.5</b>     | <b>0.8</b>       | <b>4.3</b>    | <b>149.4</b>  | <b>0.1</b>       | <b>3.6</b>    |
| Food Purchased From Stores                        | 143.2            | 1.1              | 5.0           | 147.0         | -0.1             | 4.0           |
| Meat  | 152.4            | 1.7              | 3.6           | 158.9         | -0.3             | 1.9           |
| Fish & Other Seafood                              | 140.4            | -0.8             | 4.7           | 142.5         | 0.3              | 4.4           |
| Dairy Products & Eggs                             | 135.9            | 0.3              | 2.9           | 137.1         | -0.4             | 2.5           |
| Bakery & Other Cereal Products                    | 142.5            | -0.6             | 1.1           | 154.1         | -0.6             | 2.0           |
| Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts                  | 144.5            | 2.0              | 6.2           | 137.8         | 1.1              | 5.8           |
| Fresh Fruit                                       | 152.2            | 2.8              | 8.0           | 136.8         | 1.9              | 8.6           |
| Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations               | 160.1            | 1.8              | 14.0          | 155.5         | -1.1             | 13.2          |
| Fresh Vegetables                                  | 165.6            | 2.3              | 15.7          | 159.6         | -1.0             | 15.7          |
| Other Food Products                               | 132.4            | 1.1              | 4.1           | 136.8         | 0.4              | 2.0           |
| Coffee & Tea                                      | 136.5            | 4.4              | 11.1          | 135.8         | -1.0             | 2.6           |
| Non-Alcoholic Beverages                           | 116.6            | 1.5              | 1.8           | 126.7         | 1.3              | 1.8           |
| Food Purchased From Restaurants                   | 146.4            | 0.3              | 3.0           | 155.3         | 0.5              | 2.8           |
| <b>Shelter</b>                                    | <b>125.4</b>     | <b>0.3</b>       | <b>3.4</b>    | <b>143.8</b>  | <b>0.3</b>       | <b>2.7</b>    |
| Rented Accommodation                              | 125.2            | 1.1              | 4.3           | 124.2         | 0.4              | 2.7           |
| Owned Accommodation                               | 119.8            | 0.0              | 2.7           | 148.2         | 0.2              | 2.8           |
| Property taxes                                    | 185.6            | 0.0              | 3.4           | 163.6         | 0.0              | 1.4           |
| Water, Fuel & Electricity                         | 157.8            | 0.1              | 4.8           | 159.2         | 0.6              | 2.4           |
| Electricity                                       | 179.5            | 0.0              | 2.8           | 144.2         | -0.6             | 2.2           |
| Piped Gas   | 95.7             | 0.0              | 10.5          | 117.5         | 3.8              | 3.8           |
| Fuel Oil & Other Fuel                             | 252.4            | 2.0              | 2.6           | 238.9         | 3.4              | 2.6           |
| <b>Household Operations &amp; Furnishings</b>     | <b>121.0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>       | <b>1.3</b>    | <b>123.5</b>  | <b>-0.1</b>      | <b>0.5</b>    |
| Household Operations                              | 133.0            | -0.3             | 1.2           | 138.5         | -0.2             | 0.7           |
| Household Furnishings                             | 99.4             | 0.8              | 1.7           | 97.8          | 0.1              | -0.1          |
| <b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>                    | <b>108.3</b>     | <b>1.7</b>       | <b>2.4</b>    | <b>96.4</b>   | <b>1.7</b>       | <b>1.5</b>    |
| Clothing  | 94.2             | 1.6              | 1.8           | 85.5          | 2.2              | 1.1           |
| Women's Clothing                                  | 89.6             | 0.9              | 0.7           | 80.5          | 2.2              | 0.8           |
| Men's Clothing                                    | 102.0            | 1.8              | 1.9           | 95.1          | 1.6              | 1.0           |
| Children's Clothing                               | 94.2             | 4.2              | 7.8           | 80.2          | 3.6              | 3.4           |
| Footwear  | 106.9            | 2.1              | 3.3           | 95.7          | 1.2              | 2.2           |
| <b>Transportation</b>                             | <b>142.6</b>     | <b>1.7</b>       | <b>2.4</b>    | <b>140.6</b>  | <b>2.0</b>       | <b>1.9</b>    |
| Private Transportation                            | 139.7            | 1.8              | 1.9           | 138.0         | 2.0              | 1.6           |
| Operation of Motor Vehicles                       | 167.9            | 3.1              | 1.3           | 166.6         | 4.1              | 0.5           |
| Gasoline  | 197.2            | 9.2              | -0.8          | 170.1         | 11.6             | -4.4          |
| Public Transportation                             | 158.8            | 1.1              | 2.4           | 162.4         | 0.9              | 2.6           |
| Local & Commuter                                  | 149.4            | 0.0              | 2.5           | 159.2         | 0.0              | 1.1           |
| Inter-City  | 161.0            | 1.4              | 2.1           | 160.6         | 1.4              | 2.5           |
| <b>Health &amp; Personal Care</b>                 | <b>121.0</b>     | <b>0.2</b>       | <b>1.6</b>    | <b>126.6</b>  | <b>0.2</b>       | <b>0.2</b>    |
| Health Care                                       | 125.5            | 0.2              | 1.5           | 128.4         | 0.3              | 0.3           |
| Personal Care                                     | 115.6            | 0.3              | 1.5           | 125.2         | 0.1              | 0.2           |
| <b>Recreation, Education &amp; Reading</b>        | <b>123.7</b>     | <b>0.2</b>       | <b>0.1</b>    | <b>116.6</b>  | <b>1.2</b>       | <b>0.2</b>    |
| Recreation  | 105.6            | 0.3              | -0.3          | 101.9         | 1.9              | -0.4          |
| Education & Reading                               | 187.3            | 0.0              | 1.8           | 167.6         | -0.1             | 2.3           |
| Education   | 198.4            | 0.0              | 2.2           | 172.6         | 0.1              | 2.9           |
| Reading Material & Other Printed Matter           | 159.8            | -0.1             | -2.6          | 152.6         | -1.6             | -2.6          |
| <b>Alcoholic Beverages &amp; Tobacco Products</b> | <b>157.8</b>     | <b>0.3</b>       | <b>5.1</b>    | <b>170.9</b>  | <b>0.0</b>       | <b>3.0</b>    |
| Alcoholic Beverages                               | 128.3            | 0.4              | 3.4           | 130.6         | 0.2              | 1.7           |
| Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores         | 128.0            | 0.5              | 3.9           | 124.3         | 0.4              | 1.7           |
| Beer Purchased from Stores                        | 143.8            | -1.2             | 5.3           | 133.8         | 0.5              | 1.7           |
| Liquor Purchased from Stores                      | 126.7            | 1.7              | 1.9           | 122.4         | 0.7              | 1.3           |
| Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies              | 212.8            | 0.0              | 8.6           | 229.8         | -0.4             | 5.6           |
| Cigarettes  | 212.8            | 0.0              | 8.6           | 229.6         | -0.4             | 5.6           |
| All-Items Excluding Food                          | 128.0            | 0.6              | 2.2           | 132.7         | 0.8              | 1.6           |
| All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco             | 129.9            | 0.7              | 2.5           | 134.3         | 0.7              | 1.9           |
| All-Items Excluding Food & Energy                 | 124.2            | 0.3              | 2.3           | 130.0         | 0.3              | 1.9           |

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| Provinces               | Monthly Index % Change From |               |            | Annual Index % Change |              |            |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
|                         | March 2019                  | February 2019 | March 2018 | 2018                  | 2017         | 2018/17    |
| Canada                  | 135.4                       | 0.7           | 1.9        | 133.4                 | 130.4        | 2.3        |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 139.1                       | 0.8           | 1.2        | 137.9                 | 135.7        | 1.6        |
| Prince Edward Island    | 137.0                       | 0.8           | 1.0        | 136.3                 | 133.2        | 2.3        |
| Nova Scotia             | 136.8                       | 0.8           | 1.3        | 135.3                 | 132.4        | 2.2        |
| New Brunswick           | 135.9                       | 0.9           | 1.6        | 134.0                 | 131.2        | 2.1        |
| Quebec                  | 131.0                       | 0.6           | 1.8        | 129.0                 | 126.9        | 1.7        |
| Ontario                 | 137.0                       | 0.7           | 1.8        | 135.0                 | 131.9        | 2.4        |
| Manitoba                | 136.1                       | 0.7           | 2.3        | 133.8                 | 130.5        | 2.5        |
| Saskatchewan            | 139.2                       | 0.5           | 1.8        | 137.5                 | 134.4        | 2.3        |
| Alberta                 | 143.1                       | 0.8           | 2.3        | 140.6                 | 137.3        | 2.4        |
| <b>British Columbia</b> | <b>130.7</b>                | <b>0.7</b>    | <b>2.6</b> | <b>128.4</b>          | <b>125.0</b> | <b>2.7</b> |
| Whitehorse              | 131.6                       | 0.4           | 1.2        | 130.6                 | 127.5        | 2.4        |
| Yellowknife             | 138.5                       | 0.4           | 1.8        | 136.6                 | 133.5        | 2.3        |
| Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100) | 130.5                       | 0.5           | 2.2        | 129.2                 | 125.4        | 3.0        |



| Metropolitan Areas | Monthly Index % Change From |               |            | Annual Index % Change |              |            |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
|                    | March 2019                  | February 2019 | March 2018 | 2018                  | 2017         | 2018/17    |
| St. John's         | 138.4                       | 0.7           | 1.0        | 137.4                 | 135.3        | 1.6        |
| Charlottetown      | 136.4                       | 0.8           | 1.1        | 135.7                 | 132.5        | 2.4        |
| Halifax            | 135.5                       | 0.7           | 1.3        | 134.0                 | 131.2        | 2.1        |
| Saint John         | 136.0                       | 1.0           | 1.7        | 133.9                 | 131.1        | 2.1        |
| Quebec City        | 129.9                       | 0.5           | 1.2        | 128.6                 | 126.8        | 1.4        |
| Montreal           | 131.6                       | 0.5           | 1.9        | 129.5                 | 127.3        | 1.7        |
| Ottawa             | 135.0                       | 0.5           | 1.7        | 133.2                 | 129.9        | 2.5        |
| Toronto            | 139.5                       | 0.6           | 2.0        | 137.1                 | 133.7        | 2.5        |
| Thunder Bay        | 129.7                       | 0.9           | 1.2        | 128.2                 | 125.8        | 1.9        |
| Winnipeg           | 135.5                       | 0.7           | 2.2        | 133.3                 | 130.2        | 2.4        |
| Regina             | 140.0                       | 0.5           | 1.6        | 138.4                 | 135.2        | 2.4        |
| Saskatoon          | 139.7                       | 0.5           | 1.6        | 138.1                 | 135.0        | 2.3        |
| Edmonton           | 143.0                       | 0.7           | 2.1        | 140.8                 | 137.1        | 2.7        |
| Calgary            | 143.3                       | 0.8           | 2.1        | 141.1                 | 137.8        | 2.4        |
| <b>Vancouver</b>   | <b>133.3</b>                | <b>0.7</b>    | <b>2.5</b> | <b>131.0</b>          | <b>127.3</b> | <b>2.9</b> |
| <b>Victoria</b>    | <b>128.3</b>                | <b>0.7</b>    | <b>2.7</b> | <b>125.9</b>          | <b>123.0</b> | <b>2.4</b> |



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### British Columbia

| Year | All Items | % Change       |      | Food  | Shelter | Household Operation | Clothing & Footwear | Trans- portation | Health & Personal | Recreation & Education | Alcohol & Tobacco |       |
|------|-----------|----------------|------|-------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------|
|      |           | Annual Average |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
| 2015 | 120.2     | 1.1            |      | 134.5 | 114.1   | 114.6               | 103.7               | 126.3            | 113.8             | 116.1                  | 137.6             |       |
| 2016 | 122.4     | 1.8            |      | 136.9 | 115.7   | 116.9               | 104.7               | 129.2            | 115.8             | 119.4                  | 141.4             |       |
| 2017 | 125.0     | 2.1            |      | 137.7 | 118.7   | 117.7               | 104.5               | 134.1            | 118.1             | 122.3                  | 145.1             |       |
| 2018 | 128.4     | 2.7            |      | 140.1 | 122.5   | 119.6               | 105.6               | 140.4            | 119.7             | 124.3                  | 153.6             |       |
| 2018 |           | Month          | Year |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Jan       | 126.1          | 0.7  | 2.1   | 139.2   | 120.9               | 117.8               | 101.5            | 137.4             | 119.0                  | 119.7             | 147.7 |
|      | Feb       | 127.0          | 0.7  | 2.8   | 139.3   | 121.1               | 119.8               | 103.8            | 138.2             | 118.7                  | 122.0             | 149.1 |
|      | Mar       | 127.4          | 0.3  | 2.6   | 138.6   | 121.3               | 119.4               | 105.8            | 139.3             | 119.1                  | 123.6             | 150.2 |
|      | Apr       | 127.7          | 0.2  | 2.7   | 139.5   | 121.9               | 120.5               | 106.3            | 139.8             | 119.5                  | 120.5             | 153.8 |
|      | May       | 128.4          | 0.5  | 2.7   | 139.4   | 122.2               | 118.7               | 106.8            | 140.4             | 119.2                  | 126.4             | 154.0 |
|      | Jun       | 128.6          | 0.2  | 2.7   | 139.9   | 122.4               | 118.7               | 105.9            | 141.3             | 119.5                  | 126.2             | 154.8 |
|      | Jul       | 129.7          | 0.9  | 3.3   | 140.4   | 122.6               | 118.9               | 104.0            | 143.8             | 120.1                  | 130.0             | 155.5 |
|      | Aug       | 129.6          | -0.1 | 2.9   | 141.3   | 122.7               | 119.1               | 104.4            | 142.5             | 120.8                  | 129.2             | 155.3 |
|      | Sep       | 128.9          | -0.5 | 2.5   | 140.4   | 123.0               | 119.8               | 108.4            | 139.1             | 120.2                  | 126.6             | 156.3 |
|      | Oct       | 129.4          | 0.4  | 3.0   | 140.1   | 123.8               | 121.0               | 108.9            | 141.4             | 120.9                  | 124.0             | 155.9 |
|      | Nov       | 128.9          | -0.4 | 2.4   | 140.9   | 124.0               | 120.9               | 107.7            | 139.4             | 119.3                  | 122.3             | 156.0 |
| Dec  | 129.0     | 0.1            | 3.0  | 142.1 | 124.0   | 120.4               | 103.9               | 141.6            | 119.5             | 121.6                  | 155.0             |       |
| 2019 | Jan       | 129.1          | 0.1  | 2.4   | 143.4   | 124.7               | 120.1               | 103.4            | 139.2             | 120.2                  | 122.0             | 157.2 |
|      | Feb       | 129.8          | 0.5  | 2.2   | 143.4   | 125.0               | 121.0               | 106.5            | 140.2             | 120.7                  | 123.5             | 157.4 |
|      | Mar       | 130.7          | 0.7  | 2.6   | 144.5   | 125.4               | 121.0               | 108.3            | 142.6             | 121.0                  | 123.7             | 157.8 |
|      | Apr       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | May       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Jun       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Jul       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Aug       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Sep       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Oct       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Nov       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Dec       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |

### Canada

| Year | All Items | % Change       |      | Food  | Shelter | Household Operation | Clothing & Footwear | Trans- portation | Health & Personal | Recreation & Education | Alcohol & Tobacco |       |
|------|-----------|----------------|------|-------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------|
|      |           | Annual Average |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
| 2015 | 126.6     | 1.1            |      | 140.5 | 133.7   | 119.7               | 94.6                | 126.5            | 120.5             | 109.4                  | 152.0             |       |
| 2016 | 128.4     | 1.4            |      | 142.6 | 135.8   | 121.7               | 94.4                | 127.9            | 122.2             | 111.3                  | 156.8             |       |
| 2017 | 130.4     | 1.6            |      | 142.7 | 138.1   | 121.9               | 93.7                | 132.9            | 124.3             | 114.0                  | 161.1             |       |
| 2018 | 133.4     | 2.3            |      | 145.3 | 140.9   | 123.2               | 94.5                | 139.1            | 125.9             | 115.3                  | 167.9             |       |
| 2018 |           | Month          | Year |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Jan       | 131.7          | 0.7  | 1.7   | 144.7   | 139.7               | 122.4               | 91.7             | 137.2             | 125.1                  | 111.8             | 163.2 |
|      | Feb       | 132.5          | 0.6  | 2.2   | 144.7   | 140.0               | 123.4               | 93.3             | 137.7             | 125.6                  | 114.1             | 164.1 |
|      | Mar       | 132.9          | 0.3  | 2.3   | 144.2   | 140.0               | 122.9               | 95.0             | 138.0             | 126.3                  | 116.4             | 166.0 |
|      | Apr       | 133.3          | 0.3  | 2.2   | 144.8   | 140.3               | 123.9               | 96.2             | 139.5             | 126.2                  | 113.7             | 167.9 |
|      | May       | 133.4          | 0.1  | 2.2   | 144.6   | 140.4               | 122.8               | 95.4             | 139.7             | 125.9                  | 116.5             | 168.1 |
|      | Jun       | 133.6          | 0.1  | 2.5   | 145.6   | 140.5               | 122.6               | 94.2             | 140.5             | 126.3                  | 115.6             | 168.9 |
|      | Jul       | 134.3          | 0.5  | 3.0   | 146.1   | 141.0               | 123.1               | 93.0             | 142.0             | 126.1                  | 117.9             | 169.0 |
|      | Aug       | 134.2          | -0.1 | 2.8   | 145.9   | 141.2               | 122.9               | 93.7             | 141.3             | 126.7                  | 117.5             | 169.5 |
|      | Sep       | 133.7          | -0.4 | 2.2   | 144.9   | 141.5               | 123.0               | 96.0             | 138.4             | 126.1                  | 117.0             | 169.7 |
|      | Oct       | 134.1          | 0.3  | 2.4   | 144.6   | 142.0               | 124.0               | 97.2             | 139.3             | 126.3                  | 116.1             | 169.7 |
|      | Nov       | 133.5          | -0.4 | 1.7   | 146.1   | 142.3               | 123.8               | 95.9             | 137.1             | 125.1                  | 114.3             | 169.9 |
| Dec  | 133.4     | -0.1           | 2.0  | 147.5 | 142.3   | 123.4               | 92.6                | 138.0            | 125.6             | 112.9                  | 169.3             |       |
| 2019 | Jan       | 133.6          | 0.1  | 1.4   | 148.7   | 143.0               | 123.3               | 92.2             | 136.6             | 125.9                  | 113.3             | 170.6 |
|      | Feb       | 134.5          | 0.7  | 1.5   | 149.3   | 143.4               | 123.6               | 94.8             | 137.9             | 126.4                  | 115.2             | 170.9 |
|      | Mar       | 135.4          | 0.7  | 1.9   | 149.4   | 143.8               | 123.5               | 96.4             | 140.6             | 126.6                  | 116.6             | 170.9 |
|      | Apr       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | May       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Jun       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Jul       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Aug       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Sep       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Oct       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Nov       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |
|      | Dec       |                |      |       |         |                     |                     |                  |                   |                        |                   |       |

**March 2019**

**Consumer Price Index (2002=100)**

**Selected Items**

| <b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b> |                             |                            | <b>Energy for Dwellings</b> |                            |                    | <b>Motor Gasoline</b> | <b>Energy*</b> | <b>All Items Excluding Food</b> | <b>All Items Excluding Alcohol &amp; Tobacco</b> | <b>All Items Excluding Food &amp; Energy</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
|                         | <b>Rented Accommodation</b> | <b>Owned Accommodation</b> | <b>Gas</b>                  | <b>Fuel Oil/Other Fuel</b> | <b>Electricity</b> |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| 2015                    | 116.0                       | 108.0                      | 101.4                       | 208.7                      | 160.2              | 166.7                 | 151.6          | 117.4                           | 119.6  | 114.2  |
| 2016                    | 117.1                       | 110.1                      | 88.7                        | 195.3                      | 167.3              | 159.4                 | 147.3          | 119.6                           | 121.8  | 116.9  |
| 2017                    | 118.5                       | 113.2                      | 93.2                        | 216.8                      | 173.3              | 178.5                 | 159.4          | 122.5                           | 124.3  | 119.1  |
| 2018                    | 120.7                       | 117.7                      | 88.3                        | 254.9                      | 178.3              | 201.3                 | 171.2          | 126.0                           | 127.6  | 122.2  |
| <b>2018</b>             |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Jan                     | 119.4                       | 116.2                      | 86.6                        | 242.8                      | 174.6              | 186.5                 | 162.4          | 123.5                           | 125.4  | 120.0  |
| Feb                     | 119.7                       | 116.4                      | 86.6                        | 239.6                      | 174.6              | 189.0                 | 163.6          | 124.5                           | 126.3  | 121.0  |
| Mar                     | 120.0                       | 116.6                      | 86.6                        | 246.1                      | 174.6              | 198.8                 | 168.4          | 125.2                           | 126.7  | 121.4  |
| Apr                     | 120.2                       | 117.0                      | 88.8                        | 254.6                      | 179.5              | 206.3                 | 174.1          | 125.3                           | 126.9  | 121.3  |
| May                     | 120.3                       | 117.3                      | 88.8                        | 259.4                      | 179.5              | 215.0                 | 178.3          | 126.2                           | 127.6  | 121.9  |
| Jun                     | 120.6                       | 117.4                      | 88.8                        | 264.7                      | 179.5              | 209.5                 | 175.8          | 126.3                           | 127.8  | 122.2  |
| Jul                     | 120.9                       | 117.7                      | 88.8                        | 255.4                      | 179.5              | 212.4                 | 177.0          | 127.5                           | 128.9  | 123.4  |
| Aug                     | 121.0                       | 117.9                      | 88.8                        | 255.6                      | 179.5              | 205.1                 | 173.5          | 127.2                           | 128.8  | 123.3  |
| Sep                     | 121.1                       | 118.2                      | 88.8                        | 259.8                      | 179.5              | 205.0                 | 173.5          | 126.6                           | 128.1  | 122.6  |
| Oct                     | 121.4                       | 119.2                      | 88.8                        | 266.8                      | 179.5              | 208.7                 | 175.4          | 127.2                           | 128.6  | 123.2  |
| Nov                     | 121.5                       | 119.5                      | 89.0                        | 267.0                      | 179.5              | 193.3                 | 168.0          | 126.4                           | 128.1  | 122.8  |
| Dec                     | 121.7                       | 119.5                      | 89.0                        | 247.5                      | 179.5              | 185.6                 | 164.0          | 126.5                           | 128.3  | 123.0  |
| <b>2019</b>             |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Jan                     | 123.3                       | 119.6                      | 95.7                        | 235.5                      | 179.5              | 178.3                 | 161.7          | 126.3                           | 128.3  | 123.0  |
| Feb                     | 123.8                       | 119.8                      | 95.7                        | 247.5                      | 179.5              | 180.6                 | 163.1          | 127.2                           | 129.0  | 123.8  |
| Mar                     | 125.2                       | 119.8                      | 95.7                        | 252.4                      | 179.5              | 197.2                 | 171.5          | 128.0                           | 129.9  | 124.2  |
| Apr                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| May                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Jun                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Jul                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Aug                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Sep                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Oct                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Nov                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Dec                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| <b>CANADA</b>           |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
|                         | <b>Rented Accommodation</b> | <b>Owned Accommodation</b> | <b>Energy for Dwellings</b> |                            |                    | <b>Motor Gasoline</b> | <b>Energy*</b> | <b>All Items Excluding Food</b> | <b>All Items Excluding Alcohol &amp; Tobacco</b> | <b>All Items Excluding Food &amp; Energy</b> |
|                         |                             |                            | <b>Gas</b>                  | <b>Fuel Oil/Other Fuel</b> | <b>Electricity</b> |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| 2015                    | 118.5                       | 135.2                      | 116.7                       | 203.9                      | 142.9              | 153.4                 | 149.5          | 123.9                           | 125.7  | 121.2  |
| 2016                    | 119.3                       | 138.1                      | 104.4                       | 178.5                      | 151.1              | 144.2                 | 145.0          | 125.6                           | 127.4  | 123.5  |
| 2017                    | 120.0                       | 141.6                      | 114.1                       | 203.0                      | 142.7              | 161.2                 | 152.7          | 128.0                           | 129.4  | 125.5  |
| 2018                    | 121.4                       | 145.3                      | 109.7                       | 240.5                      | 142.8              | 181.5                 | 162.9          | 131.0                           | 132.3  | 127.9  |
| <b>2018</b>             |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Jan                     | 120.6                       | 143.7                      | 114.5                       | 234.7                      | 141.0              | 174.3                 | 159.5          | 129.2                           | 130.7  | 126.2  |
| Feb                     | 120.8                       | 144.0                      | 115.9                       | 234.7                      | 141.0              | 173.0                 | 159.1          | 130.1                           | 131.4  | 127.1  |
| Mar                     | 120.9                       | 144.1                      | 113.2                       | 232.9                      | 141.1              | 178.0                 | 161.0          | 130.6                           | 131.8  | 127.6  |
| Apr                     | 121.0                       | 144.4                      | 109.6                       | 235.1                      | 143.4              | 190.1                 | 167.1          | 131.0                           | 132.1  | 127.5  |
| May                     | 121.2                       | 144.7                      | 107.0                       | 242.9                      | 141.9              | 196.4                 | 169.4          | 131.2                           | 132.3  | 127.6  |
| Jun                     | 121.3                       | 145.0                      | 106.0                       | 244.2                      | 142.1              | 191.8                 | 167.2          | 131.2                           | 132.4  | 127.8  |
| Jul                     | 121.4                       | 145.3                      | 108.5                       | 243.2                      | 143.7              | 193.3                 | 168.8          | 132.0                           | 133.2  | 128.5  |
| Aug                     | 121.6                       | 145.7                      | 107.7                       | 240.1                      | 143.7              | 190.3                 | 167.2          | 131.9                           | 133.1  | 128.5  |
| Sep                     | 121.8                       | 146.0                      | 107.9                       | 243.1                      | 143.7              | 188.3                 | 166.3          | 131.5                           | 132.5  | 128.1  |
| Oct                     | 121.9                       | 146.7                      | 107.6                       | 250.5                      | 143.9              | 182.3                 | 163.7          | 132.0                           | 132.9  | 128.8  |
| Nov                     | 122.0                       | 147.0                      | 109.9                       | 250.7                      | 143.6              | 165.2                 | 155.8          | 131.0                           | 132.3  | 128.4  |
| Dec                     | 122.1                       | 147.3                      | 109.0                       | 234.2                      | 144.3              | 154.4                 | 150.1          | 130.7                           | 132.3  | 128.5  |
| <b>2019</b>             |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Jan                     | 123.3                       | 147.6                      | 111.9                       | 227.0                      | 145.2              | 149.6                 | 148.5          | 130.7                           | 132.4  | 128.6  |
| Feb                     | 123.7                       | 147.9                      | 113.2                       | 231.1                      | 145.1              | 152.4                 | 150.1          | 131.7                           | 133.4  | 129.6  |
| Mar                     | 124.2                       | 148.2                      | 117.5                       | 238.9                      | 144.2              | 170.1                 | 159.1          | 132.7                           | 134.3  | 130.0  |
| Apr                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| May                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Jun                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Jul                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Aug                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Sep                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Oct                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Nov                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |
| Dec                     |                             |                            |                             |                            |                    |                       |                |                                 |  |  |

\* Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline

## March 2019 Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

| Vancouver | % Change |           |                |      | Accommodation |        |       | Water, Fuel |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------------|------|---------------|--------|-------|-------------|
|           | Year     | All Items | Annual Average |      | Shelter       | Rented | Owned | Electricity |
|           |          |           | Month          | Year |               |        |       |             |
|           | 2015     | 121.9     | 1.2            |      | 118.0         | 117.6  | 115.1 | 136.4       |
|           | 2016     | 124.6     | 2.2            |      | 120.1         | 119.0  | 118.0 | 135.1       |
|           | 2017     | 127.3     | 2.2            |      | 123.7         | 120.4  | 121.9 | 141.4       |
|           | 2018     | 131.0     | 2.9            |      | 128.6         | 122.9  | 128.0 | 143.6       |
|           |          |           | Month          | Year |               |        |       |             |
| 2018      | Jan      | 128.7     | 0.7            | 2.7  | 127.1         | 121.5  | 126.5 | 141.0       |
|           | Feb      | 129.6     | 0.7            | 3.3  | 127.3         | 121.8  | 126.8 | 141.0       |
|           | Mar      | 130.1     | 0.4            | 3.2  | 127.5         | 122.1  | 127.0 | 141.1       |
|           | Apr      | 130.3     | 0.2            | 3.2  | 128.0         | 122.4  | 127.1 | 144.4       |
|           | May      | 130.9     | 0.5            | 3.0  | 128.2         | 122.5  | 127.4 | 144.4       |
|           | Jun      | 131.3     | 0.3            | 3.0  | 128.4         | 122.9  | 127.6 | 144.5       |
|           | Jul      | 132.3     | 0.8            | 3.3  | 128.7         | 123.2  | 128.0 | 144.4       |
|           | Aug      | 132.2     | -0.1           | 2.8  | 128.8         | 123.3  | 128.0 | 144.3       |
|           | Sep      | 131.7     | -0.4           | 2.7  | 129.0         | 123.4  | 128.2 | 144.4       |
|           | Oct      | 131.9     | 0.2            | 2.7  | 129.9         | 123.7  | 129.5 | 144.5       |
|           | Nov      | 131.4     | -0.4           | 2.3  | 130.1         | 123.9  | 129.7 | 144.6       |
|           | Dec      | 131.7     | 0.2            | 3.1  | 130.1         | 124.0  | 129.7 | 144.4       |
| 2019      | Jan      | 131.7     | 0.0            | 2.3  | 131.0         | 126.1  | 129.7 | 149.1       |
|           | Feb      | 132.4     | 0.5            | 2.2  | 131.2         | 126.1  | 130.0 | 149.1       |
|           | Mar      | 133.3     | 0.7            | 2.5  | 131.4         | 127.4  | 129.8 | 149.2       |
|           | Apr      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|           | May      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|           | Jun      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|           | Jul      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|           | Aug      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|           | Sep      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|           | Oct      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|           | Nov      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|           | Dec      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |

| Victoria | % Change |           |                |      | Accommodation |        |       | Water, Fuel |
|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|------|---------------|--------|-------|-------------|
|          | Year     | All Items | Annual Average |      | Shelter       | Rented | Owned | Electricity |
|          |          |           | Month          | Year |               |        |       |             |
|          | 2015     | 118.6     | 1.1            |      | 110.1         | 115.8  | 99.3  | 175.9       |
|          | 2016     | 120.7     | 1.8            |      | 111.1         | 117.1  | 100.2 | 177.4       |
|          | 2017     | 123.0     | 1.9            |      | 113.7         | 118.9  | 102.6 | 182.9       |
|          | 2018     | 125.9     | 2.4            |      | 116.6         | 121.0  | 105.9 | 187.9       |
|          |          |           | Month          | Year |               |        |       |             |
| 2018     | Jan      | 123.4     | 0.7            | 1.5  | 114.7         | 119.7  | 103.8 | 183.8       |
|          | Feb      | 124.5     | 0.9            | 2.1  | 114.9         | 120.1  | 104.0 | 183.3       |
|          | Mar      | 124.9     | 0.3            | 1.9  | 115.2         | 120.5  | 104.1 | 184.4       |
|          | Apr      | 125.2     | 0.2            | 2.0  | 115.9         | 120.7  | 104.7 | 188.7       |
|          | May      | 126.0     | 0.6            | 2.1  | 116.2         | 120.7  | 105.1 | 189.1       |
|          | Jun      | 126.1     | 0.1            | 2.1  | 116.4         | 120.9  | 105.2 | 189.9       |
|          | Jul      | 127.1     | 0.8            | 2.6  | 116.4         | 121.1  | 105.4 | 188.6       |
|          | Aug      | 127.1     | 0.0            | 2.5  | 116.8         | 121.3  | 105.8 | 189.2       |
|          | Sep      | 126.6     | -0.4           | 2.4  | 117.2         | 121.5  | 106.5 | 189.4       |
|          | Oct      | 127.0     | 0.3            | 3.0  | 118.3         | 121.7  | 108.7 | 189.6       |
|          | Nov      | 126.5     | -0.4           | 2.5  | 118.5         | 121.8  | 108.8 | 190.0       |
|          | Dec      | 126.5     | 0.0            | 3.2  | 118.5         | 122.2  | 108.8 | 189.0       |
| 2019     | Jan      | 126.7     | 0.2            | 2.7  | 119.4         | 124.0  | 108.9 | 190.4       |
|          | Feb      | 127.4     | 0.6            | 2.3  | 119.7         | 124.9  | 109.0 | 190.6       |
|          | Mar      | 128.3     | 0.7            | 2.7  | 120.4         | 126.9  | 109.0 | 190.6       |
|          | Apr      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|          | May      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|          | Jun      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|          | Jul      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|          | Aug      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|          | Sep      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|          | Oct      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|          | Nov      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |
|          | Dec      |           |                |      |               |        |       |             |