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# Inflation Review

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### June 2020 Headline Inflation

Comparison is based on 12-month-moving-average of the Consumer Price Index



# Major Contributors to Calgary's Inflation Rate June 2020

Transportation
+0.06
percentage points

Shelter
+0.29
percentage points

Food
+0.59
percentage points







## **Calgary Local Inflation Conditions and Contributing Factors**

In June 2020, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Calgary CMA increased by 1.2 per cent on a twelve-month-moving-average\* basis. It increased significantly by 1.5 per cent in June 2019. The deceleration of inflation was the combination of the removal of the provincial carbon-tax in Alberta, the fall in commodity prices since June of 2019 and the Alberta Relaunch Strategy.

On to the second phase of relaunching of the re-opening of the Alberta economy, the month of June saw further relaxation of social and economic lockdowns. The year-to-date inflation was 0.56 per cent in June 2020 compared to 0.78 in June 2019.

The major contributor to the June 2020 annual inflation rate was the cost of food and shelter. It added 0.88 percentage points to the inflation rate, lower than the 1.05 percentage points to the annual inflation rate in June 2019.

Transportation cost is usually the second largest contributor to inflation, but in June 2020 it was the third least contributor. It added only 0.06 percentage points to the June 2020 annual inflation rate. The continued reason for lower transportation costs in June 2020 was the fall in the cost of gasoline caused by lower crude oil prices relative to June 2019.

Excluding transportation, food and shelter costs, the annual average CPI remained marginally higher in June 2020 compared to June 2019.

## **Inflation Rates**

	Relative Importance	Year-over-year (12-MMA,%)			Year-to-Date (12-MMA, %)		
	(%)*	Jun-20	May-20	Apr-20	Jun-20	May-20	Apr-20
Calgary: All-items	100.00	1.20	1.27	1.34	0.56	0.49	0.42
Calgary: All-items excluding food and energy	76.28	1.59	1.66	1.74	0.79	0.72	0.65
Food	16.59	3.62	3.76	3.71	1.74	1.54	1.21
Shelter	26.26	1.11	1.06	1.23	0.41	0.17	0.12
Rented accommodation	5.68	0.32	-0.08	-0.24	0.08	-0.16	-0.32
Owned accommodation	15.48	1.79	1.85	1.90	0.73	0.62	0.52
Water, fuel and electricity	5.09	-0.39	-0.65	0.53	-0.71	-1.23	-0.97
Household operations, furnishing and equipment	12.93	-0.57	-0.41	-0.16	-0.41	-0.33	-0.16
Clothing and footwear	5.15	2.38	2.28	2.38	1.44	1.44	1.54
Transportation	20.28	0.28	0.07	0.55	0.14	-0.07	0.14
Gasoline	3.26	-17.39	-18.05	-16.20	-10.19	-9.45	-6.73
Health and personal care	4.81	1.53	1.46	1.39	0.72	0.58	0.51
Recreation, education and reading	10.49	1.14	1.23	1.14	0.26	0.26	0.35
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis	3.48	0.58	0.58	0.47	0.23	0.17	0.06
Alberta: All-items	100.00	1.41	1.34	1.55	0.56	0.42	0.42
Alberta: All-items excluding food and energy	76.28	1.81	1.89	1.96	0.79	0.72	0.65
Canada: All-items	100.00	1.49	1.56	1.86	0.44	0.37	0.44
Canada: All-items excluding food and energy	77.01	1.70	1.78	2.02	0.69	0.61	0.61

(CPI) for Alberta and Canada in June 2020 increased by 1.4 and 1.5 per cent respectively, on a twelvemonth-moving-average basis. In June 2019, CPI increased by 1.6 in Alberta and decreased by 0.7 per cent in Canada, correspondingly.

The Consumer Price Index

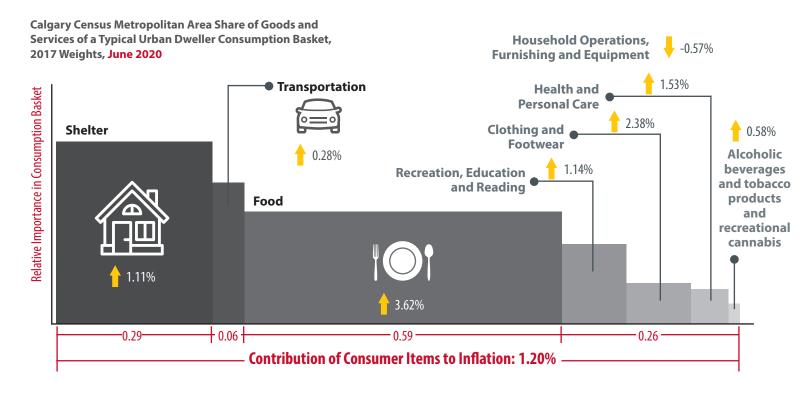
<sup>\*</sup> Twelve-month-moving average is a statistical tool used to determine the trend of monthly data. This is done by taking an average over a 12-month consecutive data series.

<sup>\*</sup> Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket weights are based on the 2017 Survey of Household Spending, modified on February 2019. Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, July 22, 2020

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## **Glossary:**

**Headline Inflation**: This is the inflation rate measured using all components of the consumer basket of goods and services. **Core Inflation:** This is the inflation rate after excluding food and transportation from the consumer basket of goods and services. Overnight Rate: The interest rate the Bank of Canada charges commercial banks to borrow money.

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