

Inflation was Driven Up by Food and Energy in February 2012

Statistics Canada estimated that consumer prices increased by 1.69 per cent in Calgary, 1.93 per cent in Alberta and 2.62 per cent in Canada for the month of February 2012 over February 2011. The analysis showed that Calgarians paid 2.4 per cent more (on a 12-month-moving-average basis) for goods and services, while the inflation rate was 2.7 per cent in Alberta and 3.0 per cent in Canada.

The inflation rate in Calgary was driven by price increase in water, fuel and electricity (17.2 per cent), transportation (4.8 per cent) and food (3.4 per cent).

- Electricity accounts for a 5.7 per cent share of the household budget and therefore added 0.972 percentage points to the overall inflation rate.
- Transportation costs account for 21.1 per cent of the household budget and therefore added 1.019 percentage points to the overall inflation rate. The transportation cost increase was driven by increases in the price of gasoline (16.8 per cent).
- Finally, food prices rose by an average of 3.4 per cent and accounted for an average of 15 per cent of household expenditures. Consequently, food added 0.518 percentage points to the overall inflation rate.

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Inflation Rates

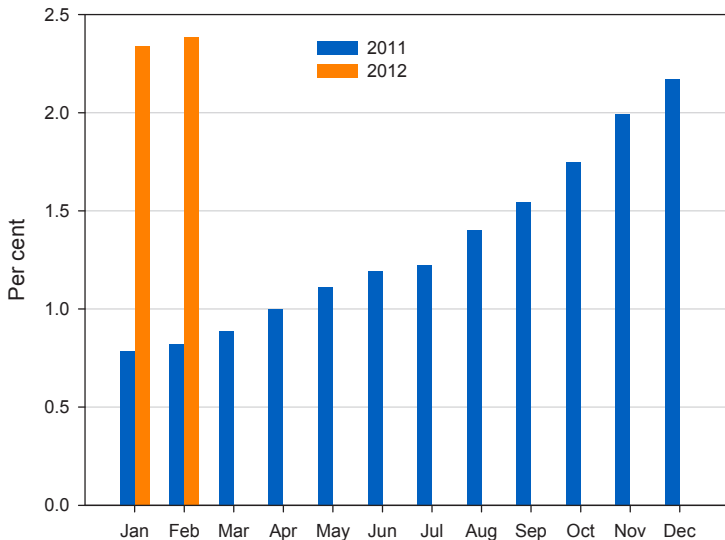
(12-Month-Moving-Average or average inflation rate for the past 12 months)

	Relative Importance (%)*	Feb-12 (%)	Jan-12 (%)	Feb-11 (%)
Calgary: All-items	100.0	2.4	2.3	0.8
Calgary: All-items excluding food and energy	74.7	0.8	0.8	0.5
Food	15.0	3.4	3.2	1.2
Shelter	27.0	2.8	2.7	0.4
Owned accommodation	16.4	0.6	0.7	0.5
Water, fuel and electricity	5.7	17.2	16.9	2.2
Household operations, furnishing and equipment	11.5	1.4	1.4	(0.0)
Clothing and footwear	5.3	(2.1)	(2.0)	(1.7)
Transportation	21.1	4.8	4.9	2.5
Gasoline	5.3	16.8	17.9	4.8
Health and personal care	5.0	2.9	2.8	4.0
Recreation, education and reading	11.9	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.1)
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	3.2	1.2	1.0	0.5
Alberta: All-items	100.0	2.7	2.6	1.0
Alberta: All-items excluding food and energy	74.7	0.9	0.9	0.6
Canada: All-items	100.0	3.0	2.9	1.9
Canada: All-items excluding food and energy	73.9	1.6	1.6	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, March 2012
 *2009 CPI basket weights at April 2011 prices, Alberta and Canada, date modified December 2011
 Figures in red and parentheses indicate negative.

Calgary CMA inflation rate (all-items)

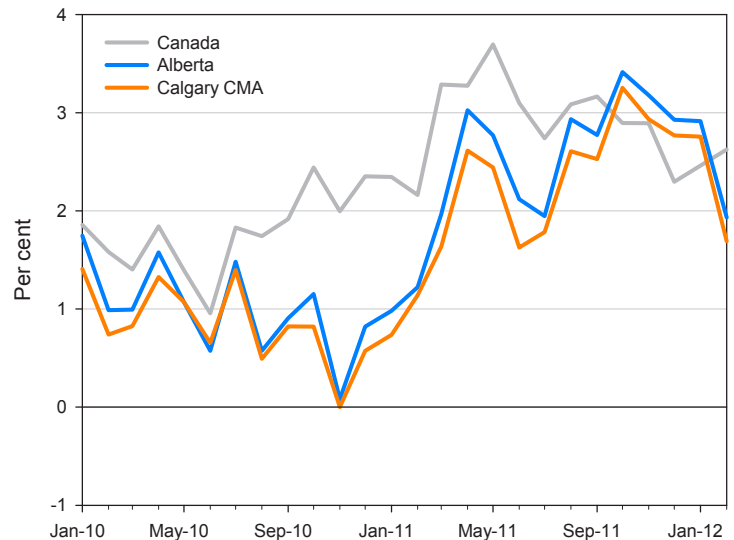
(12-month-moving-average, January 2011 - February 2012, per cent)



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Inflation rates (all-items) comparison

(year-over-year change, January 2010 - February 2012, per cent)



Source: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, March 2012

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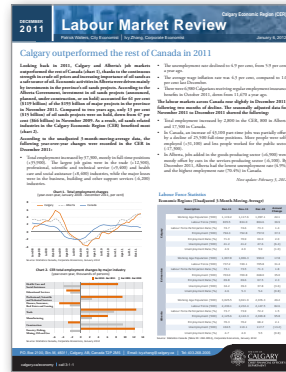
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Sources: Bank of Canada, Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics.