

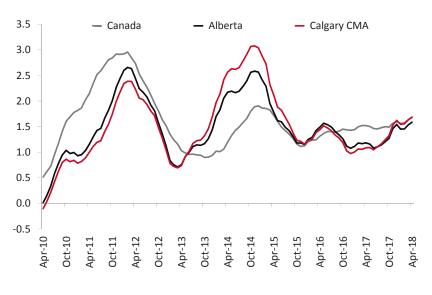
## **Highlights:**

Inflation Rates

- In April headline inflation in Calgary rose to 1.69 per cent from 1.63 per cent a year ago and increased by 0.68 per cent year to date based on a twelve-month moving average.
- Rising crude oil prices due to higher geopolitical risks, lower inventories and stronger global demand have contributed to rising inflation, along with a recovering labour market. However, the change in mortgage rules introduced by the Bank of Canada in January of 2018 has decreased the number of real estate sales across Canada. In some regions, this has caused housing inventory to rise, lowering some housing prices and rents. In Calgary, the impact has been limited to slowing the number of sales while not adding pressure on prices other than rent, which continues to soften.
- Headline inflation in Alberta increased to 1.59 per cent year over year and rose by 0.68 per cent year to date, while Canada saw an increase of 1.68 per cent year over year and an increase of 0.70 per cent year to date on a twelve-month moving average.

#### **Headline Inflation Comparison**

(12-MMA, year-over-year change; per cent)



Source: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics

Next release on June 22, 2018

	Relative Importance (%)*	Year-over-year (12 MMA,%)			Year-to-Date (12MMA, %)		
		Apr-18	Mar-18	Feb-17	Apr-18	Mar-18	Feb-18
Calgary: All-items	100.00	1.69	1.63	1.56	0.68	0.48	0.30
Calgary: All-items excluding food and energy	76.49	1.15	1.13	1.13	0.41	0.30	0.20
Food	15.99	1.35	1.10	0.93	0.61	0.47	0.36
Shelter	26.56	1.64	1.53	1.33	0.67	0.40	0.21
Rented accommodation	5.40	-1.11	-1.32	-1.49	-0.15	-0.17	-0.14
Owned accommodation	16.24	1.72	1.67	1.59	0.56	0.43	0.28
Water, fuel and electricity	4.84	5.50	5.44	4.62	2.35	1.33	0.66
Household operations, furnishing and equipment	12.27	0.63	0.47	0.35	0.35	0.20	0.12
Clothing and footwear	5.88	1.56	1.42	1.34	0.57	0.41	0.31
Transportation	20.44	3.19	3.09	2.91	1.53	1.08	0.60
Gasoline	3.81	10.41	10.49	9.78	4.86	3.31	1.63
Health and personal care	4.65	2.12	2.04	1.95	0.84	0.66	0.45
Recreation, education and reading	11.37	0.85	1.29	1.70	-0.19	-0.06	-0.02
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	2.83	2.85	2.73	2.64	1.05	0.74	0.46
Alberta: All-items	100.00	1.59	1.53	1.46	0.68	0.49	0.30
Alberta: All-items excluding food and energy	76.49	1.05	1.03	1.03	0.41	0.30	0.20
Canada: All-items	100.00	1.68	1.63	1.57	0.70	0.51	0.32
Canada: All-items excluding food and energy	74.85	1.57	1.54	1.53	0.59	0.44	0.28

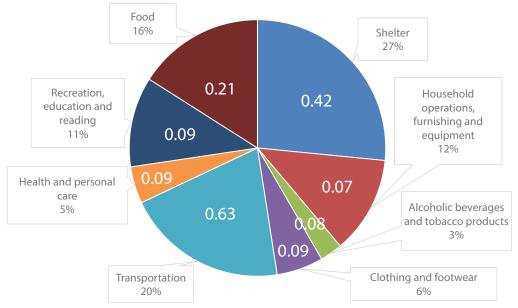
Sources: Statistics Canada, Corporate Economics, May 18, 2018

\* 2013 CPI basket weights at January 2015 prices, date modified on February 26, 2015;

\*\* CPI historical data was adjusted by Statistics Canada on April 21, 2017



# Calgary Census Metropolitan Area Share of Goods and Services of a Typical Urban Dweller Consumption Basket, 2013 Weights



<sup>\*</sup> contribution of inflation by percentage points are highlighted in white on pie chart above

### **Glossary:**

Headline Inflation: Is the contribution of all components of inflation within the consumer basket of goods and services.

**Core Inflation:** Is the contribution of all components of inflation excluding food and transportation inflation contributions within 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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