



2010 Utility Cost Comparison - Cross Canada View

Based on Year End Actuals

	Telephone	Electricity	Heating	Auto Ins	Total	Gap
Major Centres						
Vancouver, BC	304.92	548.31	1,184.54	1,435.61	3,473.38	257.50
Calgary, AB	282.00	928.65	928.17	2,099.57	4,238.39	1,022.51
Regina, SK	258.48	1,058.83	928.86	969.71	3,215.88	0.00
Winnipeg, MB	289.20	596.35	1,075.94	1,024.34	2,985.83	-230.05
Toronto, ON	268.44	1,075.23	982.11	4,595.22	6,921.00	3,705.12
Montreal, PQ	268.44	589.79	1,601.40	1,431.59	3,891.22	675.34
Saint John, NB	266.40	912.49	1,796.33	1,589.85	4,565.07	1,349.19
Halifax, NS	302.88	1,085.44	1,509.11	1,986.78	4,884.21	1,668.33
Charlottetown, PE	296.16	1,445.58	2,687.83	1,598.30	6,027.87	2,811.99
St. John's, NF	265.80	950.31	2,840.30	2,561.42	6,617.83	3,401.95

Rural Communities						
Penticton, BC	270.96	809.21	1,184.54	1,114.30	3,379.01	132.89
Drumheller, AB	320.64	1,299.51	981.50	1,985.89	4,587.54	1,341.42
Humboldt, SK	288.72	1,058.83	928.86	969.71	3,246.12	0.00
Portage la Prairie, MB	293.40	596.35	1,075.94	996.72	2,962.41	-283.71
Parry Sound, ON	258.60	1,014.36	972.06	2,729.25	4,974.27	1,728.15
Aylmer, PQ	258.60	589.79	1,243.06	1,054.35	3,145.80	-100.32

Northern Communities						
Fort St John, BC	269.04	548.31	891.68	1,263.43	2,972.46	-273.66
Grande Prairie, AB	296.04	1,299.51	997.34	2,132.12	4,725.01	1,478.89
Meadow Lake, SK	288.72	1,058.83	928.86	969.71	3,246.12	0.00
The Pas, MB	293.40	596.35	1,507.25	1,246.24	3,643.24	397.12
Kapuskasing, ON	385.56	1,065.99	978.24	2,897.72	5,327.51	2,081.39
Chicoutimi, PQ	258.60	589.79	1,625.93	1,106.11	3,580.43	334.31

Note:

Provincial figure is a proportional representation of households for urban, rural and northern communities based on the most recent Census data (2006).

Province	Total	Gap
British Columbia	3,431.29	198.89
Alberta	4,369.76	1,137.35
Saskatchewan	3,232.40	0.00
Manitoba	3,008.59	-223.81
Ontario	6,401.38	3,168.98
Quebec	3,654.45	422.04
New Brunswick	4,565.07	1,332.67
Nova Scotia	4,884.21	1,651.81
Prince Edward Island	6,027.87	2,795.47
Newfoundland	6,617.83	3,385.43

Negative (-) indicates a lower cost over Saskatchewan

Utility Comparison

Consumption Levels to Determine Annual Cost

Telephone

Annual cost is based on 12 times the monthly rate for single line residential "touch tone" line including the imbedded cost for message relay and 911 service. Cross Canada comparisons are made to other "Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs)" which operate in a CRTC regulated environment.

Electricity

Annual cost is based on an annual consumption of 8,100 kWh, which is consumed evenly throughout the year at a rate of 675kWh per month. The methodology accounts for all basic fixed charges and a variable energy charge related to the amount of electricity consumed.

Heating

Annual cost is based on 2,800 m³ as a benchmark annual volume that represents the weather normalized usage for the typical Saskatchewan residential customer. The 2,800 m³ annual volume is spread over a weather normalized monthly usage pattern applicable to Saskatchewan homeowners, reflecting the impact of cold winter weather on usage. It is important to recognize this monthly usage pattern as a number of utilities rates reflect supply, demand or seasonal pricing, especially commodity rates.

Auto

Annual cost is based on an index of rates for 34 vehicle and driver profiles in 22 cities across Canada. Vehicles selected each year are those with the highest number of registrations in Saskatchewan for the previous year. For the 2010 comparison, the most popular vehicles registered in 2009 were used. The comparison was based on 34 driver profiles as used by the Consumers' Association of Canada in previous surveys. The comparison determined how much the same driver would pay for auto insurance if they had the same vehicle, same driving record and same claims history in 22 Canadian locations. As these fees are usually assessed on an annual basis, an average of the rates charged within that year is used for this calculation.