

Winnipeg labour market & consumer price inflation—2023 Q2



Highlights:

- Employment increased in Winnipeg[†] by +2,400 (+0.1%) persons in 2023 Q2 from 2023 Q1.
- The unemployment rate in Winnipeg[†] in 2023 Q2 was 5.2%.
- CPI inflation in Winnipeg[†] increased by +3.9% in 2023 Q2 from 2022 Q2.

Winnipeg economic region labour market highlights—2023 Q1/2023Q2

- Winnipeg's[†] **labour force** increased by +2,700 (+0.6%) persons in 2023 Q2 from 2023 Q1. Canada's labour force increased by +124,600 (+0.6%).
- **Employment** in Winnipeg[†] increased by +2,400 (+0.6%) persons. Canada's employment increased by +80,200 (+0.4%) persons. Winnipeg's[†] full-time employment increased by +6,300 (+1.9%) and part-time employment decreased by -3,900 (-4.7%). Canada's full-time employment increased by +31,400 (+0.2%) and part-time employment increased by +48,800 (+1.4%).
- **Unemployment** in Winnipeg[†] increased by +300 (+1.3%) persons, resulting in the unemployment rate increasing by +0.1% to 5.2%. Canada's unemployment increased by +44,300 (+4.2%) persons, resulting in the unemployment rate increasing by +0.2% to 5.2%.

Winnipeg[†] labour markets highlights

	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	Level Change	% Change
Population 15+	655,300	661,600	+6,300	+1.0%
Labour Force	447,100	449,800	+2,700	+0.6%
Employment	424,100	426,500	+2,400	+0.6%
Full-time employment	340,500	346,800	+6,300	+1.9%
Part-time employment	83,600	79,700	-3,900	-4.7%
Unemployment	23,000	23,300	+300	+1.3%
Not in labour force	208,200	211,800	+3,600	+1.7%
Participation Rate	68.2%	68.0%	-0.2%	n/a
Employment Rate	64.7%	64.5%	-0.2%	n/a
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.2%	+0.1%	n/a

Source: Statistics Canada, Economic Research Calculations

Inter-city comparison

- Of the 10 major Canadian municipalities, **Winnipeg[†] ranked 7th** in terms of employment growth.
- Calgary had the strongest employment growth (+3.3%).
- Halifax ranked last with employment decreasing by -1.7%.

Labour market indicator definitions

Labour force: The number of employed and unemployed persons.

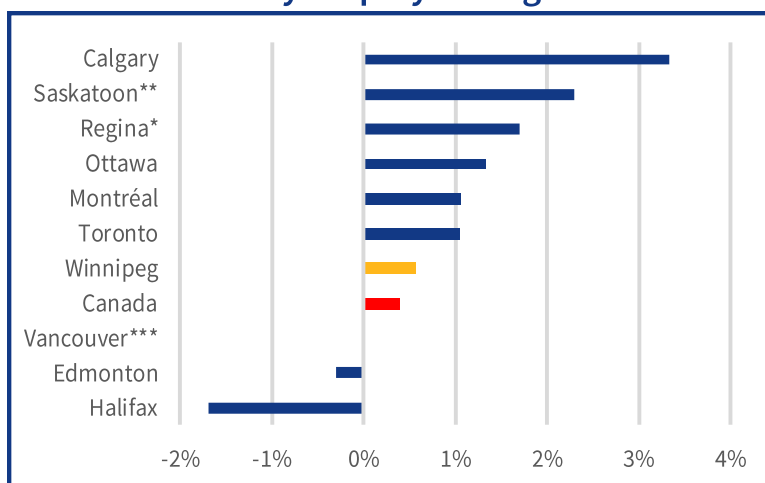
Unemployment: Persons seeking employment in the prior 4 weeks, on temporary layoff or starting a new job within the next 4 weeks.

Participation rate: The labour force divided by the working age population.

Employment rate: Total employment divided by the working age population.

Unemployment rate: Total unemployment divided by the labour force.

Chart 1: Inter-city employment growth



Regina*: Includes Regina and Moose Mountain

Saskatoon**: Includes Saskatoon and Biggar

Vancouver***: Greater Vancouver area, the Fraser Valley and the Sunshine Coast, and stretches north to include Whistler, Pemberton and Lillooet

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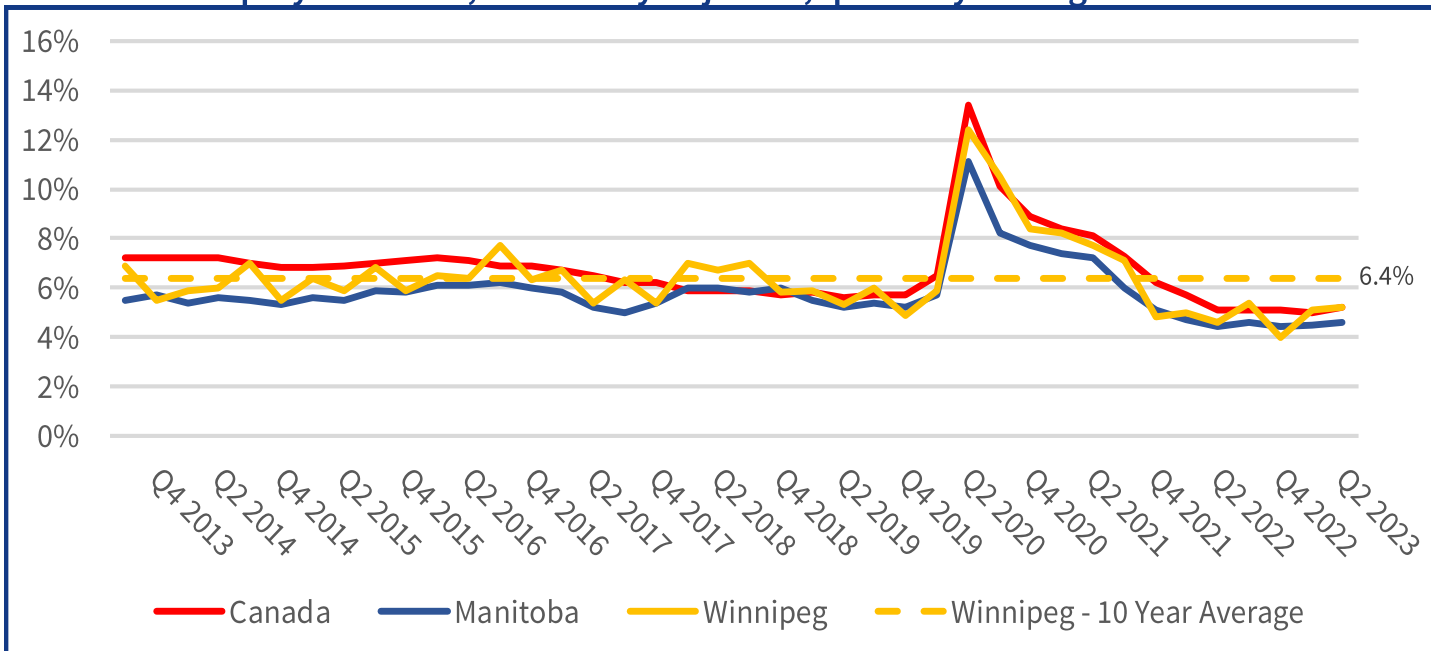
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Unemployment rate

- Winnipeg's[†] unemployment rate was 5.2% in 2023 Q2, increasing by +0.1% from 2023 Q1. Winnipeg's[†] unemployment rate remains below the 10 year average of 6.4%.
- Manitoba's unemployment rate was 4.6% in 2023 Q2, increasing by +0.1% from 2023 Q1.
- Canada's unemployment rate was 5.2% in 2023 Q2, increasing by +0.2% from 2023 Q1.

Chart 2: Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, quarterly average



Source: Statistics Canada, Economic Research Calculations

Technical note: seasonally adjusted labour market estimate for economic regions

Statistics Canada does not produce seasonally adjusted labour market indicators for the economic regions. The City of Winnipeg Economic Research Group (ERG) estimates seasonally adjusted labour market indicators using seasonal adjustment factors from provincial labour market data estimated by Statistics Canada. ERG seasonally adjusts Economic Region employment data at the industry level. We assume the seasonality for each industry (e.g. retail trade) at the provincial level is the same for the economic regions within that province. Prior to publication we check these estimates to ensure seasonality has been removed from the Economic Region estimates using statistical software. Seasonality for full-time and part-time employment at the provincial level is assumed to be the same for the economic regions and. The sum of full and part-time employment levels are constrained to total seasonally adjusted employment for the economic regions. ERG also assumes seasonality for unemployment is the same at the provincial level as it is for the economic regions. The sum of seasonally adjusted employment and unemployment estimates yields an estimate of the seasonally adjusted labour force. Statistics Canada does not seasonally adjust population (15+) in the labour force survey. Therefore the participation rate and employment rate are estimated using seasonally adjusted labour force and employment estimates with the original population (15+) estimates published by Statistics Canada.

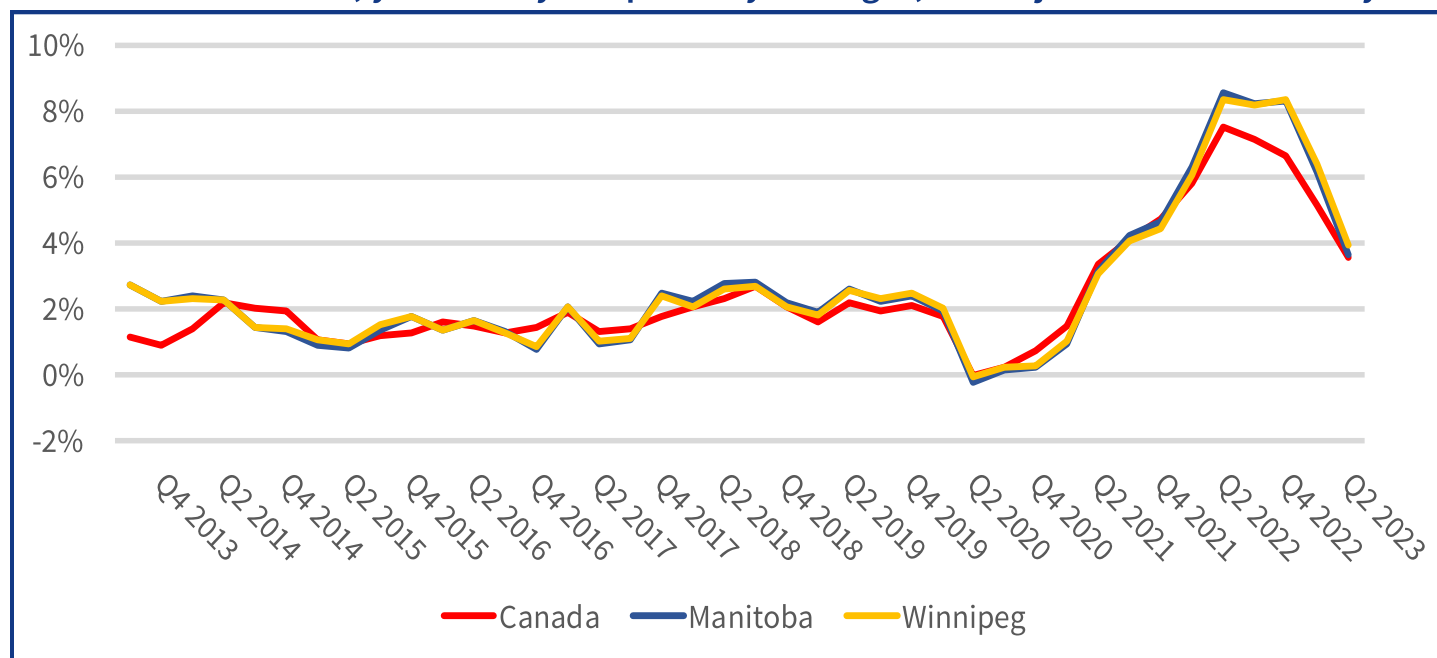
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Winnipeg CMA and Manitoba Consumer Price Index highlights — 2023 Q1

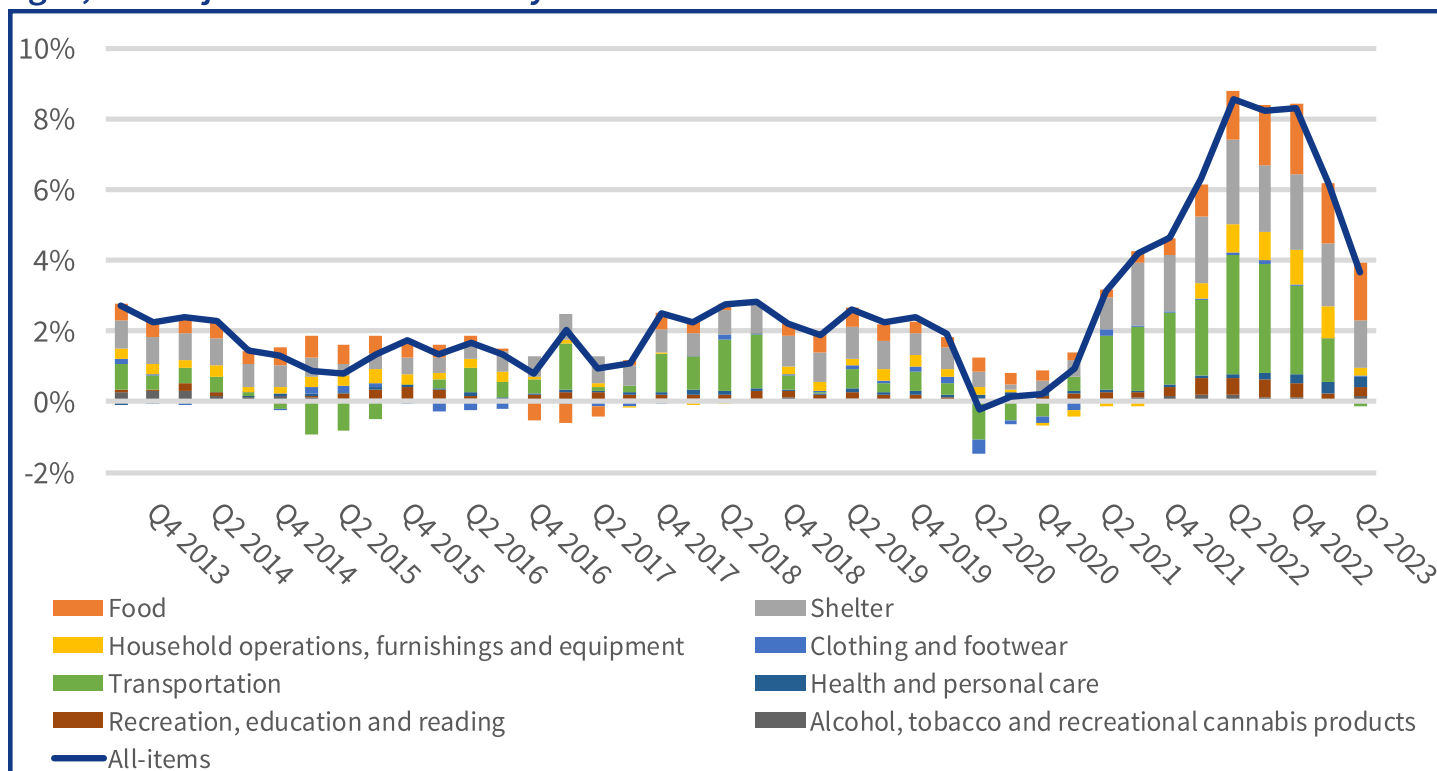
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation increased in Winnipeg[†] by +3.9% in 2023 Q2 from 2022 Q2, decreasing by -2.5% from 2023 Q1.
- CPI inflation in Manitoba increased by +3.7% in 2023 Q2 from 2022 Q2, decreasing by -2.5% from 2023 Q1.
- CPI inflation in Canada increased by +3.6% in 2023 Q2 from 2022 Q2, decreasing by -1.6% from 2023 Q1.

Chart 3: CPI inflation, year-over-year quarterly averages, not adjusted for seasonality



Source: Statistics Canada, Economic Research Calculations

Chart 4: Manitoba CPI inflation contributing growth rates, year-over-year quarterly averages, not adjusted for seasonality



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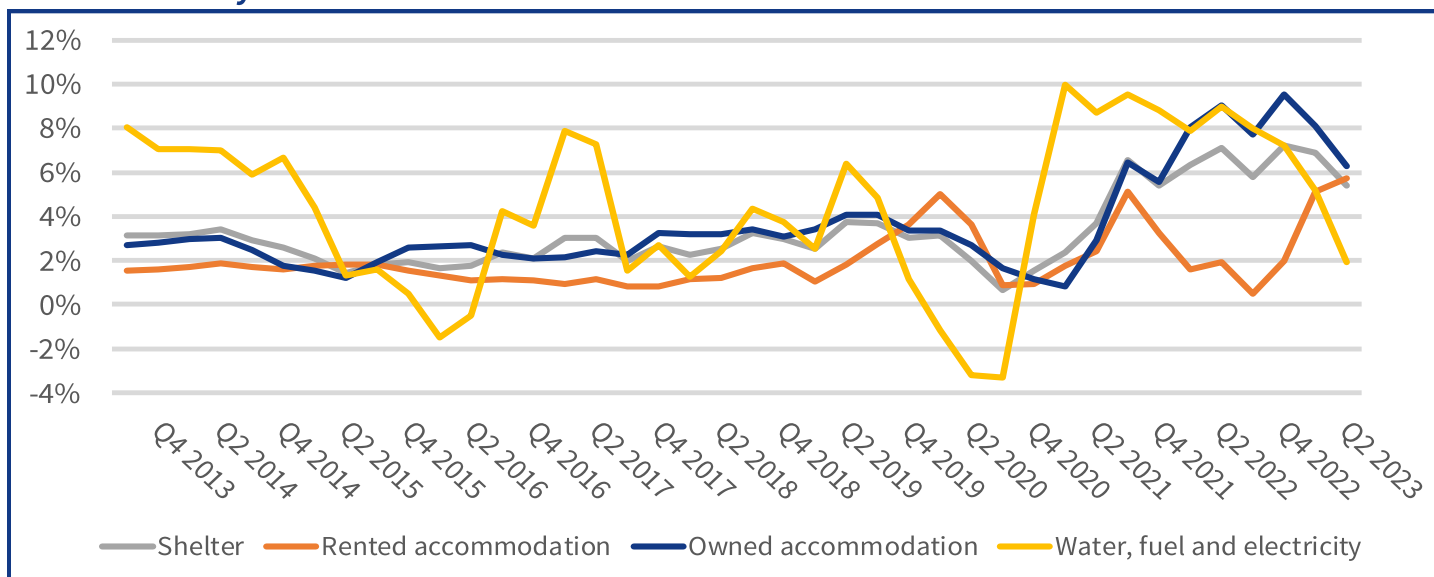
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Drivers of Manitoba's CPI inflation

- As shown in chart 4, the top three contributors to Manitoba's 2023 Q2 CPI inflation were food (+1.6%), shelter (+1.3%) and health and personal care (+0.3%),
- Five of the six remaining CPI subcategories contributed to inflation. In descending order: recreation, education and reading (+0.2%), household operations, furnishings and equipment (+0.2%), alcohol, tobacco and recreational cannabis products (+0.2%), and clothing and footwear (>+0.1%). Transportation pulled CPI down by -0.1%. Aside from shelter these details are not available for Winnipeg[†].

Chart 5: Winnipeg CMA shelter inflation, year-over-year quarterly averages, not adjusted for seasonality

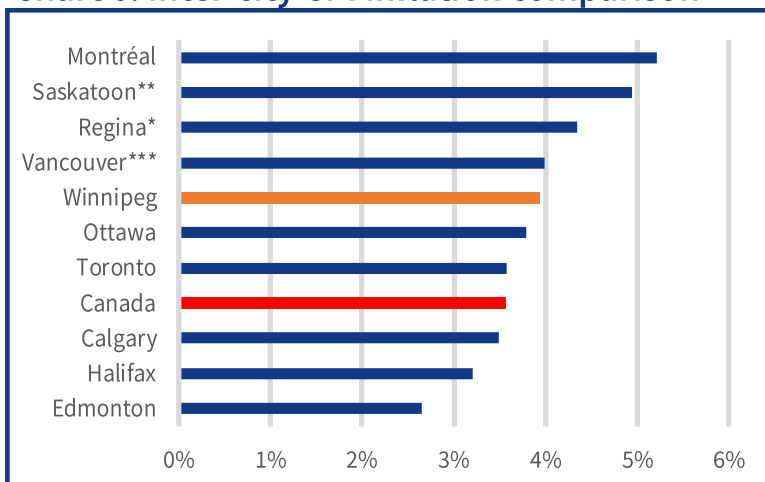


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Winnipeg[†] shelter inflation

- The price index of shelter in Winnipeg[†] increased by +5.4% in 2023 Q2 from 2022 Q2.
- All three subcategories of the shelter price index increased in 2023 Q2 from 2022 Q2. In descending order: owned accommodations (+6.3%), rented accommodations (+5.7%) and water, fuel and electricity (+1.9%).

Chart 6: Inter-city CPI inflation comparison



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Inter-city comparison

- Of the 10 major Canadian municipalities, **Winnipeg[†] had the 5th highest CPI inflation** for 2023 Q2 relative to 2022 Q2.
- Montréal had the highest CPI inflation rate at +5.2%.
- Edmonton had the lowest CPI inflation rate at +2.6%.

What are contributing growth rates?

Contributing growth rates tell us how much each subcomponent is driving the overall growth of an indicator. The sum of the contributing growth rates of the subcomponents equals the overall growth rate of the indicator. For example, suppose CPI consisted of only food and shelter and their contributing growth rates were 2% and 3%, respectively. In this case total CPI inflation would be 5%.

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