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Generally speaking, Nunavimmiut must pay higher prices for staple consumer goods. This reality places them at a distinct disadvantage on more than one level. Residents in the region have a lower average income than residents in the Quebec City area. Given that Inuit households comprise more children than those in the Quebec City area, they have to purchase greater quantities of certain costlier products, including baby products such as diapers. As well, consumers in the Quebec City area may obtain some savings by purchasing large quantities of certain products, for which the unit price is normally lower than when sold in smaller quantities. The study however demonstrated that such savings are generally not possible in Nunavik since products sold in large quantities have a higher unit price due to higher shipping costs.

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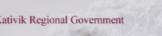


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> The Nunavik Comparative Price Index 2006, as well as the Socio-economic Profile of Elders in Nunavik, the Socio-economic Situation of Nunavik and the Future of the State, and the Nunavik Comparative Price Index 2000 are available at the following address:

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Nunavimmiut pay on average 57% more for food than people living in the Quebec City area. Generally speaking, most products and services are more expensive in Nunavik than in Quebec City.

These are among the conclusions of the Nunavik Comparative Price Index 2006, a study conducted by the Université Laval and the Kativik Regional Government.





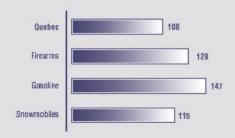
# Food is 57% more expensive in Nunavik



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Price index for hunting and fishing equipment in Nunavik, as compared to Quebec City, 2006

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#### Food

The study compared the prices of 199 food products sold in stores in Nunavik and in the Quebec City area. The results demonstrated that a typical food basket worth \$100 in Quebec City costs \$157 in Nunavik, representing a difference of 57%. The prices of certain products help to paint a picture of the situation in Nunavik. For example, a grade A whole chicken sells for \$9.75/kg in Nunavik and \$4.16/kg in the Quebec City area. In addition to this price difference, several meat products in Nunavik may only be purchased frozen while they are available fresh in Quebec City. Large differences also exist for the prices of milk, milk products, fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as household and personal care products.



Comparative price index for food products, 2006

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## Hunting and Fishing Activities

The study demonstrated that the average price of a snowmobile is 15% higher in Kuujjuaq compared with the Quebec City area. Snowmobile operation costs are also higher in Nunavik due to the intensive use of this type of equipment and the cost of gasoline. The price of regular unleaded gasoline was \$1.44 per litre in Nunavik (between September 2005 and August 2006) compared with 97.8¢ per litre in the Quebec City area (January to December 2005), which represents a difference of 47%.

The study also showed that firearms are 29% more expensive in Nunavik. Camping equipment such as winter boots and sleeping bags are 25% more expensive. As regards propane, other liquid fuels and fishing tackle, they are 75% more expensive.

Hunting and fishing equipment is 25 to 75% more expensive in Nunavik



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# Nunavik Prices Higher than Other Remote Regions

The Nunavik Comparative Price Index 2006 was expanded to cover three other remote regions of Québec. The prices for food, household and personal care products, as well as hunting and fishing equipment in Nunavik and the Quebec City Area were compared with prices paid on the Magdalen Islands, in the James Bay area and along the Lower North Shore. This comparison demonstrated major price differences.

The expanded study compared the prices of 148 food products sold in the five regions. The results demonstrated that a typical food basket worth \$100 in Quebec City costs on average \$160 in Nunavik, \$119 in La Romaine, \$106 in Matagami and \$109 in Cap-aux-Meules. Similar results were obtained for most staple consumer goods, including household and personal care products.

The study also showed considerable differences in the price of gasoline. Weekly data collected in September 2006 demonstrated that, compared with the Quebec City area, regular unleaded gasoline was 79% more expensive in Nunavik, 25% more expensive in La Romaine, 7% more expensive in Cap-aux-Meules and roughly the same price in Matagami.



Variation in food prices between Nunavik and different regions of Québec, 2006