Analyzing Inflation Dynamics in Canada During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Deep Dive into Consumer Price Index Movements from 2019 to 2023*

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The COVID-19 pandemic has left a significant imprint on global economic structures, influencing inflation rates worldwide. Canada, like many countries, experienced fluctuating inflation rates during and post-pandemic, marking a period of economic instability and adjustment. This paper delves into the inflation dynamics in Canada from 2019 to 2023, with a special focus on the consumer price index (CPI) as a reflection of the cost of goods and services impacting the everyday lives of Canadians. It explores the trajectory of the overall inflation rate, which peaked in 2023, highlighting the role of various sectors, including food, housing, and energy, in driving these trends. By analyzing data from Statistics Canada, this study provides insights into how the pandemic and subsequent recovery phases have affected inflation. It examines the interplay between supply chain disruptions, monetary policy responses, and changes in consumer behavior, culminating in a comprehensive overview of inflation's impact on the Canadian economy. This analysis not only sheds light on the inflationary trends but also contributes to understanding the broader economic implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on Canada.

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*See the GitHub repository supporting this analysis: https://github.com/qinheinfo/Canada_inflation

1 Introduction

You can and should cross-reference sections and sub-sections. We use R Core Team (2023) and Wickham et al. (2019).

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. **?@sec-data**….

2 Data

2.1 Measurement

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2.2 Data Analysis

3 Results

3.1 Food

Table 1: Comparison of Food Value and All-items Value Over Time

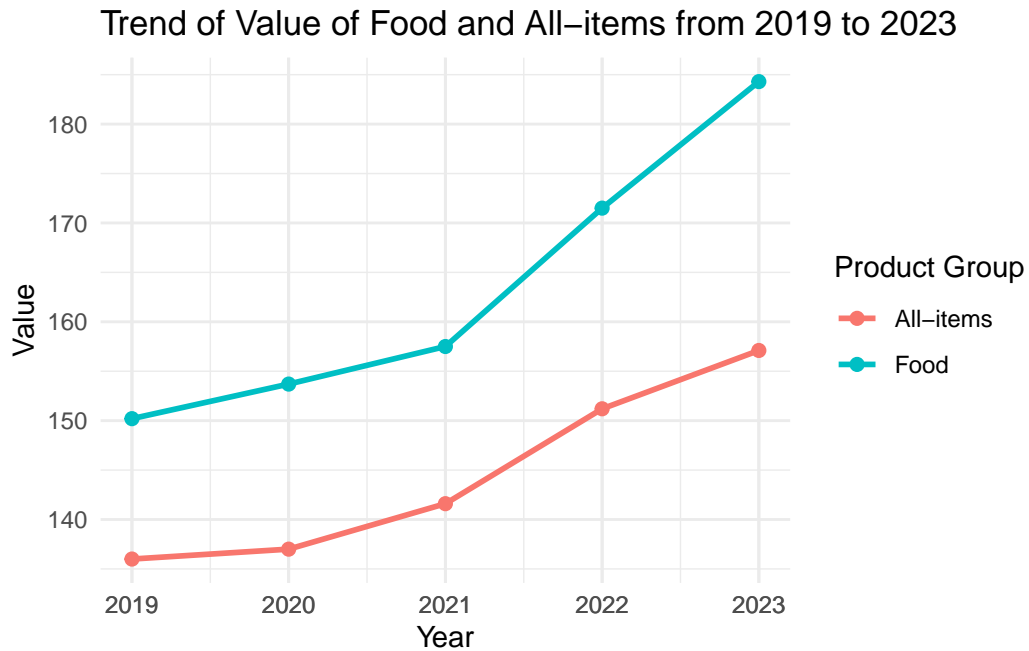| Year	Food Value	All-items Value
2019	150.2	136.0
2020	153.7	137.0
2021	157.5	141.6
2022	171.5	151.2
2023	184.3	157.1

Figure 1: Comparison of Food Value and All-items Value Over Time

4 Discussion

4.1 First discussion point

If my paper were 10 pages, then should be be at least 2.5 pages. The discussion is a chance to show off what you know and what you learnt from all this.

4.2 Second discussion point

4.3 Third discussion point

4.4 Weaknesses and next steps

Weaknesses and next steps should also be included.

Appendix

A Additional data details

B Model details

B.1 Posterior predictive check

In **?@fig-ppcheckandposteriorvsprior-1** we implement a posterior predictive check. This shows...

In **?@fig-ppcheckandposteriorvsprior-2** we compare the posterior with the prior. This shows...

B.2 Diagnostics

?@fig-stanareyouokay-1 is a trace plot. It shows... This suggests...

?@fig-stanareyouokay-2 is a Rhat plot. It shows... This suggests...

References

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