

**Report on the Cost-of-Living  
Reduction Measures**

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## **Summary**

The purpose of this report is to compile certain data concerning the cost-of-living measures that were implemented for Nunavik residents following the Katimajit Conference held in August 2007. The six measures are the:

- Gasoline Subsidy Program;
- Transportation Subsidy Program for vehicles, furniture and appliances;
- Airfare Reduction Program;
- Support for Inuit Harvesting Activities;
- Elders' Assistance;
- Food Program.

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# 1. Introduction

Created in 1978 further to the signing of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement* (JBNQA), the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is a public organization that acts on behalf of the residents of Nunavik. It manages provincial- and federal-government funding in various fields of activity. These fields include municipal and regional affairs, transportation, land-use planning, parks and airport management, the environment, renewable resources, employment and training, income security, policing, civil security, childcare services, and economic development.

The Katimajit Conference took place on August 23 and 24, 2007, and marked an important stage in the development of a partnership between Nunavik Inuit and the governments of Québec and Canada. At Katimajit, Québec announced a \$4.1-million annual subsidy over three years for measures to reduce the high cost of living in Nunavik.

Due to the remoteness of the region and the harsh climatic conditions, increased transportation and infrastructure operation costs are added to the price of merchandise and materials. It should also be mentioned that the population has doubled<sup>1</sup> in size over the past 30 years. In this context and despite growth in the labour market, disparities persist: 21 to 30% of households live in poverty<sup>2</sup>.

In response to this urgent situation, the Québec government via its *ministère des Transports* (transportation) undertook to pay the KRG a three-year subsidy to reduce transportation costs. This permitted the KRG and the Makivik Corporation to create six cost-of-living measures for all the residents of Nunavik: the Gasoline Subsidy Program, the Transportation Subsidy Program for vehicles, furniture and appliances, the Airfare Reduction Program, Support for Inuit Harvesting Activities, Elders' Assistance and the Food Program.

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<sup>1</sup> *Nunivaat, Nunavik Statistical Bulletin*, "Growth and Disparity in Nunavik", No. 4, April 2008.

<sup>2</sup> *Nunivaat, Nunavik Statistical Bulletin*, "More Poverty in Nunavik", No. 5, July 2009.

## **2. Data Collection**

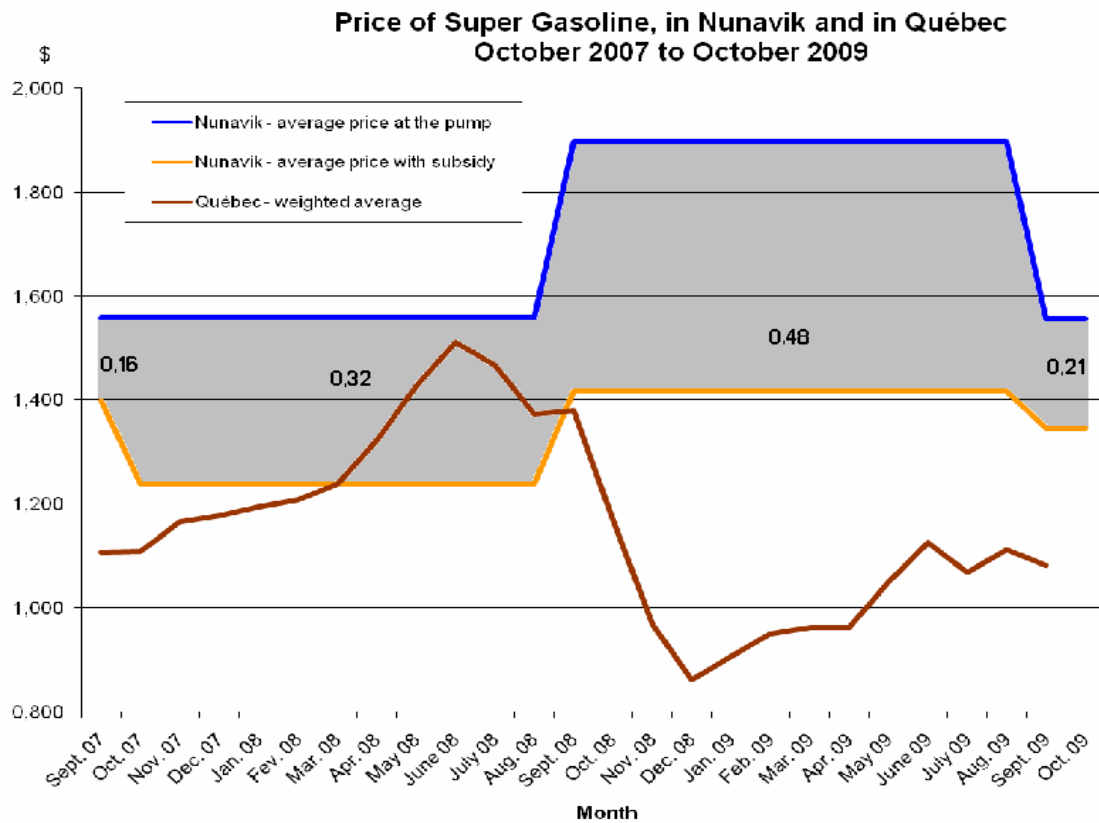
The data for this report was collected from the KRG in Kuujjuaq in August 2009. The tables herein compile the data and show statistics for all six cost-of-living measures. In no case, should the data be compared with the KRG's financial statements since the periods studied do not match the organization's fiscal years. The data nonetheless provides a statistical portrait of the results obtained from the implementation of the measures. The analysis should make it possible to more clearly understand the measures and adjust them as necessary.

## **3. Cost-of-Living Reduction Measures**

### ***A. Gasoline Subsidy Program***

The Gasoline Subsidy Program was created on September 1, 2007. In Nunavik, the price of gasoline does not fluctuate according to the price of a barrel of oil, as elsewhere in Québec. The price of gasoline is set once annually, on September 1, according to the three consignments of fuel transported to the region by ship between the months of July and September. The following chart presents an average price for the whole region. There are in fact two or three different prices applied in the villages depending on the reference period.

The high price of gasoline in Nunavik is due in part to transportation, storage and stock-financing costs, as well as taxes, but especially because the price does not fluctuate according to the market, as elsewhere in Québec. For example, if the price of gasoline is high in August, at the time of re-supply, the price will remain high for the whole year.



The grey area in the chart above shows the subsidy. It was 16¢/L from September 1 to October 31, 2007; 32¢/L from November 1, 2007, to August 31, 2008; and 48¢/L from September 1, 2008, to August 31, 2009.

In September 2009, the price of gasoline was set at \$1.65/L in Kuujjuaq and at \$1.55/L in all the other communities. The subsidy at this time is 21¢/L. Nunavimmiut are therefore paying \$1.44/L for gas in Kuujjuaq and \$1.34/L in all the other communities.

**Price Comparison: Super Gasoline in Nunavik and Québec, September 2007 to June 2009**

(\$ and L)

	Sept. 07	Oct. 07	Nov. 07	Dec. 07	Jan. 08	Feb. 08	Mar. 08	Apr. 08	May 08	June 08	July 08
Nunavik - av. price at the pump (\$)¹	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56
Subsidy (\$)	0.16	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32
Nunavik - av. price with subsidy (\$)¹	1.40	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24
Québec - av. price at the pump (\$)²	1.11	1.11	1.17	1.18	1.20	1.21	1.24	1.32	1.43	1.51	1.47
Nunavik - monthly consumption (L)	n/a	400,399	518,457	566,135	542,398	547,247	618,327	589,020	527,036	495,990	563,897
Difference - Nunavik subsidy vs Québec (\$)	0.29	0.13	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.00	-0.08	-0.19	-0.27	-0.23
Applied diff. - monthly consumption (\$)	n/a	52,052	38,366	34,534	23,866	16,965	0	-48,889	-98,556	-134,909	-128,569

Source: Kativik Regional Government, Régie de l'énergie du Québec, 2007, 2008.

Notes: ¹ The price at the pump in Nunavik is an average since prices vary in different villages.

² The price at the pump in Québec is a weighted average.

**Price Comparison: Super Gasoline in Nunavik and Québec, September 2007 to June 2009 (continued)**

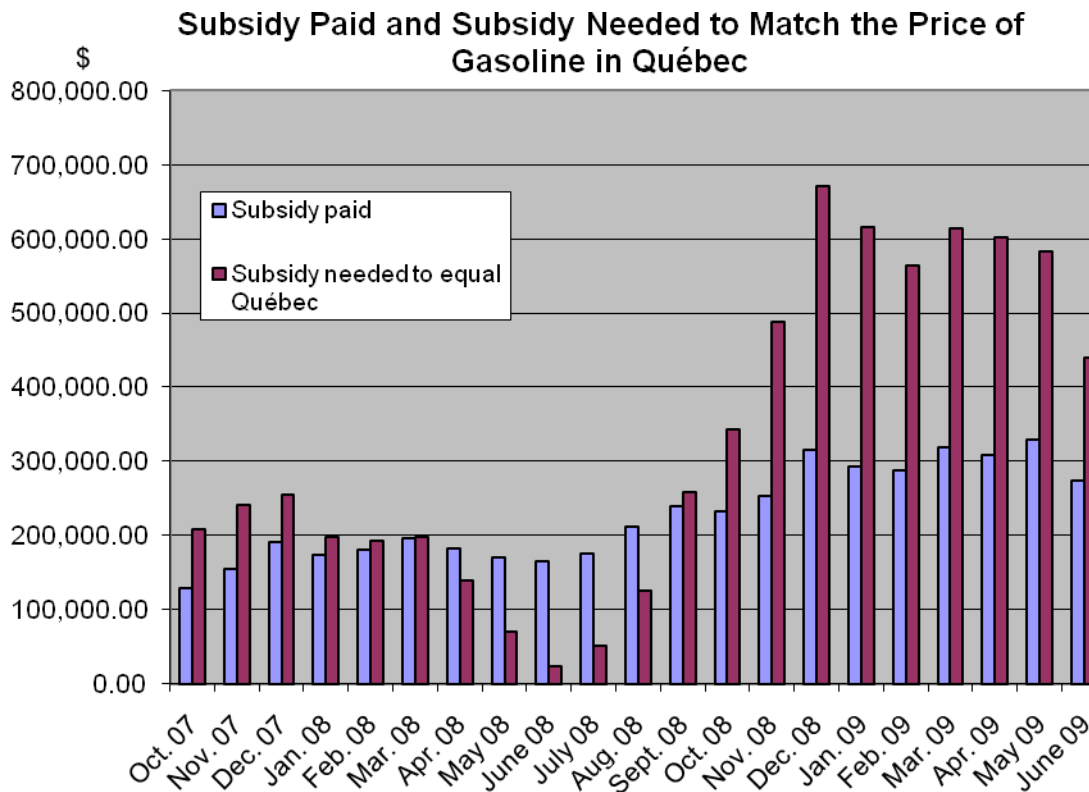
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	Aug. 08	Sept. 08	Oct. 08	Nov. 08	Dec. 08	Jan. 09	Feb. 09	Mar. 09	Apr. 09	May 09	June 09
Nunavik - av. price at the pump (\$)¹	1.56	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89
Subsidy (\$)	0.32	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48
Nunavik - av. price with subsidy (\$)¹	1.24	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42
Québec - av. price at the pump (\$)²	1.37	1.38	1.17	0.97	0.86	0.91	0.95	0.96	0.96	1.05	1.13
Nunavik - monthly consumption (L)	671,669	500,149	471,750	525,491	648,168	620,865	596,338	656,151	643,221	687,023	571,345
Difference - Nunavik subsidy vs Québec	-0.13	0.04	0.25	0.45	0.56	0.51	0.47	0.46	0.46	0.37	0.29
Applied diff. - monthly consumption (\$)	-90,004	19,006	116,994	235,420	360,381	317,262	278,490	298,549	292,666	252,824	166,261

Source: Kativik Regional Government, Régie de l'énergie du Québec, 2007, 2008.

Notes: ¹ The price at the pump in Nunavik is an average since prices vary in different villages.

² The price at the pump in Québec is a weighted average.



The chart above shows the difference between the subsidy for Nunavik (blue) and the amount that would need to be added to lower the price of Super gasoline to equal the price paid elsewhere in Québec<sup>3</sup> (red).

As a result of the subsidy, the difference in the prices of gasoline in Nunavik and Québec was low between October 2007 (when the subsidy was increased from 16¢ to 32¢/L) and March 2008. But the average price in Québec increased significantly between March and June 2008, from \$1.239 to \$1.511/L. Consequently, between March and September 2008 the price of gasoline was lower in Nunavik than in the rest of Québec for the first time ever.

On the other hand, as of September 2008 even as the subsidy was increased to 48¢/L, the difference in prices grew wider and wider. In December 2008, the average price of Super gasoline in Québec was 86.1¢/L compared with \$1.417/L in Nunavik.

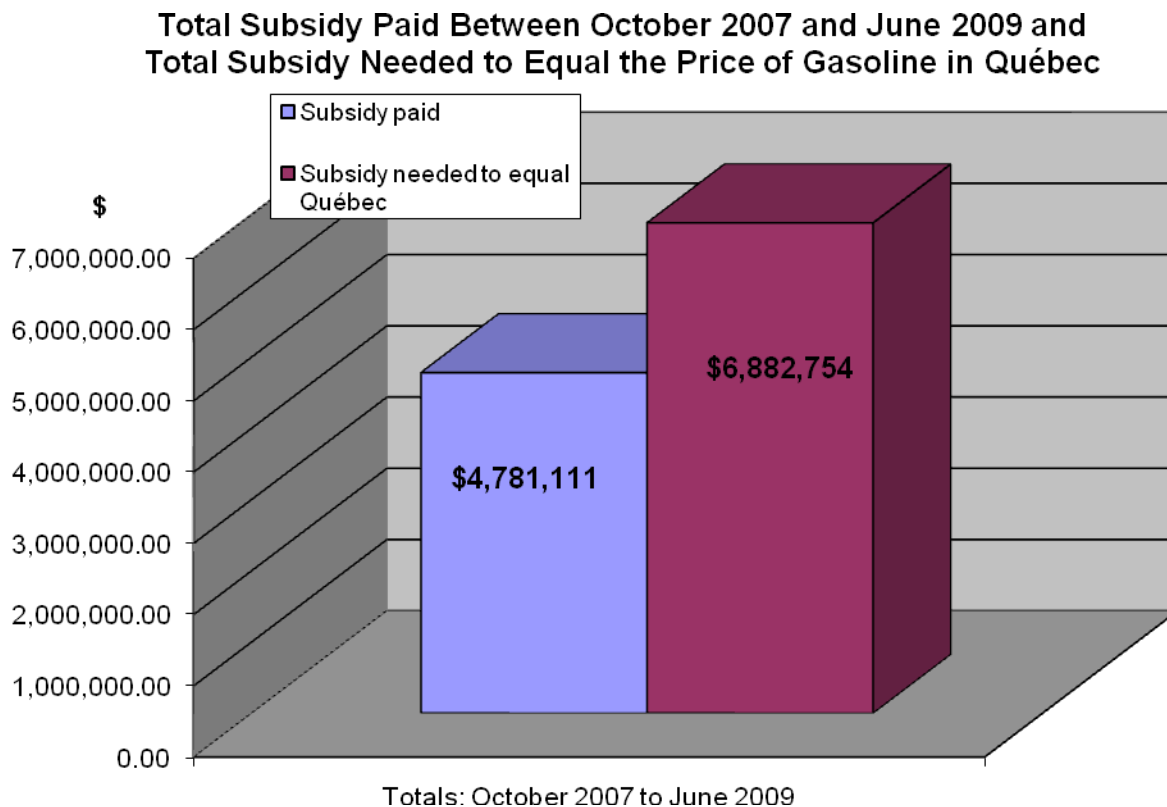
<sup>3</sup> The Québec prices were drawn from the site of the *Régie de l'énergie du Québec* (energy board). The weighted average prices do not take into account prices in Nunavik. The weighted average is calculated according to the percentage distribution of the sales volumes of service stations provided by the *ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune* (natural resources and wildlife).



Without any subsidy, Nunavimmiut would have been paying twice as much for gasoline (\$1.897/L) than elsewhere in the province. This period indicates that the subsidy could be completely absorbed.

The periods 2007–2008 and 2008–2009, which were unusually extreme, show two diametrically opposed states.

Between October 2007 and June 2009, the subsidy needed to match the price of gasoline in Québec would have been \$2,101,643, or an additional \$105,082 per month.



## ***B. Transportation Subsidy Program (vehicles, furniture and appliances)***

The furniture and appliance subsidy has been available since January 1, 2008. It is open to all Nunavik residents aged 18 and older. It pays a \$250 rebate per eligible item up to a maximum of \$750 annually per person. The item must cost at least \$500. The list of eligible items is indicated below.

**List of Eligible Items under the Transportation Subsidy Program for furniture and appliances, 2009**

<b>Eligible items</b>	
Refrigerator	Table and chairs
Stove-oven	Couch
Washing machine	Dresser
Dryer	Mattress and box spring
Dish washer	Freezer

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Source: Kativik Regional Government, 2009.

The most popular items are mattresses and bedsprings, couches, as well as washing machines and dryers. Residents of the villages of Kuujuaq, Inukjuak and Salluit have benefitted the most from this subsidy. These villages have the largest populations. In Ivujivik on the other hand, a rebate was claimed for 18 items by 15 residents. This means that three individuals purchased more than one item. On average, subsidy users purchased only one item.

The subsidy cost \$242,750 between its start date and August 19, 2009 (the date up to which data was received). Over these roughly 18 months, the subsidy therefore cost \$13,486 per month.

It should be noted that the purchase of items is not spread out evenly through the year. Sealift arrivals take place in the fall and, therefore, the sales of large items are greater during this period. Since the 18-month period for which there is data ends on August 19, 2009, the monthly amount of \$13,486 may not be totally accurate since it

does not include claims made in September and October 2009. In short, an entire sealift season has not been taken into account.

Transportation Subsidy Program for furniture and appliances, Sales and Details, March 1, 2008 to August 19, 2009<sup>1</sup>  
(N and \$)

Villages	Number of items sold										Total	Number of users	Average purchase per user	Expenses
	Refrigerator	Stove-oven	Washing machine	Dryer	Dish washer	Table and chairs	Couch	Dresser	Mattress and bedspring	Freezer				
Akulivik	4	4	7	5	0	5	13	0	10	5	53	102	0.52	13,250
Aupaluk	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	3	1.00	750
Inukjuak	8	5	22	29	2	18	33	6	37	6	166	118	1.41	41,500
Ivujivik	3	4	2	2	0	2	1	0	2	2	18	15	1.20	4,500
Kangiqsualujuaq	6	3	12	12	1	3	9	3	7	1	57	45	1.27	14,250
Kangiqsujuaq	2	3	9	15	0	6	12	2	11	9	69	48	1.44	17,250
Kangirsuk	1	0	8	6	0	2	9	3	12	1	42	25	1.68	10,500
Kuuujuaq	13	10	21	23	13	11	43	10	45	6	195	117	1.67	48,750
Kuujuarapik	4	1	8	3	0	6	8	6	10	0	46	30	1.53	11,500
Puvirnituq	8	3	11	14	0	7	14	1	18	3	79	58	1.36	19,750
Quaqtaq	3	5	9	8	0	2	5	2	5	2	41	29	1.41	10,250
Salluit	7	13	21	19	3	8	28	4	34	4	141	83	1.70	35,250
Tasiujaq	1	0	3	0	0	1	7	1	1	1	15	13	1.15	3,750
Umiujaq	0	4	6	8	0	6	11	2	7	2	46	30	1.53	11,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>242,750</b>
<b>Average (18 months)</b>														<b>13,486</b>

Source: Kativik Regional Government, cost-of-living measures in Nunavik, 2008 report and internal statistics.

Note: <sup>1</sup> Date of receipt of data.

The vehicle subsidy has been available since January 1, 2008. It is open to all Nunavik residents aged 18 and older. It pays a \$500 rebate per eligible item without any per-person limit. It also pays an additional \$250 rebate to JBNQA beneficiaries. The list of eligible items is indicated below.

#### List of Eligible Items under the Transportation Subsidy Program for vehicles, 2009

Eligible items	
Snowmobile	Boat
All-terrain vehicle	Outboard motor
Freighter canoe	Boat trailer

Source: Kativik Regional Government, 2009.

According to the following table, the most popular items are snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles (ATV). Residents of the villages of Kuujuaq, Inukjuak and Salluit have benefitted the most from this subsidy. In Inukjuak, a rebate was claimed for 107 items by 101 residents. This means that four individuals purchased more than one item. On

average, subsidy users purchased only one item. Moreover, in Inukjuak the subsidy users were all Inuit because the additional JBNQA-beneficiary rebate was paid for the 107 items.

Generally speaking, 97% of subsidy users are Inuit. In this context, the total of additional JBNQA-beneficiary rebates equals one third of the total rebates. The subsidy cost \$475,500 between its start date and August 19, 2009 (the date up to which data was received). Over these roughly 18 months, the subsidy therefore cost \$26,417 per month.

It should be noted that the purchase of items is not spread out evenly through the year. Sealift arrivals take place in the fall and, therefore, the sales of large items are greater during this period. Since the 18-month period for which there is data ends on August 19, 2009, it may be concluded that an entire sealift season has not been taken into account.

Transportation Subsidy Program for vehicles, Expense Details, March 1, 2008 to August 19, 2009<sup>1</sup>

(N and %)

Number of items sold																					
Villages	Snowmobile			Freighter canoe			Boat			Outboard motor			Total items	Vehicle subsidy	Number of users	Average purchase per user	Number of JBNQA beneficiaries	JBNQA-beneficiary to users (%)	Additional rebates for JBNQA beneficiaries	Total rebates for JBNQA beneficiaries	Total expenses
	ATV	Boat	Boat trailer																		
Akulivik	9	9	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	22	1.09	22	100 %	24	6,000	18,000				
Aupaluk	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.17	6	100 %	7	1,750	5,250				
Inukjuak	47	44	2	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	101	1.06	101	100 %	107	26,750	80,250				
Ivujivik	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.00	3	100 %	3	750	2,250				
Kangiqsualuujuaq	31	21	1	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	59	1.14	55	93 %	63	15,750	49,250				
Kangiqsujuuaq	16	27	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	49	1.06	49	100 %	52	13,000	39,000				
Kangirsuk	7	5	3	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	20	1.10	20	100 %	22	5,500	16,500				
Kuujuuaq	62	37	2	5	15	5	0	0	0	0	108	1.17	98	91 %	116	29,000	92,000				
Kuujuarapik	3	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1.17	12	100 %	14	3,500	9,000				
Puvimittuq	27	21	3	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	54	1.09	54	100 %	59	14,750	44,250				
Quaqtaq	10	11	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	23	1.17	23	100 %	27	6,750	20,250				
Salluit	38	61	3	1	13	3	0	0	0	0	112	1.06	111	99 %	118	29,500	89,000				
Tasiujaq	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.00	4	100 %	4	1,000	3,000				
Umiujaq	3	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	1.00	10	100 %	10	2,500	7,500				
Total Nunavik	259	256	26	11	74	12	11	74	12	12	641	320,500	583	97 %	626	156,500	475,500				
																	Average (18 months):			26,417	

## ***Airfare Reduction Program***

The Airfare Reduction Program was created in 2001. It was revised in April 2008. The Program offers Nunavik residents a 50% rebate on airfare up to an annual maximum amount of \$1500 for compassionate travel and \$1500 for personal travel. Rebate claims must be submitted within 90 days of the date of travel. The calendar year for the Program is April 1 to March 31.

The following table shows expenses between April 1, 2008, and March 31, 2009. A total of 928 Nunavik residents made claims under the Program, completing 2175 flights. For the period in question, the Program cost \$372,960. The average rebate amount was \$360. By calculating the number of flights to Nunavik and the number departing the region (a total of 1196 flights), it is possible to conclude that more flights in and out of the region are claimed than flights within Nunavik. Nunavik flights totalled 979.



### ***C. Support for Inuit Harvesting Activities***

This program was created in January 2008. It subsidizes the cost of essential hunting, fishing and trapping items, as well as the purchase and transportation of traditional food. The program is the only ethnic cost-of-living measure. The support is paid to each Northern village according to the size of its Inuit population, and each Northern village manages the support through its hunter support program (HSP). The list of eligible items is indicated below.

#### **List of Eligible Equipment, Support for Inuit Harvesting Activities, 2009**

<b>Items</b>
Runners for making qamutiik
Wood for making qamutiik
Parka fabric - inner parka textile - sheepskin - leather - duffle
Canvas and tarps
Batteries (AA and D) and solar panels (maximum \$300)
Coleman stoves, lanterns and wood or oil stoves
Sleeping bags and foam mattresses
Thermos bottles and coolers
Portable generators, chainsaws and ice augers
Parts for snowmobiles, ATVs and outboards (minimum \$100; maximum \$1,000)
Rope, fishing nets and fish boxes
Sewing machines
Boggans (fiberglass sleds)
Gas containers
Firearms and ammunition
Anchors
Traps
Traditional canvas tents

Source: Kativik Regional Administration, 2009.

The subsidy is paid to the Northern villages according to their particular operations and preferences.

#### **Subsidy for the transportation of material and equipment**

- An HSP may purchase eligible items from outside of Nunavik for local resale and apply to the KRG to have the transportation costs reimbursed. An HSP may also



purchase eligible items in a local store for resale locally and apply to the KRG to reimburse 30% of the total purchase price (which is approximately equal to the transportation costs).

- A JBNQA beneficiary may order an eligible item from outside of Nunavik and apply to the local HSP for reimbursement of the transportation costs. He may also purchase an eligible item from a local store (except at the HSP) and apply to be reimbursed for 30% of the total purchase price on presentation of the receipt.

### **Subsidy for the purchase and transportation of traditional food**

- If a community is running low on traditional food, the HSP may charter an aircraft to pick up food from another community. In this case, the cost of transportation is reimbursable. If the traditional food is transported as cargo on a scheduled flight, this cost is also reimbursable.
- An HSP may purchase traditional food from another community to distribute it locally. In this case, it may apply to the KRG for a reimbursement of 30% of the total purchase price (which is approximately equal to the transportation costs).
- An HSP may also “purchase” traditional food from the community by reimbursing hunters, fishers and trappers for their harvesting activities. In this case, the HSP reimburses an amount equal to the transportation costs and the food is made available at the community freezer.

# Support for Inuit Harvesting Activities, Nunavik, 2008

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Villages	Traditional food transport	Traditional food purchase	Equipment and supplies	Subtotal	10%	Total
Akulivik	0	24,735	16,219	40,954	4,095	45,049
Aupaluk	0	14,340	0	14,340	1,434	15,774
Inukjuak	3,258	26,476	23,544	53,279	5,328	58,606
Ivujivik	0	8,436	929	9,365	936	10,301
Kangiqsualujjuaq	9,112	55,340	8,404	72,855	7,286	80,141
Kangiqsujuaq	3,631	24,495	19,931	48,057	4,806	52,863
Kangirsuk	0	46,574	19,757	50,103	5,010	55,113
Kuujjuaq	8,325	65,339	51,258	124,923	12,492	137,415
Kuujjuarapik	0	42,659	759	43,418	4,342	47,760
Puvirnituq	71	50,725	72,331	123,127	12,313	135,440
Quaqtaq	1,196	13,363	21,299	32,863	3,286	36,149
Salluit	6,074	45,824	39,306	91,204	9,120	100,324
Tasiujaq	0	12,938	27,010	24,100	2,410	26,510
Umiujaq	4,302	20,193	8,849	33,344	3,334	36,678
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,969</b>	<b>451,437</b>	<b>309,597</b>	<b>761,931</b>	<b>76,193</b>	<b>838,124</b>

Source: Kativik Regional Government, 2008 report.

Note: Administrative costs are an additional 10%.

In Aupaluk for example, traditional food was purchased for the community. In other words, local hunters, fishers and trappers received a total of \$14,340 to cover the transportation costs involved in their traditional harvesting activities. The food was placed in the community freezer<sup>4</sup> for those members of the community most in need.

<sup>4</sup> Refer to clauses 3.1 and 9 of the HSP agreement.

## ***D. Elders' Assistance***

On December 1 each year, the KRG pays \$500 to each Nunavik resident aged 60 or older.

**Elders' Allowance, Amount Paid and Number of Cheques per Village, 2007, 2008.**

(N and \$)

<b>Villages</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>2008</b>	
	<b>Allowance</b>	<b>Cheques</b>	<b>Allowance</b>	<b>Cheques</b>
Akulivik	9,500	19	12,500	25
Aupaluk	1,500	3	2,000	4
Inukjuak	40,500	81	42,000	84
Ivujivik	8,500	17	8,500	17
Kangiqsualujuaq	19,500	39	22,500	45
Kangiqsujuaq	9,500	19	9,000	18
Kangirsuk	13,500	27	14,500	29
Kuujuaq	49,000	98	48,500	97
Kuujuarapik	20,500	41	19,500	39
Puvirnituq	35,000	70	43,000	86
Quaqtaq	6,000	12	5,500	11
Salluit	28,000	56	31,000	62
Tasiujaq	5,500	11	6,000	12
Umiujaq	13,000	26	13,000	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>259,500</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>277,500</b>	<b>555</b>

Source: Kativik Regional Government, 2008 report.

## ***E. Food Program***

The Food Program has been in effect since December 1, 2008. The Program makes it possible for three retailers (Newviq'vi, the Federation of Cooperatives of Northern Québec (FCNQ) and the Northern) to offer a 20% discount to their customers on eligible items established by the KRG in cooperation with the Makivik Corporation. The list was created based on the recommendations of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services. Pursuant to a signed contract between the KRG and each retailer, the KRG pays an advance to the retailer equal to the average sales of each eligible item in 2007. At the end of each month, the retailer presents an invoice to the KRG indicating the number of eligible items sold, the price of the items and the subsidy claimed.

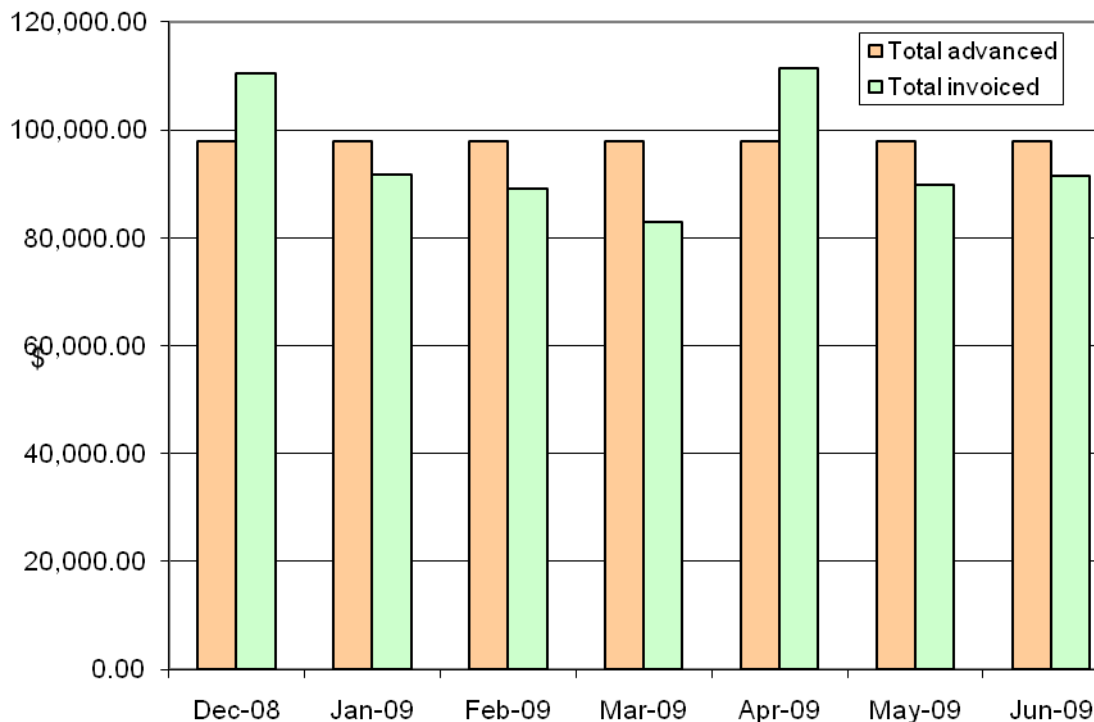
**Amounts Paid and Invoiced by Retailers, Food Program, December 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**  
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	Dec. 08	Jan. 09	Feb. 09	Mar. 09	Apr. 09	May 09	June 09	Total
<b>FCNQ</b>								
Amount advanced	65,743	65,743	65,743	65,743	65,743	65,743	65,743	460,199
Amount invoiced	74,508	62,557	61,317	54,080	79,486	60,432	61,600	453,979
Adjustment	-8,765	3,185	4,425	11,663	-13,743	5,311	4,143	6,219
<b>Newviq'vi</b>								
Amount advanced	13,393	13,393	13,393	13,393	13,393	13,393	13,393	93,754
Amount invoiced	8,983	10,298	11,423	10,806	12,276	11,165	10,866	75,817
Adjustment	4,410	3,095	1,971	2,587	1,118	2,228	2,528	17,937
<b>Northern</b>								
Amount advanced	18,824	18,824	18,824	18,824	18,824	18,824	18,824	131,767
Amount invoiced	26,885	18,741	16,303	17,940	19,619	18,251	18,871	136,612
Adjustment	-8,061	83	2,521	884	-795	572	-47	-4,844
<b>Total advanced</b>								<b>685,720</b>
<b>Total invoiced</b>								<b>666,408</b>
<b>Aver. monthly cost</b>								<b>95,201</b>

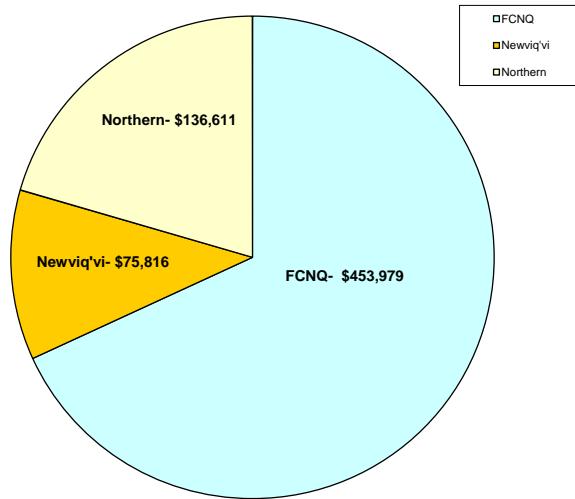
Source: Kativik Regional Government, 2009.

Note: The average monthly cost is based on the total invoiced.

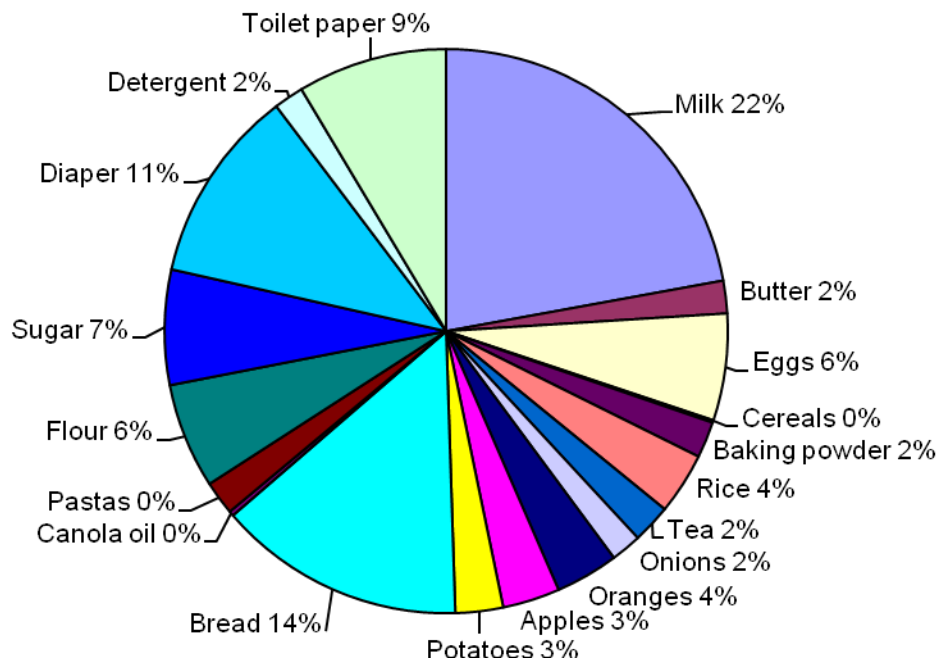
**Total Amounts Advanced and Invoices, Food Program,  
December 1, 2008 to June 31, 2009**



**Total Subsidy Invoiced by Retailers,  
December 2008 to June 2009  
(\$666,407)**

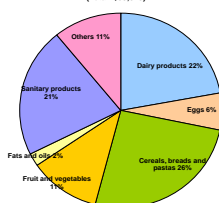


**Distribution of Food Items in Dollars, Food Program, Nunavik,  
May 2009 (Total: \$89,848)**



The eligible items with the highest sales are: milk, bread, diapers, toilet paper, flour, sugar and eggs. The chart below shows the percentage distribution for each category of item for the month of May.

Distribution of Food Items by Food Group, Food Program, Nunavik, May 2009  
(Total: \$89,848)



Based on another study carried out in August 2009 by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to determine a revised cost for the Northern Bread Basket, the KRG estimates that Nunavik consumers save roughly \$72 per month under the Food Program.<sup>848</sup>)

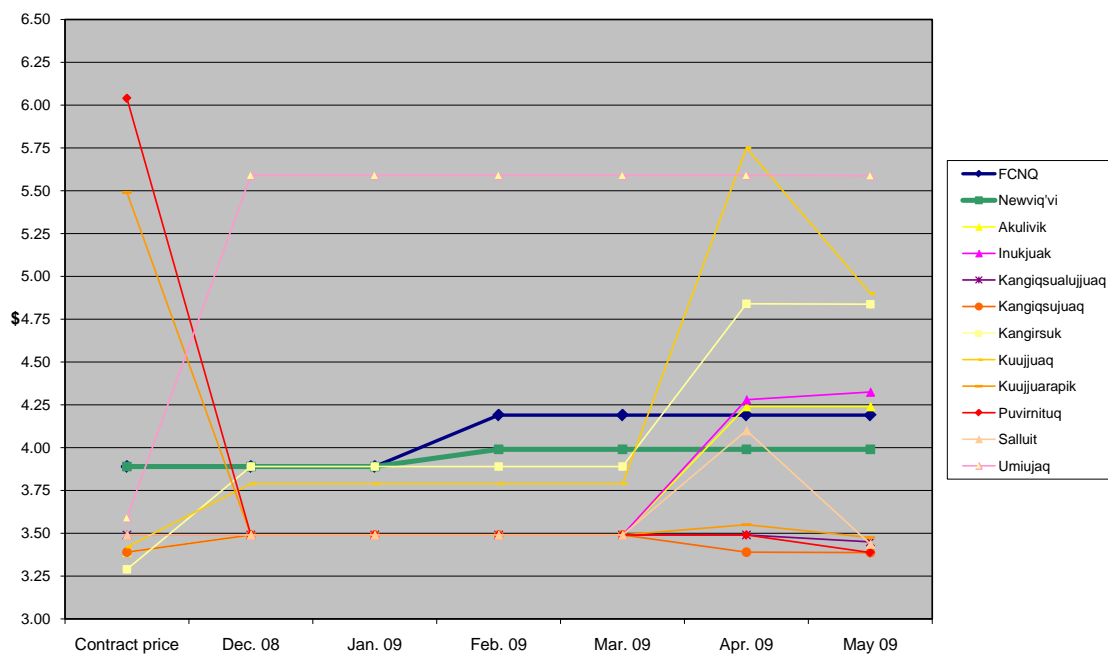
**Price of Milk Before and With the Subsidy**  
(\$)

Retailer	Contract price	Dec. 08	Jan. 09	Feb. 09	Mar. 09	Apr. 09	May 09
<b>FCNQ</b>	3.89	3.89	3.89	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.19
<b>FCNQ with subsidy</b>	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35
<b>Newviq'vi</b>	3.89	3.89	3.89	3.99	3.99	3.99	3.99
<b>Newviq'vi with subsidy</b>	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
<b>Northern average</b>	3.91	3.77	3.77	3.77	3.77	4.27	4.10
<b>Northern aver. with subsidy</b>	3.13	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.42	3.28
<b>Northern adjusted average</b>	3.72	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.58	4.20	4.01
<b>Northern adj. aver. subsidy</b>	2.98	2.86	2.86	2.86	2.86	3.36	3.21
<b>Northern</b>							
Akulivik	3.39	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	4.24	4.24
Inukjuak	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	4.28	4.33
Kangiqsualujuaq	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.45
Kangiqsujuaq	3.39	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.39	3.39
Kangirsuk	3.29	3.89	3.89	3.89	3.89	4.84	4.84
Kuujuaq	3.42	3.79	3.79	3.79	3.79	5.75	4.90
Kuujuarapik	5.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.55	3.48
Puvirnituq	6.04	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.39
Salluit	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	4.10	3.44
Umiujaq	3.59	5.59	5.59	5.59	5.59	5.59	5.59

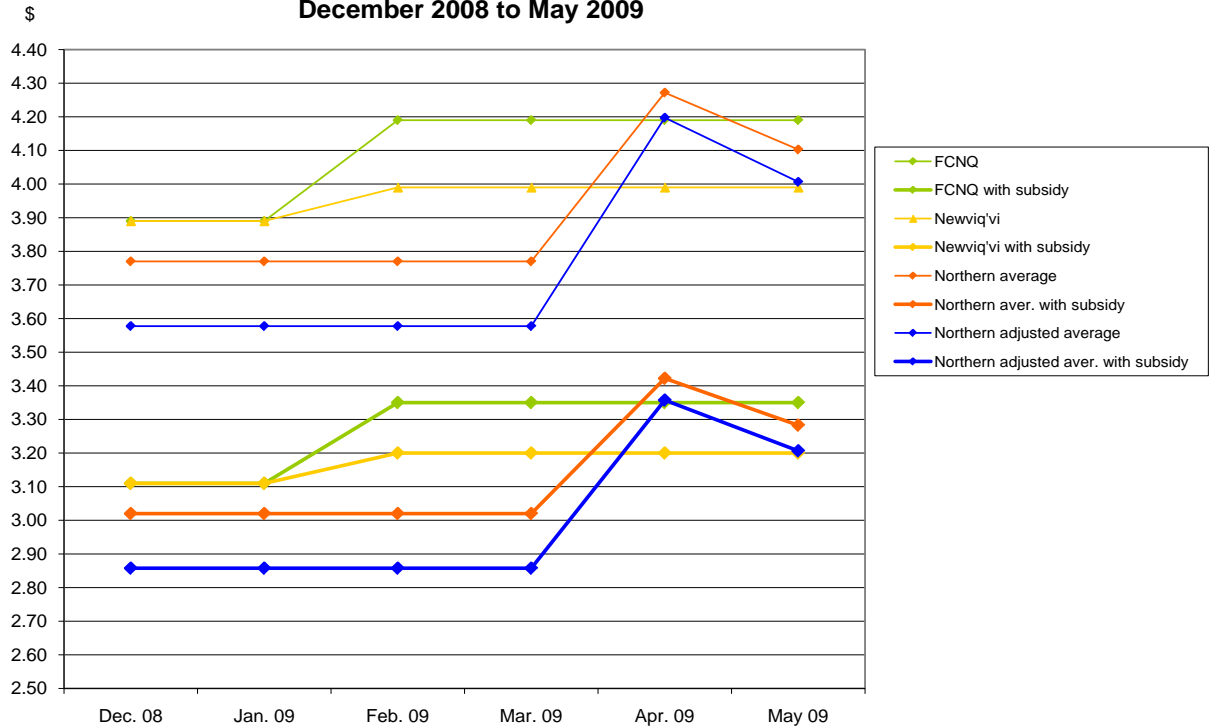
Source: Kativik Regional Government, December 2008 to May 2009.

Note: For methodology purposes, the adjusted average excludes the highest and lowest values.

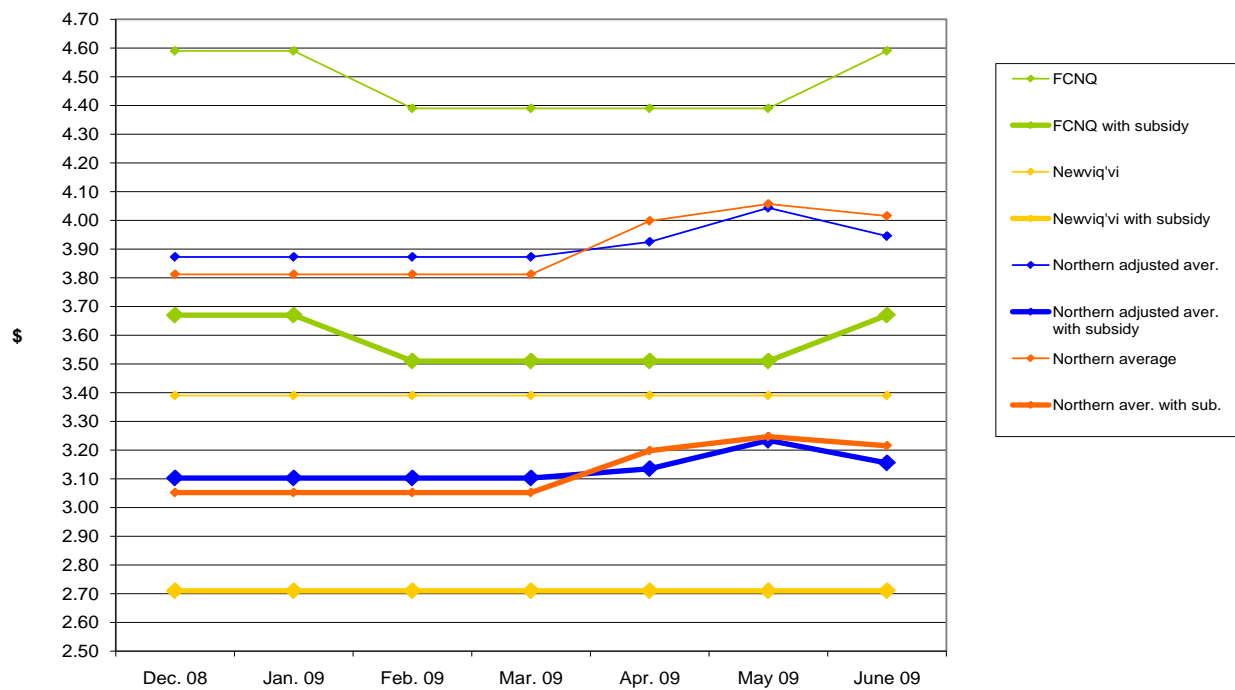
**Price of Milk by Retailer, December 2008 to May 2009, Nunavik.**



**Price of Milk by Retailer Before and With the Subsidy  
December 2008 to May 2009**

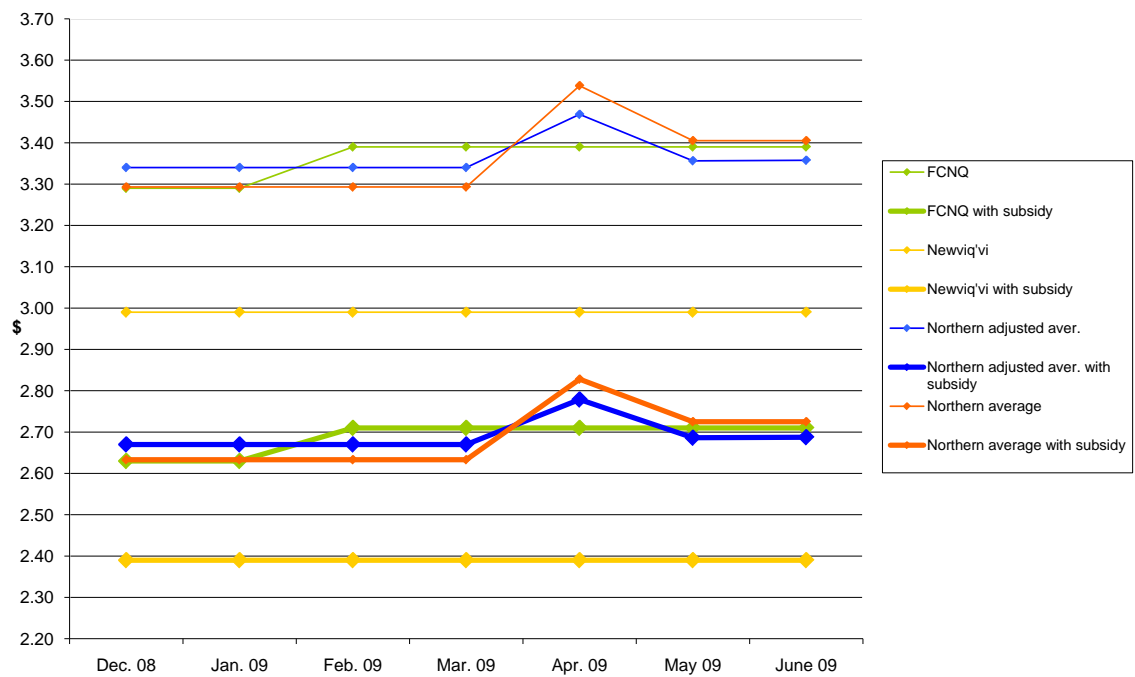


**Price of Eggs by Retailer Before and With the Subsidy, December 2008 to June 2009**





**Price of White Bread by Retailer Before and With the Subsidy, December 2008 to June 2009**



## 4. Overview

### *A. Overview of all the Cost-of-Living Reduction Measures*

Monthly Distribution of the Cost-of-Living Measures  
(Total: \$351,175)

