CGA by the Numbers: What household costs have increased the most?

In this issue we look at two charts based on data from Statistics Canada that show how various household operation costs have increased over the past 20 years.

What we see is that since 2000, compared to other household operation costs, natural gas costs have had one of the lowest increases, with only mortgage interest costs increasing by less over the same period.

By comparison, electricity costs for households have increased by over three times as much as natural gas; home heating oil by over seven times as much; and home insurance by over ten times as much as natural gas.