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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS NOVEMBER 2007

Monthly \$0.50
Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The All Bahamas Consumer Prices for November 2007 showed a monthly increase of 0.46 percent.

Indices increased for Housing, Clothing & Footwear and Medical Care & Health. Other increases also included Food & Beverages, Transportation & Communications and Other Expenditures. Furniture & Household Operations and Recreation & Entertainment recorded decreases.

The year-over-year change for the CPI was 2.70 percent.

The greatest contributing factor to the increase in the Housing Index was the rate of electricity (including the surcharge).

Increased costs for women's trousers, jeans, shorts, sweaters, pullovers and shirts along with men's underwear, nightwear, accessories and footwear helped move this index forward. Boy's and girl's underwear, nightwear and accessories and boy's sportswear, swim-wear and separates also impacted the forward movement of the Clothing & Footwear Index.

A rise in the price for other hospital and medical services, hospital rooms and physician and dental services contributed to Medical Care & Health increase this month.

NOTE: The All Bahamas Index is inclusive of New Providence and Grand Bahama.

**THE ALL BAHAMAS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN
COMPONENTS
(OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1995 =100)**

GROUP	WEIGHT	NOVEMBER 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	130.42	0.45	0.93	3.10
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	108.36	0.90	0.83	1.15
HOUSING	322.99	110.68	0.92	1.14	1.45
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	129.94	-0.08	0.05	5.94
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	142.68	0.75	0.73	3.20
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	115.01	0.27	1.59	3.97
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	124.32	-0.01	3.83	3.82
EDUCATION	51.52	174.71	0.00	2.22	2.76
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	134.89	0.13	0.25	0.99
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	123.23	0.46	1.15	2.70

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) moved forward to a level of 123.89, a 0.25 percent increase over last month index of 123.58 percent.

The major groups that help moved the CPI forward were:- Clothing & Footwear, Medical Care & Health and Food & Beverages. Increases were also noted for Transportation & Communications, Housing and Other Expenditures.

Consumers in New Providence realized price increases in the Clothing & Footwear for items such as women's trousers, jeans and shorts, 10.50%; boy's underwear, nightwear and accessories, 9.49%; men's footwear, 5.33%; girl's underwear, nightwear and accessories, 2.87%; boy's trousers, jeans and shorts, 2.18%; men's underwear, nightwear and accessories, 1.83%; women's sweaters, pullovers and shirts, 1.56% and boy's sportswear, swim-wear and separate, 1.43%.

Increased costs for services such as other hospital and medical services, 10.06%; hospital rooms, 4.26%; physician services, 2.57% and dental services, 0.38% moved the Medical Care & Health Index forward for the month of November.

Higher prices for Food & Beverage items such as tomatoes, 33.40%; grapes, 28.61%; lettuce, 20.05%; avocados, 19.10%; grapefruits, 9.22%; pineapples, 8.82%; sweet peppers, 7.42%; bananas, 4.35%; margarine, 3.32%; butter, 3.00% and canned fish and seafood, 2.58% were the result of this major group's forward movement this month.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) showed a considerable increase of 1.37 percent, moving the CPI to a level of 120.61 for the month of November compared to the 118.98 recorded for the previous month.

The Housing Index was the leading major group with an increase of 4.21 percent. This was followed by Food & Beverages and Transportation & Communications. Other major groups such as Medical Care & Health, Recreation & Entertainment and Other Expenditure also showed an increase.

In the Housing Index, the consumers of this island recognized a rise in the rate of electricity (including the surcharge), 21.19%.

The Food & Beverages Index increased as items such as tomatoes rose 66.12%. Limes/lemons, 28.58%; onions, 14.88%; grapes, 14.32%; bananas, 13.41%; lettuce, 12.41%; nuts, 9.10%; plantains, 6.89%; fresh peas & beans, 6.88%; canned & packaged soups, 6.16% and avocados, coconuts and other fresh fruits, 3.59% also helped propel the index forward.

The increase noted in Transportation & Communication Index was attributed to the cost of gasoline, oil, grease and fluids increasing 1.94%.

**THE NEW PROVIDENCE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
BY MAIN COMPONENTS
(OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1995 =100)**

GROUP	WEIGHT	NOVEMBER 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	132.24	0.43	1.06	3.39
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	108.74	1.14	1.11	1.76
HOUSING	328.18	109.23	0.14	0.34	0.50
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	132.53	-0.06	0.06	6.79
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	145.36	0.96	0.92	4.19
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	114.14	0.22	1.68	4.41
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	128.63	-0.02	4.58	4.43
EDUCATION	53.09	176.94	0.00	2.37	3.02
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	137.32	0.13	0.21	0.88
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	123.89	0.25	1.02	2.71

**THE GRAND BAHAMA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN COMPONENTS
(OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1995 =100)**

GROUP	WEIGHT	NOVEMBER 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	123.53	0.56	0.40	1.93
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	106.81	-0.10	-0.32	-1.27
HOUSING	302.21	116.99	4.21	4.50	5.50
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	117.22	-0.16	-0.01	1.44
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	135.22	0.12	0.16	0.37
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	117.59	0.42	1.32	2.74
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	104.54	0.10	-0.22	0.46
EDUCATION	45.24	164.22	0.00	1.45	1.45
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	121.95	0.08	0.49	1.63

ALL ITEMS

1000.00

120.61

1.37

1.72

2.68
