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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS SEPTEMBER 2007

Monthly \$0.50
Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The All Bahamas Consumer Prices for September 2007 increased 0.54 percent to a level of 122.49 compared to a level of 121.83 in August. This was as a result of increases in Recreation & Entertainment, Transportation & Communications, Housing, Food & Beverages, Furniture & Household Operations and Other Expenditures. Decreases were noted for Medical Care & Health and Clothing & Footwear.

The year-over-year change in the New Providence CPI was 2.37 percent compared to 1.44 percent for Grand Bahama and 2.19 percent for All Bahamas.

Contributing to the increase in the Recreation & Entertainment Index were packaged tours and pet supplies and expenses.

The Transportation & Communications Index' increases were as a result of higher prices for boats and ship fares, freight and other expenditure on transport services; air fares and freight; repair of personal transport equipment and services and parts and accessories.

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

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	SEPTEMBER 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	129.40	0.14	0.16	2.91
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	107.40	-0.07	-0.02	0.00
HOUSING	322.99	110.01	0.52	0.82	0.86
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	129.97	0.07	0.67	6.11
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	141.63	-0.01	1.31	3.05
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	114.65	1.27	1.39	2.55
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	124.31	3.83	2.93	3.92
EDUCATION	51.52	170.92	0.00	0.00	2.21
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	134.60	0.03	0.44	0.82
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	122.49	0.54	0.78	2.19

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA SEPTEMBER 2007

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased 0.48 percent to a level of 123.23 for September 2007 compared to the level of 122.64 in August. The major groups which greatly influenced the CPI were Recreation & Entertainment, Transportation & Communications and Food & Beverages.

The Recreation & Entertainment Index' increase were as a result of consumers having to pay more for packaged tours, 20.89%. This was followed by a minute increase for pet supplies and expenses, 0.29%.

The month of September recorded a 1.34% increase in the Transportation & Communications Index compared to the previous month. This was due to the fact that the public payed more for services and items such as airfares and freight, 8.11%; vehicle parts and accessories, 2.82%; boats and ship fares, freight and other expenditure on transport services, 1.14%; repair of personal transport equipment and services, 0.22% and gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 0.06%.

During this month, consumers also experienced the following price increases: veal, 13.12%; peas & beans, 10.01%; plantains, 7.57%; potatoes, 7.03%; turkey, 5.75%; fresh and frozen chicken parts, 5.05%; sweet peppers, 4.78%; limes\lemons, 4.30% and ice cream and related products, 4.07%.

Other major groups which assisted in moving the index forward were Housing and Furniture and Household Operations. Decreases were noted in Clothing & Footwear and Medical Care & Health groups.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) showed an increase of 0.80 percent moving the level for the month of September to 119.52 percent (the island's third highest percentage change for the year) compared to the level of 118.57 recorded in August.

The major group Housing led the way with the highest increase of 2.17% followed by Transportation & Communications, 1.08% and Other Expenditures, 0.02%.

The rate of electricity (including the surcharge), 11.05% was the major contributor to the increase for the Housing Index.

Boats and ship fares, freight and other expenditure on transport services, 21.09% led the way in the Transportation & Communications Index' increase. This was followed by air fares and

freight, 4.40%; repair of personal transport equipment and services, 2.52%; parts and accessories, 2.06%; tyres and tubes, 0.60% and used cars, 0.31%.

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	SEPTEMBER 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	131.09	0.18	0.21	3.15
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	107.53	-0.01	0.08	0.61
HOUSING	328.18	109.01	0.14	0.51	0.52
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	132.57	0.08	0.66	7.02
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	144.00	-0.02	1.73	3.30
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	113.75	1.34	1.37	3.19
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	128.67	4.62	3.66	4.62
EDUCATION	53.09	172.84	0.00	0.00	2.25
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	137.08	0.03	0.36	0.78
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	123.23	0.48	0.74	2.37

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	SEPTEMBER 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	122.99	-0.03	-0.05	1.98
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	106.92	-0.22	-0.39	-2.38
HOUSING	302.21	114.39	2.17	2.16	2.30
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	117.20	-0.03	0.74	1.33
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	135.01	0.01	0.07	2.29
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	117.31	1.08	1.44	0.75
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	104.32	-0.43	-1.02	0.17
EDUCATION	45.24	161.87	0.00	0.00	2.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	121.38	0.02	0.90	1.08
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	119.52	0.80	0.95	1.44