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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS JULY 2007

Monthly \$0.50
Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The Consumer Prices Index for July 2007 for All Bahamas increased 0.17 percent to a level of 121.75 compared to a level of 121.54 in June. This was as a result of slight increases in Medical Care & Health, Other Expenditures, Food & Beverages, Furniture & Household Operations, Clothing & Footwear and Housing. Decreases were noted for Recreation & Entertainment and Transportation & Communications with Education remaining constant.

The year-over-year change in the All Bahamas CPI was 1.70 percent.

The greatest contributing factor to the increase in the Medical Care & Health Index were the cost for accident and health insurances.

The Other Expenditures Index' increase was primarily a result of consumers paying more for items such as legal fees, pipe tobacco and other tobacco products, funeral fees, handbags, beauty parlor and barber shop services and cigars and cigarettes.

The Food & Beverages Index rose 0.34 percent for July 2007; this rise was impacted by increased prices for the following items:- tangerines, avocados, dried milk, fresh carrots, fresh whole chicken, take away meals, plantains and other condiments.

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	JULY 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	129.63	0.34	1.02	3.59
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	107.48	0.06	0.07	0.17
HOUSING	322.99	109.18	0.06	0.45	-0.17
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	129.33	0.18	5.09	6.65
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	141.61	1.29	1.64	3.03
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	113.05	-0.03	-0.27	1.60
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	120.18	-0.49	-3.88	-0.06
EDUCATION	51.52	170.92	0.00	0.00	2.21
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	134.54	0.40	0.42	0.80
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	121.75	0.17	0.63	1.70

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA JULY 2007

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) showed an increase of 0.20 percent to a level of 122.58 for July 2007 compared to the level of 122.33 in June. The Major groups which greatly influenced the CPI were Medical Care & Health, Food & Beverages and Other Expenditures.

The Medical Care & Health Index' increase for this period was as a result of the general public having to pay 4.57% more for accident and health insurances.

This month also recorded increased prices for food items such as:- tangerines, 14.86%; avocados, 11.59%; dried milk, 8.17%; fresh carrots, 5.47%; cucumber, 5.05%; fresh peas & beans, 4.95%; other fresh vegetables, 4.41%; plantains, 3.92%; fresh whole chicken, 3.68%; other condiments, 2.63%; ribs, 2.52%; take away meals, 2.33% and other poultry, 2.32%. As a result, the Food & Beverage index increased.

Items such as pipe tobacco and other tobacco products, 3.76%; handbags, 3.37%; beauty parlor services, 2.94%; cigars, 1.96% and barber shop services, 1.43% were the major factors that helped to propel the Other Expenditures Index forward.

Other major groups which assisted in moving the index forward were Housing, Furniture & Household Operations and Clothing & Footwear. Decreases were noted in Recreation & Entertainment and Transportation & Communications. Education is the only group showing no movement.

The year-over-year change for the CPI stood at 1.96 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) showed a very minute increase of 0.01 percent to a level of 118.40 for July 2007 compared to a level of 118.39 in June. The major groups influencing this small increase were Other Expenditures and Furniture & Household Operations; Food & Beverages, Medical Care & Health and Recreation & Entertainment followed. Housing, Clothing & Footwear and Transportation & Communications all recorded decreases, while Education remained constant.

The month of July showed consumers having to pay a little more for items such as legal fees, 4.33%; funeral fees, 3.59%; cosmetics, bath & nail preparation, manicure and eye makeup implements, 2.08% and beauty parlor services, 1.44% ; cigarettes, cigars, tobacco and other tobacco products, 1.25% and barber shop services, 1.19%. These items assisted in the upward movement in the Other Expenditure Index.

The month's increase in the Furniture & Household Operations Index was mainly influenced

by increased prices for paper and paper supplies, 6.91%; miscellaneous household products, 0.81% and bedroom furniture, 0.78%.

The year-over-year change for the CPI was 0.63 percent.

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	JULY 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	131.32	0.39	1.11	3.86
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	107.57	0.12	0.14	0.73
HOUSING	328.18	108.61	0.14	0.31	0.11
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	131.89	0.14	5.86	7.08
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	143.98	1.72	2.17	3.28
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	112.20	-0.01	-0.12	2.13
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	123.40	-0.58	-4.62	-0.39
EDUCATION	53.09	172.84	0.00	0.00	2.25
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	137.03	0.33	0.35	0.75
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	122.58	0.20	0.68	1.96

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	JULY 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	123.21	0.12	0.63	2.48
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	107.13	-0.20	-0.19	-2.02
HOUSING	302.21	111.67	-0.27	1.03	-1.29
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	116.75	0.35	1.01	4.30
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	135.01	0.07	0.09	2.29
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	115.55	-0.08	-0.72	0.11
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	105.40	0.01	0.27	1.74
EDUCATION	45.24	161.87	0.00	0.00	2.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	121.30	0.83	0.85	1.08
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ALL ITEMS	1000.00	118.40	0.01	0.38	0.63
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