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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS JUNE 2007

Monthly \$0.50
Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The All Bahamas Consumer Prices for June 2007 for All Bahamas increased 0.30 percent to a level of 121.54 compared to a level of 121.18 in May 2007.

This was as a result of increases in Housing, Food & Beverages and Medical Care & Health. Increases were also noted in Transportation & Communications, Recreation & Entertainment, Clothing & Footwear and Other Expenditures. Furniture & Household Operations and Education remained constant.

The year-over-year change which is measured by a twelve month period change in the CPI advanced 1.85 percent.

The greatest contributing factor to the increase in the Housing Index was the rate of electricity, which increased in both New Providence and Grand Bahama.

For the month of June, New Providence and Grand Bahama recorded higher prices for prices for grapes, pineapples, onions, bananas and cabbage. Additional food items contributing to the increase in the Food & Beverages Index were lamb, bacon, pasta, turkey, other beef, other bakery products, other fresh fruits and jams and jellies.

Increased charges for professional services which include dental services and eye specialists' services along with medical and pharmaceutical products resulted in an overall rise in the Medical Care & Health sector.

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	JUNE 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	129.19	0.38	1.09	3.94
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	107.42	0.01	-0.07	0.16
HOUSING	322.99	109.11	0.60	1.18	-0.09
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	129.10	0.00	5.18	6.46
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	139.80	0.32	0.34	1.75
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	113.08	0.30	0.47	1.83
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	120.77	0.02	-2.95	0.49
EDUCATION	51.52	170.92	0.00	0.00	2.21
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	134.01	0.01	0.25	1.87
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	121.54	0.30	0.92	1.85

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA JUNE 2007

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NEW PROVIDENCE

As we approach the mid point of the year, the Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) showed an increase 0.16 percent to a level of 122.33 for June 2007 compared to the level of 122.13 in May. The major groups which helped to propel the CPI forward were Medical Care & Health, Food & Beverages and Housing.

The Medical Care & Health Index' increase was due to persons having to pay more in the month of June for dental services, 4.37%; eye specialists' services, 1.59% and medical & pharmaceutical products, 1.06%.

This month also recorded increased prices for food items such as:- grapes, 17.79%; pineapples, 7.88%; pasta, 6.38%; onions, 4.38%; other bakery products, 4.11%; other fresh fruits, 3.63%; bananas, 3.45%; jams and jellies, 3.00%; cabbage, 2.94%; carrots, 2.82%; rice, 2.68%; canned milk, 2.56%; cheese, 1.97%; fresh & frozen chicken parts, 1.92% and eggs, 1.81%. As a result, the Food & Beverage index increased.

The biggest factor in the Housing Index was the rate of electricity which increased 1.74%.

Transportation & Communications, Recreation & Entertainment, Clothing & Footwear and Other Expenditures also assisted with the upward movement of the CPI. Education and Furniture & Household Operations remained constant.

The year-over-year change for the CPI was 2.12 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) showed an increase of 0.85 percent to a level of 118.39 for June 2007 compared to a level of 117.39 in May. The major groups which greatly influenced the CPI were Housing, Transportation & Communications and Food & Beverages.

Also responsible for the upward movement in the CPI for Grand Bahama were Medical Care & Health and Other Expenditures. Recreation & Entertainment was the only decrease with all other groups remaining constant.

The rate of electricity increased 13.13%. As a result, the Housing Index showed a increase.

Transportation & Communications Index rose as a result of increased prices for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 3.25%.

Consumers in Grand Bahama paid more for grapes, 15.06%; pineapples, 10.95%; lamb, 9.45%; bacon, 9.43; onions, 8.78%; bananas, 8.56%; avocados, coconuts and other fresh fruits, 7.19%; turkey, 6.29%; potatoes, 5.69%; other beef, 5.13%; cabbage, 4.51% and other breads, 3.26%.

As a result of this the Food & Beverage Index increased.

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	JUNE 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	130.81	0.40	1.23	4.37
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	107.44	0.01	-0.09	0.70
HOUSING	328.18	108.46	0.20	0.25	0.12
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	131.70	0.00	6.03	6.97
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	141.55	0.42	0.45	1.57
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	112.21	0.16	0.30	2.28
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	124.12	0.03	-3.63	0.24
EDUCATION	53.09	172.84	0.00	0.00	2.25
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	136.58	0.01	0.27	2.04
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	122.33	0.16	0.70	2.12

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	JUNE 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	123.06	0.33	0.50	2.28
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	107.34	0.00	0.00	-1.92
HOUSING	302.21	111.97	2.37	5.30	-0.98
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	116.34	0.00	0.65	3.72
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	134.92	0.02	0.04	2.29
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	115.64	0.70	0.95	0.55
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	105.39	-0.03	0.93	1.84
EDUCATION	45.24	161.87	0.00	0.00	2.00
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	120.30	0.02	0.12	0.84

ALL ITEMS

1000.00

118.39

0.85

1.82

0.73
