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## **THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS AUGUST 2007**

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Monthly \$0.50  
Yearly \$5.00

### **ALL BAHAMAS**

The Consumer Price Index for August 2007 for All Bahamas rose 0.07 percent to a level of 121.83 compared to a level of 121.75 in July; this change represents a 0.08 point change in the Index. Subsequently, Furniture & Household Operations, Housing and Transportation & Communications showed the largest increases. This was followed closely by Medical Care & Health and Other Expenditures. Education showed no movement.

The rate of inflation for All Bahamas averaged 1.67% in but at a slower pace compared to July 2007.

Contributing to the increase in the Furniture & Household Operation Index were higher prices for table linens, diningroom furniture, repairs to household textiles and other furnishings & services, bed linen, cutlery & china and baby sitting services.

The cost for unfurnished rentals and the rate of electricity assisted in propelling the Housing Index forward.

The upward movement in the Transportation & Communications Index was solely a result of consumers paying more for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids along with repairs to personal transport equipment and services.

**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	AUGUST 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	129.22	-0.32	0.41	3.01
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	107.47	-0.01	0.05	0.09
HOUSING	322.99	109.44	0.24	0.91	0.14
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	129.88	0.43	0.61	6.20
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	141.64	0.02	1.63	3.02
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	113.21	0.14	0.42	1.76
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	119.73	-0.37	-0.84	-0.53
EDUCATION	51.52	170.92	0.00	0.00	2.21
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	134.56	0.01	0.43	0.82
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>121.83</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>1.67</b>

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## THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA AUGUST 2007

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### NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) for the month of August showed a very small increase of 0.05 percent. This brought the index level for this month to 122.64 compared to the 122.58 in July 2007. Major groups moving the index forward were Furniture & Household Operations, which led the way with 0.43 percent increase. This was followed by Housing, 0.23 percent and Transportation & Communications, 0.04 percent.

The increases recorded in the Furniture & Household Operations Index were as follows:- table linens, 20.60%; diningroom furniture, 8.12%; baby sitting services, 4.54%; towels, 2.57%; air conditioners, 2.29%; stoves and other heating appliances, 2.18%; glassware, 1.98% and nursery equipment, 1.84%.

The Housing Index increased as a result of rising prices for unfurnished rentals, 1.14% and electricity rates, 0.90%.

Gasoline, oil, greases and fluids moved the Transportation & Communications Index forward 0.22%.

Other major groups which assisted in moving the index forward were Medical Care & Health and Other Expenditures. Decreases were noted in Food & Beverages, Recreation & Entertainment and Clothing & Footwear. Education remained constant.

The year-over-year change for the CPI stood at 1.95 percent.

### GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) showed an increase of 0.14 percent moving the level for the month of August to 118.57 percent compared to the level of 118.40 recorded in July. Major groups having the most impact on the index were Transportation & Communications, Furniture & Household Operations and Housing.

This month revealed an increase in the prices of gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 1.69%; repairs to personal transport equipment and services 1.49% and parts and accessories for personal transport, 0.63%.

Items contributing to the Furniture and Household Index' increase were as follows:- repairs to household textiles and other furnishing & services, 5.20%; bed linen, 4.78%; cutlery & china, 4.61%; glassware, 3.16% and curtains, drapes, slipcovers, shower curtains and blinds, 3.01%.

The rate of electricity, 0.11 percent was the major factor influencing the Housing Index' increase.

The year-over-year change for the CPI was 0.50 percent.

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	AUGUST 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	130.85	-0.36	0.43	3.25
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	107.54	-0.03	0.10	0.66
HOUSING	328.18	108.86	0.23	0.57	0.41
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	132.46	0.43	0.58	7.14
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	144.03	0.03	2.18	3.28
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	112.25	0.04	0.20	2.14
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	122.99	-0.33	-0.88	-0.73
EDUCATION	53.09	172.84	0.00	0.00	2.25
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	137.04	0.01	0.35	0.77
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>122.64</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>1.95</b>

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	AUGUST 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	123.03	-0.15	0.31	2.04
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	107.16	0.03	-0.17	-2.16
HOUSING	302.21	111.96	0.26	2.36	-1.01
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	117.23	0.41	0.76	1.29
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	135.00	-0.01	0.08	2.28
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	116.06	0.44	1.06	0.69
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	104.77	-0.60	-0.62	0.57
EDUCATION	45.24	161.87	0.00	0.00	2.00
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	121.35	0.04	0.89	1.09
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>118.57</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>0.50</b>