



DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS AUGUST 2005

Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The Consumer Price Index for All Bahamas (October/November 1995=100) for the month of August 2005 increased by 0.33 percent to a level of 117.38 from a level of 116.99 in July 2005.

Increases were recorded in all the following major groups:- Housing, 1.14%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.82%; Recreation & Entertainment, 0.44%; Transportation & Communications, 0.05% and Other Expenditures, 0.02%. Decreases were recorded in Medical Care & Health, 1.60% ; Food & Beverages, 0.12% and Clothing & Footwear, 0.01% but Education remained unchanged.

The Housing Index' increase was due mainly to electricity rates and water charges.

The Furniture & Household Operations Segment increased as a result of price rises in cutlery and silverware, saucepans and cooking pots, towels, baby sitting services and household laundry and dry-cleaning services.

Increased prices for fees for participant sports, motel rates, sporting goods and equipments and pet supplies and expenses were the contributing factors for the upward movement in the Recreation & Entertainment Segment.

The All Items Index for the year ending August 2005 advanced by 2.60 percent.

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 2005 | PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|
| | | | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTHS | 12 MONTHS |
| FOOD & BEVERAGES | 139.86 | 119.71 | -0.12 | 0.46 | 2.70 |
| CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR | 58.75 | 105.54 | -0.01 | 0.30 | -1.36 |
| HOUSING | 322.99 | 107.81 | 1.14 | 1.63 | 2.68 |
| FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS | 85.45 | 119.78 | 0.82 | 1.06 | 1.81 |
| MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH | 48.09 | 133.08 | -1.60 | -0.95 | 4.01 |
| TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS | 158.86 | 112.30 | 0.05 | -0.06 | 3.76 |
| RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT | 47.43 | 119.78 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 2.77 |
| EDUCATION | 51.52 | 168.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.30 |
| OTHER EXPENDITURES | 87.05 | 123.92 | 0.02 | -0.01 | 1.96 |
| ALL ITEMS | 1000.00 | 117.38 | 0.33 | 0.62 | 2.60 |

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA AUGUST 2005

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Yearly \$5.00

NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.31 percent to a level of 118.17 in August 2005 compared to 117.80 recorded for July 2005.

Increases were recorded for the following groups:- Housing, 1.15%; Furniture & Household Operations, 1.00%; Recreation & Entertainment, 0.52%; Transportation & Communications, 0.08% and Other Expenditures, 0.01%. Decreases were recorded for Medical Care & Health, 2.14%; Food & Beverages, 0.30% and Clothing & Footwear, 0.01%. Education was the only group that remained constant.

The rise in the Housing Index was mainly attributable to higher electricity rates, 6.75%; water charges, 2.73%; unfurnished rental units, 1.00%; net rental value of owner occupied housing, 0.37% and gas/tank and services, 0.32%.

The Furniture & Household Operations Index increased due to higher prices for cutlery and silverware, 17.37%; saucepans and cooking pots, 11.88%; towels, 5.07%; baby sitting services, 4.54%; household laundry and dry-cleaning services, 4.50%; repairs to household appliances and furniture, 3.84%; refrigerators and home freezers, 3.19%; table linens, 2.59%; carpets and floor coverings, 2.41% and nursery equipments, 2.01%.

Increased prices for fees for participant sports, 5.23%; motel rates, 5.06%; movies fares, 3.11%; radios, record players, tape recorders, stereos and cd's, 1.56%; sporting goods and equipments, 0.54% and pet supplies and expenses, 0.52% impacted the rise in the Recreation & Entertainment group.

The All Items Index for the year ending August 2005 advanced 2.49 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.39 percent to a level of 114.19 in August 2005 compared to the level of 113.75 posted in July 2005.

The groups that advanced the index were:- Housing, 1.07%; Food & Beverages, 0.56% and Other Expenditures, 0.12%. Decreases occurred for Furniture & Household Operations, 0.15%; Recreation & Entertainment, 0.05% and Transportation & Communications, 0.02%. All other groups remained unchanged.

The increase in the Housing index was due to higher rates for electricity, 5.96%.

Contributing to the increase in the Food & Beverage Index were higher rises in cucumbers, 26.55%; grapefruits, 12.06%; pineapples, 11.56%; sausage/salami, 10.75%; apples, 9.27%; pasta, 8.76%; other fresh vegetables, 7.37%; sweet peppers, 6.45%; canned vegetables(except tomato paste and pigeon peas), 5.53%; sugar and artificial sweeteners, 4.91%; nuts, 4.20% and plantains, 3.37%.

The All Items Index for the year ending August 2005 increased by 3.04 percent.

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

| GROUP | WEIGHT | AUGUST 2005 | PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTHS | 12 MONTHS |
| FOOD & BEVERAGES | 138.31 | 120.58 | -0.30 | 0.54 | 2.98 |
| CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR | 58.84 | 105.71 | -0.01 | 0.38 | -1.83 |
| HOUSING | 328.18 | 107.30 | 1.15 | 1.15 | 2.04 |
| FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS | 88.72 | 121.79 | 1.00 | 1.34 | 2.21 |
| MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH | 44.12 | 134.87 | -2.14 | -1.28 | 2.95 |
| TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS | 148.45 | 112.57 | 0.08 | 0.03 | 3.97 |
| RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT | 48.71 | 124.62 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 3.19 |
| EDUCATION | 53.09 | 170.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.59 |
| OTHER EXPENDITURES | 91.58 | 125.12 | 0.01 | -0.05 | 2.32 |
| ALL ITEMS | 1000.00 | 118.17 | 0.31 | 0.52 | 2.49 |

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|--|----------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTHS | 12 MONTHS |
| FOOD & BEVERAGES | 146.06 | 116.41 | 0.56 | 0.15 | 1.59 |
| CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR | 58.39 | 104.83 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.59 |
| HOUSING | 302.21 | 110.02 | 1.07 | 3.69 | 5.45 |
| FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS | 72.38 | 109.90 | -0.15 | -0.41 | -0.28 |
| MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH | 64.00 | 128.07 | 0.00 | -0.02 | 7.16 |
| TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS | 200.49 | 111.50 | -0.02 | -0.33 | 3.14 |
| RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT | 42.29 | 97.53 | -0.05 | -0.05 | 0.35 |
| EDUCATION | 45.24 | 156.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.87 |
| OTHER EXPENDITURES | 68.94 | 117.52 | 0.12 | 0.23 | -0.07 |
| ALL ITEMS | 1000.00 | 114.19 | 0.39 | 0.99 | 3.04 |