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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS DECEMBER 2005

Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The All Bahamas Consumer Prices for December 2005 decreased as a result of lower prices for Transportation & Communications.

Consumers of the Bahamas paid 0.06 percent less for goods and services in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for December when compared to the month of November, even though the 3-month advance showed an increase of 0.42%.

The year-over-year change in the CPI has advanced 1.78 percent.

Lower prices for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids and parts and accessories for personal transport equipment were primarily responsible for the decrease recorded in the Transportation & Communications Index.

Medical and pharmaceutical products and vitamins' prices fell since December 2004 resulting in a slight decrease in the Medical Care & Health 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	DECEMBER 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	122.07	0.44	1.64	2.93
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	105.75	0.00	0.14	-1.56
HOUSING	322.99	108.40	0.22	0.54	3.17
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	119.97	0.01	0.12	1.96
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	133.34	0.00	0.20	1.97
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	109.84	-1.36	-0.61	0.18
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	115.91	0.00	0.00	-3.21
EDUCATION	51.52	168.43	0.00	0.11	1.38
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	124.97	0.07	0.80	2.79
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	117.47	-0.06	0.42	1.78

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) decreased by 0.05 percent from a level of 117.95 in November to a level of 117.89 in December 2005.

Transportation & Communications was the only group recording a decrease of 0.92%. All the other groups remained constant with the exception of Food & Beverages, 0.46%; Other Expenditures, 0.06% and Medical Care & Health, 0.01% which showed increases.

The year-over-year for New Providence for the year ending December 2005 advanced 1.20 percent.

The major components responsible for the decline in the Transportation & Communications Index were reduced prices for gasoline, oil, fluids and greases, 5.22% and parts and accessories for personal transport equipment, 0.06%.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) decreased by 0.12 percent to a level of 115.78 in December 2005 compared to the level of 115.92 posted in November 2005.

The groups that decreased the index were:- Transportation & Communications, 2.58% and Medical Care & Health, 0.02%. Increases were recorded for Housing, 1.13%; Food & Beverages, 0.39%; Other Expenditures, 0.12% and Furniture & Household Operations, 0.05%. All other groups remained unchanged.

Grand Bahamians paid 4.18 percent more for goods and services in December 2005 compared to December 2004.

Lower rates for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 12.23% are solely responsible for the decrease in the Transportation & Communications Index.

For the month of December, medical and pharmaceutical products and vitamins' prices were 0.02% lower than in November 2005; this resulted in a minute decrease in the Medical Care & Health Index.

**THE NEW PROVIDENCE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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GROUP	WEIGHT	DECEMBER 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	123.22	0.46	1.77	3.22
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	105.99	0.00	0.16	-2.08
HOUSING	328.18	107.31	0.00	0.00	2.05
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	121.99	0.00	0.15	2.32
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	135.25	0.01	0.28	0.32
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	108.67	-0.92	-0.69	-1.24
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	119.92	0.00	0.00	-3.81
EDUCATION	53.09	170.96	0.00	0.13	1.29
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	126.15	0.06	0.78	3.09
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	117.89	-0.05	0.28	1.20

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	DECEMBER 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	117.73	0.39	1.13	1.81
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	104.74	0.00	0.00	0.57
HOUSING	302.21	113.17	1.13	2.83	8.08
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	110.07	0.05	-0.04	0.07
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	128.03	-0.02	-0.03	7.13
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	113.31	-2.58	-0.39	4.44
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	97.53	0.00	0.00	0.35
EDUCATION	45.24	156.56	0.00	0.00	1.87
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	118.69	0.12	0.95	1.08
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	115.78	-0.12	0.97	4.18