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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS JULY 2005

Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The Consumer Price Index for All Bahamas (October/November 1995=100) for the month of July 2005 increased by 0.14 percent to a level of 116.99 from a level of 116.83 for June 2005.

Increases were recorded in all the following major groups:- Food & Beverages, 0.30%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.31%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.17%; Transportation & Communications, 0.15%; Housing, 0.13% and Medical Care & Health, 0.07%. Education and Recreation & Entertainment remained constant with Other Expenditures showing a decrease of 0.06%.

Contributing factors to the increase in the Food & Beverages Index included higher prices for the following items:- sweet peppers, cabbage, potatoes, coconuts, carrots, other marine products and onions.

Higher prices for boys' coats, suits and jackets; girls' sportswear, swimwear and separates; women's trousers, jeans and shorts and men's underwear, nightwear and accessories affected the rise in the Clothing & Footwear Index.

The Furniture & Household Operations Segment's increase was due to higher prices for lawn and garden supplies, household cleaning supplies and miscellaneous household products.

The All Items Index for the year ending July 2005 advanced by 2.68 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	JULY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	119.85	0.30	0.91	3.12
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	105.55	0.31	0.45	-1.38
HOUSING	322.99	106.60	0.13	0.48	2.61
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	118.81	0.17	0.87	0.78
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	135.24	0.07	0.65	5.69
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	112.24	0.15	1.47	4.26
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	119.26	0.00	-0.13	2.00
EDUCATION	51.52	168.25	0.00	0.00	3.30
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	123.89	-0.06	-0.02	1.92
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	116.99	0.14	0.62	2.68

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.14 percent to a level of 117.80 in July 2005 compared to 117.64 recorded for June 2005.

The groups that accelerated the index were:- Food & Beverages, 0.51%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.39%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.24%; Transportation & Communications, 0.20% and Medical Care & Health, 0.11%. The remaining groups showed no changes with the exception of Other Expenditures which declined 0.10%.

Contributing to the increase in the Food & Beverages' group were higher prices for the following items;- sweet peppers, 24.74%; cabbage, 9.28%; potatoes, 8.72%; coconuts, 7.25%; carrots, 7.12%; other marine products, 5.87%; onions, 5.09%; fresh and frozen chicken parts, 4.02%; ribs, 3.71%; nuts, 3.47%; oranges, 3.42% and grapefruits, 3.28%.

Higher prices for boys' coats, suits and jackets, 4.48%; girls' sportswear, swimwear and separates, 1.19%; women's trousers, jeans and shorts, 1.15%; men's underwear, nightwear and accessories, 1.07% and boys trousers, jeans and shorts, 0.46% tremendously affected the increase in the Clothing & Footwear Index.

The Furniture & Household Operations Index increased due to higher prices for lawn and garden supplies, 2.87%; household cleaning supplies, 1.70%; miscellaneous household products, 0.95%; crockery and china, 0.59%; bed linens, 0.09% and paper and paper supplies, 0.08%.

The All Items Index for the year ending July 2005 advanced 2.62 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.12 percent to a level of 113.75 in July 2005 compared to the level of 113.61 posted in June 2005.

Increases were recorded for the following two major groups:- Housing, 0.69% and Other Expenditures, 0.10%. Decreases were recorded in Food & Beverages, 0.46%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.22% and Medical Care & Health, 0.02%. All others remained unaffected.

Contributing to the increase in the Housing Index was the rate of electricity, 4.00%.

The advancement in the Other Expenditures Index resulted from increased fees for sanitary pads, 0.84%; perfume/cologne, 0.81%; jewellery, watches, and precious stones, 0.78%; legal fees, 0.86%; cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye make-up implements, 0.42%; other toilet goods, 0.36% and dental and shaving products and tooth paste, 0.08%.

The All Items Index for the year ending July 2005 increased by 2.88 percent.

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GROUP	WEIGHT	JULY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	120.94	0.51	1.16	3.53
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	105.72	0.39	0.40	-1.80
HOUSING	328.18	106.08	0.00	0.00	2.21
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	120.59	0.24	1.01	0.90
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	137.82	0.11	0.89	5.20
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	112.48	0.20	1.19	4.39
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	123.97	0.00	-0.15	2.27
EDUCATION	53.09	170.74	0.00	0.00	3.59
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	125.11	-0.10	-0.05	2.31
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	117.80	0.14	0.48	2.62

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GROUP	WEIGHT	JULY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	115.76	-0.46	-0.04	1.58
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	104.83	0.00	0.64	0.33
HOUSING	302.21	108.85	0.69	2.56	4.33
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	110.07	-0.22	0.09	0.12
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	128.07	-0.02	-0.02	7.16
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	111.52	0.00	2.33	3.90
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	97.58	0.00	0.00	0.41
EDUCATION	45.24	156.56	0.00	0.00	1.87
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	117.38	0.10	0.10	-0.20
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	113.75	0.12	1.23	2.88