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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS NOVEMBER 2005

Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

During the month of November, Consumer Prices for All Bahamas increased slightly mainly due to higher prices for Other Expenditures, Food & Beverages and Housing.

Residents of the Bahamas paid 0.33 % more for goods and services included in the Consumer Price Index basket in November compared to the previous month. However, for the quarter ending November 2005, the 3-month advance increased slightly to 0.47%.

The year-over-year change in the CPI has advanced 2.28 percent.

Other Expenditures Index increase was due largely to elevated prices for legal service fees, funeral service fees, hand bags and beauty parlor services.

High prices for avocados, sweet peppers, tomatoes, other bread, white bread and sausage/salami are primarily responsible for the increased in the Food & Beverage Index.

Hefty increase in the electricity rates led to the increase in the Housing 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	NOVEMBER 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	121.53	0.62	1.52	3.18
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	105.75	0.15	0.20	-1.59
HOUSING	322.99	108.16	0.50	0.32	2.94
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	119.96	0.11	0.15	1.81
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	133.34	-0.45	0.20	1.97
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	111.35	0.30	-0.84	1.57
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	115.91	-0.06	-3.23	-3.22
EDUCATION	51.52	168.43	0.00	0.11	1.38
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	124.88	0.70	0.77	2.68
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	117.54	0.33	0.47	1.93

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA NOVEMBER 2005

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.17 percent to a level of 117.95 in November 2005 compared to 117.75 recorded for October 2005.

Increases were recorded for the following groups:- Food & Beverages, 0.76%; Other Expenditures, 0.69%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.17%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.13% and Transportation & Communications, 0.06%. Decreases were noted for Medical Care & Health, 0.60% and Recreation & Entertainment, 0.07% with Housing and Education remaining constant.

Contributing to the increase in the Food & Beverages Index were higher prices for the following:- avocados, 15.09%; sweet peppers, 12.06%; tomatoes, 9.08%; tomato paste, 6.20%; other bread, 6.02%; other bakery products, 5.95%; white bread, 5.74%; sausage/salami, 5.07%; conch, 4.70%; other fresh fruit, 4.27%; organ meats, 4.24%; ribs, 4.14% and margarine, 3.49%.

Consumers paid higher prices for funeral fees, 14.92%; beauty parlor services, 2.63%; barber shop services, 2.28%; handbags, 1.42%; cigarettes, 1.19%; other toilet goods, 0.91% and products for the hair, hairpiece and wigs, 0.84%. Consequently, the Other Expenditures Index recorded an increase for the month.

Higher prices for boys' sportswear, swim-wear and separates, 4.57%; boys' sweaters, pullovers and shirts, 3.12%; girls' underwear, nightwear and accessories, 2.93%; girls' sweaters, pullovers and shirts, 2.63% and boys' trousers, jeans and shorts, 2.14%.

The All Items Index for the year ending November 2005 advanced 1.34 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased by 1.03 percent to a level of 115.92 in November 2005 compared to the level of 114.74 posted in October 2005.

The groups that accelerated the index were:- Housing, 2.68%; Transportation & Communications, 0.94%; Other Expenditures, 0.83%; Food & Beverages, 0.09% and Furniture & Household Operations, 0.02%. All other groups remained unchanged with the exception of Medical Care & Health which showed a decrease of 0.02%.

Higher prices for electricity, 14.82% contributed to the increase in the Housing Index.

Significant price increases for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 4.60% impacted the rise in the Transportation & Communications Index.

Other Expenditures Index' escalated due to large increases for legal services, 26.44% and dental, shaving products and tooth paste, 1.61%.

The All Items Index for the year ending November 2005 rose by 4.41 percent.

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GROUP	WEIGHT	NOVEMBER 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	122.66	0.76	1.72	3.47
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	105.99	0.17	0.26	-2.12
HOUSING	328.18	107.31	0.00	0.01	2.05
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	121.99	0.13	0.17	2.16
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	135.23	-0.60	0.26	0.30
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	109.68	0.06	-2.56	-0.29
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	119.92	-0.07	-3.77	-3.81
EDUCATION	53.09	170.96	0.00	0.13	1.29
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	126.07	0.69	0.76	3.02
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	117.95	0.17	-0.19	1.34

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GROUP	WEIGHT	NOVEMBER 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	117.27	0.09	0.74	2.08
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	104.74	0.00	-0.09	0.57
HOUSING	302.21	111.90	2.68	1.71	6.86
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	110.02	0.02	0.11	0.00
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	128.05	-0.02	-0.02	7.15
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	116.31	0.94	4.31	7.26
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	118.55	0.83	0.87	0.86
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	115.92	1.03	1.52	4.41