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## THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS OCTOBER 2005

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Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

### ALL BAHAMAS

The Consumer Price Index for All Bahamas (October/November 1995=100) for the month of October 2005 increased by 0.15 percent to a level of 117.15 from a level of 116.98 for September 2005.

Increases were recorded in all the following major groups:- Medical Care & Health, 0.65%; Food & Beverages, 0.57%; Transportation & Communications, 0.45%; Education, 0.11%; Recreation & Entertainment, 0.06% and Other Expenditures, 0.03%. Decreases were recorded for Housing, 0.19% and Clothing & Footwear, 0.02%. Furniture & Household Operations was the only group that remained constant.

The Medical Care & Health Index increased mainly due to higher prices for other professional services and hospital room.

Elevated prices for grapes, sweet peppers, tomatoes, bananas, veal, jam and jellies, oranges, cabbage, fresh and frozen fish and canned milk were largely responsible for the increase in the Food & Beverage Index.

Increased prices for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids influenced the rise in the Transportation & Communications group.

The All Items Index for the year ending October 2005 advanced by 1.94 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  | OCTOBER<br>2005 | PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER |          |           |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|
|                                     |         |                 | 1 MONTH                | 3 MONTHS | 12 MONTHS |
| FOOD & BEVERAGES                    | 139.86  | 120.78          | 0.57                   | 0.77     | 3.56      |
| CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR                 | 58.75   | 105.59          | -0.02                  | 0.04     | -1.29     |
| HOUSING                             | 322.99  | 107.62          | -0.19                  | 0.96     | 2.50      |
| FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD<br>OPERATIONS | 85.45   | 119.83          | 0.00                   | 0.86     | 1.74      |
| MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH               | 48.09   | 133.94          | 0.65                   | -0.96    | 2.46      |
| TRANSPORTATION &<br>COMMUNICATIONS  | 158.86  | 111.02          | 0.45                   | -1.09    | 2.33      |
| RECREATION &<br>ENTERTAINMENT       | 47.43   | 115.98          | 0.06                   | -2.75    | -3.26     |
| EDUCATION                           | 51.52   | 168.43          | 0.11                   | 0.11     | 1.38      |
| OTHER<br>EXPENDITURES               | 87.05   | 124.01          | 0.03                   | 0.10     | 1.99      |
| ALL ITEMS                           | 1000.00 | 117.15          | 0.15                   | 0.14     | 1.94      |

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## THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA OCTOBER 2005

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### NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.16 percent to a level of 117.75 in October 2005 compared to 117.56 recorded for September 2005.

Increases were recorded for the following groups:- Medical Care & Health, 0.87%; Food & Beverages, 0.55%; Transportation & Communications, 0.17%; Education, 0.13%; Recreation & Entertainment, 0.07%; Other Expenditures, 0.02% and Furniture & Household Operations, 0.02%. Decrease was recorded for Clothing & Footwear, 0.01% with Housing remaining constant.

The Medical Care & Health segment increased due to higher prices for physician services, 2.71%; other professional services, 1.01%; hospital room charges, 0.58% and medical and pharmaceutical products, 0.30%.

Contributing to the increase in the Food & Beverage Index were higher prices for the following:-tomatoes, 14.25%; jams and jellies, 8.60%; oranges, 8.20%; peas and beans, 7.78%; apples, 7.57%; veal, 7.40%; other fresh fruits, 6.61%; sweet peppers, 6.61%; butter, 5.76%; potatoes, 5.55%; bananas, 4.25% and fresh and frozen fish, 3.82%.

Higher prices for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 0.99% were the primary contributors to the increase in the Transportation & Communications group.

The All Items Index for the year ending October 2005 advanced 1.55 percent.

### GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.07 percent to a level of 114.74 in October 2005 compared to the level of 114.66 posted in September 2005.

The groups that advanced the index were:- Transportation & Communications, 1.29% and Food & Beverages, 0.64%. Decreases were recorded in Housing, 0.97% and Furniture & Household Operations, 0.10%. All other groups remained unchanged.

Contributing to the increase in the Transportation & Communications Index were higher prices for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 6.72%.

The Food & Beverages Index' increases were due to higher prices for the following:- grapes, 23.65%; sweet peppers, 20.37%; tomatoes, 20.05%; bananas, 13.06%; lamb, 8.75%; cabbage, 6.50%; tomato paste, 5.62%; canned milk, 4.18%; fruit juices other than frozen, 3.47%; tomato catsup, mustard and hot sauce, 2.74%; ice cream and related products, 2.60% and canned and packaged soup, 2.30%.

The All Items Index for the year ending October 2005 rose by 3.54 percent.

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

| GROUP                                  | WEIGHT         | OCTOBER<br>2005 | PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER |              |             |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                        |                |                 | 1 MONTH                | 3 MONTHS     | 12 MONTHS   |
| FOOD & BEVERAGES                       | 138.31         | 121.74          | 0.55                   | 0.66         | 3.90        |
| CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR                    | 58.84          | 105.81          | -0.01                  | 0.09         | -1.71       |
| HOUSING                                | 328.18         | 107.31          | 0.00                   | 1.16         | 2.05        |
| FURNITURE &<br>HOUSEHOLD<br>OPERATIONS | 88.72          | 121.83          | 0.02                   | 1.03         | 2.10        |
| MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH                  | 44.12          | 136.04          | 0.87                   | -1.29        | 0.94        |
| TRANSPORTATION &<br>COMMUNICATIONS     | 148.45         | 109.61          | 0.17                   | -2.55        | 0.91        |
| RECREATION &<br>ENTERTAINMENT          | 48.71          | 120.00          | 0.07                   | -3.21        | -3.86       |
| EDUCATION                              | 53.09          | 170.96          | 0.13                   | 0.13         | 1.29        |
| OTHER EXPENDITURES                     | 91.58          | 125.21          | 0.02                   | 0.08         | 2.35        |
| <b>ALL ITEMS</b>                       | <b>1000.00</b> | <b>117.75</b>   | <b>0.16</b>            | <b>-0.04</b> | <b>1.55</b> |

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

| GROUP                                  | WEIGHT         | OCTOBER<br>2005 | PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER |             |             |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                        |                |                 | 1 MONTH                | 3 MONTHS    | 12 MONTHS   |
| FOOD & BEVERAGES                       | 146.06         | 117.16          | 0.64                   | 1.21        | 2.25        |
| CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR                    | 58.39          | 104.74          | 0.00                   | -0.09       | 0.51        |
| HOUSING                                | 302.21         | 108.98          | -0.97                  | 0.12        | 4.46        |
| FURNITURE &<br>HOUSEHOLD<br>OPERATIONS | 72.38          | 110.00          | -0.10                  | -0.06       | -0.19       |
| MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH                  | 64.00          | 128.07          | 0.00                   | 0.00        | 7.17        |
| TRANSPORTATION &<br>COMMUNICATIONS     | 200.49         | 115.23          | 1.29                   | 3.32        | 6.58        |
| RECREATION &<br>ENTERTAINMENT          | 42.29          | 97.53           | 0.00                   | -0.05       | 0.35        |
| EDUCATION                              | 45.24          | 156.56          | 0.00                   | 0.00        | 1.87        |
| OTHER EXPENDITURES                     | 68.94          | 117.57          | 0.00                   | 0.16        | -0.02       |
| <b>ALL ITEMS</b>                       | <b>1000.00</b> | <b>114.74</b>   | <b>0.07</b>            | <b>0.87</b> | <b>3.54</b> |