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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS SEPTEMBER 2005

Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

During the one month period of August to September 2005, the All Bahamas Consumer Price Index (October/November 1995=100) moved from 117.38 to 116.98. This represented a 0.34% decrease.

The major groups recording decreases are as follows:- Recreation & Entertainment, 3.23% and Transportation & Communications, 1.59%. Increases were recorded for Food & Beverages, 0.33%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.07%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.04%; Other Expenditures, 0.04% and Housing, 0.01% whilst the remaining major groups Education and Medical Health & Care were unaffected.

Lower packaged tour rates influenced the decrease in the Recreation & Entertainment Index.

Prices for telephone services and parts and accessories dropped resulting in a decrease in the Transportation & Communications segment.

Higher prices for plantains, turkey, onions, lettuces, cabbage and other fresh fruits tremendously impacted the increase in the Food & Beverages section.

Contributing to the increase in the Furniture & Household Operations Index was higher prices for paper and paper supplies and household cleaning supplies.

The All Items Index for the year ending September 2005 advanced by 2.10 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	SEPTEMBER 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	120.10	0.33	0.51	3.03
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	105.61	0.07	0.37	-1.32
HOUSING	322.99	107.82	0.01	1.28	2.69
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	119.83	0.04	1.03	1.78
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	133.08	0.00	-1.52	4.00
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	110.52	-1.59	-1.38	2.06
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	115.91	-3.23	-2.81	-3.35
EDUCATION	51.52	168.25	0.00	0.00	3.30
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	123.97	0.04	0.00	2.03
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	116.98	-0.34	0.13	2.10

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) decreased by 0.52 percent to a level of 117.56 in September 2005 compared to 118.17 recorded for August 2005.

Decreases were recorded for the following groups:- Recreation & Entertainment, 3.77% and Transportation & Communications, 2.80%. Increases were documented for Food & Beverages, 0.41%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.10%; Other Expenditures, 0.05%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.02% and Housing, 0.01%. Education and Medical Health & Care were the only groups that remained constant.

The major contributing factor to the decrease in the Recreation & Entertainment Index was due to lower rates for packaged tours, 15.09% and pet supplies, 0.01%.

The Transportation & Communications Index decreased as a result of lower prices for telephone services, 20.95%; boats and ship fares, freight & other expenditure on transport services, 7.26% and parts and accessories, 0.05%.

The All Items Index for the year ending September 2005 advanced 1.77 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.41 percent to a level of 114.66 in September 2005 compared to the level of 114.19 posted in August 2005.

The groups that advanced the index were:- Transportation & Communications, 2.03%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.19%; Other Expenditures, 0.04%; Housing, 0.03% and Food & Beverages, 0.01%. All other groups remained unchanged with the exception of Clothing & Footwear which showed a decrease of 0.09%.

Higher rates for airfare and freight, 6.59%; used cars, 2.97%; gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 2.53%; tyres and tubes, 1.84%; boats, 1.45% and parts and accessories, 0.58% influenced the rise in the Transportation & Communications Index.

Contributing to the upward movement in the Furniture & Household Operations' segment were increased prices for paper and paper supplies, 2.38% and household cleaning supplies, 0.69%.

The All Items Index for the year ending September 2005 grew by 3.47 percent.

**THE NEW PROVIDENCE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
BY MAIN COMPONENTS
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GROUP	WEIGHT	SEPTEMBER 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	121.08	0.41	0.62	3.41
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	105.82	0.10	0.48	-1.76
HOUSING	328.18	107.31	0.01	1.16	2.05
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	121.81	0.02	1.26	2.13
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	134.87	0.00	-2.03	2.95
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	109.42	-2.80	-2.53	1.00
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	119.92	-3.77	-3.27	-3.97
EDUCATION	53.09	170.74	0.00	0.00	3.59
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	125.18	0.05	-0.04	2.41
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	117.56	-0.52	-0.07	1.77

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BY MAIN COMPONENTS
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GROUP	WEIGHT	SEPTEMBER 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	116.42	0.01	0.10	1.60
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	104.74	-0.09	-0.09	0.51
HOUSING	302.21	110.05	0.03	1.80	5.48
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	110.11	0.19	-0.18	-0.09
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	128.07	0.00	-0.02	7.16
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	113.76	2.03	2.01	5.23
RECREATION & 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	0.04	0.26	-0.03
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	114.66	0.41	0.92	3.47