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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS JANUARY 2005

Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The Consumer Price Index for All Bahamas (October/November 1995=100) for the month of January 2005 decreased by 0.13 percent to a level of 115.27 from a level of 115.42 percent in December 2004.

All nine major groups experienced changes in the index this month. Decreases were recorded for Clothing & Footwear, 2.45%; Recreation & Entertainment, 0.62% and Food & Beverages, 0.36%. The following groups posted increases:- Transportation & Communications, 0.36%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.13%; Medical Care & Health, 0.11%; Other Expenditures, 0.05% and Education, 0.03%.

The Clothing & Footwear Index dropped as a result of lower prices for the following:- women's coats, suits, jackets and dresses; girls' sweaters, pullovers and shirts; boys' sweaters, pullovers and shirts; men's trousers, jeans and shorts and boys' trousers, jeans and shorts.

The decrease in the price of pet supplies and expenses led to the downward movement in the Recreation & Entertainment Index.

Lower prices for the following items contributed to the decrease in the Food & Beverages Index:- tomatoes, sweet peppers, potatoes, oranges, pineapples, cucumbers, onions, lettuce, and soft drinks.

The All Items Index for the year ending January 2004 advanced by 1.66 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	JANUARY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	118.17	-0.36	1.32	2.55
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	104.80	-2.45	-2.03	-1.91
HOUSING	322.99	105.11	0.04	0.11	1.16
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	117.81	0.13	0.03	0.46
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	130.90	0.11	0.13	5.92
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	110.04	0.36	1.43	3.12
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	119.02	-0.62	-0.72	2.07
EDUCATION	51.52	166.18	0.03	0.03	1.88
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	121.64	0.05	0.04	0.03
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	115.27	-0.13	0.30	1.66

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA JANUARY 2005

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) decreased by 0.20 percent to a level of 116.26 in January 2005 compared to the 116.49 recorded for December 2004.

Decreases were recorded for the following major groups:- Clothing & Footwear, 3.13%; Recreation & Entertainment, 0.83%; Food & Beverages, 0.55% and Medical Care & Health, 0.01%. Increases were recorded for Transportation & Communications, 0.58%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.18% and Other Expenditures, 0.06%. Education and the Housing Indices were unaffected this month.

Contributing to the decrease in the Clothing & Footwear Index were women's coats, suits, jackets and dresses, 15.20%; girls' sweaters, pullovers and shirts, 3.52%; boys' sweaters, pullovers and shirts, 2.87%; men's trousers, jeans and shorts, 2.64% and boys' trousers, jeans and shorts, 2.45%.

The change in the Recreation & Entertainment Index was impacted by the price decrease of pet supplies and expenses, 0.48%.

The Food & Beverages segment was primarily affected by lower prices for tomatoes, 29.05%; sweet peppers, 20.03%; potatoes, 16.04%; oranges, 13.55%; pineapples, 6.43%; cucumbers, 4.18; onions, 3.96%; lettuce, 3.19% and soft drinks, 2.48%.

The All Items Index for the year ending January 2005 rose 1.67 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.15 percent to a level of 111.31 in January 2005 compared to the level of 111.14 posted in December 2004.

During the month under review, all nine major groups experienced some movement. Increases were recorded in the following major groups:- Recreation & Entertainment, 0.66%; Medical Care & Health, 0.48%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.47%; Food & Beverages, 0.42%; Housing, 0.21% and Education, 0.16%. The following groups revealed decreases:- Transportation & Communications, 0.27%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.12% and Other Expenditures, 0.03%.

Increased prices for photographic supplies and equipment, 5.38% and movie fares, 10.60% mainly influenced the rise in the Recreation and Entertainment Index.

Prices for dental services increased 12.88% reflecting the change in the Medical & Entertainment sector.

The Clothing & Footwear Index went up as a result of a 0.35 % in the price of baby diapers.

The All Items Index for the year ending January 2005 increased by 1.63 percent.

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	JANUARY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	118.72	-0.55	1.32	2.44
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	104.85	-3.13	-2.60	-2.68
HOUSING	328.18	105.15	0.00	0.00	1.31
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	119.43	0.18	0.09	0.46
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	134.81	-0.01	0.02	6.02
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	110.67	0.58	1.89	3.32
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	123.63	-0.83	-0.95	2.17
EDUCATION	53.09	168.79	0.00	0.00	2.22
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	122.43	0.06	0.07	0.07
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	116.26	-0.20	0.27	1.67

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	JANUARY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	116.13	0.42	1.34	3.04
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	104.63	0.47	0.40	1.38
HOUSING	302.21	104.93	0.21	0.58	0.51
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	109.86	-0.12	-0.32	0.43
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	120.08	0.48	0.48	5.67
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	108.20	-0.27	0.08	2.53
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	97.83	0.66	0.66	1.47
EDUCATION	45.24	153.94	0.16	0.16	0.16
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	117.38	-0.03	-0.19	-0.26
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	111.31	0.15	0.44	1.63



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**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL BAHAMAS
FEBRUARY 2005**

Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The Consumer Price Index for All Bahamas (October/November 1995=100) rose from 115.27 in January 2005 to 115.51 this month. This represents an increase of 0.21%.

This month, all major groups showed changes. Four groups increased - Medical Care & Health, 2.58%; Education, 1.25%; Housing, 0.07% and Recreation & Entertainment, 0.04%. Five groups decreased - Food & Beverages, 0.23%; Transportation & Communications, 0.07%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.05%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.04% and Other Expenditures, 0.01%.

The Medical Care & Health Index's increase was due mainly to higher prices for the following:- physician services; nursing services; eye laboratories; other hospital and medical services; accident and health insurance and hospital room charges.

Increased prices for other school charges, elementary tuition and school books influenced the advancement in the Education Index.

The rise in water charges significantly affected the upward movement in the Housing Index.

The All Items Index for the year ending February 2005 advanced by 1.82 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	FEBRUARY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	117.90	-0.23	0.10	2.42
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	104.76	-0.04	-2.51	-1.95
HOUSING	322.99	105.18	0.07	0.10	1.38
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	117.75	-0.05	-0.06	0.47
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	134.28	2.58	2.69	6.39
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	109.96	-0.07	0.32	2.93
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	119.07	0.04	-0.58	2.11
EDUCATION	51.52	165.25	1.25	1.28	3.30
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	121.63	-0.01	0.01	0.03
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	115.51	0.21	0.16	1.82

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA FEBRUARY 2005

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.10 percent to a level of 116.38 in February 2005 compared to 116.26 recorded for January 2005.

Increases were recorded for the following major groups:- Medical Care & Health, 1.27%; Education, 1.16% and Recreation & Entertainment, 0.05%. Decreases were noted for Food & Beverages, 0.27%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.07%; Transportation & Communications, 0.07% and Furniture & Household Operations, 0.06%. Other Expenditures and the Housing Indices remained unchanged.

Upward pressure came from price increases for nursing services, 12.59%; eye laboratories, 6.89%; other hospital and medical services, 3.22%; physician services, 2.70% and hospital room charges, 1.18%; subsequently, the Medical Care & Health Segment increased.

Changes in the Education Index are due to increases in other school charges, 4.51%; elementary tuition, 4.20% and the price of school books, 0.24%.

Pet supplies and expenses rose 1.10% reflecting the change in the Recreation & Entertainment Index.

The All Items Index for the year ending February 2005 advanced by 1.68 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.63 percent to a level of 112.01 in February 2005 compared to the 111.31 level posted in January 2005.

Increases were recorded in the following major groups:- Medical Care & Health, 6.63%; Education, 1.70%; Housing, 0.35%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.05%; Other Expenditures, 0.02% and Recreation & Entertainment, 0.01%. Decreases were recorded in Transportation & Communications, 0.09%; Food & Beverages, 0.03% and Furniture & Household Operations, 0.01%.

Significant factors contributing to the increase in the Medical Care & Health Index include higher prices for physician services, 12.70% and accident and health insurance, 2.16%.

Other school charges jumped 29.62% and elementary tuition climbed 2.67% contributing to the rise in the Education Index.

This month, water charges rose 15.97% increasing the Housing Index.

The All Items Index for the year ending February 2005 increased by 2.40 percent.

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	FEBRUARY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	118.40	-0.27	-0.13	2.34
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	104.78	-0.07	-3.23	-2.75
HOUSING	328.18	103.10	0.00	0.00	-0.66
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	119.36	-0.06	-0.04	0.48
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	136.52	1.27	1.26	4.54
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	110.59	-0.07	0.54	3.19
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	123.69	0.05	-0.79	2.21
EDUCATION	53.09	167.87	1.18	1.18	1.84
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	122.43	0.00	0.04	0.10
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	115.55	0.10	-0.01	0.95

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	FEBRUARY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	116.01	-0.10	0.98	2.75
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	104.68	0.05	0.52	1.42
HOUSING	302.21	105.30	0.35	0.56	1.67
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	109.85	-0.01	-0.15	0.45
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	128.04	6.63	7.14	12.25
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	108.10	-0.09	-0.31	2.15
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	97.84	0.01	0.67	1.59
EDUCATION	45.24	156.56	1.70	1.87	1.87
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	117.40	0.02	-0.12	-0.28
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	112.01	0.63	0.89	2.40



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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS MARCH 2005

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ALL BAHAMAS

The Consumer Price Index for All Bahamas (October/November 1995=100) for the month of March 2005 increased 0.07 percent to a level of 115.59 from a level of 115.51 percent in February 2005.

Increases were recorded in the following major groups:- Clothing & Footwear, 0.44%; Transportation & Communications, 0.23%; Food & Beverages, 0.10%; Medical Care & Health, 0.06% and Other Expenditures, 0.01%. Decreases for the month was recorded for Furniture & Household Operations, 0.02% and Recreation & Entertainment, 0.01%. All remaining groups were unaffected.

Higher prices for the following accounted for the increase in the Clothing & Footwear Index:- mens' sportswear, swimwear and separates; girls' sweaters, pullovers and shirts; girls' sportswear, swimwear and separates; women's trousers, jeans and shorts and women's underwear, nightwear and accessories.

The significant factors contributing to the increase in the Transportation & Communications Index included higher prices for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids.

The Food & Beverages segment's increase was greatly influenced by higher prices for coconuts, pineapples, cucumbers, other meats and other fresh vegetables.

The All Items Index for the year ending March 2005 advanced by 1.89 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	MARCH 2004	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	118.02	0.10	0.20	2.53
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	105.22	0.44	-2.08	-1.52
HOUSING	322.99	105.18	0.00	0.10	1.38
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	117.73	-0.02	-0.08	0.45
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	134.36	0.06	2.75	6.46
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	110.21	0.23	0.55	3.16
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	119.06	-0.01	-0.58	2.10
EDUCATION	51.52	165.25	0.00	1.28	3.30
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	121.64	0.01	0.02	0.04
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	115.59	0.07	0.15	1.89

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.09 percent to a level of 116.48 in March 2005 compared to 116.38 recorded for February 2005. Increases were recorded for the following major groups:- Clothing & Footwear, 0.51%; Transportation & Communications, 0.23%; Food & Beverages, 0.19% and Medical Care & Health, 0.08%. Decreases were recorded for Furniture & Household Operations, 0.04% and Other Expenditures, 0.01%. The remaining Indices showed no movements.

Higher prices for girls' sweaters, pullovers and shirts, 4.32%; girls' sportswear, swimwear and separates, 2.74%; women's trousers, jeans and shorts, 1.98%; women's underwear, nightwear and accessories, 1.70% and men's sweaters, pullovers and shirts, 1.70% were responsible for the increase in the Clothing & Footwear Index.

The Transportation & Communications Segment increased as a result of higher prices for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 1.52%.

The Food & Beverages Index's increase was due to higher prices for the following items:- coconuts, 19.69%; pineapples, 8.97%; other meats, 7.28%; other fresh vegetables, 5.66%; plantains, 3.80%; crabs, 3.18% and mineral water, 3.07%.

The All Items Index for the year ending March 2005 advanced 1.72 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.04 percent to a level of 112.05 in March 2005 compared to the level of 112.01 posted in February 2005.

Increases were recorded in the following major groups:- Transportation & Communications, 0.23%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.21%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.11% and Other Expenditures, 0.03%. Decreases were posted for Food & Beverages, 0.23% and Recreation & Entertainment, 0.07%. All remaining groups were unaffected.

The slight rise in the Transportation & Communications Index was due mainly to price increases for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 1.25%.

Higher prices for mens' sportswear, swimwear and separates, 8.12%; mens' underwear, nightwear and accessories, 1.48%; women's sweaters, pullovers and shirts, 1.37%; girls' sweaters, pullovers and shirts, 0.73%; girls' trousers, jeans and shorts, 0.65% and men's trousers, jeans and shorts, 0.65% were responsible for the increase in the Clothing & Footwear segment.

The All Items Index for the year ending March 2005 increased by 2.30percent.

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BY MAIN COMPONENTS
(OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1995 =100)**

GROUP	WEIGHT	MARCH 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	118.62	0.19	-0.64	2.46
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	105.31	0.51	-2.71	-2.57
HOUSING	328.18	105.15	0.00	0.00	1.31
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	119.31	-0.04	0.08	0.41
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	136.63	0.08	1.34	4.59
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	110.84	0.23	0.74	3.36
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	123.69	0.00	-0.79	2.22
EDUCATION	53.09	170.74	0.00	1.16	3.59
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	122.42	-0.01	0.05	0.09
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	116.48	0.09	-0.01	<i>1.72</i>

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	MARCH 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	115.79	-0.19	0.13	2.32
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	104.90	0.21	0.73	1.22
HOUSING	302.21	105.30	0.00	0.56	1.53
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	109.97	0.11	-0.02	0.45
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	128.04	0.00	7.14	12.25
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	108.35	0.23	-0.13	2.25
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	97.84	0.00	0.67	1.59
EDUCATION	45.24	156.56	0.00	1.87	1.87
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	117.44	0.03	0.02	-0.24
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	112.06	0.04	0.83	2.31



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ALL BAHAMAS
APRIL 2005**

Monthly \$0.50

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ALL BAHAMAS

The Consumer Price Index for All Bahamas (October/November 1995=100) for the month of April 2005 increased 0.59 percent to a level of 116.27 from a level of 115.59 percent in March 2005.

Increases were recorded in the following major groups:- Other Expenditures, 1.87%; Food & Beverages, 0.64%; Transportation & Communications, 0.36%; Recreation & Entertainment, 0.29%; Housing, 0.15% and Furniture & Household Operations, 0.05%. All remaining groups were unaffected with the exception of Clothing & Footwear, which declined 0.13%.

Higher prices for life insurance, beauty parlor services and jewellery, watches and precious stones impacted the increase in the Other Expenditures Index.

Lettuce, limes/lemons, other fresh vegetables, potatoes, oranges and lamb are the main items that influenced the Food & Beverages Index.

The significant factors contributing to the increase in the Transportation & Communications Index included higher prices for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids.

The All Items Index for the year ending April 2005 advanced by 2.29 percent.

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(OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1995 =100)**

GROUP	WEIGHT	APRIL 2004	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	118.77	0.64	0.51	2.94
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	105.08	-0.13	0.27	-1.98
HOUSING	322.99	105.34	0.15	0.22	1.33
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	117.79	0.05	-0.02	0.41
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	134.36	0.00	2.64	6.23
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	110.61	0.36	0.52	3.13
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	119.41	0.29	0.33	2.35
EDUCATION	51.52	168.25	0.00	1.25	3.30
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	123.92	1.87	1.87	1.88
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	116.27	0.59	0.87	2.29

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.66 percent to a level of 117.24 in April 2005 compared to 116.48 recorded for March 2005.

Increases were recorded for the following major groups:- Other Expenditures, 2.25%; Food & Beverages, 0.78%; Recreation & Entertainment, 0.38%; Transportation & Communications, 0.29%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.06% and Housing, 0.02%. The groups Clothing & Footwear and Medical Care & Health both recorded declines of 0.01% and Education remained constant.

Contributing to the rise in the Other Expenditures Index were higher prices for life insurance, 4.07%; beauty parlor services, 1.78%; jewellery, watches and precious stones, 1.27%; legal fees, 1.17% and other toilet goods, 0.55%.

The Food & Beverages' Segment increase included higher prices for the following items:- lettuce, 41.39%; limes/lemons, 17.09%; other fresh vegetables, 14.72%; potatoes, 10.50%; lamb, 7.52%; miscellaneous foods, 5.91%; onions, 5.48%; oranges, 5.41%; pork chops, 4.45%.

The increase in the Housing Index was due to higher prices for gas/tanks and services, 19.57%; unfurnished rental units, 3.91%; furnished/partly furnished rental units and other rental costs, 3.60% and liquid and other fuels, 2.91%.

The All Items Index for the year ending April 2005 advanced 1.59 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.29 percent to a level of 112.37 in April 2005 compared to the level of 112.05 posted in March 2005.

Increases were recorded in the following major groups:- Housing, 0.79%; Transportation & Communications, 0.58%; Food & Beverages, 0.06% and Medical Care & Health, 0.04%. Decreases was recorded for Clothing & Footwear, 0.71%; Recreation & Entertainment, 0.19% and Other Expenditures, 0.15%. All remaining groups were unaffected.

Higher prices for cooking gas, 30.00%; electricity, 4.01% and water charges, 2.09% were responsible for the upward movement in the Housing Segment.

The increase in the Transportation & Communications Index was due to higher prices for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 3.12%.

The Food & Beverages' Index increase was due to oranges, 8.79%; sweet peppers, 4.22%; other fresh vegetables, 3.51%; turkey, 3.38%; lettuce, 2.75% and grapes, 2.14%.

The All Items Index for the year ending April 2005 increased by 2.17percent.

**THE NEW PROVIDENCE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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GROUP	WEIGHT	APRIL 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	119.55	0.78	0.70	3.18
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	105.30	-0.01	0.43	-2.58
HOUSING	328.18	105.17	0.02	0.02	1.33
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	119.38	0.06	-0.04	0.43
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	136.61	-0.01	1.34	4.31
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	111.16	0.29	0.44	3.34
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	124.16	0.38	0.43	2.67
EDUCATION	53.09	170.74	0.00	1.16	3.59
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	125.17	2.25	2.24	2.26
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	<i>117.24</i>	<i>0.65</i>	<i>0.84</i>	<i>2.31</i>

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	APRIL 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	115.81	0.06	-0.28	2.02
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	104.16	-0.71	-0.45	0.50
HOUSING	302.21	106.13	0.79	1.14	1.37
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	109.97	0.00	0.10	0.28
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	128.09	0.04	6.67	12.30
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	108.98	0.58	0.72	2.52
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	97.58	-0.19	-0.26	0.53
EDUCATION	45.24	156.56	0.00	1.70	1.87
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	117.26	-0.15	-0.10	-0.20
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	112.37	0.29	0.95	2.71



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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS MAY 2005

Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The All Bahamas Consumer Price Index (October/November 1995=100) for the month of May 2005 rose to 116.66 from the 116.27 level which was posted for April 2005. This movement represented an increase of 0.34%.

Increases were recorded in the following major groups:- Transportation & Communications, 1.59%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.62%; Food & Beverages, 0.33%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.13% and Other Expenditures, 0.01%. Recreation & Entertainment along with Housing declined 0.13% and 0.01%, respectively and Medical Care & Health and Education remained unaffected.

During the month, price increases for the following items tremendously influenced the upward movement in the Transportation & Communication Index:- boats; gasoline, oil, greases and fluids; airfare and freight; parts and accessories and repair of personal transport equipment and services.

Upward pressure on the Furniture & Household Operations Index came from price increases for towels, household laundry and dry-cleaning services, laundry equipment, carpets and floor coverings and baby sitting services.

Significant factors contributing to the increase in The Food & Beverages Index included higher prices peas and beans, grapefruits, veal, cabbages, coconuts, carrots, limes/lemons, avocados, roast beef, potatoes, turkey, and fresh and frozen fish.

Higher prices for baby diapers led to the rise in the Clothing & Footwear Index.

The All Items Index for the year ending May 2005 advanced by 2.55 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	MAY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	119.16	0.33	1.07	3.04
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	105.22	0.13	0.44	-1.83
HOUSING	322.99	106.08	-0.01	0.86	2.21
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	118.52	0.62	0.65	0.68
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	134.36	0.00	0.06	5.07
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	112.37	1.59	2.19	4.73
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	119.26	-0.13	0.16	2.05
EDUCATION	51.52	168.25	0.00	0.00	3.30
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	123.93	0.01	1.89	1.91
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	116.66	0.34	1.00	2.55

NOTE: The All Bahamas Index is inclusive of New Providence and Grand Bahama.



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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA MAY 2005

Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.27 percent to a level of 117.56 in April 2005 compared to 117.24 recorded for April 2005.

Increases for the month were recorded as follows:- Transportation & Communications, 1.24%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.67%; Food & Beverages, 0.32% and the following three groups - Other Expenditures, Clothing & Footwear, and Medical Care & Health all posted increases of 0.01% each. Recreation & Entertainment showed a decrease of 0.15% whilst the Housing and Education groups remained constant.

Contributing to the rise in the Transportation & Communications Index were increased prices for airfare and freight, 5.37%; gasoline, oil, greases and fluid, 3.49%; parts and accessories, 1.24% and repair of personal transport equipment and services, 0.36%.

The increase in the Furniture & Household Operations Index was due to higher prices for towels, 8.07%; household laundry and dry-cleaning services, 7.37%; laundry equipment, 5.57%; carpets and floor coverings, 4.95% and baby sitting services, 4.39%.

The Food & Beverages Segment's increase included higher prices for the following items:-peas and beans, 18.95%; grapefruits, 10.59%; veal, 10.08%; cabbages, 9.13%; coconuts, 5.57%; carrots, 5.51%; limes/lemons, 5.23%; avocados, 4.65%; roast beef, 4.10%; potatoes, 3.08%; turkey, 3.06% and fresh and frozen fish, 2.80%.

The All Items Index for the year ending May 2005 advanced 2.49 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased 0.62 percent to a level of 113.07 in May 2005 compared to the level of 112.37 posted in April 2005.

This month, four major groups increased, two decreased and three were unaffected. The increases were recorded as follows:- Transportation & Communications, 2.65%; Clothing & Footwear, 0.63%; Food & Beverages, 0.37%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.35%. The two decreases for the month were posted for Housing, 0.03% and Other Expenditures, 0.01%. Medical Care & Health, Recreation & Entertainment and Education were the three groups remaining constant.

The price for boats climbed 33% followed by increased prices for gasoline, oil, greases, and fluids, 5.45% and airfare and freight, 2.14% which significantly impacted the rise in the Transportation and Communications Index.

Contributing to the increase in the Clothing & Footwear Index was the jump in price for baby diapers, 11.17%.

The All Items Index for the year ending May 2005 increased by 2.75 percent.

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	MAY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	119.93	0.32	1.29	3.22
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	105.31	0.01	0.51	-2.54
HOUSING	328.18	106.08	0.00	0.88	2.21
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	120.18	0.67	0.69	0.70
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	136.62	0.01	0.07	4.27
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	112.54	1.24	1.76	4.58
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	123.97	-0.15	0.23	2.30
EDUCATION	53.09	170.74	0.00	0.00	3.59
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	125.18	0.01	2.25	2.29
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	<i>117.56</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>1.01</i>	<i>2.49</i>

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	MAY 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	116.24	0.37	0.20	2.38
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	104.82	0.63	0.13	1.14
HOUSING	302.21	106.10	-0.03	0.76	2.24
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	110.35	0.35	0.46	0.57
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	128.09	0.00	0.04	7.49
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	111.87	2.65	3.49	5.22
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	97.58	0.00	-0.27	0.59
EDUCATION	45.24	156.56	0.00	0.00	1.87
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	117.25	-0.01	-0.13	-0.22
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	113.07	0.62	0.95	2.75