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

Monthly \$0.50

Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The Consumer Price Index for All Bahamas (October/November 1995=100) for the month of June 2005 increased 0.15 percent to a level of 116.83 from a level of 116.66 percent in May 2005.

Increases were documented in the following major groups:- Medical Care & Health, 0.58%; Housing, 0.36%; Food & Beverages, 0.28%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.08% and Other Expenditures, 0.03%. All remaining groups were unaffected with the exception of Transportation & Communications, which declined 0.27%.

Increased prices for physicians' services, medical and pharmaceutical products and other professional services were chiefly responsible for the rise in the Medical Care & Health Index.

Higher electricity rates accounted for the increases in the Housing Index.

The Food & Beverages Segment's increase was greatly influenced by higher prices for limes, grapefruits, tomatoes, lamb, seasonings, olive, vinegar and relish, grapes, other meats, other fresh fruits, cheese and cucumbers.

The All Items Index for the year ending June 2005 advanced by 2.70 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	JUNE 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	119.49	0.28	1.25	3.33
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	105.22	0.00	0.00	-1.83
HOUSING	322.99	106.46	0.36	1.22	2.57
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	118.61	0.08	0.75	0.76
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	135.14	0.58	0.58	5.68
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	112.07	-0.27	1.69	4.46
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	119.26	0.00	0.17	2.05
EDUCATION	51.52	168.25	0.00	0.00	3.30
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	123.97	0.03	1.92	1.94
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	116.83	0.15	1.07	2.70

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.07 percent to a level of 117.64 in June 2005 compared to 117.56 recorded for May 2005.

The groups that advanced the index were:- Medical Care & Health, 0.77%; Food & Beverages, 0.33%; Furniture & Household Operations, 0.10% and Other Expenditures, 0.04%. Transportation & Communications, declined 0.25% and the remaining four groups showed no changes.

Higher prices for physicians' services, 3.36%; medical and pharmaceutical products, 1.50% and other professional services, 1.03% were chiefly responsible for the increase in the Medical Care & Health Index.

Contributing to the increase in the Food & Beverages' group were higher prices for the following items;- tomatoes, 8.80%; grapes, 6.55%; other fresh fruits, 5.19%; cucumbers, 4.38%; baby milk, 4.34%; onions, 4.22%; oranges, 4.07%; bananas, 4.04%; other milk products, 3.55%; ground beef, 3.32%; other fats and oils, 2.81% and plantains, 2.31%.

The slight rise in the Furniture & Household Operations segment was due to increased prices for household cleaning supplies, 0.84%; paper and paper supplies, 0.45% and miscellaneous household products, 0.30%.

The All Items Index for the year ending June 2005 advanced 2.56 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) increased by 0.48 percent to a level of 113.61 in June 2005 compared to the level of 113.07 posted in April 2005.

The groups that increased the index were:- Housing, 1.89%; Food & Beverages, 0.05%; Clothing & Footwear, Medical Care & Health and Other Expenditures, 0.01% respectively. Decreases were recorded for Transportation & Communications, 0.31% and Furniture & Household Operations, 0.04%. All remaining groups were unaffected.

Higher prices for electricity, 11.84% were responsible for the upward movement in the Housing Segment.

The Food & Beverages Index's increase was due to limes, 16.30%; grapefruits, 9.42%; lamb, 7.88%; seasonings, olives, vinegar and relish, 6.74%; other meats, 5.43%; cheese, 5.01%; lettuce, 3.84%; roast beef, 3.38%; sweet peppers, 3.16%; tomato, catsup, mustard and hot sauce, 2.30%; bacon, 1.72% and steak, 1.66%.

The All Items Index for the year ending June 2005 increased by 2.95 percent.

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	JUNE 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	120.33	0.33	1.44	3.60
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	105.31	0.00	0.00	-2.19
HOUSING	328.18	106.08	0.00	0.88	2.21
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	120.30	0.10	0.83	0.88
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	137.67	0.77	0.76	5.03
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	112.26	-0.25	1.28	4.08
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	123.97	0.00	0.23	2.29
EDUCATION	53.09	170.74	0.00	0.00	3.59
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	125.23	0.04	2.30	2.36
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	117.56	0.07	1.00	<i>2.56</i>

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

GROUP	WEIGHT	JUNE 2005	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	116.30	0.05	0.48	2.13
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	104.83	0.01	-0.07	1.13
HOUSING	302.21	108.10	1.89	2.66	4.16
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	110.31	-0.04	0.31	0.30
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	128.10	0.01	0.05	7.50
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	111.52	-0.31	2.93	3.74
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	97.58	0.00	-0.19	0.47
EDUCATION	45.24	156.56	0.00	0.00	1.87
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	117.26	0.01	-0.15	-0.26
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	113.61	0.48	1.39	2.95