



ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 2nd Quarter: April - June 2005

The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is a measure of the average change in prices over time of a representative basket of goods and services paid for by consumers. The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living.

The **Anguilla Consumer Price Index (AXACPI)** program produces quarterly data on changes in the prices paid by consumers for this representative basket of goods and services.

During the second quarter of 2005, the CPI recorded a 1.1 percent change over the 1st quarter of 2005. Annually (2nd Quarter 2004 over 2nd Quarter 2005), the AXACPI showed a 6.1 percent increase for all items included in the basket.

Quarterly and Annual % change for the Anguilla CPI by category and weights

ITEM	New Weights 2001 WT	June 04	March 05	June 05	Quarterly % Change Mar05/June05	Annual % Change June05/June04
FOOD	321.1	104.0	105.9	106.3	0.4%	2.2%
DRINKS AND TOBACCO	2.9	99.3	101.5	101.8	0.3%	2.5%
ACCOMODATION	171.5	88.9	87.2	95.8	9.9%	7.8%
FUEL	68.6	101.3	116.1	116.2	0.1%	14.7%
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	30.7	97.3	157.5	146.0	-7.3%	50.0%
HOUSEHOLD GOODS	97.3	110.5	115.6	117.6	1.7%	6.4%
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION	235.3	129.7	131.7	132.0	0.2%	1.7%
MEDICAL	30.9	130.0	131.7	131.7	0.0%	1.3%
EDUCATION	9.9	115.6	186.5	186.5	0.0%	61.3%
PERSONAL SERVICES	16.4	111.6	114.7	115.0	0.2%	4.4%
OTHER	15.3	106.7	117.1	116.0	-0.9%	8.7%
ALL ITEMS	999.770	108.8	114.1	115.4	1.1%	6.1%

Quarterly Analysis

The "Accommodation" component in the Index had the biggest movement for the second quarter (April - June) of 9.9 percent. An increase in the cost of paints was the main contributor to this quarterly rise.

There was also a slight increase in the "Household Goods" component of 1.7 percent for this period resulting from a rise in the prices of furniture and appliances.

Prices, within "Clothing and Footwear", declined by 7.3 percent due to a drop in the prices of certain items in women's clothing.

All other components within the basket showed little or no movement for this period.

Annual Analysis

The Clothing and Footwear component showed an annual rate of increase in the 2nd quarter 2005 over 2nd quarter 2004 of 50.0 percent. This was due to an increase in the cost of men and women's apparel, and shoes. Education also showed an annual increase of 61.3 percent caused by the increase in kindergarten fees. The rise in the cost of electricity sold to consumers was the primary cause of the jump in the Fuel category of 14.7 percent.

The "Other" component showed an annual increase of 8.7 percent, due to an increase in the cost of renting videos and a rise in prices of toiletries. Prices within the "Accommodation" component also increased over the period 2nd quarter 2005 over 2nd quarter 2004 by 7.8 percent as a result of increased charges for water delivery, and certain building materials.

A price jump for household appliances and furniture was the basis for the 6.4 percent rise in prices within the "Household Goods" component. The other categories within the index also increased for the period June 2005 over June 2004.

The CPI can be used in employer and employee contract negotiations to adjust wages, in rental agreements and child support agreements, pensions and other contractual price setting arrangements.

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