



ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

3rd Quarter: July - September 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 third quarter of 2005, the CPI recorded a 1.3% increase, the same as the previous quarter when the increase was also 1.3%. Annually (September 2005 over September), the AXACPI showed a 4.9% 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	Sept 04	June 05	Sept 05	Quarterly % Change Sept05/June05	Annual % Change Sept05/Sept04
FOOD	321.1	103.1	106.3	107.5	1.1%	4.2%
DRINKS AND TOBACCO	2.9	99.3	101.8	101.4	-0.3%	2.1%
ACCOMODATION	171.5	87.2	95.8	96.7	0.9%	10.9%
FUEL	68.6	101.4	116.2	116.2	-0.1%	14.5%
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	30.7	155.4	146.0	186.0	23.2%	19.7%
HOUSEHOLD GOODS	97.3	117.1	117.6	116.7	-0.7%	-0.3%
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION	235.3	130.3	132.0	131.7	-0.2%	1.1%
MEDICAL	30.9	131.1	131.7	132.3	0.4%	0.8%
EDUCATION	9.9	183.1	186.5	183.1	-1.8%	0.0%
PERSONAL SERVICES	16.4	111.7	115.0	122.0	6.1%	9.3%
OTHER	15.3	115.0	116.0	109.4	-3.1%	-2.3%
ALL ITEMS	999.770	116.6	115.6	117.0	1.3%	4.9%

Quarterly Analysis

The "Clothing and Footwear" component in the Index had the biggest movement for the third quarter (July - Sept) of 23.2%. An increase in the prices on certain items in women's apparel was the main contributor to this quarterly rise.

Prices within the "Personal Services" component also increased during this period by 6.1%, caused by a rise in the cost of haircuts for men.

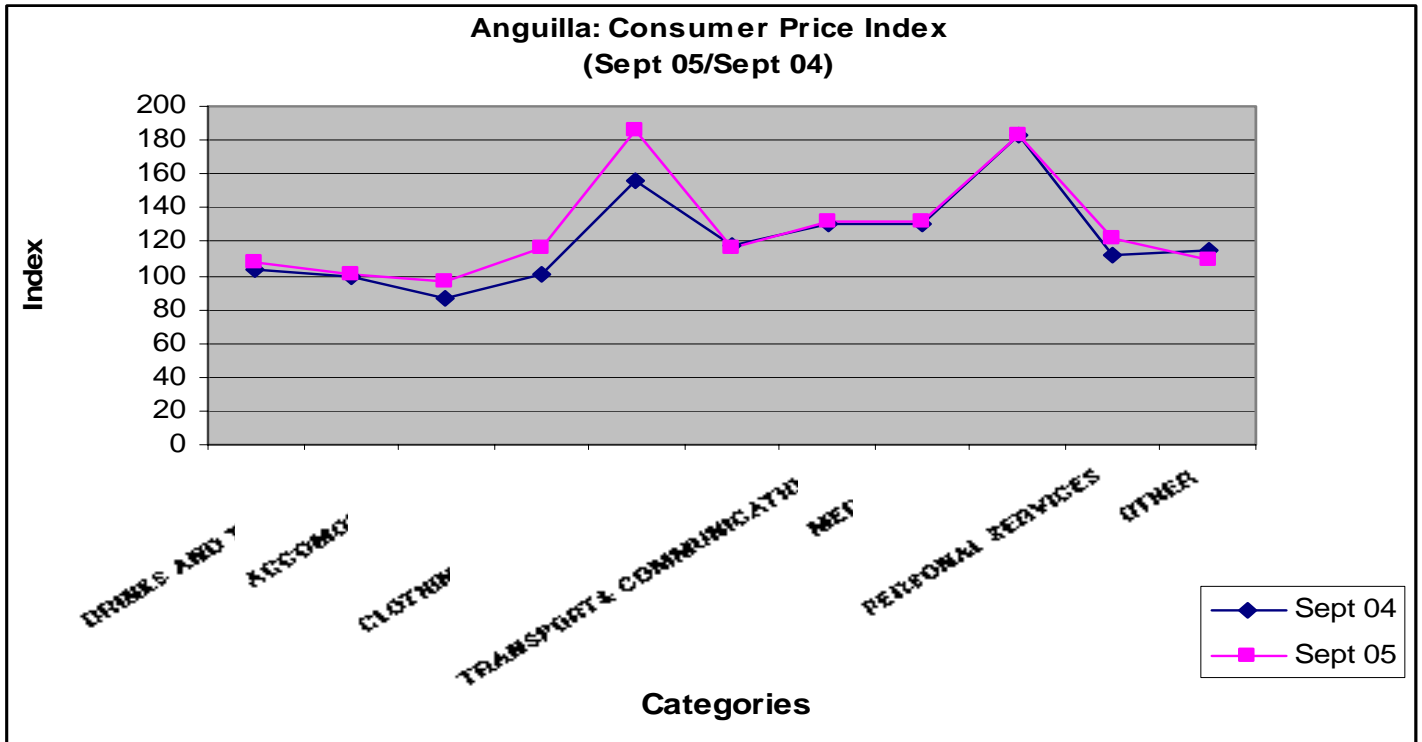
The "Food" component increased slightly by 1.1% during the quarter.

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 3rd quarter 2005 over 3rd quarter 2004 of 19.7%. This was due to an increase in the cost of men and women's apparel, and shoes. Accommodation also showed an annual increase of 10.9% caused by the increase in water delivery charges and the cost of interior/exterior paints. The rise in the cost of electricity sold to consumers was the primary cause of the jump in the Fuel category of 14.5 percent.

The "Services" component showed an annual increase of 9.3%, due to an increase in the cost of women's hair grooming fees and a rise in the cost of driving lessons



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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