



ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1st Quarter: January - March 2005

The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased by households. 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)** programme produces quarterly data on changes in the prices paid by consumers for this representative basket of goods and services.

Over the quarter January 2005 to March 2005, the CPI showed an increase of 0.1 percent, the same for the previous quarter when the increase was also 0.1 percent. Annually (March 2004 over March 2005), the Index showed a 5.0 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	Mar-04	Dec-04	Mar-05	Quarterly % Change Dec04/Mar05	Annual % Change Mar04/Mar05
FOOD	321.1	102.9	106.4	105.9	-0.5%	2.9%
DRINKS AND TOBACCO	2.9	99.3	101.3	101.5	0.2%	2.2%
ACCOMODATION	171.5	88.3	87.0	87.2	0.3%	-1.3%
FUEL	68.6	101.4	116.0	116.1	0.0%	14.4%
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	30.7	99.5	155.2	157.5	1.5%	58.3%
HOUSEHOLD GOODS	97.3	112.3	116.9	115.6	-1.1%	3.0%
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION	235.3	130.2	131.6	131.7	0.0%	1.1%
MEDICAL	30.9	129.8	131.5	131.7	0.2%	1.4%
EDUCATION	9.9	117.9	187.8	186.5	-0.7%	58.2%
PERSONAL SERVICES	16.4	111.6	112.0	121.5	8.4%	8.9%
OTHER	15.3	106.1	113.9	117.1	2.8%	10.4%
ALL ITEMS	999.770	108.7	114.0	114.1	0.1%	5.0%

Quarterly Analysis

The "Personal services" component in the Index had the biggest movement for the first quarter (Jan - Mar) of 8.4 percent. An increase in the cost of ladies hair grooming was the main contributor to this quarterly rise.

The "Other goods" component increased 2.8 percent for this period caused by a rise in the prices for power tools and toiletries.

The Clothing and Footwear category showed a 1.5 percent increase, while Drinks and Tobacco, Accommodation, Fuel and Medical categories showed very slight movement during this period.

Prices for the Food component declined by 0.5 percent for this quarter, as a result of, prices within this category for breakfast foods declining slightly. Declining prices on certain linens also caused the Household Goods category to show a 1.1 percent drop and the Education category had a decline in the quarter of 0.7 percent.

Annual Analysis

The Clothing and Footwear component showed an annual rate of increase in March 2005 from March 2004 of 58.3 percent. This was due to an increase in the cost of men's and women's apparel, and shoes and also a rise in the cost of ladies handbags. Education also showed an annual increase of 58.2 percent caused by the climb 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 14.4 percent.

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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