



Anguilla Government Statistics Department

ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

4th Quarter: October - December 2008

**Inflation
Rate
-1.8%**

The Anguilla Consumer Price Index (AXACPI) between the 4th quarter (Oct - Dec) 2008 and the 3rd quarter (July - Sept) 2008, showed an inflation rate of -1.8% for all items within the basket of goods and services. This means that consumers paid 1.8% less for goods and services in the 4th quarter of 2008, than they did in the 3rd quarter of 2008.



Between the 4th quarter (Oct - Dec) 2008 and the 4th quarter (Oct - Dec) 2007, there was an annual increase in *All Items* by 5.3%. The *All Items* index from 134.4 to 141.5 for the basket of goods and services; meaning that consumers paid 5.3% more for goods and services in the 4th quarter 2008, than they did in the 4th quarter of 2007.

Categories	New Weights 2001	Dec 07	Sept 08	Dec 08	Quarterly % Change Dec08/Sept08	Annual % Change Dec08/Dec07
Food	321.20	125.3	144.9	144.2	-0.5%	15.1%
Drinks & Tobacco	2.90	110.5	120.1	120.7	0.5%	9.2%
Accommodation	171.50	109.7	111.9	113.9	1.8%	3.8%
Fuel	68.55	133.2	183.0	146.6	-19.9%	10.0%
Clothing & Footwear	30.65	138.6	113.7	107.3	-5.6%	-22.6%
Household Goods	97.30	176.1	176.4	175.3	-0.6%	-0.4%
Transportation & Communication	235.28	146.4	148.0	148.7	0.5%	1.6%
Medical	30.85	141.1	141.8	141.7	0.0%	0.4%
Education	9.94	198.9	198.1	200.8	1.4%	1.0%
Personal Services	16.42	134.1	132.9	132.5	-0.3%	-1.2%
Other	15.30	100.6	92.1	89.9	-2.4%	-10.6%
All Items	1000.00	134.4	144.0	141.5	-1.8%	5.3%

Quarterly Analysis

During the 4th quarter 2008 the AXACPI, showed some small increases over the 3rd quarter 2008; with four (4) categories advancing, one (1) remaining unchanged and six (6) declining.

The category "*Accommodation*" measured the highest percentage increase of all the categories over their previous quarters' index of 1.8%. This increase was partly due to the increase in the price of blocks which increased by 13.3% over the quarter.

The "*Education*" category experienced an increase of 1.4%, which was in part due to the increase in the cost of taking one (1) CXC subject examination.

The categories "*Transportation*" and "*Drink & Tobacco*" both experienced an increase of 0.5% over the previous quarter.

The category "*Medical*" was the only category that remained constant over the quarter.

Conversely, the category "*Fuel*" experienced the largest decrease in the index with 19.9%, which was partly due to the decrease in the fuel charge of electricity from EC\$0.55 to EC\$0.30, a 20.4% decrease.

"*Clothing & Footwear*" decreased by 5.6% which was due to decrease of men & women clothing,

with men clothing experiencing an average decrease of 11.6%

The category “*Other*” experienced a decrease of 2.4% over the previous quarter.

Annual Analysis

Overall, the AXACPI in the 4th quarter 2008 showed an annual increase; with advances over the 4th quarter of 2007 in seven (7) categories and four (4) categories declined.

The “*Food*” category, measured the largest annual increase of 15.1% as a result of increases in the cost of certain food items. Items within the “*bread, flour cereal*” subcategory, such as the wheat and white flour on average increased by 59.2%, where white flour increased by 49.2% and wheat increased by 69.2%; rice experienced an increase of 61.5%. The subcategories “*Meat*”, “*Poultry*” and “*Fish*” measured average increases of 7.1%, 7.9% and 11.7% over the year. The “*Milk & Dairy Products*” subcategory on average increased of 15.2%, “*dried milk*”, one of the items in this category experienced a 39.5% increase. Additionally, “*take out*” meals, which include foods such as Chicken and Fries, Hamburger and Fries, sandwiches etc. on average experienced a 15.6% increase over the 4th quarter 2007 prices.

The “*Fuel*” category, measured an annual increase of 10.0%, which was partly due to the increase in the surcharge of electricity by 10.1% over the 4th quarter 2007.

The “*Drink & Tobacco*” category measured an annual increase in prices of 9.2%, which was part due to the increase in the cost of beers which increased by 5.8%. The cost of cigarettes increased by 5.9% and rum by 7.8%.

“*Household Goods*”, “*Food*” and “*Personal Services*” all experienced decreases of 0.6%, 0.5% and 0.3% respectively over the 3rd quarter 2008.

annual increase of 3.8% which was in part due to the increase cost of concrete blocks which increased by 30.8% when compared to the 4th quarter of 2007.

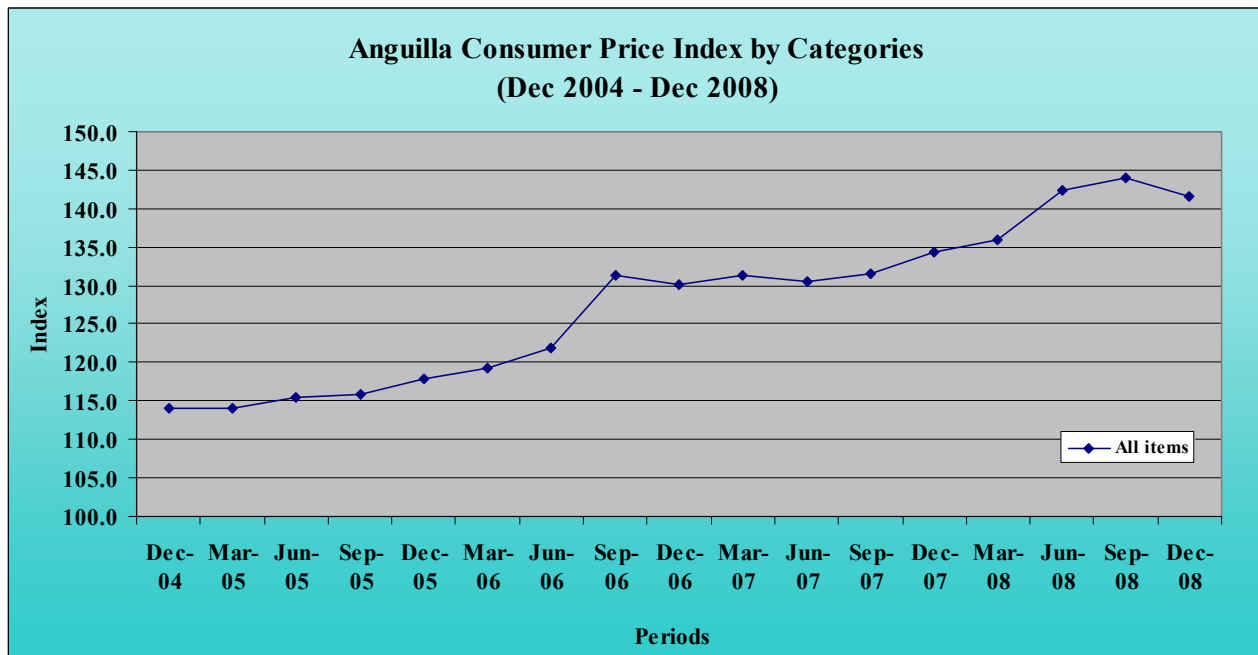
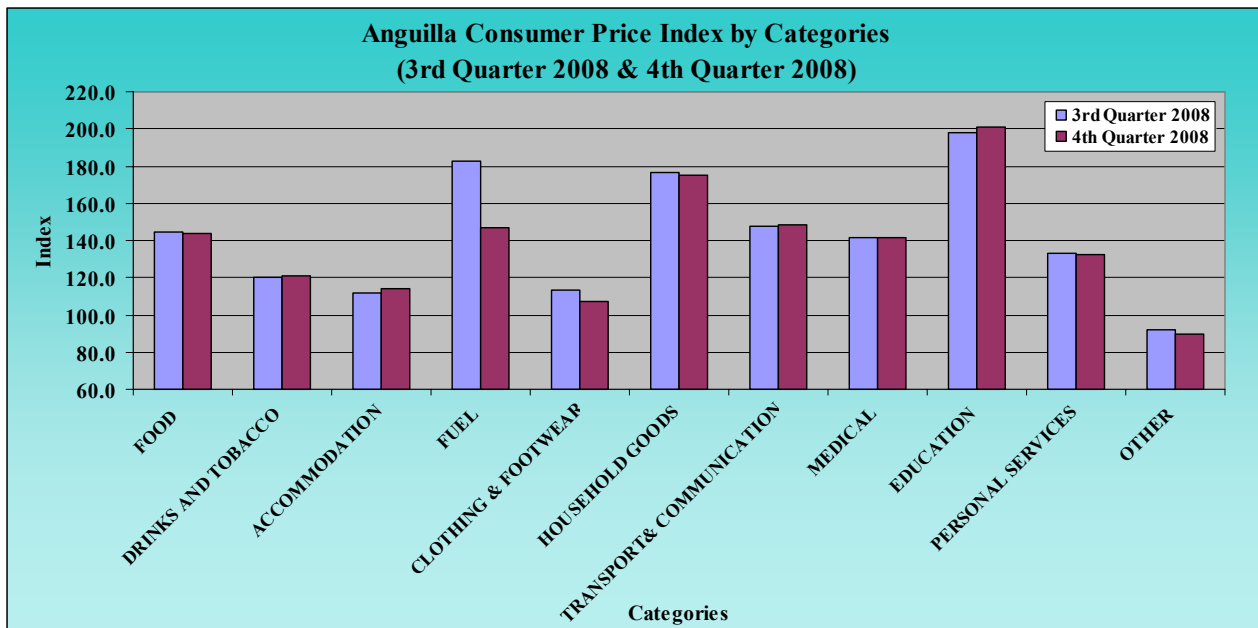
The categories “*Transportation*”, “*Medical*” and “*Education*” experienced increases of 1.6%, 1.0% and 0.4% respectively over the year.



Conversely, the category “*Other*” showed a decrease of 10.6%, which was due to the decreased cost in power tools and other miscellaneous items.

“*Clothing and Footwear*” experienced an annual decrease of 22.6% which was partly due to the decrease in the cost of men’s and women’s clothing by an average of 10.9% and 12.9% respectively.

The other categories that experienced decrease were “*Personal Services*” and “*Household Goods*” by 1.2% and 0.4% over the 4th quarter 2007.



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.

*This report along with other CPI, are available at the Government of Anguilla Statistics Department's website:
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