



# Anguilla Government Statistics Department

## ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: July – September 2009

**Inflation  
Rate  
0.1%**

The Anguilla Consumer Price Index (AXACPI) between the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July-September) 2009 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (April-June) 2009, showed an average increase of 0.1% for all items within the basket of goods and services. This means that consumers paid overall 0.1% more for goods and services in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2009, than they did in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2009.



Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July-September) 2009 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July-September) 2008, there was an annual change decrease of *All Items* by 3.1%. The *All Items* index increased from 144.0 to 139.6.

Categories	New Weights 2001	Sept 08	June 09	Sept 09	Quarterly % Change Sept09/June09	Annual % Change Sept09/Sept08
Food	321.20	144.9	145.8	146.7	0.6%	1.2%
Drinks & Tobacco	2.90	120.1	126.1	125.2	-0.7%	4.3%
Accommodation	171.50	111.9	114.8	114.0	-0.7%	1.9%
Fuel	68.55	183.0	121.6	121.6	0.0%	-33.6%
Clothing & Footwear	30.65	113.7	111.4	110.1	-1.2%	-3.1%
Household Goods	97.30	176.4	163.3	163.0	-0.2%	-7.6%
Transportation & Communication	235.28	148.0	138.2	138.0	-0.2%	-6.7%
Medical	30.85	141.8	218.6	218.8	0.1%	54.3%
Education	9.94	198.1	206.9	218.0	5.3%	10.0%
Personal Services	16.42	132.9	136.1	134.1	-1.5%	0.9%
Other	15.30	92.1	89.2	89.4	0.2%	-3.0%
All Items	1000.00	144.0	139.5	139.6	0.1%	-3.1%

### Quarterly Analysis

Overall, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2009 the AXACPI, showed some increases over the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2009, with four (4) categories advancing, six (6) declining and one (1) remaining constant.

The “*Education*” category showed the highest percentage increase of 5.3% over the previous quarter’s index. This increase was in part due to the increase in the price of a CXC CSEC exam fee by 8.7% and private tutoring which increased by 108.3%, more than doubled the price in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

The category “*Food*”, showed a 0.6% increase, which was in part due to the increase in the prices of certain food items.

The categories “*Medical*” and “*Other*” showed increases of 0.1% and 0.2% respectively, which was partly due to increase of cough medicine and in the price of power tools.

For the category “*Fuel*” prices remained constant over the previous quarter.

The category “*Personal Services*” experienced the largest decrease over the period under examination with 1.5%. This was part due to the decrease in the cost of a gent’s haircut.

The “*Clothing & Footwear*” category showed a decrease of 1.2% over the quarter. This decline was partly due to the decline in some of the men and women apparels in this category.

The “*Drinks & Tobacco*” and “*Accommodation*” categories both showed decreases of 0.7%, which was part due to the 1.8% decrease in beer and in the 18.8% decrease in imported blocks respectively.

The “*Household Goods*” and “*Transportation & Communication*” categories both showed decreases of 0.2%, which was part due to the decrease in price of a tire, repaint of a car and an airfare to St. Thomas.

## **Annual Analysis**

Overall, the AXACPI in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2009, showed an annual decrease in the *All Items*, with advances over the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2008 in six (6) categories and declines in five (5) categories.

The “*Medical*” category showed an annual increase over the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2008 of 54.3%. This was as a result of the increases in the cost of medical services.

The “*Education*” category experienced an increase of 10.0%, partly as a result of the increase in the exam fees and private tutoring.

The “*Drink & Tobacco*” category measured an annual increase in prices of 4.3%; this was in part due to the increase in the cost of beers which increased by 4.8%, rum by 2.7% and cigarettes by 5.6%.

The “*Accommodation*” category experienced an increase of 1.9%, which was partly due to the increased cost of property tax, blocks and water delivery.

The “*Food*” & “*Personal*” categories experienced increases of 1.2% & 0.9% respectively. This was partly due to the increased cost of some food items and in the cost of driving lessons and a gent’s haircut.

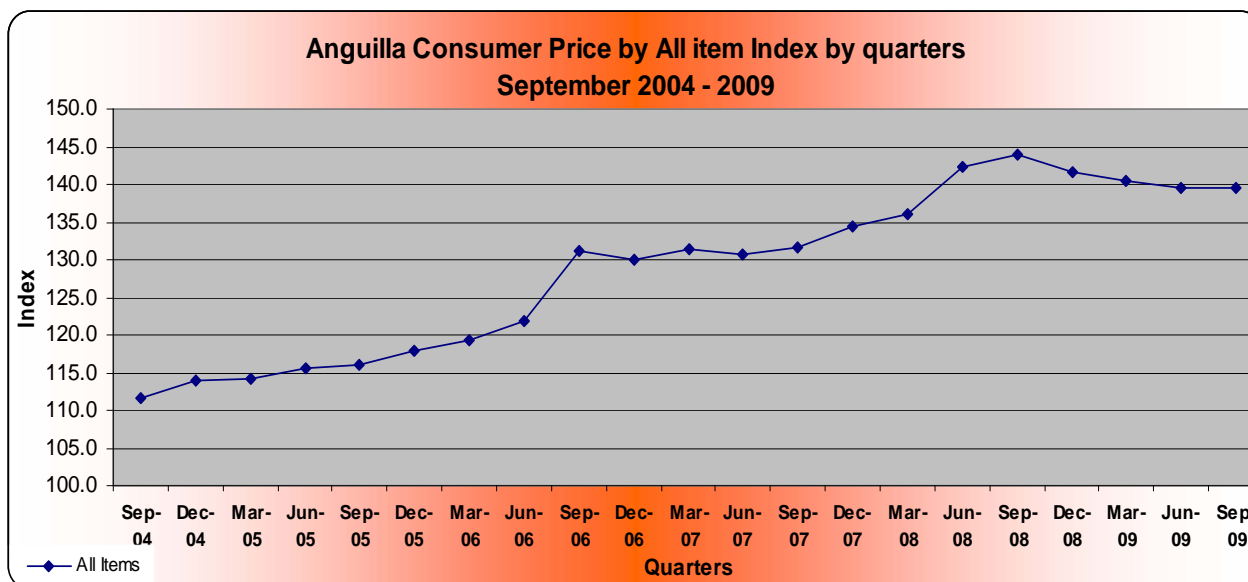
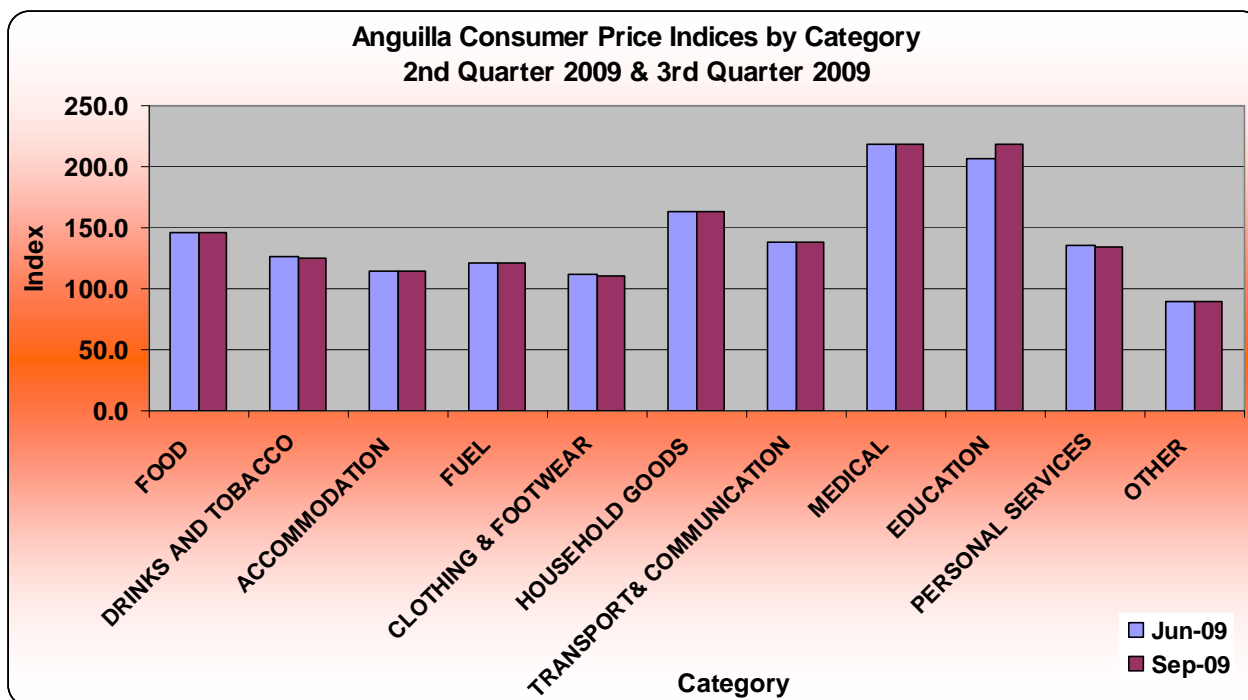
The “*Fuel*” category experienced the largest decrease over the year with a decrease of 33.6%. This decline was in part due to electricity charges for 300 units of electricity, fuel surcharge and meter rental by 4.5%, 70.9% and 4.8% respectively.

The “*Household Goods*” category experienced a decrease of 7.6%, as a result of the decrease in the price of a suite upholstered, mattress, a helper and a gardener.

The “*Transportation & Communication*” category experienced a decrease of 6.7% over the year, which was partly due to the decrease in cost of a telephone rental, tire, a gallon of gasoline which declined by 21.8%, the cost of repainting a car and an airfare to St. Thomas.

In the “*Clothing & Footwear*” category prices decreased over the past year by 3.1%, which was in part due to the decrease in the cost of some men and women apparels.

The “*Other*” category also experienced a decrease over the past year with a decrease of 3.0%, which was due to the lower cost of power tools.



*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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