



ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

3rd Quarter: July - September 2004

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

During the third quarter of 2004, the CPI recorded an increase of 2.6 percent compared to the 0.9 percent increase experienced in the third quarter of 2003. Annually (Sept 03 over Sept 04), the Index showed a 3.5 percent increase for all items included in the basket.

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

	Weights	Sept 03	June 04	Sept 04	Quarterly % Change Sept04/June04	Annual % Change Sept04/Sept03
FOOD	321.20	99.3	104.0	103.1	-0.8%	3.8%
DRINKS & TOBACCO	2.90	98.4	99.3	99.3	0.0%	1.0%
ACCOMMODATION	171.50	90.4	88.9	87.2	-1.9%	-3.5%
FUEL	68.55	103.3	101.3	101.4	0.1%	-1.9%
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	30.65	114.7	97.3	155.4	59.8%	35.5%
HOUSEHOLD GOODS	97.30	109.7	110.6	117.1	5.9%	6.7%
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION	235.28	128.6	129.7	130.3	0.4%	1.3%
MEDICAL	30.85	129.4	130.0	131.1	0.9%	1.3%
EDUCATION	9.94	110.8	115.6	183.1	58.4%	65.3%
PERSONAL SERVICES	16.42	113.4	111.6	111.7	0.1%	-1.5%
OTHER	15.30	107.8	106.7	115.0	7.8%	6.7%
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	107.8	108.7	111.6	2.6%	3.5%

Weights revised – 1998

Base year Dec. 2000 = 100

CPI is based on prices collected within the 1st week of the last month of the quarter

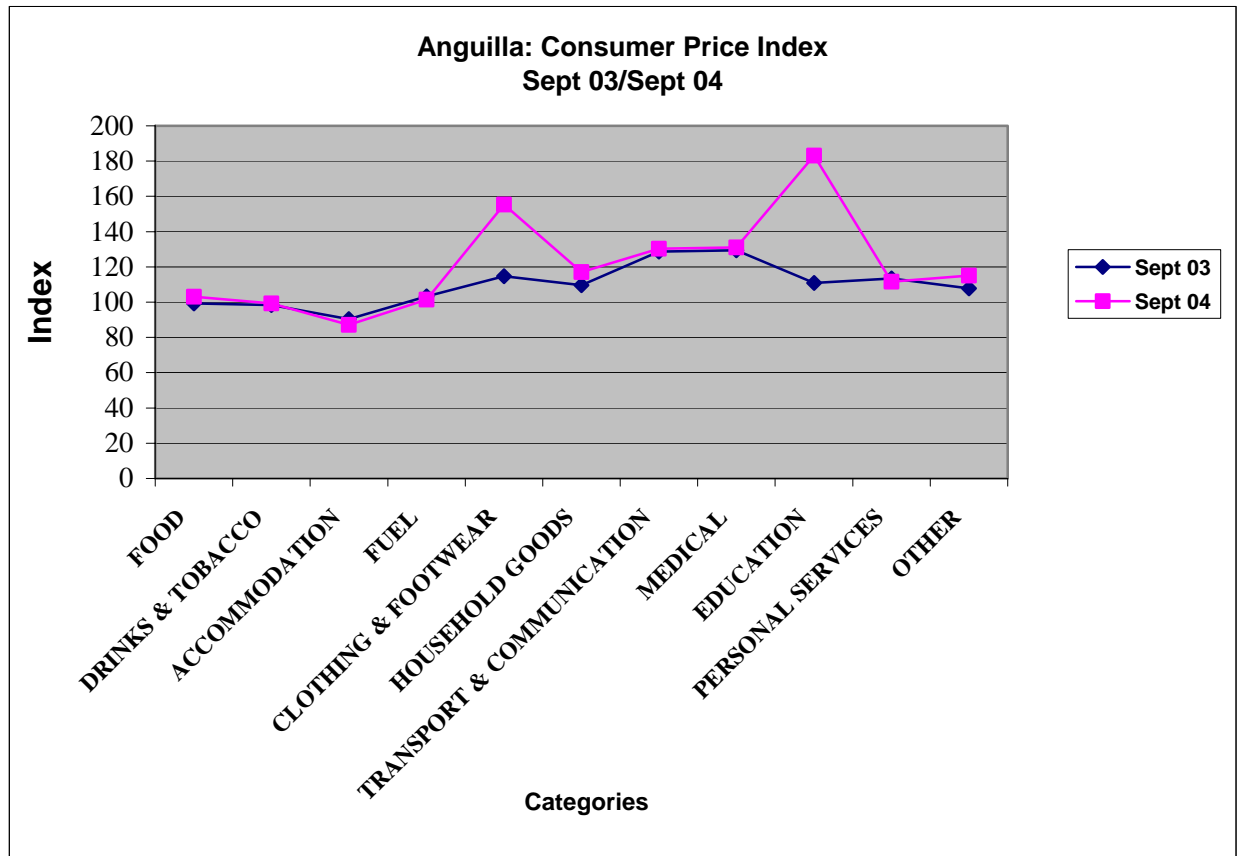
Education and clothing & footwear prices were the main contributors to the rise in the CPI. These components of the index recorded increases of 58.4 percent and 59.8 percent respectively. The increase in tuition fees at the pre-school level and the increase in the prices of women's apparel were the items responsible for the rise within these two components.

Slight increases in prices of linens and household appliances contributed to the Household Goods category showing a rise of 5.9 percent while an increase in prices for toiletries was responsible for the "Other" component to increase by 7.8% during the third quarter of 2004.

Food prices during this quarter declined slightly by 0.8 percent, when compared to the same period in 2003.

The Drinks and Tobacco and Fuel categories showed no movement while the Communication and Medical categories had slight movement during this quarter.

Table 1: CPI Annual Percentage Change (Sept 2003 over Sept 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. In addition, business executives, labor leaders and other private citizens use the index as a guide in making economic decisions.

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