



Anguilla Government Statistics Department

ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1st Quarter: January - March 2009

**Inflation
Rate
-0.7%**

The Anguilla Consumer Price Index (AXACPI) between the 1st quarter (January-March) 2009 and the 4th quarter (October-December) 2008, showed an average decrease of 0.7% for all items within the basket of goods and services. This means that consumers paid overall 0.7% less for goods and services in the 1st quarter of 2009, than they did in the 4th quarter of 2008.



Between the 1st quarter (January-March) 2009 and the 1st quarter (January-March) 2008, there was an annual change increase of *All Items* by 3.3%. The *All Items* index increased from 136.0 to 140.5.

Categories	New Weights 2001	Mar 08	Dec 08	Mar 09	Quarterly % Change Mar09/Dec08	Annual % Change Mar09/Mar08
Food	321.20	131.0	144.2	145.9	1.2%	11.3%
Drinks & Tobacco	2.90	114.9	120.7	121.3	0.5%	5.6%
Accommodation	171.50	111.1	113.9	115.0	1.0%	3.5%
Fuel	68.55	147.9	146.6	132.0	-10.0%	-10.8%
Clothing & Footwear	30.65	134.8	107.3	110.6	3.1%	-17.9%
Household Goods	97.30	174.1	175.3	162.6	-7.3%	-6.6%
Transportation & Communication	235.28	141.3	148.7	139.6	-6.1%	-1.2%
Medical	30.85	142.0	141.7	218.8	54.4%	54.0%
Education	9.94	206.7	200.8	209.2	4.2%	1.2%
Personal Services	16.42	132.0	132.5	136.1	2.7%	3.1%
Other	15.30	92.7	89.9	91.6	1.9%	-1.2%
All Items	1000.00	136.0	141.5	140.5	-0.7%	3.3%

Quarterly Analysis

Overall, during the 1st quarter 2009 the AXACPI, showed some increases over the 4th quarter of 2008, with eight (8) categories advancing and three (3) declining.

The “Medical” category showed the highest percentage increase of 54.4% over the previous quarter’s index. This increase was in part due to the increase in the price of medical services such as the cost of a hospital ward, moving from \$50.00 to \$100.00 as well as the cost of an x-ray.

The category “Education”, showed a 4.2% increase, which was in part due to the

increase in the price of kindergarten fees and boys school shirts.

“Clothing and Footwear” showed an increase of 3.1% which was partly due to the increase in price of some men and women clothing and women footwear.

The category “Personal Services” showed an increase of 2.7%, which was partly due to increase of ladies hairdressing services from \$127.69 to \$134.41.

The category “Other” showed an increase of 1.9% which was partly due to the rise in cost of power tools and other sanitary products.

The categories “*Food*”, “*Accommodation*” and “*Drinks & Tobacco*” experienced increases of 1.2%, 1.0% and 0.5% respectively over the previous quarter.

The “*Fuel*” category showed the largest decrease of all the three categories that experienced a decline. This decline was partly due to the decline in the fuel surcharge by the electrical company from \$0.30 to \$0.20.

The “*Household Goods*” category showed a

decrease of 7.3%, which was part due to the decrease in the salaries of a gardener in the hotel industry and a helper in the manufacturing industry. The decrease in the cost of an upholstery suite and a water heater were also contributors to the decrease in the category.

The “*Transportation & Communication*” category experienced a decrease of 6.1%. This decline was in part due to the decrease in the cost of a car and a gallon of gasoline.

Annual Analysis

Overall, the AXACPI in the 1st quarter 2009, showed an annual increase, with advances over the 1st quarter of 2008 in six (6) categories and five (5) categories declining.

The “*Medical*” category showed an annual increase over the 1st quarter of 2008 of 54.0%. This was as a result of the increases in the cost of medical services.

The “*Food*” category, measured an annual increase of 11.3% as a result of increases in the cost of certain food items. Items within the “*bread, flour cereal*” subcategory; white and wheat bread experienced an average percentage increase of 18.1%, while, the prices of wheat and white flour on average increased by 56.0% and rice increased by 52.4%. The “*poultry*” subcategory experienced an average increase of 4.2%, while the “*fish*” category experienced an average increase of 16.0%, partly due to the rise in price of salt fish. The “*Oil and Cooking Fats*” category on average registered an increase of 18.3% over the year. Also, “*take out*” meals which include food items such as Chicken and Fries, Hamburger and Fries, Sandwiches etc. on average experienced an increase of 7.1%.

The “*Drink & Tobacco*” category measured an annual increase in prices of 5.6%, this was in part due to the increase in the cost of beers which increased by 4.7% and rum by 5.0%.

The “*Accommodation*” category experienced an increase of 3.5%, which was partly due to the increase cost of property tax and blocks.

The “*Personal Services*” category experienced an increase of 3.1%. This was partly due to the increased cost of ladies hair dressing services and laundry prices.

The “*Education*” category experienced an increase of 1.2%, partly as a result of the increase in the exam fees, kindergarten fees and the cost of boys’ school shirts.

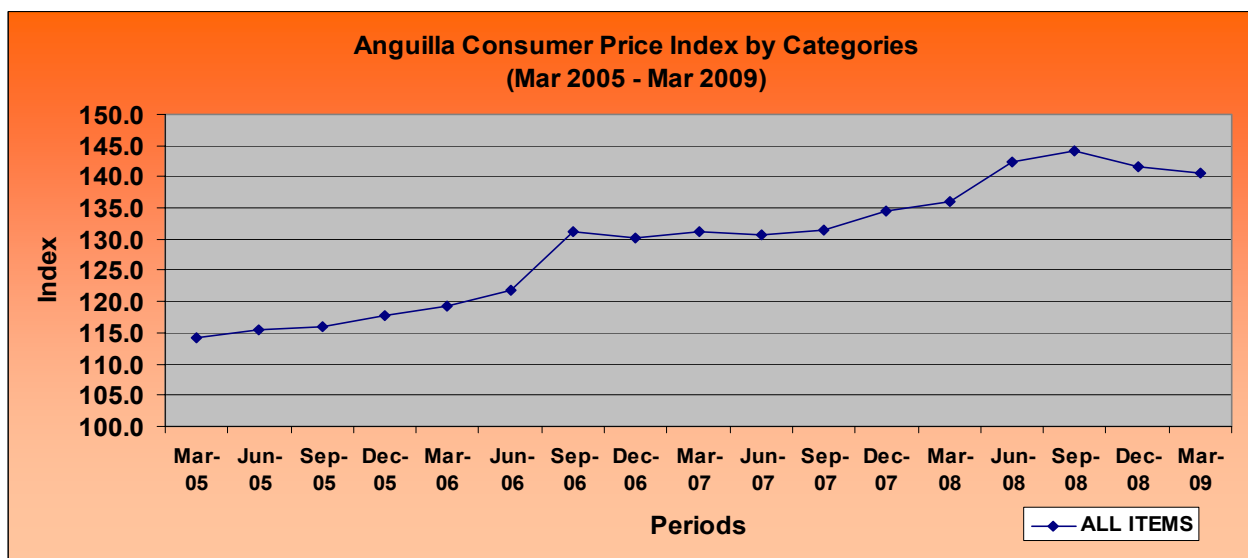
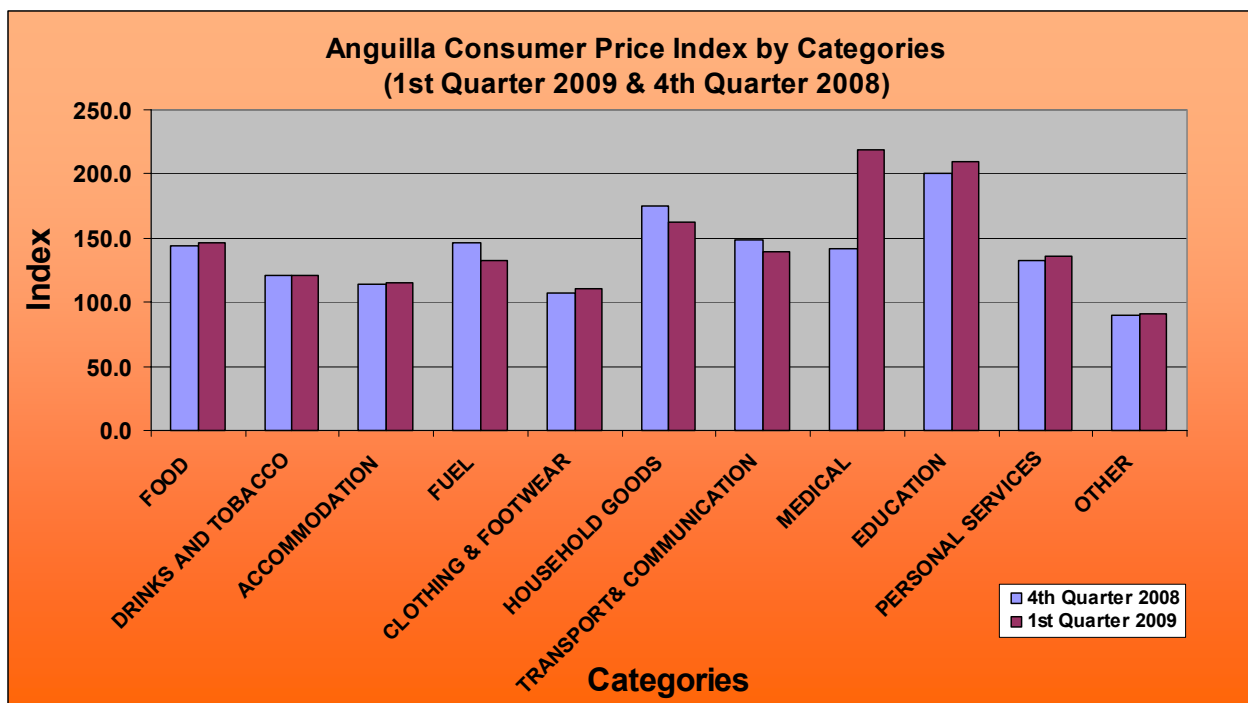
The largest decrease of the five declined categories was experienced by the “*Clothing and Footwear*” category which decreased by 17.9%, as a result of the decrease cost of men and women clothing.

In the “*Fuel*” category prices decreased over the past year by 10.8%, which was in part due to the decreased in the cost of the fuel surcharge by the electrical company.

The “*Household Goods*” category also experienced decreases over the past year with a decrease of 6.6%, which was partly due to the decrease in the salaries of a gardener in the hotel industry and a helper in the manufacturing industry.

The “*Transportation & Communication*” and “*Other*” categories both experienced decreases at the same amount of 1.2% over the year.





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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