



Revised Date: March 2009  
Pre-revised Inflation Rate: 1.4%

# Anguilla Government Statistics Department

## ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

### 1st Quarter: January - March 2008

**Inflation  
Rate  
1.2%**

The Anguilla Consumer Price Index (AXACPI) between the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct - Dec) 2007 and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (Jan - Mar) 2008, showed an inflation rate of 1.2% for all items within the basket of goods and services. This means that consumers paid 1.2% more for goods and services in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2008, than they did in the last quarter of 2007.



Between the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (Jan - Mar) 2007 and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (Jan - Mar) 2008, there was an annual change increase of *All Items* by 3.5%. The *All Items* index increased from 131.3 to 136.0.

Categories	New Weights 2001	March 07	Dec 07	March 08	Quarterly % Change Mar08/Dec07	Annual % Change Mar08/Mar07
Food	321.20	119.1	125.3	131.0	4.6%	10.0%
Drinks & Tobacco	2.90	108.0	110.5	114.9	4.0%	6.3%
Accommodation	171.50	108.9	109.7	111.1	1.3%	2.0%
Fuel	68.55	139.6	133.2	147.9	11.0%	6.0%
Clothing & Footwear	30.65	148.6	138.6	134.8	-2.8%	-9.3%
Household Goods	97.30	172.3	176.1	174.1	-1.1%	1.1%
Transportation & Communication	235.28	141.1	146.4	141.3	-3.5%	0.2%
Medical	30.85	135.9	141.1	142.0	0.7%	4.5%
Education	9.94	197.8	198.9	206.7	3.9%	4.5%
Personal Services	16.42	135.1	134.1	132.0	-1.6%	-2.3%
Other	15.30	106.4	100.6	92.7	-7.9%	-12.9%
All Items	1000.00	131.3	134.4	136.0	1.2%	3.5%

### Quarterly Analysis

Overall, during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008 the AXACPI, showed some increases over the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007, with seven (7) categories advancing and four (4) declining.

The category “*Fuel*” showed the highest percentage increase of 11.0% over the previous quarter’s index. This increase was in part due to the increase in the price of electricity surcharge from XCD\$0.26 to XCD\$0.31.

The category “*Food*” showed an increase of 4.6% over the previous quarter’s index. Food prices continue to increase, this being seen in the cost of items such as white & wheat flour

which on average have shown an increase of 3.1%. On average, poultry increased by 4.2%. Dried milk increased by 51.2% and baby food increases by 4.7%. Also, “*take out*” meals such as Chicken & Fries, Hamburger & Fries and sandwiches etc. showed, on average, an increase of 7.7%

The category “*Drinks & Tobacco*” showed a 4.0% increase, which was in part due to the price of beers increasing by 2.9%, cigarettes increasing by 5.9% and rum increasing by 8.8%.

The category “*Education*” showed an increase of 3.9%, which was in part due to the increase in tutoring fees and school uniforms.

The Categories “*Accommodation*” and “*Medical*” experienced 1.3% increase which was partly due to cement, paint and 0.7% which was part due to increases in the cost of health insurance, respectively.

The category “*Other*” experienced a decrease 7.9%, which was part due to the decrease in the cost of power tools and miscellaneous items.

The “*Transportation & Communication*” category experienced a decrease of 3.5%, which was partly due to the decrease in the cost of a particular type of car and an airfare to St. Thomas.

The categories “*Clothing & Footwear*”, “*Personal Services*” and “*Household Goods*” showed decreases of 2.8%, 1.6% & 1.1% due to certain goods.

## **Annual Analysis**

Overall, the AXACPI in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008, showed an annual increase, with advances over the 1st quarter of 2007, in nine (9) categories and two (2) categories declining.

The “*Food*” category, measured an annual increase of 10.0% as a result of increases in the cost of certain food items. Items within the “*bread, flour cereal*” subcategory; white and wheat bread which experienced an average percentage increase of 9.3%, while, the prices of wheat and white flour on average increased by 7.0% and rice increased by 12.0%. The “*poultry*” subcategory experienced an average increase of 8.9%, and in “*fish*” category, the item salt fish increased by 9.7%. The “*Milk & Dairy Products*” category on average increased by 13.9%, dried milk, one of the items in this category experienced a 56.8% increase. Also “*take out*” meals which include food such as Chicken and Fries, Hamburger and Fries, sandwiches etc. on average experienced a 19.2% increase.

The “*Drink & Tobacco*” category measured an annual increase in prices of 6.3%, which was in part due to the increase in the cost of beers which increased by 3.0%. Cigarettes increased by 9.1% and rum by 23.5%.

The “*Fuel*” category also showed an annual increase over the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2007 by 6.0%. This was as a result of the increases in the prices of cooking LPG gas by 36.9% and electricity surcharge by 5.3% by XCD\$0.05 to XCD\$0.31

The “*Medical*” category also experienced an increase of 4.5%. This was in part as a result of the price increase in the cost of an optician eye test which increased by 32.9%

“*Education*” prices increased over the past year by 4.5 %, which was in part due to the increased cost of private tutoring, kindergarten fees and school uniforms.



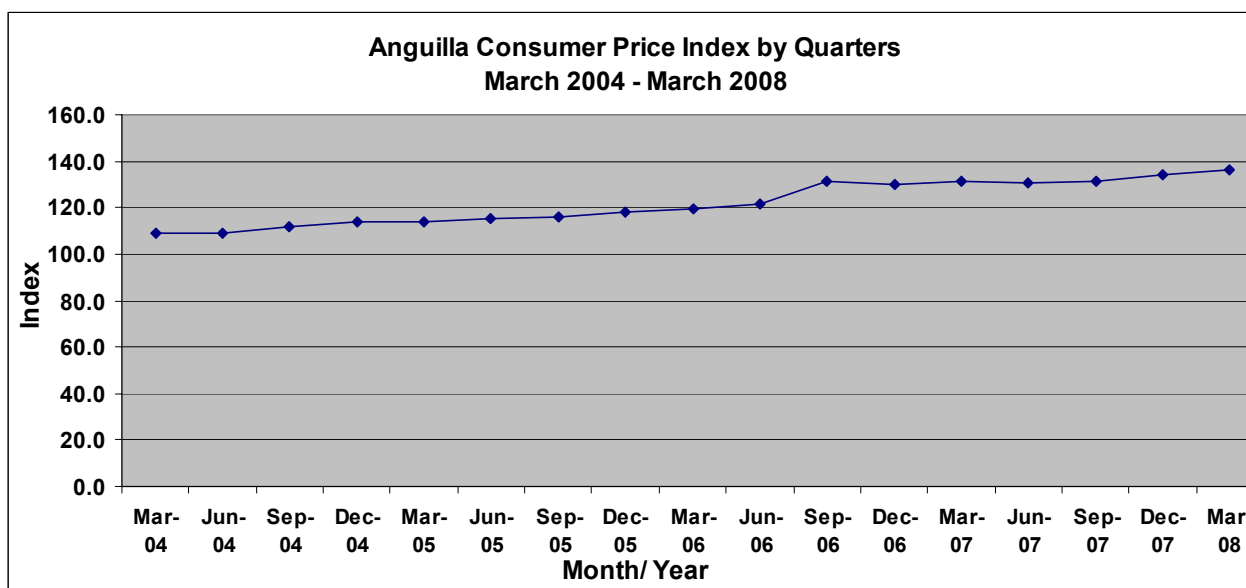
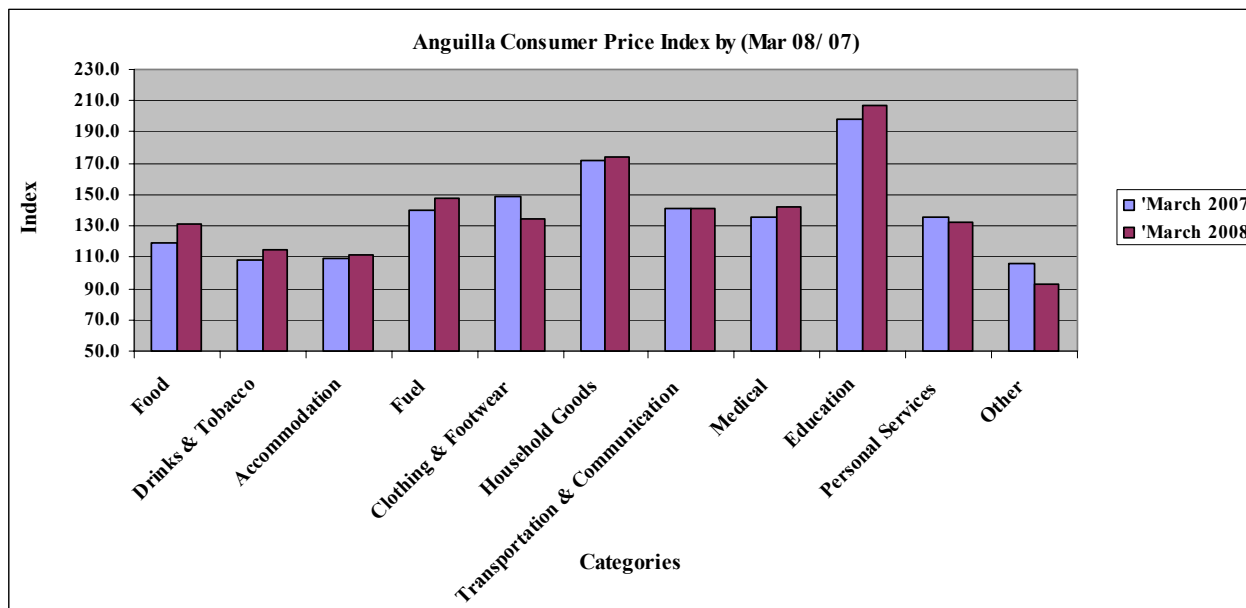
The prices in “*Accommodation*” increased by 2.0%, as a result of the price increase in wood pitch pine, cement and water delivery.

The “*Household Goods and Transportation & Communications*” categories experienced increases of 1.1% and 0.2 respectively. Conversely, the cost of gasoline in this category experienced an annual increase of 20.8%.

The “*Other*” category measured an annually decrease of 12.9%, the highest decrease between the two declining categories. This was in part due to the drop in price of power tools and miscellaneous items such as deodorant etc.

The “*Clothing & Footwear*” category experienced a decrease of 9.3% as a result of the decreased cost in some of men’s clothing.

The “*The Personal Services*” category experienced a decrease of 2.3%.



*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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