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Anguilla Government Statistics Department

ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

3rd Quarter: July - September 2008

**Inflation
Rate
1.2%**

The Anguilla Consumer Price Index (AXACPI) between the 3rd quarter (July - Sept) 2008 and the 2nd quarter (April - June) 2008, showed an average increase 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 3rd quarter of 2008, than they did in the 2nd quarter of 2008.



Between the 3rd quarter (July - Sept) 2008 and the 3rd quarter (July - Sept) 2007, there was an annual change increase of *All Items* by 9.5%. The *All Items* index increased from 131.6 to 144.0.

Categories	New Weights 2001	Sept 07	June 08	Sept 08	Quarterly % Change Sept08/June08	Annual % Change Sept08/Sept07
Food	321.20	121.2	139.7	144.9	3.7%	19.5%
Drinks & Tobacco	2.90	108.5	115.3	120.1	4.2%	10.7%
Accommodation	171.50	109.7	109.8	111.9	1.9%	1.9%
Fuel	68.55	132.3	168.5	183.0	8.6%	38.3%
Clothing & Footwear	30.65	140.8	124.4	113.7	-8.6%	-19.3%
Household Goods	97.30	169.6	175.1	176.4	0.8%	4.0%
Transportation & Communication	235.28	143.0	152.3	148.0	-2.8%	3.5%
Medical	30.85	135.9	142.1	141.8	-0.2%	4.3%
Education	9.94	200.3	197.4	198.1	0.3%	-1.1%
Personal Services	16.42	134.1	132.0	132.9	0.7%	-0.9%
Other	15.30	102.3	98.6	92.1	-6.5%	-10.0%
All Items	1000.00	131.6	142.3	144.0	1.2%	9.5%

Quarterly Analysis

Overall, during the 3rd quarter 2008 the AXACPI, showed some increases over the 2nd quarter of 2008, with seven (7) categories advancing and four (4) declining.

The category "*Fuel*" showed the highest percentage increase of 8.6% over the previous quarter's index. This increase was in part due to the increase in the price of electricity surcharge from XCD\$0.45 to XCD\$0.55.

The category "*Drinks & Tobacco*" showed a 4.2% increase, which was in part due to the price of rum and beers which showed an average increase of 4.8%.

The category "*Food*" showed an increase of 3.7%, which was partly due to increases in mainly three subcategories; Bread Flour cereals which on average increased by 14.1%. and Oil and Cooking Fats on average increased by 8.3% and "Take out meal" on average increased by 3.5%

The category "*Accommodation*" showed an increase of 1.9% which was partly due to the rise in cost of cement and blocks which increased by 11.0% and 13.6% respectively.

The categories "*Household Goods*, *Personal Services* and *Education*" experienced increases of 0.8%, 0.7% and 0.3% respectively.

The “*Other*” category showed the largest decrease of all the categories that experienced a decline. This decline was partly due to the decline in the cost of power tools.

The “*Clothing & Footwear*” category showed a decrease of 8.6%, which was part due to the decrease in some of the men and women clothing and children footwear,

The “*Transportation & Communication*” and “*Medical*” categories experienced decreases of 2.8% and 0.2% respectively. The decline in the “*Transportation & Communication*” category was in part due to the decrease in the cost of a car battery and a reduction in the cost of the rental of the residential basic land line.

Annual Analysis

Overall, the AXACPI in the 3rd quarter 2008, showed an annual increase, with advances over the 3rd quarter of 2007 in eight (8) categories and three (3) categories declining.

The “*Fuel*” category also showed an annual increase over the 3rd quarter of 2007 of 38.3%. This was as a result of the increases in the prices of cooking LPG gas by 36.9% and electricity surcharge by 38.3% from XCD\$0.21 to XCD\$0.55.

The “*Food*” category, measured an annual increase of 19.5% 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 31.0%, while, the prices of wheat and white flour on average increased by 57.7% and rice increased by 74.9%. The “*poultry*” subcategory experienced an average increase of 10.3%, while the “*fish*” category experienced an average increase of 12.9%. The “*Milk & Dairy Products*” category on average increased by 18.5%, ‘dried milk’, one of the items in this category experienced a 51.5% increase. Also “*take out*” meals which include food items such as Chicken and Fries, Hamburger and Fries, Sandwiches etc. on average experienced an increase of 24.7%.

The “*Drink & Tobacco*” category measured an annual increase in prices of 10.7%, this was in part due to the increase in the cost of beers which increased by 6.1%. Cigarettes increased by 9.1% and rum by 8.5%.

The “*Medical*” category experienced an increase of 4.3%. This was in part as a result of the price increase in the cost of an optician eye and a health insurance premium.

The “*Household Goods*” category experienced an increase of 4.0%, this was part due to the increase cost of a wardrobe, mattress etc. in this category.

The “*Transportation & Communication*” category experienced an increase of 3.5%. This was partly due to the increased cost of the boat fare to St. Martin, airfare to St. Thomas and the cost of a taxi trip.

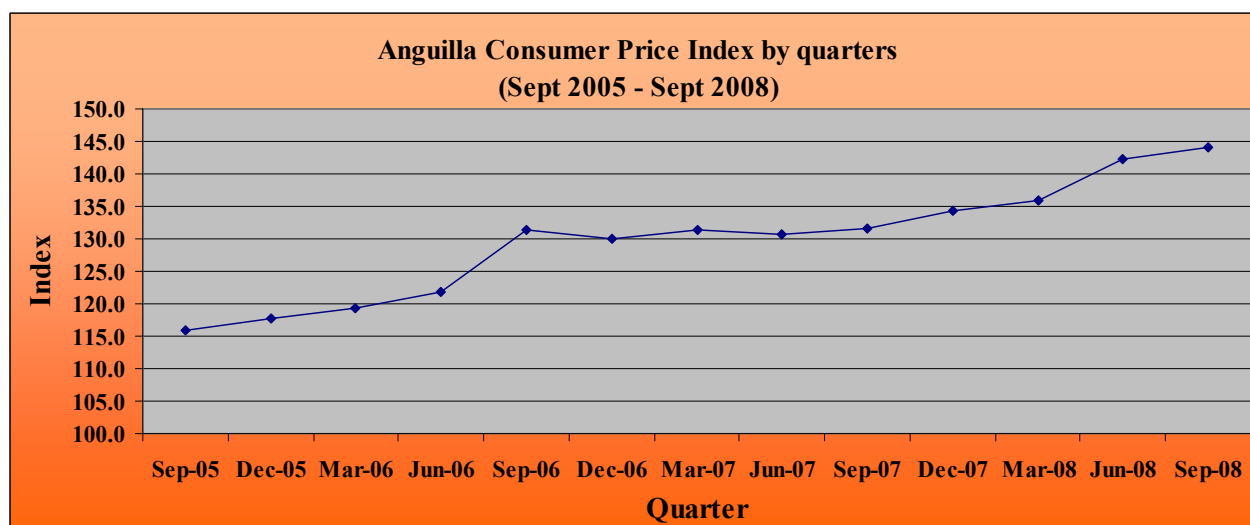
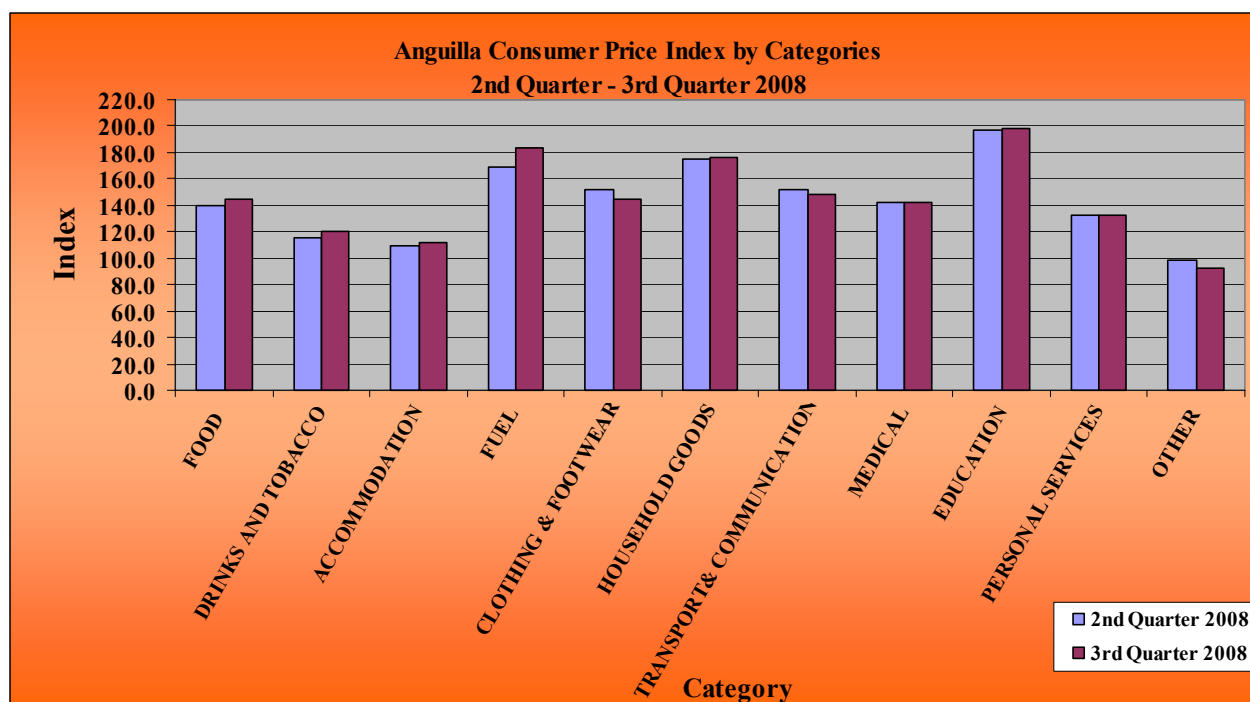
The “*Clothing & Footwear*” category experienced a decrease of 19.3% as a result of the decrease in the cost of men and women clothing.

The prices in “*Accommodation*” increased by 1.9%, as a result of the price increase in wood pitch pine, cement and water delivery.

In the “*Other*” category prices decreased over the past year by 10.0%, which was in part due to the decreased cost of a boy’s school uniforms and composition school book.

The “*Personal Services and Education*” categories also experienced decreases over the past year with decrease of 0.9% and 1.1% respectively.





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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