



# Anguilla Government Statistics Department

## ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

4th Quarter: October - December 2007

**Inflation**

**Rate**

**2.4%**

Consumers in Anguilla paid 2.4% more in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct – Dec) 2007, than they did during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July - Sept) 2007, as according to the Anguilla Consumer Price Index (AXACPI), for all items within the basket of goods and services. The level of inflation rose from 0.8% measured for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July - Sept) 2007.



Between the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct - Dec) 2006 and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct – Dec) 2007, there was an annual change increase of *All Items* by 3.5%. The *All Items* index increased from 130.1 to 134.7 for the basket of goods.

Categories	New Weights 2001	Dec 06	Sept 07	Dec 07	Quarterly % Change Dec07/Sept07	Annual % Change Dec07/Dec06
Food	321.20	117.4	121.2	125.3	3.3%	6.6%
Drinks & Tobacco	2.90	103.0	108.5	110.5	1.8%	7.3%
Accommodation	171.50	109.8	109.7	109.7	0.0%	-0.1%
Fuel	68.55	139.5	132.3	133.2	0.7%	-4.5%
Clothing & Footwear	30.65	151.2	140.8	147.8	5.0%	-2.2%
Household Goods	97.30	175.6	169.6	176.1	3.8%	0.3%
Transportation & Communication	235.28	135.9	143.0	146.4	2.4%	7.7%
Medical	30.85	135.8	135.9	141.1	3.8%	3.9%
Education	9.94	191.5	200.3	198.9	-0.7%	3.9%
Personal Services	16.42	133.1	134.1	134.1	0.0%	0.8%
Other	15.30	111.9	102.3	100.6	-1.7%	-10.1%
All Items	1000.00	130.1	131.6	134.7	2.4%	3.5%

### Quarterly Analysis

Overall, during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007 the AXACPI, showed an increase when compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2007. There were seven (7) categories advancing, two (2) declining and two (2) remaining the same.

The “*Clothing & Footwear*” category experienced the highest increase of 5.0% over the previous quarter’s index. The increase was part due to the increase in prices of men’s clothing, which includes gents’ underwear, shirts and jackets (44.7%, 44.4% and 35.2% respectively).

The “*Household Goods and Medical*” categories showed an increase of 3.8%. In the “*Household Goods*” category the increase was in part due to price increases in the cost of wardrobes and upholstered suites.

In the “*Medical*” category the increase of 3.8% over the previous quarter’s index was as a result of an increase in price of an optician eye test.

The increase in prices for food was reflected in the “*Food*” category which showed an increase of 3.3%. This was in part due to the increase in prices for bread, flour, meats and eggs etc.

The “*Transportation & Communication*” showed an increase of 2.4% over the previous quarter’s index. This was partly due to the increase in the price of gas and the cost of a flight ticket to St. Thomas.

Prices within the “*Accommodation and Personal Services*” categories showed no change over its corresponding previous period; it remained constant.

The categories “*Drink & Tobacco*” and “*Fuel*” both showed an increase of 1.8% and 0.7% respectively over the previous quarter’s index. This was partly due to the increase in the cost of rum and cooking gas.

### Annual Analysis

Overall, during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007 the AXACPI, showed an increase of 3.5% when compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2006. There were seven (7) increases and four (4) decreases.

The “*Transportation and Communication*” category, measured an annual increase of 7.7% as a result of the increase in the price of an airline ticket to St. Thomas.



Prices in the “*Drinks & Tobacco*” category increased over the past year by 7.3%, which was as a result, in part due to the increased in alcohol.

The “*Food*” category measured an increase in prices of 6.6%, which was in part due to the increase in the price of ‘take out’ meals (roti and sandwiches) and some meats (beef and goat).

The categories “*Medical*” and “*Education*” both experienced an annual increase of 3.9%. This was part due to the increase in prices of an optician eye test and kindergarten fees respectively.

Among the two (2) decreases that occurred between the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2007, the “*Other*” category showed a decrease of 1.7% and the other category “*Education*” with 0.7%.

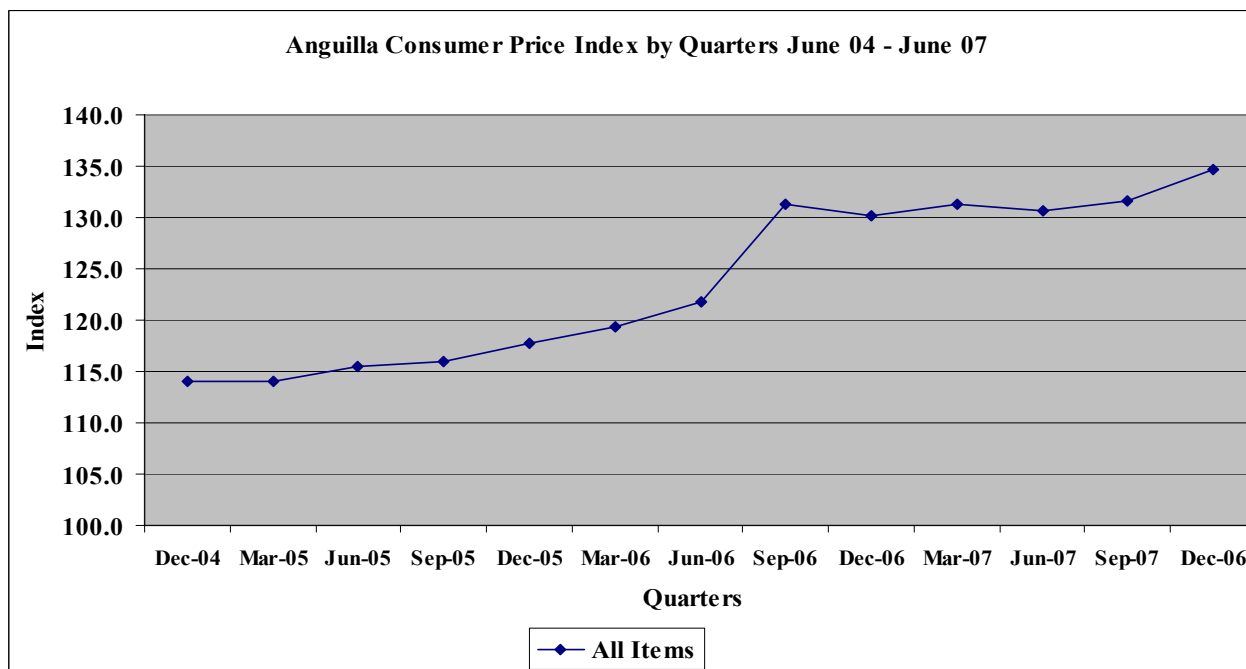
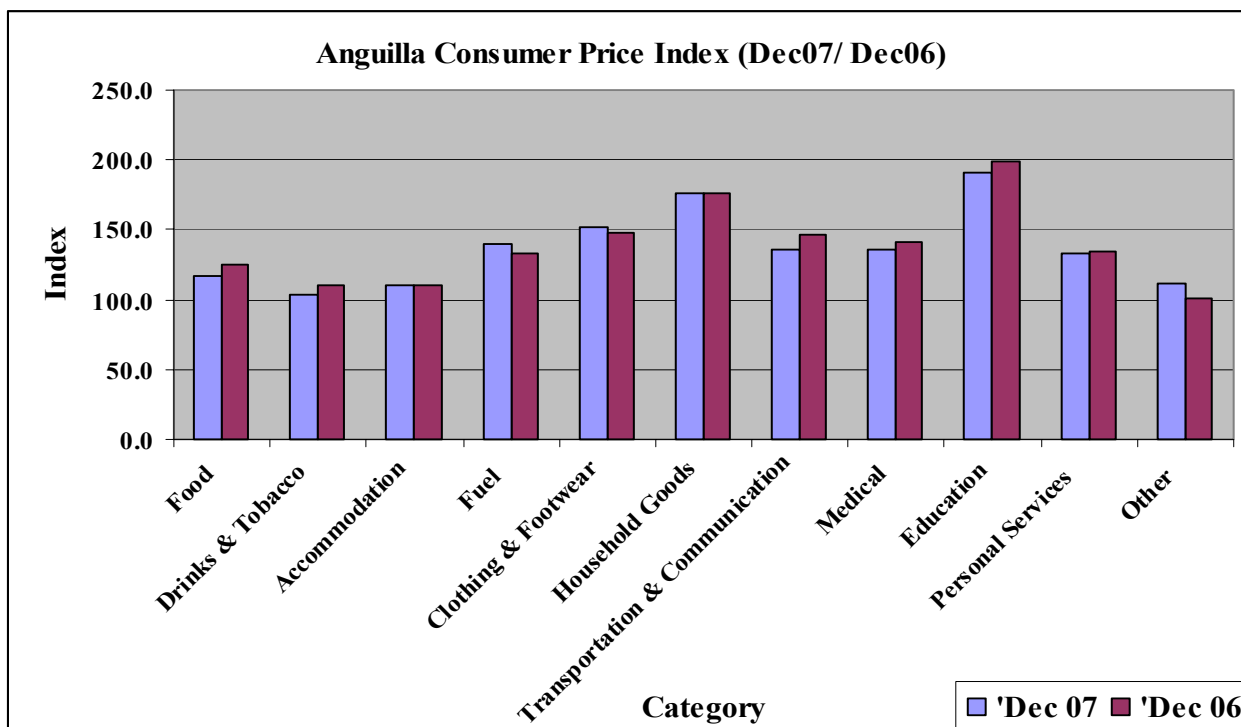
The “*Household Goods*” and the “*Personal Services*” categories both experienced increases of 0.3% and 0.8% respectively.

The “*Other*” category measured a decrease of 10.1%, the largest decrease that occur in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007/06 AXACPI. This was as a result of the decrease in prices of power tools, sanitary towels etc.

The “*Fuel*” category showed decrease of 4.5% which was part due to the decrease in price of candles and the surcharge of electricity.

The “*Clothing & Footwear*” category showed a decrease of 2.2%, which was part due to the decrease in prices of men’s pants, t-shirts, jeans and ladies jeans.

The “*Accommodation*” category showed a 0.1% decrease which was partly due to the decline in the cost of blocks, pitch pine wood and insurance on house contents.



*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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