



ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1st Quarter: January – March 2006

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time of a representative basket of goods and services paid for by consumers. The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, fuels, transportation fares, charges, for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living.

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

Over the quarter, March 2006/December 2005, the AXACPI showed an increase of 1.3%, Annually, (March 2006/March 2005), the index showed a 4.4% increase for all items within the basket.

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

	New Weights 2001	March 05	Dec 05	March 06	Quarterly % Change Mar06/Dec05	Annual % Change Mar06/Mar05
Food	321.20	105.85	109.62	110.40	0.7%	4.3%
Drinks & Tobacco	2.90	101.49	100.80	101.43	0.6%	-0.1%
Accommodation	171.50	87.21	96.22	98.03	1.9%	12.4%
Fuel	68.55	116.05	130.77	130.77	0.0%	12.7%
Clothing & Footwear	30.65	157.52	147.09	143.97	-2.1%	-8.6%
Household Goods	97.30	115.65	110.38	126.98	15.0%	9.8%
Transportation & Communication	235.28	131.66	134.73	131.11	-2.7%	-0.4%
Medical	30.85	131.71	132.22	134.37	1.6%	2.0%
Education	9.94	186.52	183.15	186.91	2.1%	0.2%
Personal Services	16.42	114.75	122.07	130.23	6.7%	13.5%
Other	15.30	117.10	119.50	121.16	1.4%	3.5%
All Items	1000.00	114.10	117.66	119.16	1.3%	4.4%

Quarterly Analysis

Analysis showed that prices within the Household Goods category recorded the biggest movement of 15.0% during the 1st quarter of 2006. This was as a result of an increase in prices of furniture, linens and other home furnishings.

The cost of laundry services contributed to the increase in the Personal Services category within the Index of 6.7%.

The Accommodation, Education and Medical categories all experienced increases of 1.9%, 2.1% and 1.6% respectively during the 1st quarter of 2006, this was due to changes in the prices of wood, school books and dental services respectively. Within the Transportation and Communication category there was a 2.7% decline. This was attributed to a reduction in airfares offered by the regional carriers.

The Other category recorded a 1.4% increase within the index for the 1st quarter (Jan-Mar 06) over the previous quarter. This was as a result of the entrance fee to a night-club increasing.

Prices within the Fuel category showed no change during this period, while prices within the Food and Drinks and Tobacco categories increased slightly by 0.7% and 0.6% respectively.

Annual Analysis

The Personal Services category, measured an annual increase of 13.5% as a result of the prices for ladies and gentlemen's hair grooming services increasing, as well as the cost of laundry services.

Annually, the Fuel category showed a 12.7% increase in prices, due to a rise in the cost of electricity consumed per unit and the cost of kerosene by the gallon. The cost of a unit of electricity increased from 0.76 cents during the 1st quarter of 2005 to 0.86 cents during the 4th quarter of 2005

Prices within the Accommodation category increased by 12.4%, as a result of an increase of bank interest rates on mortgages (*which occurred during the 2nd quarter of 2005*) as well as an increase in the price of paint (indoor/outdoor and thorseal), and cement prices.

A rise in the prices for furniture, dishware and other small household appliances, was the basis for the 9.8% rise within the Household Goods category.

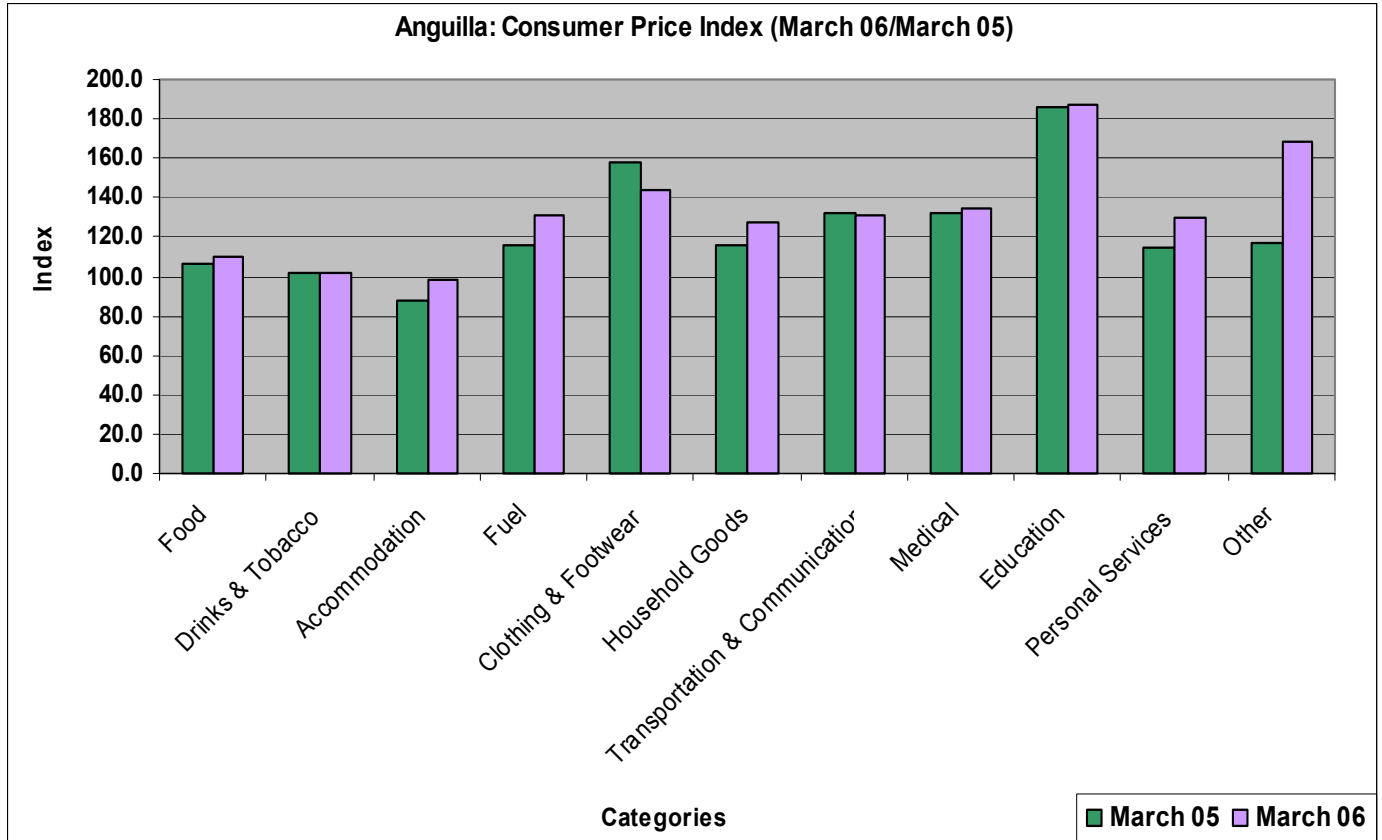
With the rise in prices for pastries, fish and other meat products, the Food category within the index jumped by 4.3% annually.

The Medical category showed an annual increase of 2.0%; caused by an increase in the cost of dental services.

The Clothing and Footwear category recorded an annual decline of 8.6% resulting from a reduction in prices of shoes, men's under garments and ladies dresses.

The Other category registered a 3.5% increase annually resulting from an increase in the night club entrance fee.

Drinks and Tobacco, and the Transport and Communications categories showed annual declines of 0.1% and 0.4% 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.

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