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Prices Section, Consumer Prices Index (C.P.I.)

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DECEMBER 2024

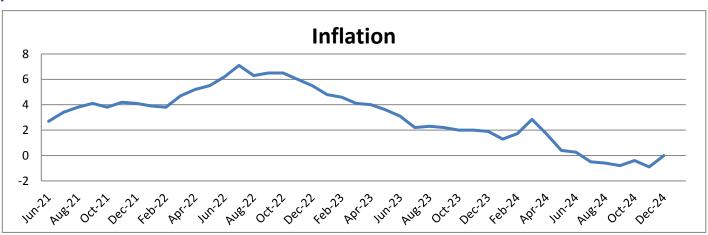
PRESS RELEASE

The Bahamas National Statistical Institute is pleased to announce the release of its Consumer Price Index, December 2024.

The Monthly Inflation Rate in The Bahamas, which represents the overall change in price for 2024, increased by 0.5 % when compared to November 2024. This change is reflected in the overall price of items purchased by the average consumer during this period. This December 2024 increase followed a decrease, between the months of October 2024 and November 2024.

On a month to month, basis, the major increases, by Group, included Health 3.4%, Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance 2.7% and Miscellaneous and Goods 1.4%. Meanwhile, the major decrease was Alcoholic Beverages that decreased by 0.9%

Furthermore, for December 2024 the CPI remained constant from the same period last year. However, the major categories that registered increases included, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 3.1%, Furnishing, Household and Routine Household Maintenance 2.9%, while Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels decreased by 2.0%, compared to the same period last year.



Additionally, for the month of December 2024, both gasoline and diesel recorded decreases of 2.9% and 3.6% respectively. Meanwhile when compared to this same period last year, gasoline and diesel declined 3.3% and 16.5 % respectively.

Table 22a: Monthly Gasoline and Diesel Prices -2024

Average Price of Petroleum & Diesel

	% change 1 year			% change 1 year
Month	Gas(\$)	ago	Diesel (\$)	ago
January 2024	5.32	0.40	5.12	12.80
February 2024	5.32	-6.02	5.54	-4.30
March 2024	5.55	8.40	5.24	-7.26
April 2024	5.79	1.62	5.27	-4.83
May 2024	5.90	1.94	5.20	-3.55
June 2024	5.74	-1.03	5.20	0.00
July 2024	5.62	-0.71	5.04	0.19
August 2024	5.59	-4.61	5.08	1.36
September 2024	5.48	-10.90	5.02	-6.80
October 2024	5.50	-10.13	5.01	-9.73
November 2024	5.51	-10.53	5.05	-15.88
December 2024	5.35	-3.26	4.87	-16.47

Table B2M: 2024 Bahamas Consumer Price Index Major Indices

November 2014=100

Major Groups CPI Index 2024

All Bahamas				2024
Items	Weights	Oct	Nov	Dec
CPI All Items	4000.00	424.00	424.42	424.75
	1000.00	121.99	121.13	121.75
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	10 2.39	142.59	136.67	137.32
ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	5.94	143.26	143.42	142.14
CLOTHING AND FOOTWARE	44.99	114.87	115.71	115.71
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS, AND OTHER FUELS	321.69	114.21	114.20	114.21
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE				
HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	45.7	129.37	125.63	129.07
HEALTH	43.99	160.62	159.24	164.60
TRANSPORT	124.97	121.94	122.24	122.21
COMMUNICATION	40.9	108.33	108.33	108.33
RECREATION AND CULTURE	24.59	128.83	129.69	129.33
EDUCATION	42.36	109.50	109.50	109.38
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	56.84	143.29	143.29	143.29
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	145.64	114.96	113.59	115.20

All Items Indices Monthly and Annual Percentage Changes

(November 2014 = 100)
All Bahamas

CPI Percentage Change							
Year	Month	CPI	_	_			
	lanuari	Index	1 month Ago	1 Year Ago			
2022	January	113.93	0.6	3.9			
	February	113.99	0.1	3.8			
	March	115.09	1.0	4.7			
	April	115.94	0.7	5.2			
	May	116.87	0.8	5.5			
	June	117.51	0.5	6.2			
	July	119.25	1.5	7.1			
	August	119.33	0.1	6.3			
	September	119.74	0.3	6.5			
	October	120.07	0.3	6.5			
	November	119.95	-0.1	6.0			
	December	119.44	-0.4	5.5			
2023	January	119.39	0.0	4.8			
	February	119.29	-0.1	4.6			
	March	119.82	0.4	4.1			
	April	120.58	0.6	4.0			
	May	121.07	0.4	3.6			
	June	121.13	0.1	3.1			
	July	121.91	0.6	2.2			
	August	122.12	0.2	2.3			
	September	122.36	0.2	2.2			
	October	122.51	0.1	2.0			
	November	122.3	-0.2	2.0			
	December	121.71	-0.5	1.9			
2024	January	120.98	-0.6	1.3			
	February	121.34	0.3	1.7			
	March	123.23	1.6	2.8			
	April	122.6	-0.5	1.7			
	May	121.56	-0.8	0.4			
	June	121.45	-0.1	0.3			
	July	121.27	-0.1	-0.5			
	August	121.41	0.1	-0.6			
	September	121.43	0.0	-0.8			
	October	121.99	0.5	-0.4			
	November	121.13	-0.7	-1.0			
	December	121.75	0.5	0.0			

Source: Bahamas National Statistical Institute: Prices Section (CPI)