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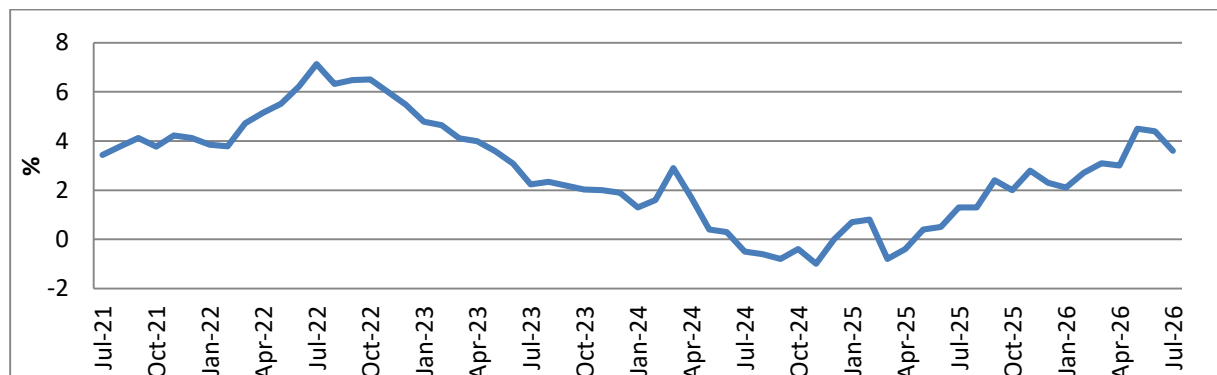
Nassau, The Bahamas [October 2, 2026] – The Bahamas National Statistical Institute (BNSI) is pleased to announce the release of its Consumer Price Index (CPI) Report for July 2026. The inflation rate is measured as the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) between two periods and reflects the average change in prices of goods and services purchased by households over time.

The monthly inflation rate in The Bahamas decreased by 0.1 percent in July 2026 compared to June 2026, reflecting changes in the average prices of goods and services purchased by consumers during the period. This follows a decrease of 0.1 percent between May and June 2026.

On a month-to-month basis (July 2026 compared to June 2026), the largest decreases were recorded in Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (2.3 percent), Restaurants and Hotels (1.4 percent), and Transport (1.0 percent). In contrast, Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics recorded the largest increase (3.3 percent). All other major groups remained unchanged compared with June 2026.

On a year-over-year basis (July 2026 compared to July 2025), the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 3.6 percent in July 2026 compared with July 2025, as illustrated in Graph 1 below. The primary categories contributing to the year-over-year increase were Restaurants and Hotels (15.7 percent), Transport (12.9 percent), and Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (3.4 percent). In contrast, Recreation decreased by 1.9 percent.

Graph1: Inflation rate



The petroleum and diesel index showed month-over-month decreases in July 2026, with diesel prices decreasing by 6.8 percent and petroleum prices decreasing by 3.2 percent relative to June 2026.

On an annual basis, both petroleum and diesel prices increased, with diesel seeing an increase of 33.4 percent, while petroleum increased 21.4 percent over the same period.

Table 1: Monthly Petroleum and Diesel Prices 2025-2026
Average Price of Petroleum & Diesel

Month	Gas(\$)	% change 1 year ago	Diesel (\$)	% change 1 year ago
Jun-25	5.50	-4.18	4.86	-6.54
,Jul-25	5.56	-1.1	4.97	-1.4
Aug-25	5.50	-1.6	5.06	-0.4
Sep-25	5.54	1.1	5.07	1.0
Oct-25	5.5	0.0	4.99	-0.4
Nov-25	5.33	-3.3	4.95	-2.0
Dec-25	5.36	0.2	4.94	1.4
Jan-26	5.14	-5.2	4.90	1.7
Feb-26	5.23	-4.9	4.85	0.7
Mar-26	5.51	0.8	5.16	2.8
Apr-26	6.63	21.2	7.04	41.4
May-26	6.83	25.6	7.15	48.3
Jun-26	6.97	26.7	7.11	46.3
Jul-26	6.75	21.4	6.63	33.4

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

Table 2: 2026 Consumer Price Index Major Indices
November 2014=100
Major Groups CPI Index 2026

Items	Weights	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	2026 Jul
CPI All Items	100.0	125.61	126.04	126.76	127.50	127.35	127.27
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	102.39	135.07	137.22	135.22	135.92	134.23	134.24
ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	5.94	133.67	131.33	134.32	134.32	134.32	138.76
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	44.99	111.62	114.63	115.15	114.68	114.19	115.85
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS, AND OTHER FUELS	321.69	120.02	119.23	118.94	119.43	119.03	119.74
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	45.7	146.72	143.71	138.80	143.54	143.58	140.22
HEALTH	43.99	167.94	167.16	167.01	166.93	170.57	170.57
TRANSPORT	124.97	121.54	123.70	132.94	136.05	136.96	135.57
COMMUNICATION	40.9	108.44	108.47	108.28	108.35	108.35	108.35
RECREATION AND CULTURE	24.59	127.06	127.20	126.56	126.55	126.55	126.55
EDUCATION	42.36	107.15	107.36	107.34	107.38	107.38	107.38
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	56.84	172.24	173.04	172.95	172.56	172.56	170.18
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	145.64	118.05	119.23	119.62	119.52	119.14	118.98

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

All Items Indices
Monthly and Annual Percentage Changes
(November 2014 = 100)
All Bahamas

Year	Month	CPI Index	Percentage Change	
			1 month Ago	1 Year Ago
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	-0.8
	October	121.99	0.5	-0.4
	November	121.13	-0.7	-1
	December	121.75	0.5	0
2025	January	121.87	0.1	0.7
	February	122.32	0.4	0.8
	March	122.23	-0.1	-0.8
	April	122.11	-0.1	-0.4
	May	122.04	-0.1	0.4
	June	122.1	0.1	0.5
	July	122.8	0.6	1.3
	August	123.02	0.18	1.3
	September	124.39	1.1	2.4
	October	124.38	0	2
	November	124.52	0.11	2.8
	December	124.55	0.02	2.3
2026	January	124.43	-0.1	2.1
	February	125.61	0.95	2.7
	March	126.04	0.35	3.1
	April	126.76	0.64	3.8
	May	127.5	0.58	4.5
	June	127.35	-0.12	4.3
	July	127.27	-0.06	3.64

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About the Bahamas National Statistical Institute (BNSI)

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