

AMERICAN SAMOA STATISTICS NEWS



Subject: American Samoa Consumer Price Index – 3rd Quarter 2016

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The Consumer Price Index for the 3rd quarter of 2016 registered at 131.0 points. The index is 0.6 percent lower than the second quarter of 2016 and 1.5 percent lower than the same quarter of the previous year. Annual inflation is at -1.5 percent.

Movements of Major CPI Groups:

Food Group dropped by 0.3 percent from the previous quarter due to lower prices in meat products such as lamb flap, sausage, steak and pork.

Alcoholic Beverage Group slightly decreased by 0.1 percent due to a decrease in beer.

Housing Group registered a 1.7 percent quarterly decrease because of lower prices of LP Gas, electric bill, water containers, rugs/carpets, laundry supplies and toilet tissue.

Apparel Group increased by 0.5 percent as men's dress shirts, boy's pants/shorts, men's footwear, women's footwear, infant diapers and watches all increased in this quarter.

Transportation Group decreased by 0.8 percent due to drop in unleaded gas prices.

Medical Care Group increased slightly by 0.7 percent due to higher prices of non-prescription drugs and other medical supplies.

Recreation Group increased by 0.1 percent because of increase in price of bicycles.

Education and Communication Group did not change in this quarter.

Other Goods and Services Group dropped by 0.9 percent.

Groups	3 rd Qtr 2016	2 nd Qtr 2016	1st Qtr 2016	3rd Qtr 2015	Quarterly Percent Change from Q2 to Q3- 2016	Annual Percent Change from Q3 - '15 to Q3 '16
All Items Index	131.0	131.9	131.7	133.0	-0.6	-1.5
Food	154.5	155.0	155.5	156.9	-0.3	-1.5
Alcoholic Beverages	127.7	127.8	127.6	128.2	-0.1	-0.4
Housing	122.3	124.4	123.9	127.0	-1.7	-3.7
Apparel	121.7	121.0	121.3	119.8	0.5	1.6
Transportation	127.6	128.6	127.6	130.4	-0.8	-2.1
Medical Care	128.8	127.8	128.0	127.0	0.7	1.4
Recreation	114.3	114.2	113.5	113.1	0.1	1.0
Education and Communication	111.1	111.1	111.4	109.8	0.0	1.2
Other Goods and Services	130.2	131.3	131.4	131.1	-0.9	-0.7