

# AMERICAN SAMOA STATISTICS NEWS



## **Subject: American Samoa Consumer Price Index – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016**

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The Consumer Price Index for the 4th quarter of 2016 registered at 135.4 points. The index is 3.3 percent higher than the third quarter of 2016 and 2.1 percent higher than the same quarter of the previous year. Annual inflation is at 2.1 percent.

### **Quarterly movements of Major CPI Groups:**

Food Group increased by 2.0 percent due to higher prices of meat products such as pig's feet, spare ribs, and chicken legs.

Alcoholic Beverage Group slightly increased by 0.7 percent due to a slight increase in Beer.

Housing Group registered a 2.7 percent quarterly increase due to increase of electricity, solid waste, kitchen utensils and furniture repairs.

Apparel Group increased by 0.9 percent because of increase in prices of men's suit and other women's apparel in the quarter.

Transportation Group increased by 2.2 percent due to the high cost of fuel.

Medical Care Group slightly dropped by 0.2 percent due to lower prices of other medical supplies.

Recreation Group increased by 0.2 percent because of higher cost of DVD Rental and Home stereo/entertainment.

Education and Communication Group slightly increased by 0.2 percent because of increase in price of cellphones.

Other Goods and Services Group index increased by 0.2 percent in this quarter.

Groups	4nd Qtr 2016	3rd Qtr 2016 Revised	4th Qtr 2015	Quarterly Percent Chg frm Q31 to Q4- 2016	Annual Percent Chg frm Q4 - '15 to Q-4 '16
All Items Index	135.4	131.1	132.7	3.3	2.1
Food	159.5	156.3	156.7	2.0	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages	130.9	130.0	127.7	0.7	2.5
Housing	129.8	126.4	126.1	2.7	3.0
Apparel	122.9	121.8	120.7	0.9	1.8
Transportation	133.4	130.6	128.5	2.2	3.8
Medical Care	128.1	127.8	127.1	0.2	0.8
Recreation	113.7	113.4	113.4	0.2	0.2
Education and Communication	111.4	111.2	111.1	0.2	0.3
Other Goods and Services	131.5	131.3	132.7	0.2	-0.9