

AMERICAN SAMOA STATISTICS NEWS



Subject: American Samoa Consumer Price Index – 2nd Quarter 2017

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Director's Approval: 

Annual inflation is rising again at 3.9% in the second quarter of the revised Consumer Price Index. The Index for the 2nd quarter of 2017 registered at 101.2 points: a quarterly increase of 0.4% and an annual inflation rate of 3.9%.

Quarterly movements of Major CPI Groups:

Food Group increased by 2.3 percent due to increases in cost of local banana, turkey tails and chicken legs. Green bananas sold at the Market Place as well as selected retail stores contributed to the increase in the Food Index with an increase of 28%, followed by cost of turkey tails which went up by 19% and case of chicken legs that increased by 9% since the first quarter of 2017.

Alcoholic Beverages Group decreased by negative 0.2 percent due to a slight drop in cost of Beer.

Housing Group registered a 0.2 percent quarterly increase due to increases in cost of electricity (up by 6%), water (up by 2%), and kitchen appliances. There is a 2% quarterly increase in cost of house rental units.

Apparel Group increased by 0.3 percent because of slightly higher prices of women's blouses, men's and boy's footwear, other infant clothing and baby wipes.

The Transportation Group index for the 1st quarter of 2017 had been adjusted slightly higher than previously reported due to internal corrections. However, lower cost of gasoline and diesel contributed to a drop of negative 1.4%.

Medical Care, Entertainment and Recreation, and Education and Communications groups remained the same from the last quarter.

High cost of cigarettes, hair shampoo and soap accounted for the 0.4 percent increase in Other Goods and Services with a 0.4% increase.

	2nd Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2017	2nd Quarter 2016	Quarterly Percent Change	Annual Percent Change
All Items	101.2	100.8	97.4	0.4	3.9
Food	102.5	100.2	97.2	2.3	5.5
Alcoholic Beverages	99.2	99.4	97.6	-0.2	1.6
Housing	101.0	100.8	95.8	0.2	5.4
Apparel	100.3	100.0	98.5	0.3	1.8
Transportation	99.8	101.2	96.4	-1.4	3.5
Medical Care	100.0	100.0	99.8	0.0	0.2
Entertainment (Recreation)	100.0	100.0	100.4	0.0	-0.4
Education and Communications	100.0	100.0	99.7	0.0	0.3
Other Goods and Services	101.7	101.3	99.8	0.4	1.9