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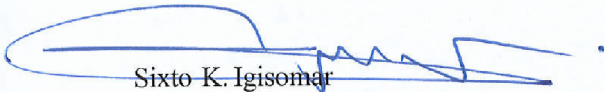
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TABLE 1 - BANKING ACTIVITY

Banking Activity (US \$ Millions)	Year			Quarter				
	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Total Deposits	531.20	446.34	445.42	467.74	461.12	445.42	460.11	454.66
Total Demand (Checking)	156.85	140.24	144.41	131.79	130.64	144.41	151.3	150.19
Total Savings	143.25	114.10	151.85	139.40	148.23	151.85	157.73	149.93
Total TCDs*	231.10	192.00	149.16	196.55	182.25	149.16	151.08	154.54
Total Loans	161.61	144.65	127.71	134.26	129.06	127.71	125.27	125.01
Consumer	65.30	58.16	50.04	52.16	50.29	50.04	49.48	50.31
Real Estate	42.33	40.62	36.48	37.99	36.69	36.48	35.5	33.77
Commercial	53.97	45.88	41.19	44.12	42.08	41.19	40.3	40.93
Loan to Deposit Ratio	30.4%	32.4%	28.7%	28.7%	28.0%	28.7%	27.2%	27.5%

Source: Banking Section, Department of Commerce

*Includes Cashiers Checks

FIGURE 1.1 - BANKING ACTIVITY - DEPOSITS

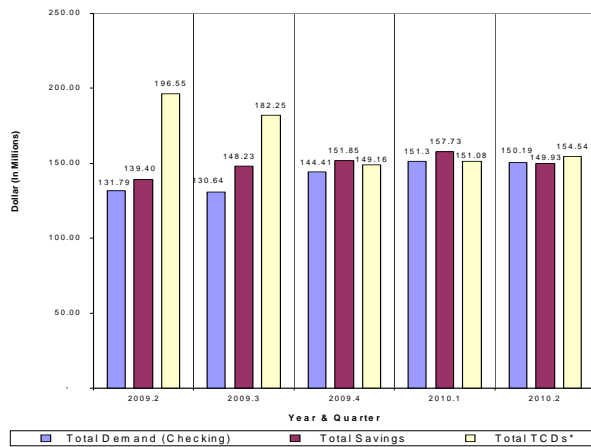


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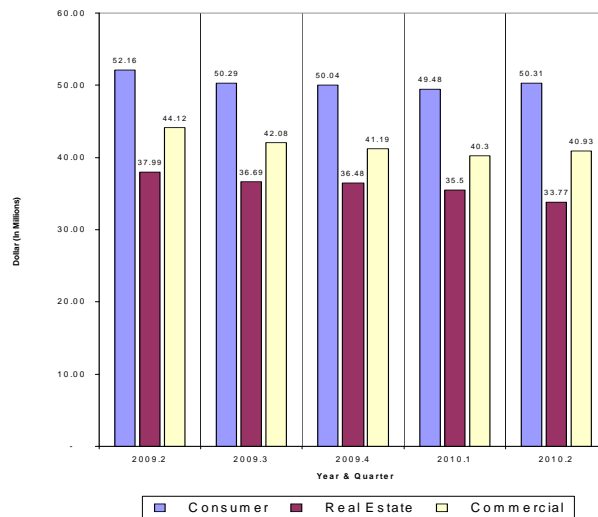


TABLE 2 - REMITTANCE

Remittances	Year					Quarter				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Remittances (US \$ Millions)	112.6	102.2	93.6	83.9	64.7	16.2	15.9	16.6	16.3	16.1
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	19.0%	-9.2%	-8.4%	-10.4%	-22.8%	-17.8%	-16.6%	-3.3%	1.6%	-0.6%
% Change to Previous Quarter						0.9%	-1.9%	4.4%	-1.8%	-1.2%

Source: Banking Section, Department of Commerce

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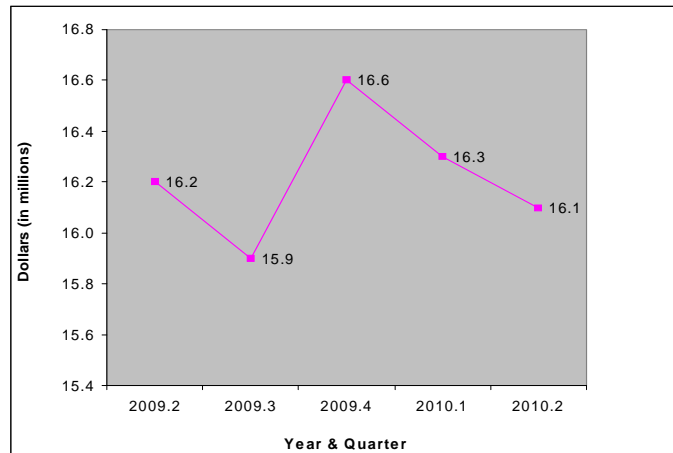


TABLE 3 - AUTO SALES

Auto Sales	Year				Quarter				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Total Cars Sold	1,352	1,101	966	849	203	235	208	256	195
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-28.2%	-18.6%	-12.3%	-12.1%	-10.2%	-6.7%	10.6%	26.1%	-3.9%
% Change to Previous Quarter					0.0%	15.8%	-11.5%	23.1%	-23.8%
New Cars	1,000	632	595	469	101	139	134	182	128
Used Cars	352	469	371	380	102	96	74	74	67

Source: Commonwealth Auto Dealer's Association (CADA)

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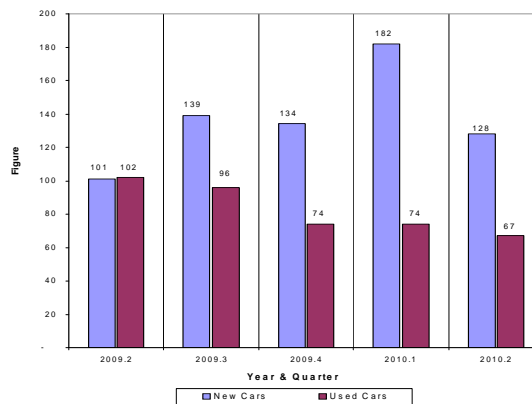


TABLE 4 - VISITOR ARRIVAL

Visitor Arrivals	Year				Quarter				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Total Visitors	435,494	389,261	397,271	353,956	73,764	99,128	73,630	109,786	81,642
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-11.43%	-10.62%	2.06%	-9.07%	-21.5%	2.0%	-22.9%	2.2%	10.7%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-31.3%	34.4%	-25.7%	49.1%	-25.6%
Japan	269,780	200,109	213,299	191,111	38,199	54,690	34,793	58,974	35,348
Korea	82,891	108,321	111,116	89,132	19,868	24,889	21,862	29,498	27,193
U.S. & Guam	24,579	27,849	31,064	29,259	7,007	7,544	6,763	6,706	7,020
China/Hong Kong	38,313	40,331	26,878	29,814	3,792	9,385	7,890	12,547	8,940
Phillipines	4,320	5,025	1,780	1,591	507	360	402	129	302
Russia	1,675	3,671	6,814	6,222	1,396	1,322	1,152	1,164	1,050
Taiwan	314	445	284	418	17	235	60	21	23
Others Areas*	6,178	3,510	6,036	6,409	2,978	703	708	747	1,766

Source: Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)

FIGURE 4 - VISITOR ARRIVAL

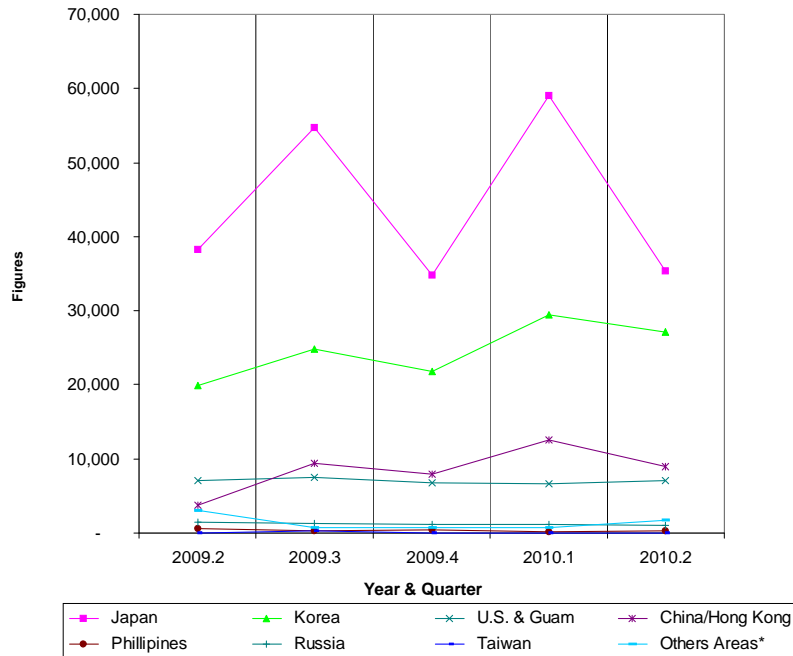


TABLE 5 - AVERAGE CNMI HOTEL DAILY RATE

Hotel Daily Rates	Year				Quarter				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Average Daily Rates (\$)	90.00	92.12	96.35	97.11	91.40	96.56	92.92	98.85	89.26
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	8.4%	2.4%	4.6%	0.8%	-1.5%	-5.2%	-2.4%	-1.1%	-2.3%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-8.6%	5.6%	-3.8%	6.4%	-9.7%

Source: Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI). Data from HANMI members only.

Note: All Percents are Rounded to the Nearest Tenth

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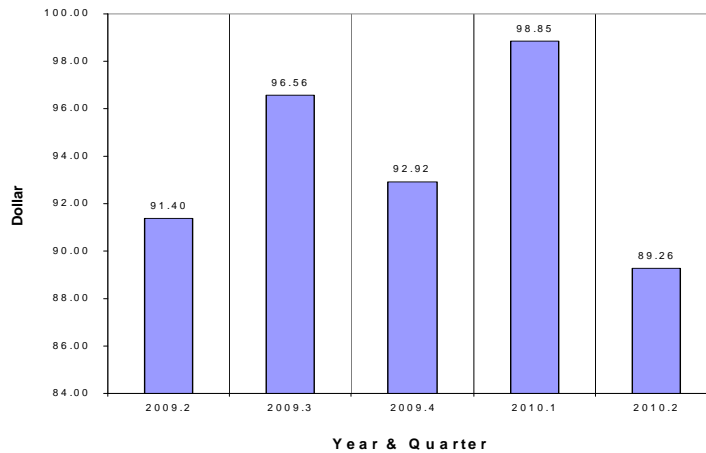


TABLE 6 - AVERAGE CNMI HOTEL OCCUPANCY RATE

Hotel Occupancy Rate	Year				Quarter				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Hotel Occupancy Rate (%)	62.0%	58.9%	61.9%	58.3%	50.0%	61.4%	48.4%	76.2%	53.0%
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-1.1%	-5%	5%	-6%	-12.2%	3.8%	-20.3%	4.0%	5.8%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-31.7%	22.7%	-21.2%	57.2%	-30.4%

Source: Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI). Data from HANMI members only.

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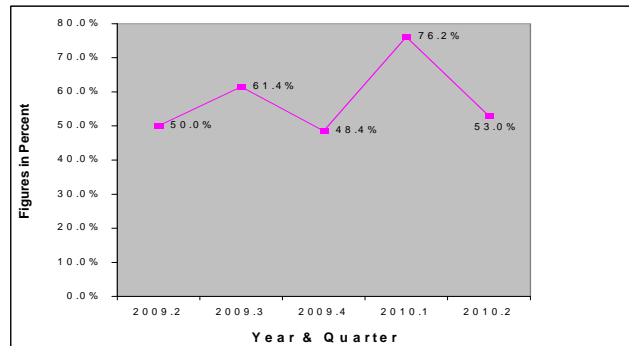


TABLE 7 - BUSINESS GROSS REVENUE (BGR) REPORTED

Business Gross Revenue (BGR)	Year				Quarter				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
BGR Reported* (US \$ Millions)	1,829	1,672	1,689	1,552	395.72	356.68	388.14	424.60	453.86
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-9.4%	-8.6%	1.0%	-8.1%	-6.7%	-16.6%	-7.7%	3.2%	14.7%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-3.8%	-9.9%	8.8%	9.4%	6.9%

Source: Department of Finance

*Estimated based on BGRT and other income tax collections.

FIGURE 7 - BUSINESS GROSS REVENUE (BGR) REPORTED

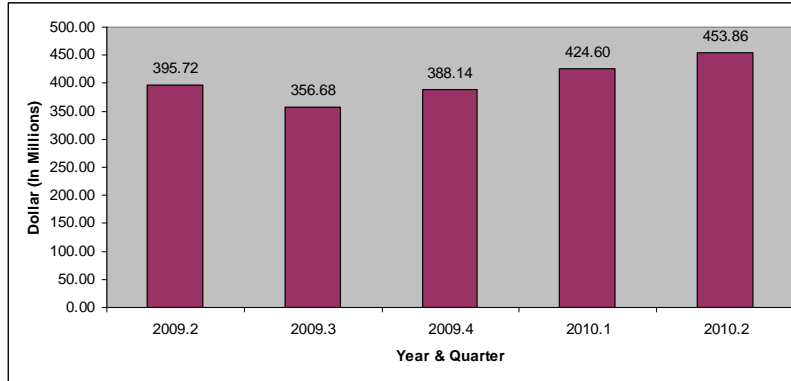


TABLE 8 - GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

General Expenditures	Year				Quarter				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Government Expenditures (US \$ Millions)*	195.60	162.67	172.24	168.12	38.27	42.67	47.32	39.50	37.8
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-12.72%	-16.83%	5.88%	-2.39%	-17.6%	11.9%	8.1%	-0.9%	-1.2%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-4.0%	11.5%	10.9%	-16.5%	-4.3%

Source: Department of Finance

*Note: FY07 - 08 expenditures do not include suspended employer retirement contributions

FIGURE 8 - GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

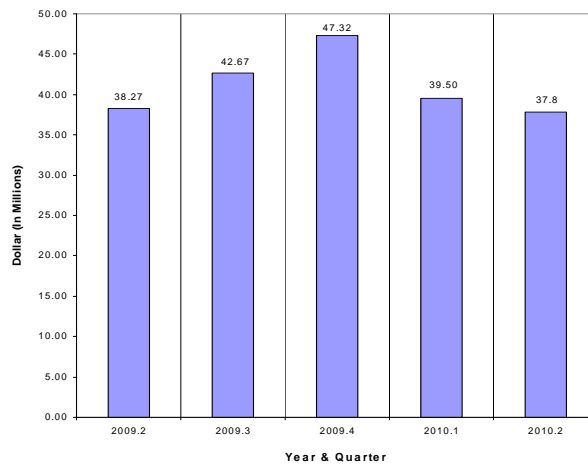


TABLE 9 - GENERAL FUND REVENUE (TAXES AND FEES COLLECTED)

General Fund Revenue (Taxes and Fees Collected)	Year				Quarter				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Total (US \$ Millions)	192.03	163.03	162.76	154.69	33.340	53.695	32.806	36.339	39.070
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-8.68%	-15.10%	-0.17%	-4.96%	-15.6%	13.4%	-8.6%	4.3%	17.2%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-4.3%	61.1%	-38.9%	10.8%	7.5%
Business Gross Receipt	54.05	49.04	51.78	44.77	11.193	9.514	11.137	12.254	11.784
Wage & Salary	28.58	26.20	25.05	24.43	4.893	7.240	6.566	6.520	5.631
NMTIT Personal (Chp. 7) / Corp. Income	15.05	8.34	12.90	15.51	3.700	8.190	1.704	2.456	5.278
Excise	24.41	20.58	19.72	17.99	4.396	4.687	4.422	4.207	4.637
Hotel Occupancy	5.54	4.93	5.56	5.14	1.118	1.249	0.990	1.645	1.167
Fuel/Container/Bar	7.25	6.82	7.28	6.37	0.557	2.497	1.233	1.106	1.437
Garment Certification	18.06	11.38	3.63	0.12	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
*Fees, Charges, & Other Revenues	33.81	39.26	33.17	29.95	6.232	12.707	6.200	8.523	9.778
Transfers from Other Funds			7.29	12.06	1.366	7.727	1.352	0.259	0.154
Revenue Transfer to Other Funds		-3.51	-3.62	-1.66	-0.115	-0.116	-0.798	-0.631	-0.796

Source: Department of Finance

*Note: Also Includes *Transfers From Other Funds* for Years 2005 - 2007

FIGURE 9 - GENERAL FUND REVENUE (TAXES AND FEES COLLECTED)

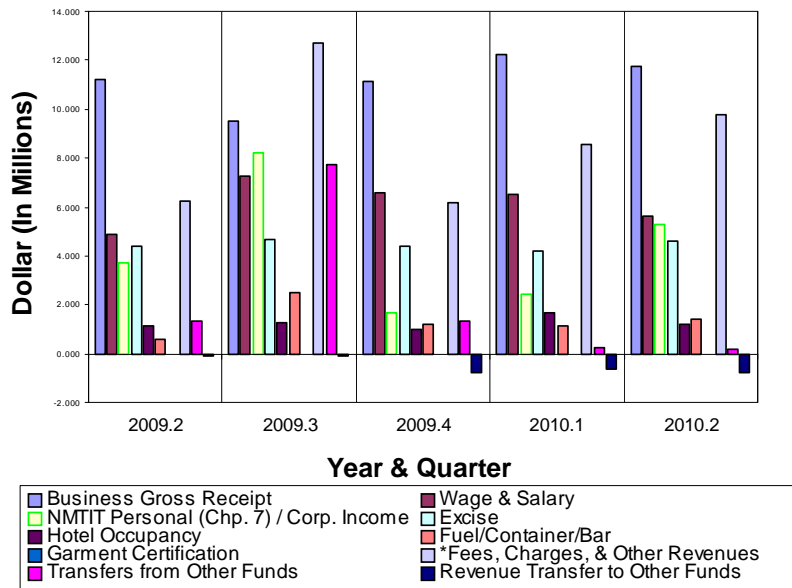


TABLE 10 - IMPORTS

Imports	Year				Quarter				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Total Tonnage (In Thousands)	540.20	461.99	384.55	316.88	89.21	74.18	91.69	79.02	89.24
Petroleum, Oil, Lubricants (P.O.L.)	203.40	180.45	157.24	142.16	41.28	33.49	39.74	38.33	45.18
Cement	16.80	25.57	24.66	12.05	5.86	1.69	2.32	1.99	3.44
Garment	91.50	62.31	21.77	0.63	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Food Items	62.30	55.87	51.41	46.48	11.06	11.40	13.11	11.19	12.03
Construction Materials	16.60	15.27	17.25	11.57	3.93	3.05	5.46	3.65	2.60
Beverages	23.50	20.97	20.35	20.28	5.45	5.02	5.83	4.82	4.80
Others	125.90	101.56	91.87	83.71	21.56	19.52	25.22	19.04	21.19

Source: Port of Saipan, Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA)

*Note: Others include Food, Construction Materials & Beverages for 2005

FIGURE 10 - IMPORTS (IN THOUSANDS)

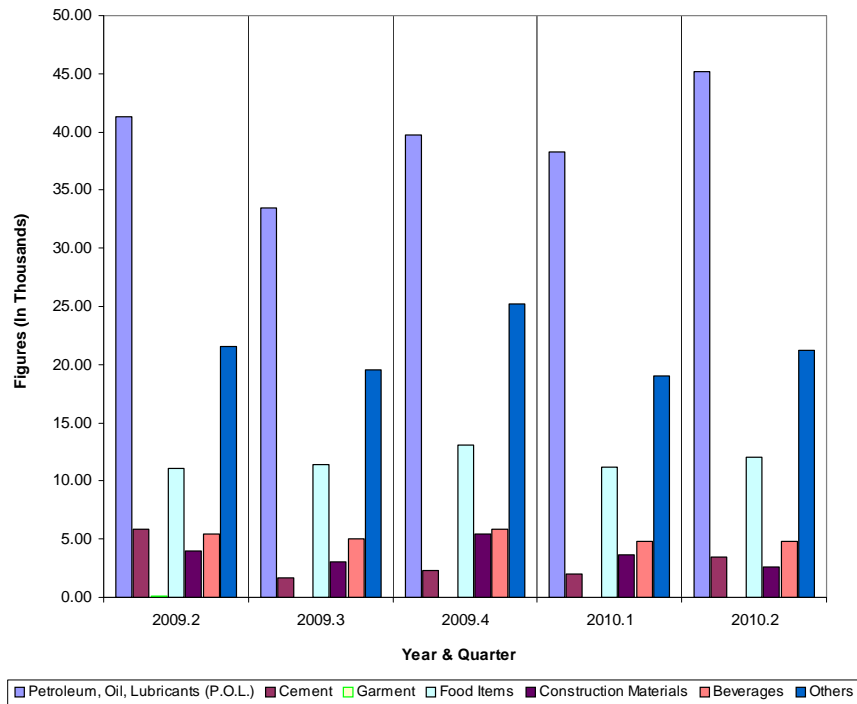


TABLE 12 - TELEPHONE LINES

Telephone Lines	Year				Quarter				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Total Telephone Lines	30,684	28,963	30,458	28,697	29,526	29,536	28,697	24,706	24,419
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-3.4%	-5.6%	5.2%	-0.9%	0.0%	0.2%	-5.8%	-18.0%	-17.3%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-2.0%	0.0%	-2.8%	-13.9%	-1.2%
Total Commercial Phone Lines	20,592	20,001	22,155	20,934	21,537	21,634	20,934	17,004	16,860
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	0.20%	-2.9%	10.8%	4.7%	3.2%	2.9%	-5.5%	-22.7%	-21.7%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-2.1%	0.5%	-3.2%	-18.8%	-0.8%
Saipan	9,737	8,689	8,238	7,913	7,920	7,886	7,913	7,783	7,729
Tinian	387	376	366	356	363	363	356	357	341
Rota	428	410	385	363	377	365	363	362	360
Special Access	10,040	10,526	13,166	12,302	12,877	13,020	12,302	8,502	8,430
Total Residential Phone Lines	10,092	8,962	8,303	7,763	7,989	7,902	7,763	7,702	7,559
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-9.90%	-11.2%	-7.4%	-13.4%	-7.8%	-6.5%	-6.5%	-5.3%	-5.4%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-1.8%	-1.1%	-1.8%	-0.8%	-1.9%
Saipan	9,096	8,045	7,414	6,934	7,131	7,057	6,934	6,883	6,744
Tinian	492	458	439	416	419	422	416	413	403
Rota	504	459	450	413	439	423	413	406	412

Source: Island Telecom & Engineering (IT&E)

FIGURE 12.1 - COMMERCIAL PHONE LINES BY ISLAND

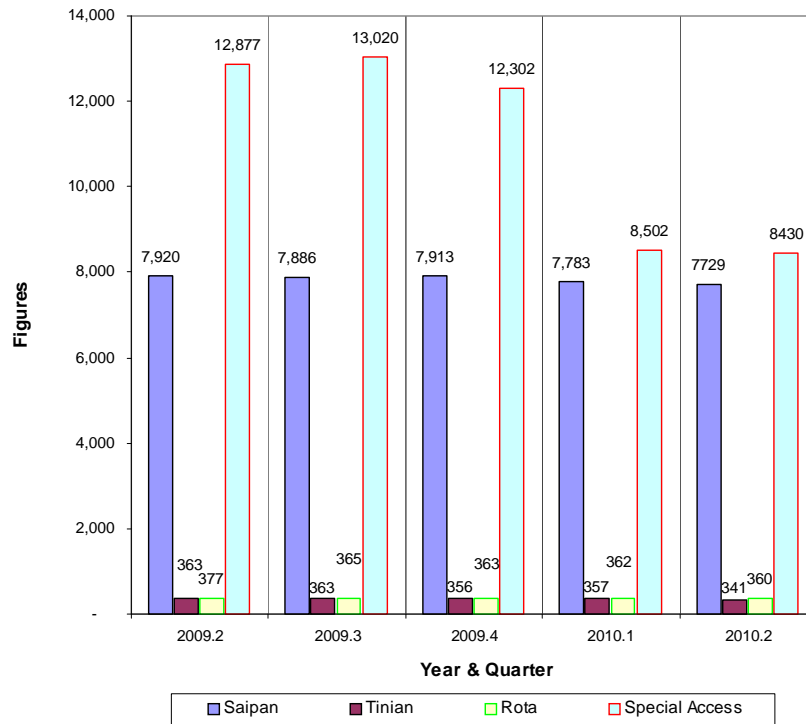


FIGURE 12.2 - RESIDENTIAL PHONE LINES BY ISLAND

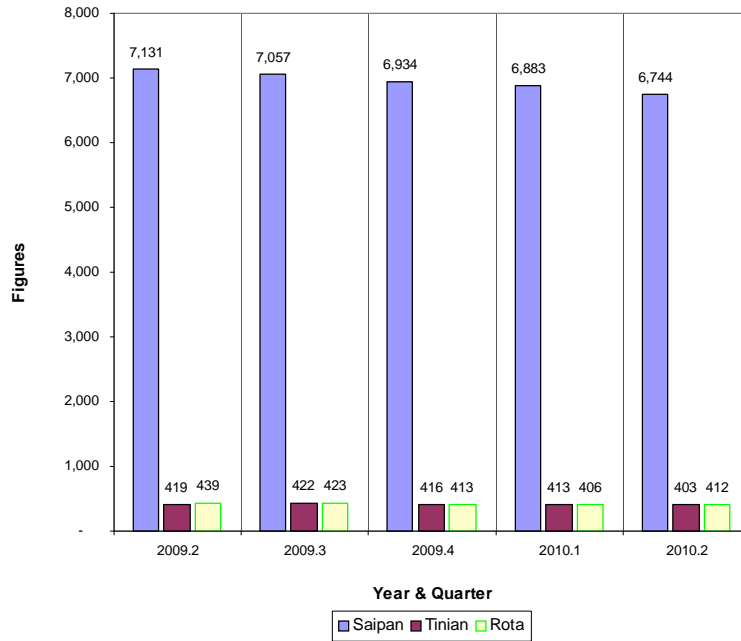


FIGURE 12.3 - COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL PHONE LINES (TOTALS)

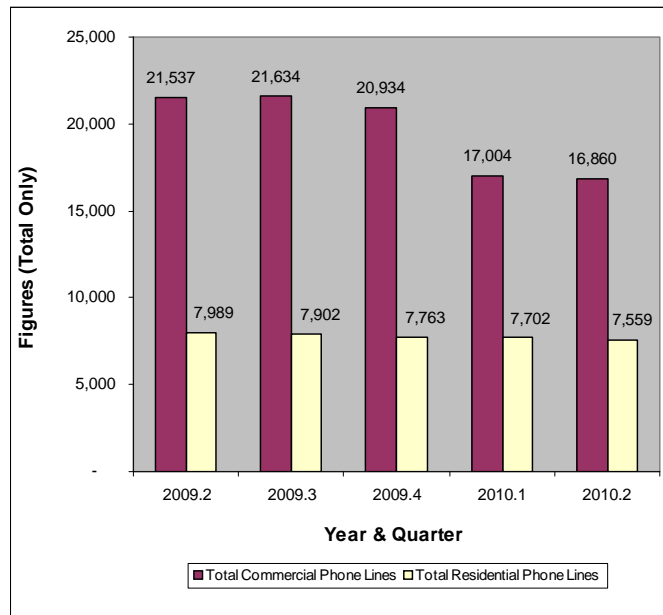


TABLE 13 - BUILDING PERMITS

CNMI Building Permits Issued	Year				Quarter				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009.2	2009.3	2009.4	2010.1	2010.2
Total No. of Permits	292	255	213	120	35	33	19	22	41
No. of Commercial	125	121	106	55	21	11	8	7	26
No. of Residential	167	120	105	45	10	14	10	13	14
No. of Government*		14	15	20	4	8	1	2	1
Total Value (US \$ Millions)	11.79	16.23	43.99	16.23	10.14	2.50	1.25	1.02	3.19
Commercial	3.59	8.96	36.40	2.77	0.80	0.27	0.95	0.06	1.56
Residential	7.75	5.06	5.12	3.53	0.85	1.38	0.30	0.84	1.35
Government*		2.21	2.47	9.94	8.49	0.86	0.00	0.12	0.27

Source: Building Safety Code Division, Department of Public Works
 *Recent Addition to 2007

FIGURE 13.1 - NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

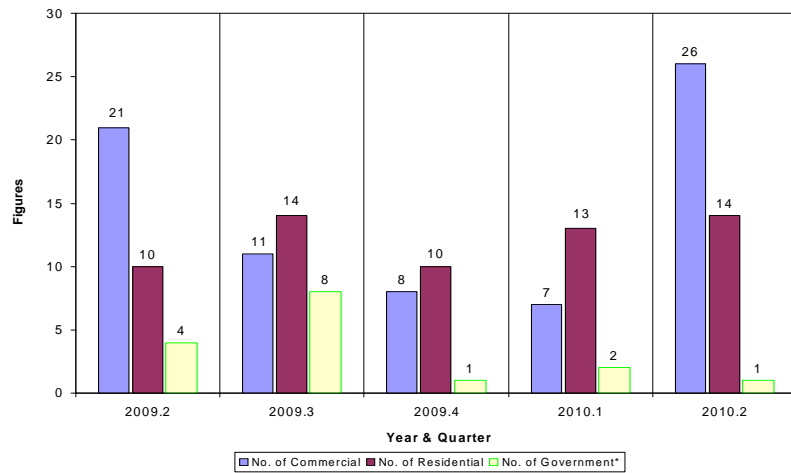


FIGURE 13.2 - VALUES OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED (IN MILLIONS)

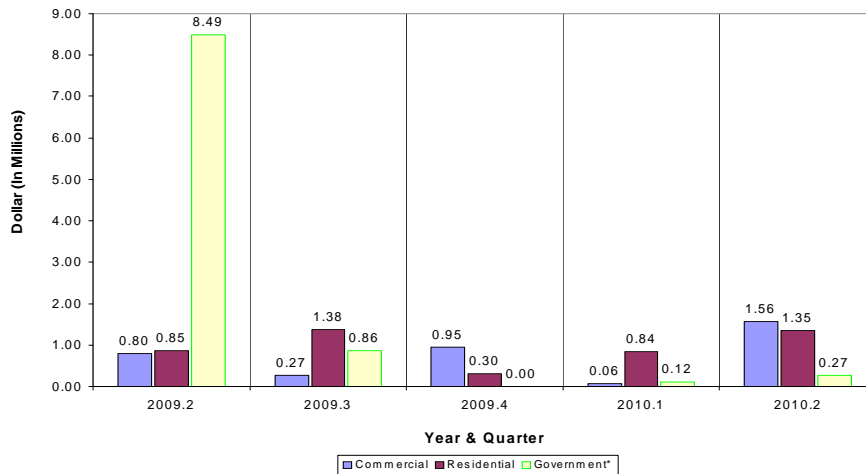


TABLE 14 - CNMI CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) 3RD QUARTER

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

4th Quarter 2008 = 100

Groups	3rd Qtr 2009	2nd Qtr 2009	3rd Qtr 2008	To 3rd Qtr09 fm 2nd Qtr09	To 3rd Qtr09 fm 3rd Qtr 08
All Items	101.9	101.5	99.8	0.4	2.1
Food	104.6	101.6	97.7	3.0	7.0
Alcoholic Beverages	106.7	106.5	99.2	0.2	7.5
Housing and Utilities	97.9	101.3	104.3	-3.4	-6.2
Apparel	103.5	100.8	99.4	2.6	4.1
Transportation	105.4	103.4	92.3	2.0	14.2
Medical Care	102.3	102.8	96.7	-0.5	5.8
Recreation	104.9	102.1	100.0	2.8	4.9
Education and Communication	95.5	99.7	99.5	-4.3	-4.1
Other Goods and Services	102.3	101.7	100.0	0.6	2.3

Source: Department of Commerce, Central Statistics Division

NOTE: THE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON UPDATING ITS CPI INDICES AND WILL PUBLISH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

TABLE 15 - CNMI CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) 4TH QUARTER

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

4th Quarter 2008 = 100

Groups	4th Qtr 2009	3rd Qtr 2009	4th Qtr 2008	To 4th Qtr09 fm 3rd Qtr09	To 4th Qtr09 fm 4th Qtr 08
All Items	105.6	101.9	100.0	3.7	5.6
Food	106.1	104.6	100.0	1.4	6.1
Alcoholic Beverages	106.5	106.7	100.0	-0.2	6.5
Housing and Utilities	108.0	97.9	100.0	10.3	8.0
Apparel	104.3	103.5	100.0	0.8	4.3
Transportation	108.5	105.4	100.0	2.9	8.5
Medical Care	101.5	102.3	100.0	-0.8	1.5
Recreation	105.1	104.9	100.0	0.2	5.1
Education and Communication	95.6	95.5	100.0	0.1	-4.4
Other Goods and Services	102.8	102.3	100.0	0.5	2.8

Source: Department of Commerce, Central Statistics Division

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TABLE 16 - HISTORICAL CPIs FOR SELECTED GROUPS

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
1st Quarter 2003 / 4th Quarter 2008 = 100

Year & Quarter	Food	Alcoholic Beverages	Housing Utilities	Apparel	Transportation	Medical Care	Recreation	Education Communication	Other Goods & Services	All Items
Wgts	19.02	1.72	27.73	2.24	33.52	2.36	2.44	5.68	5.30	100.0
2000.1	93.7		67.5	107.0	92.8	78.0				82.4
2000.2	92.6		67.8	105.9	94.9	85.6				84.5
2000.3	94.4		68.6	106.4	97.0	86.1				85.7
2000.4	91.7		66.0	106.5	97.1	85.7				84.1
2001.1	88.2		66.4	106.5	96.8	85.3				83.2
2001.2	90.4		66.3	106.0	96.3	85.3				83.5
2001.3	89.9		68.2	106.0	95.9	85.2				83.6
2001.4	90.7		67.0	106.9	94.5	85.0				83.6
2002.1	89.2		67.3	105.7	95.2	90.6				84.8
2002.2	87.3		64.4	106.4	96.6	90.3				83.7
2002.3	86.1		66.3	106.2	96.6	90.4				83.7
2002.4	83.8		65.7	100.1	96.9	90.4				82.5
2003.1	84.2	95.9	65.5	98.6	95.7	92.5	101.9	98.7	92.9	83.0
2003.2	84.4	96.1	65.5	98.8	95.4	92.5	101.2	98.5	92.9	82.9
2003.3	84.7	95.9	65.0	99.6	95.4	92.5	101.0	98.9	92.9	82.8
2003.4	84.6	95.8	64.1	99.1	96.2	92.5	98.2	98.3	92.9	82.6
2004.1	86.8	95.8	64.4	99.5	96.2	92.5	97.5	98.2	92.9	83.2
2004.2	87.6	95.6	64.0	98.4	96.6	92.5	103.5	98.3	100.6	83.7
2004.3	88.6	96.0	63.8	94.2	95.7	92.5	100.8	97.4	100.6	83.4
2004.4	90.4	95.8	64.2	91.3	95.9	92.5	100.5	99.6	100.6	84.0
2005.1	90.0	95.9	64.3	96.6	96.3	92.5	100.7	96.7	100.6	84.1
2005.2	85.5	103.3	66.3	96.9	92.4	93.2	101.9	100.2	91.4	89.9
2005.3	84.3	96.3	65.7	98.7	92.2	92.8	102.0	98.3	94.2	83.0
2005.4	84.7	95.5	65.6	100.8	95.2	92.5	101.7	99.5	93.9	83.0
2006.1	85.3	96.8	65.7	100.1	109.1	92.8	108.6	101.7	93.6	83.0
2006.2	84.4	96.1	65.5	99.6	96.2	92.5	101.9	99.4	92.9	83.0
2006.3	93.7	97.1	65.5	137.8	96.2	92.5	101.9	100.9	92.9	83.0
2006.4	94.0	98.1	65.5	138.6	96.0	92.5	101.9	97.8	93.3	83.0
2007.1	88.3	99.6	92.3	100.4	95.7	92.5	102.2	99.5	92.9	93.3
2007.2	89.4	99.6	94.6	100.7	95.7	93.5	102.3	99.3	92.9	94.4
Year & Quarter	Food	Alcoholic Beverages	Housing Utilities	Apparel	Transportation	Medical Care	Recreation	Education Communication	Other Goods & Services	All Items
Wgts	19.02	1.72	27.73	2.24	33.52	2.36	2.44	5.68	5.30	100.0
2007.3	89.6	99.6	94.7	100.9	95.7	93.5	102.8	99.3	92.9	94.4
2007.4	90.4	100.0	94.9	100.9	95.7	93.5	103.0	99.3	92.9	94.7
2008.1	94.3	102.0	92.3	101.0	95.7	99.8	104.4	99.2	92.9	94.7
2008.2	94.6	102.8	105.8	99.9	98.8	99.8	101.7	99.2	92.9	100.3
2008.3	97.7	99.2	104.3	99.4	92.3	96.7	100.0	99.5	100.0	99.8
2008.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2009.1	100.6	106.5	99.8	99.8	100.5	102.8	100.2	96.4	101.7	100.2
2009.2	101.6	106.5	101.3	100.8	103.4	102.8	102.1	99.7	101.7	101.5
2009.3	104.6	106.7	97.9	103.5	105.4	102.3	104.9	95.5	102.3	101.9
2009.4	106.1	106.5	108.0	104.3	108.5	101.5	105.1	95.6	102.8	105.6

1 The previous Consumer Price Index had only 5 major groups rather than the 9 that are in the revised CPI. Nevertheless, these historical CPIs will provide users with some indication of historical price movement of the CPI.

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