

**Statistical Bulletin**  
**Index of Retail Prices**  
**(Base: July 2001=100)**  
**April 2010**

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The Index of Retail Prices for April 2010 stood at 142.2 points which represent an increase of 0.9% when compared with March's (2010) index of 141.0 points.

Amongst the major groups: Food increased by 0.9 point or 0.5%.

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco increased by 0.3 point or 0.2%.

Housing increased by 0.8 point 0.6%.

Fuel and Light increased by 0.8 point or 0.5%.

Household Operations and Supplies increased by 1.9 points or 1.6%.

Clothing and Footwear decreased by 2.8 points or 2.9%.

Transportation increased by 2.7 points or 2.2%.

Medical and Personal Care increased by 2.0 points or 1.4%.

Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 0.5 point or 0.4%.

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**Table 1. Group Indices for April 2010**

| GROUP:                  | FOOD         | ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO | HOUSING      | FUEL AND LIGHT | HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES | CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | TRANSPORTATION | MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE | EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS | ALL ITEMS    |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>2010</b>             |              |                                 |              |                |                                   |                       |                |                           |   |              |
| January                 | 161.2        | 147.6                           | 139.5        | 136.8          | 119.9                             | 94.8                  | 119.4          | 144.2                     | 120.2                                   | <b>138.9</b> |
| February                | 161.8        | 148.1                           | 142.6        | 132.9          | 120.6                             | 93.8                  | 121.4          | 146.7                     | 119.9                                   | <b>139.7</b> |
| March                   | 162.7        | 147.8                           | 142.2        | 147.4          | 119.7                             | 95.0                  | 121.8          | 145.5                     | 122.4                                   | <b>141.0</b> |
| <b>Average 1st. Qrt</b> | <b>161.9</b> | <b>147.8</b>                    | <b>141.5</b> | <b>139.0</b>   | <b>120.1</b>                      | <b>94.5</b>           | <b>120.9</b>   | <b>145.5</b>              | <b>120.9</b>                            | <b>139.9</b> |
| April                   | 163.6        | 148.1                           | 143.0        | 148.2          | 121.6                             | 92.2                  | 124.5          | 147.5                     | 122.9                                   | <b>142.2</b> |

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - April 2010**

| GROUP                                      | Weights       | March 2010<br>Group<br>Index | April 2010     |                           |            |
|--|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------|
|  |               |                              | Group<br>Index | Change over<br>March 2010 |            |
|  |               |                              |                | Points                    | %          |
| 1. FOOD                                    | 3,379         | 162.7                        | 163.6          | 0.9                       | 0.5        |
| 2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO         | 373           | 147.8                        | 148.1          | 0.3                       | 0.2        |
| 3. HOUSING                                 | 1,227         | 142.2                        | 143.0          | 0.8                       | 0.6        |
| 4. FUEL AND LIGHT                          | 634           | 147.4                        | 148.2          | 0.8                       | 0.5        |
| 5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES       | 1,014         | 119.7                        | 121.6          | 1.9                       | 1.6        |
| 6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR                   | 344           | 95.0                         | 92.2           | -2.8                      | -2.9       |
| 7. TRANSPORTATION                          | 1,703         | 121.8                        | 124.5          | 2.7                       | 2.2        |
| 8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE               | 585           | 145.5                        | 147.5          | 2.0                       | 1.4        |
| 9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS | 741           | 122.4                        | 122.9          | 0.5                       | 0.4        |
| <b>ALL ITEMS</b>                           | <b>10,000</b> | <b>141.0</b>                 | <b>142.2</b>   | <b>1.2</b>                | <b>0.9</b> |

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

**Table 7a. Point to Point Percentage Change in the All Items Index**

| Month                  | All Items Index |              |              |              |              |       | % Change   |            |            |            |            |      |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
|                        | 2005            | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         | 2010  | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       | 2010 |
| January                | 103.9           | 112.7        | 118.2        | 123.7        | 132.3        | 138.9 | 4.1        | 8.5        | 4.9        | 4.7        | 7.0        | 5.0  |
| February               | 104.7           | 113.0        | 118.1        | 123.8        | 132.8        | 139.7 | 4.5        | 7.9        | 4.5        | 4.8        | 7.3        | 5.2  |
| March                  | 104.9           | 113.2        | 118.2        | 124.1        | 132.3        | 141.0 | 4.5        | 7.9        | 4.4        | 5.0        | 6.6        | 6.6  |
| April                  | 106.9           | 113.8        | 118.2        | 127.1        | 131.9        | 142.2 | 6.5        | 6.5        | 3.9        | 7.5        | 3.8        | 7.8  |
| May                    | 107.5           | 115.1        | 119.0        | 129.1        | 132.0        |       | 6.8        | 7.1        | 3.4        | 8.5        | 2.2        |      |
| June                   | 107.4           | 115.8        | 120.0        | 130.7        | 133.1        |       | 5.5        | 7.8        | 3.6        | 8.9        | 1.8        |      |
| July                   | 107.8           | 116.1        | 120.6        | 132.9        | 134.8        |       | 5.5        | 7.7        | 3.9        | 10.2       | 1.4        |      |
| August                 | 109.6           | 117.9        | 121.5        | 134.7        | 137.7        |       | 7.0        | 7.6        | 3.1        | 10.9       | 2.2        |      |
| September              | 109.6           | 118.8        | 122.2        | 135.9        | 138.6        |       | 6.8        | 8.4        | 2.9        | 11.2       | 2.0        |      |
| October                | 110.1           | 117.8        | 123.2        | 134.8        | 138.6        |       | 6.7        | 7.0        | 4.6        | 9.4        | 2.8        |      |
| November               | 111.6           | 118.2        | 123.8        | 134.5        | 138.4        |       | 7.4        | 5.9        | 4.7        | 8.6        | 2.9        |      |
| December               | 111.9           | 118.2        | 123.7        | 132.7        | 138.5        |       | 7.4        | 5.6        | 4.7        | 7.3        | 4.4        |      |
| <b>Annual Averages</b> | <b>108.0</b>    | <b>115.9</b> | <b>120.6</b> | <b>130.3</b> | <b>135.1</b> |       | <b>6.1</b> | <b>7.3</b> | <b>4.1</b> | <b>8.0</b> | <b>3.7</b> |      |

**Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period in the All Items Index**

| Month           | Averages for 12 Months |              |              |              |              |       | Inflation Rate |            |            |            |            |      |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
|                 | 2005                   | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         | 2010  | 2005           | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       | 2010 |
| January         | 102.2                  | 108.7        | 116.4        | 121.0        | 131.0        | 135.6 | 1.8            | 6.4        | 7.1        | 4.0        | 8.3        | 3.5  |
| February        | 102.5                  | 109.4        | 116.8        | 121.5        | 131.8        | 136.2 | 2.0            | 6.7        | 6.8        | 4.0        | 8.5        | 3.3  |
| March           | 102.9                  | 110.1        | 117.2        | 122.0        | 132.5        | 136.9 | 2.4            | 7.0        | 6.4        | 4.1        | 8.6        | 3.3  |
| April           | 103.4                  | 110.7        | 117.6        | 122.7        | 132.9        | 137.8 | 2.9            | 7.1        | 6.2        | 4.3        | 8.3        | 3.7  |
| May             | 104.0                  | 111.3        | 117.9        | 123.6        | 133.1        |       | 3.5            | 7.0        | 5.9        | 4.8        | 7.7        |      |
| June *          | 104.5                  | 112.0        | 118.2        | 124.4        | 133.3        |       | 3.9            | 7.2        | 5.5        | 5.2        | 7.2        |      |
| July            | 104.9                  | 112.7        | 118.6        | 125.5        | 133.5        |       | 4.2            | 7.4        | 5.2        | 5.8        | 6.4        |      |
| August          | 105.5                  | 113.4        | 118.9        | 126.6        | 133.7        |       | 4.7            | 7.5        | 4.9        | 6.5        | 5.6        |      |
| September       | 106.1                  | 114.2        | 119.2        | 127.7        | 134.0        |       | 5.0            | 7.6        | 4.4        | 7.1        | 4.9        |      |
| October         | 106.7                  | 114.8        | 119.6        | 128.7        | 134.3        |       | 5.4            | 7.6        | 4.2        | 7.6        | 4.4        |      |
| November        | 107.3                  | 115.4        | 120.1        | 129.6        | 134.6        |       | 5.7            | 7.5        | 4.1        | 7.9        | 3.9        |      |
| <b>December</b> | <b>108.0</b>           | <b>115.9</b> | <b>120.6</b> | <b>130.3</b> | <b>135.1</b> |       | <b>6.1</b>     | <b>7.3</b> | <b>4.1</b> | <b>8.0</b> | <b>3.7</b> |      |

Note: \* The % Change in the Averages for 12 months was first available from June 2003.

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