

**Barbados Statistical Service**  
**Statistical Bulletin**  
**Index of Retail Prices (Base July 2001= 100)**  
**December 2007**

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The Index of Retail Prices for December 2007 stood at 123.7 points which represent a decrease of 0.1% when compared with November's (2007) index of 123.8 points.

Amongst the major groups: Food remained constant.

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased by 0.9 point or 0.8%.

Housing decreased by 0.8 point or 0.6%.

Fuel and Light decreased by 4.1 points or 3.3%.

Household Operations and Supplies decreased by 0.1 point or 0.1%.

Clothing and Footwear increased by 3.7 points or 4.6%.

Transportation increased by 0.6 point or 0.5%.

Medical and Personal Care increased by 0.1 point or 0.1%.

Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous remained constant.

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**Table 1. Group Indices for December 2007**

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>Year: 2007</b>										
January	128.2	104.9	127.2	108.9	101.4	84.0	115.2	123.6	114.3	<b>118.2</b>
February	127.5	105.1	127.3	106.9	101.9	83.9	114.5	127.1	114.8	<b>118.1</b>
March	127.5	107.1	127.4	108.4	102.5	82.9	114.1	127.3	114.7	<b>118.2</b>
<b>1st. Qrt. Average</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>127.3</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>114.6</b>	<b>126.0</b>	<b>114.6</b>	<b>118.2</b>
April	126.9	106.9	127.1	109.8	103.1	83.1	114.5	127.5	114.7	<b>118.2</b>
May	127.3	107.4	127.5	114.7	104.1	82.9	115.0	127.0	115.8	<b>119.0</b>
June	129.1	108.0	127.6	121.0	103.7	84.2	115.2	127.2	115.9	<b>120.0</b>
<b>2nd. Qrt. Average</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>127.4</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>114.9</b>	<b>127.2</b>	<b>115.5</b>	<b>119.1</b>
July	130.4	108.7	127.7	116.7	105.8	84.4	116.0	127.2	116.1	<b>120.6</b>
August	133.3	107.2	126.1	117.8	106.4	83.8	114.5	128.7	118.7	<b>121.5</b>
September	135.8	107.4	126.0	117.0	106.8	82.7	113.9	128.9	118.7	<b>122.2</b>
<b>3rd. Qrt. Average</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>126.6</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>114.8</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>117.8</b>	<b>121.4</b>
October	138.4	106.6	126.0	119.2	107.0	80.8	114.2	128.9	119.6	<b>123.2</b>
November	139.2	107.2	126.1	123.3	106.9	80.8	114.4	130.0	119.1	<b>123.8</b>
December	139.2	106.3	125.3	119.2	106.8	84.5	115.0	130.1	119.1	<b>123.7</b>
<b>4th. Qrt. Average</b>	<b>138.9</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>125.8</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>114.5</b>	<b>129.7</b>	<b>119.3</b>	<b>123.6</b>
<b>Annual Averages</b>	<b>131.9</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>114.7</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>116.8</b>	<b>120.6</b>

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - December 2007**

GROUP	Weights	November 2007 GROUP INDEX	December 2007		
			GROUP INDEX	Change over November 2007	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	139.2	139.2	0.0	0.0
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	107.2	106.3	-0.9	-0.8
3. HOUSING	1,227	126.1	125.3	-0.8	-0.6
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	123.3	119.2	-4.1	-3.3
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	106.9	106.8	-0.1	-0.1
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	80.8	84.5	3.7	4.6
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	114.4	115.0	0.6	0.5
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	130.0	130.1	0.1	0.1
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	119.1	119.1	0.0	0.0
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>123.8</b>	<b>123.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

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

Month	All Items Index						% Change				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	98.8	99.5	99.8	103.9	112.7	118.2	0.7	0.3	4.1	8.5	4.9
February	99.0	99.5	100.2	104.7	113.0	118.1	0.5	0.7	4.5	7.9	4.5
March	98.5	100.2	100.4	104.9	113.2	118.2	1.7	0.2	4.5	7.9	4.4
April	98.5	100.3	100.4	106.9	113.8	118.2	1.8	0.1	6.5	6.5	3.9
May	98.2	100.8	100.7	107.5	115.1	119.0	2.6	-0.1	6.8	7.1	3.4
June	98.4	101.0	101.8	107.4	115.8	120.0	2.6	0.8	5.5	7.8	3.6
July	98.6	100.7	102.2	107.8	116.1	120.6	2.1	1.5	5.5	7.7	3.9
August	98.8	100.7	102.4	109.6	117.9	121.5	1.9	1.7	7.0	7.6	3.1
September	98.6	100.7	102.6	109.6	118.8	122.2	2.1	1.9	6.8	8.4	2.9
October	99.1	101.1	103.2	110.1	117.8	123.2	2.0	2.1	6.7	7.0	4.6
November	99.8	100.2	103.9	111.6	118.2	123.8	0.4	3.7	7.4	5.9	4.7
December	99.6	99.9	104.2	111.9	118.2	123.7	0.3	4.3	7.4	5.6	4.7
<b>Annual Averages</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>115.9</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>

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

Month	Averages for 12 Months						% Change				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	-	98.9	100.4	102.2	108.7	116.4	-	1.5	1.8	6.4	7.1
February	-	98.9	100.5	102.5	109.4	116.8	-	1.6	2.0	6.7	6.8
March	-	99.1	100.5	102.9	110.1	117.2	-	1.4	2.4	7.0	6.4
April	-	99.2	100.5	103.4	110.7	117.6	-	1.3	2.9	7.1	6.2
May	-	99.4	100.5	104.0	111.3	117.9	-	1.1	3.5	7.0	5.9
June *	99.0	99.7	100.6	104.5	112.0	118.2	0.7	0.9	3.9	7.2	5.5
July	98.9	99.8	100.7	104.9	112.7	118.6	0.9	0.9	4.2	7.4	5.2
August	98.8	100.0	100.8	105.5	113.4	118.9	1.2	0.8	4.7	7.5	4.9
September	98.7	100.2	101.0	106.1	114.2	119.2	1.5	0.8	5.0	7.6	4.4
October	98.7	100.3	101.2	106.7	114.8	119.6	1.6	0.9	5.4	7.6	4.2
November	98.8	100.4	101.5	107.3	115.4	120.1	1.6	1.1	5.7	7.5	4.1
December	98.8	100.4	101.8	108.0	115.9	120.6	1.6	1.4	6.1	7.3	4.1

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

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**ALL ITEMS Dec 2006 - Dec 2007**

