

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

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The Index of Retail Prices for March 2010 stood at 141.0 points which represent an increase of 0.9% when compared with February's (2010) index of 139.7 points.

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

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased 0.3 point or 0.2%.

Housing decreased by 0.4 point 0.3%.

Fuel and Light increased by 14.5 points or 10.9%.

Household Operations and Supplies decreased by 0.9 point or 0.7%.

Clothing and Footwear increased by 1.2 points or 1.3%.

Transportation increased by 0.4 point or 0.3%.

Medical and Personal Care decreased by 1.2 points or 0.8%.

Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 2.5 points or 2.1%.

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**Table 1. Group Indices for March 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>										
<b>January</b>	161.2	147.6	139.5	136.8	119.9	94.8	119.4	144.2	120.2	<b>138.9</b>
<b>February</b>	161.8	148.1	142.6	132.9	120.6	93.8	121.4	146.7	119.9	<b>139.7</b>
<b>March</b>	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>

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

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

GROUP	Weights	February 2010 Group Index	March 2010		
			Group Index	Change over February 2010	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	161.8	162.7	0.9	0.5
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	148.1	147.8	-0.3	-0.2
3. HOUSING	1,227	142.6	142.2	-0.4	-0.3
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	132.9	147.4	14.5	10.9
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	120.6	119.7	-0.9	-0.7
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	93.8	95.0	1.2	1.3
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	121.4	121.8	0.4	0.3
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	146.7	145.5	-1.2	-0.8
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	119.9	122.4	2.5	2.1
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>139.7</b>	<b>141.0</b>	<b>1.3</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		6.5	6.5	3.9	7.5	3.8	
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		2.9	7.1	6.2	4.3	8.3	
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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**ALL ITEMS March 2009 - March 2010**

