

Statistical Bulletin

Index of Retail Prices

(Base: July 2001=100)

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The Index of Retail Prices for May 2009 stood at 132.0 points which represent an increase of 0.1% when compared with April's (2009) index of 132.0 points.

- Amongst the major groups:
- Food decreased by 1.7 points or 1.1%.
 - Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco increased by 0.5 point or 0.3%.
 - Housing decreased by 0.1 point or 0.1%.
 - Fuel and Light increased by 0.5 point or 0.5%.
 - Household Operations and Supplies increased by 3.6 points or 3.1%.
 - Clothing and Footwear decreased by 0.5 point or 0.5%.
 - Transportation increased by 1.4 points or 1.2%.
 - Medical and Personal Care increased by 2.1 points or 1.5%.
 - Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous remained constant.

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Table 1. Group Indices for May 2009

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
2009										
January	161.3	143.5	129.1	100.9	115.5	90.0	108.8	138.4	118.6	132.3
February	161.7	144.1	123.0	106.6	116.1	90.9	111.4	140.5	119.0	132.8
March	159.9	146.1	122.7	107.3	116.0	92.5	111.3	141.0	118.9	132.3
<i>Average 1st. Qrt.</i>	<i>160.9</i>	<i>144.6</i>	<i>124.9</i>	<i>104.9</i>	<i>115.9</i>	<i>91.1</i>	<i>110.5</i>	<i>140.0</i>	<i>118.9</i>	132.5
April	158.6	144.9	122.5	103.7	115.5	93.1	112.9	142.0	118.8	131.9
May	156.9	145.4	122.4	104.2	119.1	92.6	114.3	144.1	118.8	132.0

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - MAY 2009

GROUP	Weights	April 2009 Group Index	May 2009		
			Group Index	Change over April 2009	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	158.6	156.9	-1.7	-1.1
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	144.9	145.4	0.5	0.3
3. HOUSING	1,227	122.5	122.4	-0.1	-0.1
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	103.7	104.2	0.5	0.5
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	115.5	119.1	3.6	3.1
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	93.1	92.6	-0.5	-0.5
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	112.9	114.3	1.4	1.2
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	142.0	144.1	2.1	1.5
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	118.8	118.8	0.0	0.0
ALL ITEMS	10,000	131.9	132.0	0.1	0.1

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

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

Month	All Items Index							% Change					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	99.5	99.8	103.9	112.7	118.2	123.7	132.3	0.3	4.1	8.5	4.9	4.7	7.0
February	99.5	100.2	104.7	113.0	118.1	123.8	132.8	0.7	4.5	7.9	4.5	4.8	7.3
March	100.2	100.4	104.9	113.2	118.2	124.1	132.3	0.2	4.5	7.9	4.4	5.0	6.6
April	100.3	100.4	106.9	113.8	118.2	127.1	131.9	0.1	6.5	6.5	3.9	7.5	3.8
May	100.8	100.7	107.5	115.1	119.0	129.1	132.0	-0.1	6.8	7.1	3.4	8.5	2.2
June	101.0	101.8	107.4	115.8	120.0	130.7		0.8	5.5	7.8	3.6	8.9	
July	100.7	102.2	107.8	116.1	120.6	132.9		1.5	5.5	7.7	3.9	10.2	
August	100.7	102.4	109.6	117.9	121.5	134.7		1.7	7.0	7.6	3.1	10.9	
September	100.7	102.6	109.6	118.8	122.2	135.9		1.9	6.8	8.4	2.9	11.2	
October	101.1	103.2	110.1	117.8	123.2	134.8		2.1	6.7	7.0	4.6	9.4	
November	100.2	103.9	111.6	118.2	123.8	134.5		3.7	7.4	5.9	4.7	8.6	
December	99.9	104.2	111.9	118.2	123.7	132.7		4.3	7.4	5.6	4.7	7.3	
Annual Averages	100.4	101.8	108.0	115.9	120.6	130.3		1.4	6.1	7.3	4.1	8.0	

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

Month	Averages for 12 Months							Inflation Rate					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	98.9	100.4	102.2	108.7	116.4	121.0	131.0	1.5	1.8	6.4	7.1	4.0	8.3
February	98.9	100.5	102.5	109.4	116.8	121.5	131.8	1.6	2.0	6.7	6.8	4.0	8.5
March	99.1	100.5	102.9	110.1	117.2	122.0	132.5	1.4	2.4	7.0	6.4	4.1	8.6
April	99.2	100.5	103.4	110.7	117.6	122.7	132.9	1.3	2.9	7.1	6.2	4.3	8.3
May	99.4	100.5	104.0	111.3	117.9	123.6	133.1	1.1	3.5	7.0	5.9	4.8	7.7
June *	99.7	100.6	104.5	112.0	118.2	124.4		0.9	3.9	7.2	5.5	5.2	
July	99.8	100.7	104.9	112.7	118.6	125.5		0.9	4.2	7.4	5.2	5.8	
August	100.0	100.8	105.5	113.4	118.9	126.6		0.8	4.7	7.5	4.9	6.5	
September	100.2	101.0	106.1	114.2	119.2	127.7		0.8	5.0	7.6	4.4	7.1	
October	100.3	101.2	106.7	114.8	119.6	128.7		0.9	5.4	7.6	4.2	7.6	
November	100.4	101.5	107.3	115.4	120.1	129.6		1.1	5.7	7.5	4.1	7.9	
December	100.4	101.8	108.0	115.9	120.6	130.3		1.4	6.1	7.3	4.1	8.0	

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

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