

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

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The Index of Retail Prices for May 2010 stood at 142.6 points which represent an increase of 0.3% when compared with April's (2010) index of 142.2 points.

Amongst the major groups: Food decreased by 0.1 point or 0.1%.

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco remained constant at 148.1 points.

Housing increased by 0.6 point 0.4%.

Fuel and Light increased by 2.1 points or 1.4%.

Household Operations and Supplies increased by 0.2 point or 0.2%.

Clothing and Footwear decreased by 1.3 points or 1.4%.

Transportation increased by 0.7 point or 0.6%.

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

Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 1.1 points or 0.9%.

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**Table 1. Group Indices for May 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>
May	163.5	148.1	143.6	150.3	121.8	90.9	125.2	148.7	124.0	<b>142.6</b>

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

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

GROUP	Weights	April 2010	May 2010		
		Group Index	Group Index	Change over April 2010	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	163.6	163.5	-0.1	-0.1
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	148.1	148.1	0.0	0.0
3. HOUSING	1,227	143.0	143.6	0.6	0.4
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	148.2	150.3	2.1	1.4
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	121.6	121.8	0.2	0.2
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	92.2	90.9	-1.3	-1.4
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	124.5	125.2	0.7	0.6
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	147.5	148.7	1.2	0.8
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	122.9	124.0	1.1	0.9
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>142.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</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	142.6	6.8	7.1	3.4	8.5	2.2	8.0
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	138.7	3.5	7.0	5.9	4.8	7.7	4.2
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	
December	<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 May 2009 - May 2010

