

Statistical Bulletin
Index of Retail Prices
(Base: July 2001=100)
May 2011

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The Index of Retail Prices for May 2011 stood at 155.5 points which represent an increase of 1.2% when compared with April's (2011) index of 153.6 points.

- Amongst the major groups:
- Food increased by 3.1 points or 1.8%.
 - Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco increased by 1.6 points or 1.0%.
 - Housing remained unchanged.
 - Fuel and Light increased by 5.7 points or 3.1%.
 - Household Operations and Supplies increased by 0.6 point or 0.5%.
 - Clothing and Footwear increased by 1.8 points or 1.8%.
 - Transportation increased by 1.5 points or 1.0%.
 - Medical and Personal Care decreased by 0.8 point or 0.5%.
 - Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 0.9 point or 0.7%.

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Table 1. Group Indices for May 2011

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
2011										
January	171.6	151.7	148.3	158.2	124.2	96.2	134.5	152.0	125.4	148.9
February	171.1	152.8	149.1	162.3	125.3	96.5	142.3	154.5	134.7	151.4
March	172.1	152.9	148.7	170.3	124.9	96.7	143.2	152.6	134.5	152.2
<i>Average 1st. Qr.</i>	<i>171.6</i>	<i>152.5</i>	<i>148.7</i>	<i>163.6</i>	<i>124.8</i>	<i>96.5</i>	<i>140.0</i>	<i>153.0</i>	<i>131.5</i>	<i>150.8</i>
April	171.5	153.2	148.8	183.5	125.1	97.7	147.6	151.9	134.7	153.6
May	174.6	154.8	148.8	189.2	125.7	99.5	149.1	151.1	135.6	155.5

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - May 2011

GROUP	Weights	April 2011	May 2011		
		Group Index	Group Index	Change over April 2011	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	171.5	174.6	3.1	1.8
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	153.2	154.8	1.6	1.0
3. HOUSING	1,227	148.8	148.8	0.0	0.0
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	183.5	189.2	5.7	3.1
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	125.1	125.7	0.6	0.5
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	97.7	99.5	1.8	1.8
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	147.6	149.1	1.5	1.0
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	151.9	151.1	-0.8	-0.5
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	134.7	135.6	0.9	0.7
ALL ITEMS	10,000	153.6	155.5	1.9	1.2

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

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

Month	All Items Index							Percentage Change						
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	103.9	112.7	118.2	123.7	132.3	138.9	148.9	4.1	8.5	4.9	4.7	7.0	5.0	7.2
February	104.7	113.0	118.1	123.8	132.8	139.7	151.4	4.5	7.9	4.5	4.8	7.3	5.2	8.4
March	104.9	113.2	118.2	124.1	132.3	141.0	152.2	4.5	7.9	4.4	5.0	6.6	6.6	7.9
April	106.9	113.8	118.2	127.1	131.9	142.2	153.6	6.5	6.5	3.9	7.5	3.8	7.8	8.0
May	107.5	115.1	119.0	129.1	132.0	142.6	155.5	6.8	7.1	3.4	8.5	2.2	8.0	9.0
June	107.4	115.8	120.0	130.7	133.1	143.0		5.5	7.8	3.6	8.9	1.8	7.4	
July	107.8	116.1	120.6	132.9	134.8	142.8		5.5	7.7	3.9	10.2	1.4	5.9	
August	109.6	117.9	121.5	134.7	137.7	143.6		7.0	7.6	3.1	10.9	2.2	4.3	
September	109.6	118.8	122.2	135.9	138.6	144.3		6.8	8.4	2.9	11.2	2.0	4.1	
October	110.1	117.8	123.2	134.8	138.6	144.3		6.7	7.0	4.6	9.4	2.8	4.1	
November	111.6	118.2	123.8	134.5	138.4	145.5		7.4	5.9	4.7	8.6	2.9	5.1	
December	111.9	118.2	123.7	132.7	138.5	147.5		7.4	5.6	4.7	7.3	4.4	6.5	
Annual Averages	108.0	115.9	120.6	130.3	135.1	142.9		6.1	7.3	4.1	8.0	3.7	5.8	

Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period

Month	Average All Items Index							Inflation Rate						
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	102.2	108.7	116.4	121.0	131.0	135.6	143.8	1.8	6.4	7.1	4.0	8.3	3.5	6.0
February	102.5	109.4	116.8	121.5	131.8	136.2	144.8	2.0	6.7	6.8	4.0	8.5	3.3	6.3
March	102.9	110.1	117.2	122.0	132.5	136.9	145.7	2.4	7.0	6.4	4.1	8.6	3.3	6.4
April	103.4	110.7	117.6	122.7	132.9	137.8	146.6	2.9	7.1	6.2	4.3	8.3	3.7	6.4
May	104.0	111.3	117.9	123.6	133.1	138.7	147.7	3.5	7.0	5.9	4.8	7.7	4.2	6.5
June *	104.5	112.0	118.2	124.4	133.3	139.5		3.9	7.2	5.5	5.2	7.2	4.7	
July	104.9	112.7	118.6	125.5	133.5	140.2		4.2	7.4	5.2	5.8	6.4	5.0	
August	105.5	113.4	118.9	126.6	133.7	140.7		4.7	7.5	4.9	6.5	5.6	5.2	
September	106.1	114.2	119.2	127.7	134.0	141.1		5.0	7.6	4.4	7.1	4.9	5.3	
October	106.7	114.8	119.6	128.7	134.3	141.6		5.4	7.6	4.2	7.6	4.4	5.4	
November	107.3	115.4	120.1	129.6	134.6	142.2		5.7	7.5	4.1	7.9	3.9	5.6	
December	108.0	115.9	120.6	130.3	135.1	142.9		6.1	7.3	4.1	8.0	3.7	5.8	

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

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

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