

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

November 2008

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page Numbers
Statistical Bulletin	2
Table 1	3
Table 2	4
Table 7a. Point To Point Percentage Change	5
Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period	5
Graph Showing Movements In The All Items Index	6

Barbados Statistical Service
Statistical Bulletin
Index of Retail Prices - November 2008
(Base: July 2001=100)

The Index of Retail Prices for November 2008 stood at 134.5 points which represent a decrease of 0.2% when compared with October's (2008) index of 134.8 points.

Amongst the major groups: Food increased by 0.4 point or 0.2%.

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased by 0.9 point or 0.6%.

Housing increased by 0.1 point or 0.1%.

Fuel and Light decreased by 5.0 points or 3.8%.

Household Operations and Supplies increased by 1.7 points or 1.5%.

Clothing and Footwear increased by 3.5 points or 4.2%.

Transportation decreased by 3.3 points or 2.8%.

Medical and Personal Care increased by 3.1 points or 2.3%.

Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 0.4 point or 0.3%.

INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES – November 2008



Table 1. Group Indices for November 2008

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
Year: 2008										
January	138.5	106.7	126.1	119.2	107.7	84.9	115.0	130.1	119.1	123.7
February	138.4	111.8	126.4	119.2	107.1	84.3	114.8	129.5	120.1	123.8
March	138.5	115.4	126.4	119.2	108.0	88.0	114.3	129.6	120.0	124.1
<i>Average 1st qrt.</i>	138.5	111.3	126.3	119.2	107.6	85.7	114.7	129.7	119.8	123.9
April	139.3	116.0	126.4	130.7	108.9	87.2	125.5	129.4	120.1	127.1
May	144.4	116.4	130.9	130.7	107.2	86.4	123.9	131.5	121.0	129.1
June	147.7	118.3	131.1	130.7	107.8	86.6	125.8	132.0	120.9	130.7
<i>Average 2nd qrt.</i>	143.8	116.9	129.5	130.7	108.0	86.7	125.0	131.0	120.6	129.0
July	151.6	130.3	131.4	130.7	110.7	85.5	126.0	134.4	120.6	132.9
August	155.7	137.2	128.3	130.7	111.7	84.3	128.5	135.0	120.7	134.7
September	159.0	139.9	129.0	130.7	112.0	84.4	127.6	135.2	119.9	135.9
<i>Average 3rd qrt.</i>	155.4	135.8	129.6	130.7	111.5	84.7	127.4	134.9	120.4	134.5
October	160.6	143.4	128.8	130.7	112.3	84.1	117.9	135.1	119.5	134.8
November	160.9	142.5	128.9	125.7	114.0	87.6	114.6	138.2	119.9	134.5

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - November 2008

GROUP	Weights	October 2008 Group Index	November 2008		
			Group Index	Change over October 2008	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	160.6	160.9	0.4	0.2
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	143.4	142.5	-0.9	-0.6
3. HOUSING	1,227	128.8	128.9	0.1	0.1
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	130.7	125.7	-5.0	-3.8
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	112.3	114.0	1.7	1.5
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	84.1	87.6	3.5	4.2
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	117.9	114.6	-3.3	-2.8
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	135.1	138.2	3.1	2.3
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	119.5	119.9	0.4	0.3
ALL ITEMS	10,000	134.8	134.5	-0.3	-0.2

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
January	99.5	99.8	103.9	112.7	118.2	123.7	0.3	4.1	8.5	4.9	4.7
February	99.5	100.2	104.7	113.0	118.1	123.8	0.7	4.5	7.9	4.5	4.8
March	100.2	100.4	104.9	113.2	118.2	124.1	0.2	4.5	7.9	4.4	5.0
April	100.3	100.4	106.9	113.8	118.2	127.1	0.1	6.5	6.5	3.9	7.5
May	100.8	100.7	107.5	115.1	119.0	129.1	-0.1	6.8	7.1	3.4	8.5
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		4.3	7.4	5.6	4.7	
Annual Averages	100.4	101.8	108.0	115.9	120.6		1.4	6.1	7.3	4.1	

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
January	98.9	100.4	102.2	108.7	116.4	121.0	1.5	1.8	6.4	7.1	4.0
February	98.9	100.5	102.5	109.4	116.8	121.5	1.6	2.0	6.7	6.8	4.0
March	99.1	100.5	102.9	110.1	117.2	122.0	1.4	2.4	7.0	6.4	4.1
April	99.2	100.5	103.4	110.7	117.6	122.7	1.3	2.9	7.1	6.2	4.3
May	99.4	100.5	104.0	111.3	117.9	123.6	1.1	3.5	7.0	5.9	4.8
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		1.4	6.1	7.3	4.1	

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

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

MONTHLY INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES
Base: (July 2001=100)
ALL ITEMS November 2007 - November 2008

