

Statistical Bulletin

Index of Retail Prices

(Base: July 2001=100)

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The Index of Retail Prices for October 2009 remained constant at 138.6 points when compared with September's (2009) index of 138.6 points.

Amongst the major groups:

- Food increased by 0.8 point or 0.5%.
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco increased by 1.6 points or 1.1%.
- Housing decreased by 0.4 point or 0.3%.
- Fuel and Light decreased by 0.4 point or 0.3%.
- Household Operations and Supplies decreased by 0.9 point or 0.7%.
- Clothing and Footwear increased by 1.1 points or 1.2%.
- Transportation decreased by 1.3 points or 1.1%.
- Medical and Personal Care decreased by 1.1 points or 0.8%.
- Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous remained constant.

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Table 1. Group Indices for October 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> | <i>132.5</i> |
| 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 |
| June | 156.1 | 144.5 | 122.7 | 112.8 | 119.1 | 93.1 | 119.1 | 143.2 | 118.9 | 133.1 |
| <i>Average 2nd. Qrt.</i> | <i>157.2</i> | <i>145.0</i> | <i>122.5</i> | <i>106.9</i> | <i>117.9</i> | <i>92.9</i> | <i>115.4</i> | <i>143.1</i> | <i>118.8</i> | <i>132.3</i> |
| July | 157.7 | 145.3 | 122.5 | 117.7 | 119.3 | 95.1 | 123.7 | 143.8 | 118.9 | 134.8 |
| August | 159.5 | 146.5 | 140.1 | 127.6 | 120.2 | 95.4 | 118.2 | 145.8 | 119.7 | 137.7 |
| September | 160.8 | 146.3 | 140.8 | 130.0 | 120.8 | 93.6 | 120.3 | 145.6 | 119.5 | 138.6 |
| <i>Average 3rd. Qrt.</i> | <i>159.3</i> | <i>146.0</i> | <i>134.5</i> | <i>125.1</i> | <i>120.1</i> | <i>94.7</i> | <i>120.8</i> | <i>145.1</i> | <i>119.3</i> | <i>137.0</i> |
| October | 161.6 | 147.9 | 140.4 | 129.6 | 119.9 | 94.7 | 119.0 | 144.5 | 119.5 | 138.6 |

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - October 2009

| GROUP | Weights | September 2009 Group Index | October 2009 | | |
|--|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | | | Group Index | Change over September 2009 | |
| | | | | Points | % |
| 1. FOOD | 3,379 | 160.8 | 161.6 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| 2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO | 373 | 146.3 | 147.9 | 1.6 | 1.1 |
| 3. HOUSING | 1,227 | 140.8 | 140.4 | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| 4. FUEL AND LIGHT | 634 | 130.0 | 129.6 | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| 5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES | 1,014 | 120.8 | 119.9 | -0.9 | -0.7 |
| 6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 344 | 93.6 | 94.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| 7. TRANSPORTATION | 1,703 | 120.3 | 119.0 | -1.3 | -1.1 |
| 8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE | 585 | 145.6 | 144.5 | -1.1 | -0.8 |
| 9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS | 741 | 119.5 | 119.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| ALL ITEMS | 10,000 | 138.6 | 138.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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 | 133.1 | 0.8 | 5.5 | 7.8 | 3.6 | 8.9 | 1.8 |
| July | 100.7 | 102.2 | 107.8 | 116.1 | 120.6 | 132.9 | 134.8 | 1.5 | 5.5 | 7.7 | 3.9 | 10.2 | 1.4 |
| August | 100.7 | 102.4 | 109.6 | 117.9 | 121.5 | 134.7 | 137.7 | 1.7 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 3.1 | 10.9 | 2.2 |
| September | 100.7 | 102.6 | 109.6 | 118.8 | 122.2 | 135.9 | 138.6 | 1.9 | 6.8 | 8.4 | 2.9 | 11.2 | 2.0 |
| October | 101.1 | 103.2 | 110.1 | 117.8 | 123.2 | 134.8 | 138.6 | 2.1 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 4.6 | 9.4 | 2.8 |
| 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 | 133.3 | 0.9 | 3.9 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 7.2 |
| July | 99.8 | 100.7 | 104.9 | 112.7 | 118.6 | 125.5 | 133.5 | 0.9 | 4.2 | 7.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| August | 100.0 | 100.8 | 105.5 | 113.4 | 118.9 | 126.6 | 133.7 | 0.8 | 4.7 | 7.5 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 5.6 |
| September | 100.2 | 101.0 | 106.1 | 114.2 | 119.2 | 127.7 | 134.0 | 0.8 | 5.0 | 7.6 | 4.4 | 7.1 | 4.9 |
| October | 100.3 | 101.2 | 106.7 | 114.8 | 119.6 | 128.7 | 134.3 | 0.9 | 5.4 | 7.6 | 4.2 | 7.6 | 4.4 |
| 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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