

# **Statistical Bulletin**

## **Index of Retail Prices**

### **(Base: July 2001=100)**

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The Index of Retail Prices for September 2009 stood at 138.6 points which represent an increase of 0.7% when compared with August's (2009) index of 137.7 points.

Amongst the major groups:

- Food increased by 1.3 points or 0.8%.
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased by 0.2 point or 0.1%.
- Housing increased by 0.7 point or 0.5%.
- Fuel and Light increased by 2.4 points or 1.9%.
- Household Operations and Supplies increased by 0.6 point or 0.5%.
- Clothing and Footwear decreased by 1.8 points or 1.9%.
- Transportation increased by 2.1 points or 1.8%.
- Medical and Personal Care decreased by 0.2 point or 0.1%.
- Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous decreased by 0.2 point or 0.2 %.

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**Table 1. Group Indices for September 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
<b>2009</b>										
January	161.3	143.5	129.1	100.9	115.5	90.0	108.8	138.4	118.6	<b>132.3</b>
February	161.7	144.1	123.0	106.6	116.1	90.9	111.4	140.5	119.0	<b>132.8</b>
March	159.9	146.1	122.7	107.3	116.0	92.5	111.3	141.0	118.9	<b>132.3</b>
<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>	<b>132.5</b>
April	158.6	144.9	122.5	103.7	115.5	93.1	112.9	142.0	118.8	<b>131.9</b>
May	156.9	145.4	122.4	104.2	119.1	92.6	114.3	144.1	118.8	<b>132.0</b>
June	156.1	144.5	122.7	112.8	119.1	93.1	119.1	143.2	118.9	<b>133.1</b>
<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>	<b>132.3</b>
July	157.7	145.3	122.5	117.7	119.3	95.1	123.7	143.8	118.9	<b>134.8</b>
August	159.5	146.5	140.1	127.6	120.2	95.4	118.2	145.8	119.7	<b>137.7</b>
September	160.8	146.3	140.8	130.0	120.8	93.6	120.3	145.6	119.5	<b>138.6</b>
<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>	<b>137.0</b>

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - September 2009**

GROUP	Weights	August 2009 Group Index	September 2009		
			Group Index	Change over August 2009	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	159.5	160.8	1.3	0.8
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	146.5	146.3	-0.2	-0.1
3. HOUSING	1,227	140.1	140.8	0.7	0.5
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	127.6	130.0	2.4	1.9
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	120.2	120.8	0.6	0.5
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	95.4	93.6	-1.8	-1.9
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	118.2	120.3	2.1	1.8
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	145.8	145.6	-0.2	-0.1
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	119.7	119.5	-0.2	-0.2
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>137.7</b>	<b>138.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>

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		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	<b>100.4</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>115.9</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>130.3</b>		<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	

**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		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		<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	

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

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**ALL ITEMS September 2008 - September 2009**

