

Statistical Bulletin

Index of Retail Prices

(Base: July 2001=100)

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The Index of Retail Prices for April, 2007 remained constant at 118.2 points when compared with March's (2007) index of 118.2 points.

Amongst the major groups:

- Food decreased by 0.6 point or 0.5%;
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased by 0.2 point or 0.2%;
- Housing decreased by 0.3 point 0.2%;
- Fuel and Light increased by 1.4 points or 1.3%;
- Household Operations and Supplies increased by 0.6 point or 0.6%;
- Clothing and Footwear increased by 0.2 point or 0.2%;
- Transportation decreased by 0.4 point or 0.4%;
- Medical and Personal Care increased by 0.2 point or 0.2%;
- Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous remained constant.

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Table 1. Group Indices for April 2007

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: 2007										
January	128.2	104.9	127.2	108.9	101.4	84.0	115.2	123.6	114.3	118.2
February	127.5	105.1	127.3	106.9	101.9	83.9	114.5	127.1	114.8	118.1
March	127.5	107.1	127.4	108.4	102.5	82.9	114.1	127.3	114.7	118.2
1st. Qrt. Average	127.7	105.7	127.3	108.0	101.9	83.6	114.6	126.0	114.6	118.2
April	126.9	106.9	127.1	109.8	103.1	83.1	114.5	127.5	114.7	118.2

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - April 2007

GROUP	Weights	March 2007 GROUP INDEX	April 2007		
			GROUP INDEX	Change over March 2007	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	127.5	126.9	-0.6	-0.5
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	107.1	106.9	-0.2	-0.2
3. HOUSING	1,227	127.4	127.1	-0.3	-0.2
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	108.4	109.8	1.4	1.3
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	102.5	103.1	0.6	0.6
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	82.9	83.1	0.2	0.2
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	114.1	114.5	0.4	0.4
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	127.3	127.5	0.2	0.2
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	114.7	114.7	0.0	0.0
ALL ITEMS	10,000	118.2	118.2	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				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	98.8	99.5	99.8	103.9	112.7	118.2	0.7	0.3	4.1	8.5	4.9
February	99.0	99.5	100.2	104.7	113.0	118.1	0.5	0.7	4.5	7.9	4.5
March	98.5	100.2	100.4	104.9	113.2	118.2	1.7	0.2	4.5	7.9	4.4
April	98.5	100.3	100.4	106.9	113.8	118.2	1.8	0.1	6.5	6.5	3.9
May	98.2	100.8	100.7	107.5	115.1		2.6	-0.1	6.8	7.1	
June	98.4	101.0	101.8	107.4	115.8		2.6	0.8	5.5	7.8	
July	98.6	100.7	102.2	107.8	116.1		2.1	1.5	5.5	7.7	
August	98.8	100.7	102.4	109.6	117.9		1.9	1.7	7.0	7.6	
September	98.6	100.7	102.6	109.6	118.8		2.1	1.9	6.8	8.4	
October	99.1	101.1	103.2	110.1	117.8		2.0	2.1	6.7	7.0	
November	99.8	100.2	103.9	111.6	118.2		0.4	3.7	7.4	5.9	
December	99.6	99.9	104.2	111.9	118.2		0.3	4.3	7.4	5.6	
Annual Averages	98.8	100.4	101.8	108.0	115.9		1.6	1.4	6.1	7.3	

Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period in the All Items Index

Month	Averages for 12 Months						% Change				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	-	98.9	100.4	102.2	108.7	116.4	-	1.5	1.8	6.4	7.1
February	-	98.9	100.5	102.5	109.4	116.8	-	1.6	2.0	6.7	6.8
March	-	99.1	100.5	102.9	110.1	117.2	-	1.4	2.4	7.0	6.4
April	-	99.2	100.5	103.4	110.7	117.6	-	1.3	2.9	7.1	6.2
May	-	99.4	100.5	104.0	111.3		-	1.1	3.5	7.0	
June *	99.0	99.7	100.6	104.5	112.0		0.7	0.9	3.9	7.2	
July	98.9	99.8	100.7	104.9	112.7		0.9	0.9	4.2	7.4	
August	98.8	100.0	100.8	105.5	113.4		1.2	0.8	4.7	7.5	
September	98.7	100.2	101.0	106.1	114.2		1.5	0.8	5.0	7.6	
October	98.7	100.3	101.2	106.7	114.8		1.6	0.9	5.4	7.6	
November	98.8	100.4	101.5	107.3	115.4		1.6	1.1	5.7	7.5	
December	98.8	100.4	101.8	108.0	115.9		1.6	1.4	6.1	7.3	

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

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ALL ITEMS April 2006 - April 2007

