

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

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The Index of Retail Prices for April, 2006 stood at 113.8 points which represent an increase of 0.5% when compared with March's (2006) index of 113.2 points.

Amongst the major groups:

Food increased by 0.5 point or 0.4%;

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco increased by 0.5 point or 0.5%;

Housing increased by 0.5 point or 0.4%;

Fuel and Light increased by 2.0 points or 1.8%;

Household Operations and Supplies increased by 1.6 points or 1.6%;

Clothing and Footwear decreased by 1.0 point or 1.2%;

Transportation increased by 0.8 point or 0.7%;

Medical and Personal Care increased by 0.2 point or 0.2%;

Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 0.1 point or 0.1%.

Table 1. Group Indices for January to April 2006

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
January	118.9	101.8	117.2	106.8	95.8	84.0	118.0	116.8	109.1	112.7
February	119.0	101.5	116.8	107.5	97.1	84.7	117.6	119.0	110.0	113.0
March	118.3	101.4	117.8	110.7	97.6	85.3	117.7	118.4	110.0	113.2
Average 1 st. qr.	118.8	101.6	117.3	108.3	96.8	84.7	117.7	118.1	109.7	113.0
April	118.8	101.9	118.3	112.7	99.2	84.3	118.5	118.6	110.1	113.8

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - April 2006

GROUP	Weights	March 2006	April 2006		
		GROUP INDEX	GROUP INDEX	Change over March 2006	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	118.3	118.8	0.5	0.4
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	101.4	101.9	0.5	0.5
3. HOUSING	1,227	117.8	118.3	0.5	0.4
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	110.7	112.7	2.0	1.8
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	97.6	99.2	1.6	1.6
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	85.3	84.3	-1.0	-1.2
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	117.7	118.5	0.8	0.7
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	118.4	118.6	0.2	0.2
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	110.0	110.1	0.1	0.1
ALL ITEMS	10,000	113.2	113.8	0.6	0.5

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	2003	2004	2005	2006
January	98.8	99.5	99.8	103.9	112.7	0.7	0.3	4.1	8.5
February	99.0	99.5	100.2	104.7	113.0	0.5	0.7	4.5	7.9
March	98.5	100.2	100.4	104.9	113.2	1.7	0.2	4.5	7.9
April	98.5	100.3	100.4	106.9	113.8	1.8	0.1	6.5	6.5
May	98.2	100.8	100.7	107.5		2.6	-0.1	6.8	
June	98.4	101.0	101.8	107.4		2.6	0.8	5.5	
July	98.6	100.7	102.2	107.8		2.1	1.5	5.5	
August	98.8	100.7	102.4	109.6		1.9	1.7	7.0	
September	98.6	100.7	102.6	109.6		2.1	1.9	6.8	
October	99.1	101.1	103.2	110.1		2.0	2.1	6.7	
November	99.8	100.2	103.9	111.6		0.4	3.7	7.4	
December	99.6	99.9	104.2	111.9		0.3	4.3	7.4	
Annual Averages	98.8	100.4	101.8	108.0		1.6	1.4	6.1	

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

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

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

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