

# **Statistical Bulletin**

## **Index of Retail Prices**

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

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The Index of Retail Prices for August, 2006 stood at 117.9 points which represent an increase of 1.6% when compared with July's (2006) index of 116.1 points.

Amongst the major groups:

- Food increased by 2.0 points or 1.6%;
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco increased by 1.0 point or 1.0%;
- Housing increased by 4.2 points or 3.5%;
- Fuel and Light increased 0.9 point or 0.8%;
- Household Operations and Supplies increased by 0.2 point or 0.2%;
- Clothing and Footwear increased by 0.3 point or 0.4%;
- Transportation increased by 0.4 point or 0.3%;
- Medical and Personal Care increased by 1.8 points or 1.5%;
- Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 3.1 points 1.6%.

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**Table 1. Group Indices for January to August 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
<b>Average 1 st. qr.</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>109.7</b>	<b>113.0</b>
April	118.8	101.9	118.3	112.7	99.2	84.3	118.5	118.6	110.1	113.8
May	120.6	102.1	120.4	113.8	98.7	85.6	120.3	119.4	110.4	115.1
June	122.1	101.4	120.4	115.7	99.3	82.6	120.3	120.5	110.2	115.8
<b>Average 2 nd. qr.</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>84.2</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>119.5</b>	<b>110.2</b>	<b>114.9</b>
July	123.9	101.1	120.5	113.3	99.8	82.1	119.4	120.5	110.9	116.1
August	125.9	102.1	124.7	114.2	100.0	82.0	119.8	122.3	114.7	117.9

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - August 2006**

GROUP	Weights	July 2006 GROUP INDEX	August 2006		
			GROUP INDEX	Change over July 2006	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	123.9	125.9	2.0	1.6
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	101.1	102.1	1.0	1.0
3. HOUSING	1,227	120.5	124.7	4.2	3.5
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	113.3	114.2	0.9	0.8
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	99.8	100.0	0.2	0.2
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	82.1	82.0	-0.1	-0.1
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	119.4	119.8	0.4	0.3
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	120.5	122.3	1.8	1.5
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	110.9	114.7	3.8	3.4
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>117.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>

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	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		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	
<b>Annual Averages</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>108.0</b>		<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	

**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	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		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	<b>98.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>108.0</b>		<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	

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

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**ALL ITEMS August 2005 - August 2006**

