

Statistical Bulletin

Index of Retail Prices

(Base: July 2001=100)

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The Index of Retail Prices for December, 2006 remained constant at 118.2 points when compared with November's (2006) index of 118.2 points.

Amongst the major groups:

- Food decreased by 0.2 point or 0.2%;
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased by 0.8 point or 0.8%;
- Housing decreased by 0.6 point 0.5%;
- Fuel and Light decreased by 1.1 points or 1.0%;
- Household Operations and Supplies increased by 0.3 point or 0.3%;
- Clothing and Footwear increased by 0.7 point or 0.8%;
- Transportation increased by 1.1 points or 1.0%;
- Medical and Personal Care decreased by 0.2 point or 0.2%;
- Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous decreased by 0.6 point or 0.5%.

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Table 1. Group Indices for January to December 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
Year: 2006										
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
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
Average 2 nd. qr.	120.5	101.8	119.7	114.1	99.1	84.2	119.7	119.5	110.2	114.9
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
September	127.1	104.0	125.2	118.4	100.8	83.1	119.7	122.5	114.9	118.8
Average 3 rd. qr.	125.6	102.4	123.5	115.3	100.2	82.4	119.6	121.7	113.5	117.6
October	128.0	103.6	124.9	111.2	100.6	82.7	114.7	122.8	115.4	117.8
November	128.0	103.0	127.1	109.6	101.4	84.0	115.3	123.6	115.7	118.2
December	127.8	102.2	126.5	108.5	101.7	84.7	116.4	123.4	115.1	118.2
Average 4 th. qr.	127.9	102.9	126.2	109.8	101.2	83.8	115.5	123.3	115.4	118.1

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - December 2006

GROUP	Weights	November 2006	December 2006		
		GROUP INDEX	GROUP INDEX	Change over November 2006	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	128.0	127.8	-0.2	-0.2
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	103.0	102.2	-0.8	-0.8
3. HOUSING	1,227	127.1	126.5	-0.6	-0.5
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	109.6	108.5	-1.1	-1.0
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	101.4	101.7	0.3	0.3
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	84.0	84.7	0.7	0.8
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	115.3	116.4	1.1	1.0
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	123.6	123.4	-0.2	-0.2
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	115.7	115.1	-0.6	-0.5
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	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	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	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	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.

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

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