

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

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The Index of Retail Prices for February, 2006 stood at 113.0 points which represent an increase of 0.3% when compared with January's (2006) index of 112.7 points.

Amongst the major groups:

Food increased by 0.1 point or 0.1%;

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased by 0.3 point or 0.3%;

Housing decreased by 0.4 point or 0.3%;

Fuel and Light increased by 0.7 point or 0.7%;

Household Operations and Supplies increased by 1.3 points or 1.4%;

Clothing and Footwear increased by 0.7 point or 0.8%;

Transportation decreased by 0.4 point or 0.3%;

Medical and Personal Care increased by 2.2 points or 1.9%;

Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 0.9 point or 0.8%.

Table 1. Group Indices for January and February, 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

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - February 2006

GROUP	Weights	January 2006	February 2006			
		GROUP INDEX	GROUP INDEX	Change over January 2006		
				Points	%	
1. FOOD	3,379	118.9	119.0	0.1	0.1	
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	101.8	101.5	-0.3	-0.3	
3. HOUSING	1,227	117.2	116.8	-0.4	-0.3	
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	106.8	107.5	0.7	0.7	
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	95.8	97.1	1.3	1.4	
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	84.0	84.7	0.7	0.8	
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	118.0	117.6	-0.4	-0.3	
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	116.8	119.0	2.2	1.9	
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	109.1	110.0	0.9	0.8	
ALL ITEMS	10,000	112.7	113.0	0.3	0.3	

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		1.7	0.2	4.5	
April	98.5	100.3	100.4	106.9		1.8	0.1	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		-	1.4	2.4	
April	-	99.2	100.5	103.4		-	1.3	2.9	
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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