

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

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The Index of Retail Prices for July, 2005 stood at 107.8 points, which represent an increase of 0.4% when compared with June's 2005 index of 107.4 points.

Amongst the major groups:

Food increased by 0.9 point or 0.8%;

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased by 1.0 point or 1.0%;

Housing increased by 0.4 point or 0.4%;

Fuel and Light increased by 2.2 points or 2.3%;

Household Operations and Supplies increased by 0.3 point or 0.3%;

Clothing and Footwear decreased by 2.4 points or 2.6%;

Transportation decreased by 0.3 point or 0.3%;

Medical and Personal Care increased by 0.6 point or 0.5%;

Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous remained constant.

**Table 1. Group Indices for July, 2005**

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
<b>Year: 2005</b>										
January	111.8	96.5	99.4	95.3	90.7	92.1	103.7	113.3	102.7	<b>103.9</b>
February	111.9	97.5	109.3	94.7	90.9	93.7	101.2	112.6	101.9	<b>104.7</b>
March	111.7	97.7	109.1	97.3	90.9	93.8	101.7	112.9	101.7	<b>104.9</b>
<i>Average 1st. Qr.</i>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>113.0</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>104.5</b>
April	112.3	98.2	109.0	100.7	90.7	95.5	110.9	113.3	101.8	<b>106.9</b>
May	113.0	98.4	109.9	97.9	91.5	94.5	112.1	113.6	103.0	<b>107.5</b>
June	113.4	99.0	110.5	96.8	91.2	93.3	111.5	113.7	103.2	<b>107.4</b>
<i>Average 2nd. Qr.</i>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>111.5</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>107.3</b>
July	114.3	98.0	110.9	99.0	91.5	90.9	111.2	114.3	103.2	<b>107.8</b>

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements**

GROUP	Weights	June 2005	July 2005		
		GROUP INDEX	GROUP INDEX	Change over June 2005	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	113.4	114.3	0.9	0.8
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	99.0	98.0	-1.0	-1.0
3. HOUSING	1,227	110.5	110.9	0.4	0.4
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	96.8	99.0	2.2	2.3
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	91.2	91.5	0.3	0.3
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	93.3	90.9	-2.4	-2.6
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	111.5	111.2	-0.3	-0.3
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	113.7	114.3	0.6	0.5
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	103.2	103.2	0.0	0.0
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10,000</b>	107.4	107.8	0.4	0.4

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	2003	2004	2005
January	98.8	99.5	99.8	103.9	0.7	0.3	4.1
February	99.0	99.5	100.2	104.7	0.5	0.7	4.5
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		1.9	1.7	
September	98.6	100.7	102.6		2.1	1.9	
October	99.1	101.1	103.2		2.0	2.1	
November	99.8	100.2	103.9		0.4	3.7	
December	99.6	99.9	104.2		0.3	4.3	
<b>Annual Averages</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>101.8</b>		<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	

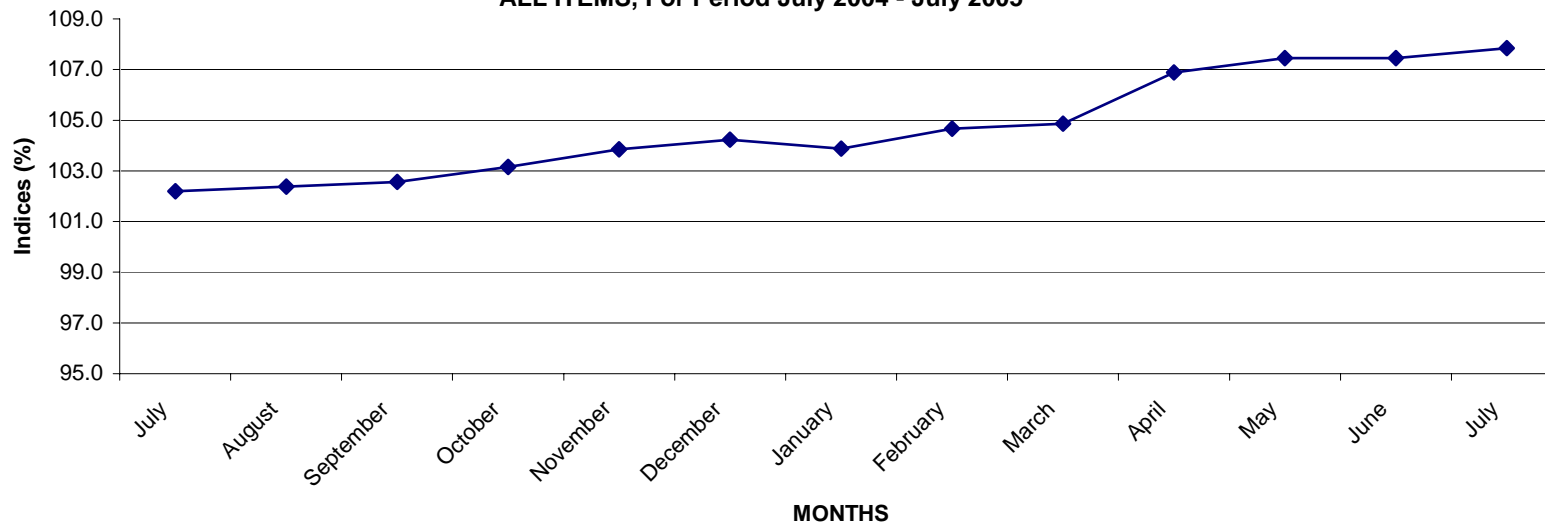
**Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period in the All Items Index**

Month	Averages for 12 Months				% Change		
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
January	-	98.9	100.4	102.2	-	1.5	1.8
February	-	98.9	100.5	102.5	-	1.6	2.0
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		1.2	0.8	
September	98.7	100.2	101.0		1.5	0.8	
October	98.7	100.3	101.2		1.6	0.9	
November	98.8	100.4	101.5		1.6	1.1	
December	98.8	100.4	101.8		1.6	1.4	

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

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

**MONTHLY INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES**  
**Base: (July 2001=100)**  
**ALL ITEMS, For Period July 2004 - July 2005**



—◆— All Items (July 2004 - July 2005)