

# **Statistical Bulletin**

## **Index of Retail Prices**

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

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The Index of Retail Prices for May, 2007 stood at 119.0 points which represent an increase of 0.7% when compared with April's (2007) index of 118.2 points.

Amongst the major groups:

- Food increased by 0.4 point or 0.3%;
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco increased by 0.5 point or 0.5%;
- Housing increased by 0.4 point 0.3%;
- Fuel and Light increased by 4.9 points or 4.5%;
- Household Operations and Supplies increased by 1.0 point or 1.0%;
- Clothing and Footwear decreased by 0.2 point or 0.2%;
- Transportation increased by 0.5 point or 0.4%;
- Medical and Personal Care decreased by 0.5 point or 0.4%;
- Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 1.1 points or 1.0%.

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**Table 1. Group Indices for May 2007**

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: 2007</b>										
January	128.2	104.9	127.2	108.9	101.4	84.0	115.2	123.6	114.3	<b>118.2</b>
February	127.5	105.1	127.3	106.9	101.9	83.9	114.5	127.1	114.8	<b>118.1</b>
March	127.5	107.1	127.4	108.4	102.5	82.9	114.1	127.3	114.7	<b>118.2</b>
<b>1st. Qrt. Average</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>127.3</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>114.6</b>	<b>126.0</b>	<b>114.6</b>	<b>118.2</b>
April	126.9	106.9	127.1	109.8	103.1	83.1	114.5	127.5	114.7	<b>118.2</b>
May	127.3	107.4	127.5	114.7	104.1	82.9	115.0	127.0	115.8	<b>119.0</b>

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - May 2007**

GROUP	Weights	April 2007 GROUP INDEX	May 2007		
			GROUP INDEX	Change over April 2007	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	126.9	127.3	0.4	0.3
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	106.9	107.4	0.5	0.5
3. HOUSING	1,227	127.1	127.5	0.4	0.3
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	109.8	114.7	4.9	4.5
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	103.1	104.1	1.0	1.0
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	83.1	82.9	-0.2	-0.2
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	114.5	115.0	0.5	0.4
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	127.5	127.0	-0.5	-0.4
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	114.7	115.8	1.1	1.0
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>118.2</b>	<b>119.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</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	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	98.8	99.5	99.8	103.9	112.7	118.2	0.7	0.3	4.1	8.5	4.9
February	99.0	99.5	100.2	104.7	113.0	118.1	0.5	0.7	4.5	7.9	4.5
March	98.5	100.2	100.4	104.9	113.2	118.2	1.7	0.2	4.5	7.9	4.4
April	98.5	100.3	100.4	106.9	113.8	118.2	1.8	0.1	6.5	6.5	3.9
May	98.2	100.8	100.7	107.5	115.1	119.0	2.6	-0.1	6.8	7.1	3.4
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	
<b>Annual Averages</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>115.9</b>		<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.3</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	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	-	98.9	100.4	102.2	108.7	116.4	-	1.5	1.8	6.4	7.1
February	-	98.9	100.5	102.5	109.4	116.8	-	1.6	2.0	6.7	6.8
March	-	99.1	100.5	102.9	110.1	117.2	-	1.4	2.4	7.0	6.4
April	-	99.2	100.5	103.4	110.7	117.6	-	1.3	2.9	7.1	6.2
May	-	99.4	100.5	104.0	111.3	117.9	-	1.1	3.5	7.0	5.9
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	<b>98.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>115.9</b>		<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>	

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

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