

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

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The Index of Retail Prices for May, 2006 stood at 115.1 points which represent an increase of 1.1% when compared with April's (2006) index of 113.8 points.

Amongst the major groups:

Food increased by 1.8 points or 1.5%;

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco increased by 0.2 point or 0.2%;

Housing increased by 2.1 points or 1.8%;

Fuel and Light increased by 1.1 points or 1.0%;

Household Operations and Supplies decreased by 0.5 point or 0.5%;

Clothing and Footwear increased by 1.3 points or 1.5%;

Transportation increased by 1.8 points or 1.5%;

Medical and Personal Care increased by 0.8 point or 0.7%;

Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 0.3 point or 0.3%.

Table 1. Group Indices for January to May 2006

GROUP	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1. FOOD	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
3. HOUSING	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
7. TRANSPORTATION	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
ALL ITEMS	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - May 2006

GROUP	Weights	April 2006	May 2006		
		GROUP INDEX	GROUP INDEX	Change over April 2006	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	118.8	120.6	1.8	1.5
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	101.9	102.1	0.2	0.2
3. HOUSING	1,227	118.3	120.4	2.1	1.8
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	112.7	113.8	1.1	1.0
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	99.2	98.7	-0.5	-0.5
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	84.3	85.6	1.3	1.5
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	118.5	120.3	1.8	1.5
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	118.6	119.4	0.8	0.7
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	110.1	110.4	0.3	0.3
ALL ITEMS	10,000	113.8	115.1	1.3	1.1

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		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	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		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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