

# **Statistical Bulletin**

## **Index of Retail Prices**

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

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The Index of Retail Prices for November, 2006 stood at 118.2 points which represent an increase of 0.3% when compared with October's (2006) index of 117.8 points.

Amongst the major groups: Food remained constant;

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased by 0.6 point or 0.6%;

Housing increased by 2.2 points 1.8%;

Fuel and Light decreased by 1.6 points or 1.4%;

Household Operations and Supplies increased by 0.8 point or 0.8%;

Clothing and Footwear increased by 1.3 points or 1.6%;

Transportation increased by 0.6 point or 0.5%;

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

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

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**Table 1. Group Indices for January to November 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
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
<b>Average 1 st. qr.</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>109.7</b>	<b>113.0</b>
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
<b>Average 2 nd. qr.</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>84.2</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>119.5</b>	<b>110.2</b>	<b>114.9</b>
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
<b>Average 3 rd. qr.</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>123.5</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>121.7</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>117.6</b>
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

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - November 2006**

GROUP	Weights	October 2006	November 2006		
		GROUP INDEX	GROUP INDEX	Change over October 2006	
				Points	%
1. FOOD	3,379	128.0	128.0	0.0	0.0
2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	373	103.6	103.0	-0.6	-0.6
3. HOUSING	1,227	124.9	127.1	2.2	1.8
4. FUEL AND LIGHT	634	111.2	109.6	-1.6	-1.4
5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES	1,014	100.6	101.4	0.8	0.8
6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	344	82.7	84.0	1.3	1.6
7. TRANSPORTATION	1,703	114.7	115.3	0.6	0.5
8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE	585	122.8	123.6	0.8	0.7
9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	741	115.4	115.7	0.3	0.3
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>117.8</b>	<b>118.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</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	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		0.3	4.3	7.4	
<b>Annual Averages</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>108.0</b>		<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.1</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	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	<b>98.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>108.0</b>		<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	

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

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**ALL ITEMS November 2005 - November 2006**

