

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

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The Index of Retail Prices for October, 2006 stood at 117.8 points which represent a decrease of 0.8% when compared with September's (2006) index of 118.8 points.

Amongst the major groups:

- Food increased by 0.9 point or 0.7%;
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco decreased by 0.4 point or 0.4%;
- Housing decreased by 0.3 point or 0.2%;
- Fuel and Light decreased by 7.2 points or 6.1%;
- Household Operations and Supplies decreased by 0.2 point or 0.2%;
- Clothing and Footwear decreased by 0.4 point or 0.5%;
- Transportation decreased by 5.0 points or 4.2%;
- Medical and Personal Care increased by 0.3 point or 0.2%;
- Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 0.5 point or 0.4%.

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Table 1. Group Indices for January to October 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 |
| Average 1 st. qr. | 118.8 | 101.6 | 117.3 | 108.3 | 96.8 | 84.7 | 117.7 | 118.1 | 109.7 | 113.0 |
| 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 |
| Average 2 nd. qr. | 120.5 | 101.8 | 119.7 | 114.1 | 99.1 | 84.2 | 119.7 | 119.5 | 110.2 | 114.9 |
| 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 |
| Average 3 rd. qr. | 125.6 | 102.4 | 123.5 | 115.3 | 100.2 | 82.4 | 119.6 | 121.7 | 113.5 | 117.6 |
| October | 128.0 | 103.6 | 124.9 | 111.2 | 100.6 | 82.7 | 114.7 | 122.8 | 115.4 | 117.8 |

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - October 2006

| GROUP | Weights | September 2006 GROUP INDEX | October 2006 | | |
|--|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | GROUP INDEX | Change over September 2006 | |
| | | | | Points | % |
| 1. FOOD | 3,379 | 127.1 | 128.0 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| 2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO | 373 | 104.0 | 103.6 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| 3. HOUSING | 1,227 | 125.2 | 124.9 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| 4. FUEL AND LIGHT | 634 | 118.4 | 111.2 | -7.2 | -6.1 |
| 5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES | 1,014 | 100.8 | 100.6 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| 6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 344 | 83.1 | 82.7 | -0.4 | -0.5 |
| 7. TRANSPORTATION | 1,703 | 119.7 | 114.7 | -5.0 | -4.2 |
| 8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE | 585 | 122.5 | 122.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS | 741 | 114.9 | 115.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| ALL ITEMS | 10,000 | 118.8 | 117.8 | -1.0 | -0.8 |

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 | | 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 | 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 | | 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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ALL ITEMS October 2005 - October 2006

