

**Barbados Statistical Service**  
**Statistical Bulletin**  
**Retail Price Index**  
**March 2017**  
**(Base: July 2001=100)**

The Retail Price Index for March 2017 decreased by 0.3% in comparison to February 2017, moving from 171.7 to 171.1 index points.

Amongst the major groups: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased by 5.6 points or 2.5%.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics decreased by 0.9 of a point or 0.5%.

Clothing and Footwear decreased by 0.3 of a point or 0.3%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels increased by 3.2 points or 2.2%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance increased by 5.1 points or 3.8%.

Health remained unchanged.

Transport increased by 1.9 points or 1.3%.

Communication remained unchanged.

Recreation and Culture decreased by 2.0 points or 2.1%.

Education remained unchanged.

Restaurants and Hotels increased by 1.4 points or 0.5%.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services decreased by 0.6 of a point or 0.5%.

**Major Group Indices By Month**  
**Retail Price Index**  
**(Base July 2001 = 100)**

**Table 1. Group Indices for March 2017**

MONTH	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	HEALTH	TRANSPORT	COMMUNICATION	RECREATION AND CULTURE	EDUCATION	RESTAURANTS	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	ALL ITEMS
Weight	3011	373	332	1739	853	278	1338	383	383	64	314	932	10000
January	230.5	192.2	98.3	143.8	136.4	199.6	145.1	158.0	97.7	409.3	265.5	111.0	172.5
February	225.7	191.1	96.8	147.0	133.2	200.2	147.9	158.0	96.4	409.3	263.7	112.4	171.7
March	220.1	190.2	96.5	150.2	138.3	200.3	149.8	158.0	94.4	409.3	265.1	111.8	171.1

**Source: Barbados Statistical Service**

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**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements**

**MARCH 2017**

Groups	Weights	% of Basket Weight	Index February 2017	Index March 2017	Change Over February 2017	
					Points	%
01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	3011	30.1	225.7	220.1	-5.6	-2.5
02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	373	3.7	191.1	190.2	-0.9	-0.5
03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	332	3.3	96.8	96.5	-0.3	-0.3
04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	1735	17.4	147.0	150.2	3.2	2.2
05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	857	8.6	133.2	138.3	5.1	3.8
06. HEALTH	278	2.8	200.2	200.3	0.1	0.0
07. TRANSPORT	1338	13.4	147.9	149.8	1.9	1.3
08. COMMUNICATION	383	3.8	158.0	158.0	0.0	0.0
09. RECREATION AND CULTURE	383	3.8	96.4	94.4	-2.0	-2.1
10. EDUCATION	64	0.6	409.3	409.3	0.0	0.0
11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	314	3.1	263.7	265.1	1.4	0.5
12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	932	9.3	112.4	111.8	-0.6	-0.5
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>171.1</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>

**Table 7a. Point to Point Percentage Change in the All Items Index**

Month	All Items index			Percentage Change	
	2015	2016	2017	2016	2017
January	168.7	166.1	172.5	-1.6	3.9
February	166.3	164.9	171.7	-0.8	4.1
March	164.9	164.9	171.1	0.0	3.8
April	166.1	165.8		-0.2	
May	167.1	169.7		1.5	
June	168.5	169.8		0.8	
July	168.6	172.9		2.6	
August	168.8	172.4		2.1	
September	168.9	172.9		2.4	
October	167.9	171.6		2.2	
November	167.6	173.2		3.3	
December	167.2	172.6		3.2	
<b>Annual Averages</b>	<b>167.5</b>	<b>169.7</b>	<b>171.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period**

Month	Average All Items Index			Inflation	
	2015	2016	2017	2016	2017
January	169.6	167.3	170.2	-1.3	1.7
February	169.5	167.2	170.8	-1.4	2.2
March	169.3	167.2	171.3	-1.3	2.5
April	169.2	167.2		-1.2	
May	169.1	167.4		-1.0	
June	169.0	167.5		-0.9	
July	168.9	168.9		0.0	
August	168.7	168.2		-0.3	
September	168.6	168.5		0.0	
October	168.3	168.8		0.3	
November	167.9	169.3		0.8	
December	167.5	169.7		1.3	

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