

Barbados Statistical Service
Statistical Bulletin
Retail Price Index
March 2018
(Base: July 2001=100)

The Retail Price Index for March 2018 decreased by 0.5% in comparison to February 2018, moving from 184.6 to 183.6 index points.

Amongst the major groups: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased by 5.2 points or 2.2%.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics decreased by 0.2 of a point or 0.1%.

Clothing and Footwear decreased by 0.1 of a point or 0.1%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels decreased by 0.2 of a point or 0.1%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance decreased by 0.6 of a point or 0.4%.

Health remained unchanged.

Transport increased by 5.2 points or 3.3%.

Communication remained unchanged.

Recreation and Culture decreased by 1.8 points or 1.8%.

Education remained unchanged.

Restaurants and Hotels increased by 1.7 points or 0.6%.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services remained unchanged.

Major Group Indices By Month
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Table 1. Group Indices for March 2017 to March 2018

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	1735	857	278	1338	383	383	64	314	932	10000
2017													
March	220.4	190.2	98.6	150.8	149.6	200.3	150.4	158.0	98.2	458.2	265.1	111.9	172.9
April	216.6	191.2	98.4	149.9	148.4	200.5	152.0	158.0	98.2	458.2	269.2	113.1	172.0
May	221.8	191.2	98.5	150.1	149.6	203.5	151.4	158.0	97.5	440.8	269.7	111.3	173.4
June	225.0	191.9	95.5	149.9	149.2	203.4	151.3	158.0	97.5	440.8	269.5	111.9	174.3
July	229.1	198.9	93.5	148.4	150.1	203.6	157.5	158.0	97.7	440.8	269.3	113.2	176.5
August	234.6	204.6	93.3	150.6	151.9	203.7	156.9	158.0	98.2	448.6	271.1	118.9	179.4
September	237.6	204.3	93.0	152.3	155.6	203.9	158.0	158.0	99.5	448.6	272.1	119.9	181.3
October	240.4	208.4	92.7	156.9	156.0	204.1	162.3	158.0	100.8	448.6	279.1	119.2	183.9
November	243.8	207.9	91.4	157.2	153.7	203.8	162.4	158.2	101.4	449.9	276.0	121.9	184.9
December	244.9	207.4	91.1	156.4	154.4	203.9	161.9	158.2	100.9	449.9	277.3	121.5	185.0
2018													
January	240.0	209.2	89.6	156.0	155.8	203.8	161.0	158.2	94.7	449.9	281.3	121.3	183.4
February	240.0	207.1	89.2	160.4	156.4	209.3	159.7	158.2	98.0	450.3	284.1	124.3	184.6
March	234.8	206.9	89.1	160.2	155.8	209.3	164.9	158.2	96.2	450.3	285.8	124.3	183.6

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Table 2. Monthly Group Movements
MARCH 2018

Groups	Weights	% of Basket Weight	Index February 2018	Index March 2018	Change Over February 2018	
					Points	%
01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	3011	30.1	240.0	234.8	-5.2	-2.2
02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	373	3.7	207.1	206.9	-0.2	-0.1
03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	332	3.3	89.2	89.1	-0.1	-0.1
04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	1735	17.4	160.4	160.2	-0.2	-0.1
05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	857	8.6	156.4	155.8	-0.6	-0.4
06. HEALTH	278	2.8	209.3	209.3	0.0	0.0
07. TRANSPORT	1338	13.4	159.7	164.9	5.2	3.3
08. COMMUNICATION	383	3.8	158.2	158.2	0.0	0.0
09. RECREATION AND CULTURE	383	3.8	98.0	96.2	-1.8	-1.8
10. EDUCATION	64	0.6	450.3	450.3	0.0	0.0
11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	314	3.1	284.1	285.8	1.7	0.6
12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	932	9.3	124.3	124.3	0.0	0.0
ALL ITEMS	10000	100	184.6	183.6	-1.0	-0.5

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

Month	All Items index				Percentage Change		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
January	168.7	166.1	174.2	183.4	-1.6	4.9	5.3
February	166.3	164.9	173.5	184.6	-0.8	5.2	6.4
March	164.9	164.9	172.9	183.6	0.0	4.9	6.2
April	166.1	165.6	172.0		-0.3	3.9	
May	167.1	169.5	173.4		1.4	2.3	
June	168.5	169.6	174.3		0.7	2.8	
July	168.6	173.5	176.5		2.9	1.7	
August	168.8	173.0	179.4		2.5	3.7	
September	168.9	173.5	181.3		2.7	4.5	
October	167.9	172.6	183.9		2.8	6.5	
November	167.6	174.2	184.9		3.9	6.1	
December	167.2	173.6	185.0		3.8	6.6	
Annual Averages	167.5	170.0	177.5	183.9	1.5	4.4	3.6

Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period

Month	Average All Items Index				Inflation		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
January	169.6	167.3	170.7	178.3	-1.3	2.0	4.4
February	169.5	167.2	171.4	179.2	-1.4	2.5	4.5
March	169.3	167.2	172.1	180.1	-1.3	2.9	4.7
April	169.2	167.2	172.7		-1.2	3.3	
May	169.1	167.4	173.0		-1.0	3.4	
June	169.0	167.5	173.4		-0.9	3.5	
July	168.9	168.9	173.6		0.0	2.8	
August	168.7	168.2	174.2		-0.3	3.5	
September	168.6	168.6	174.8		0.0	3.7	
October	168.3	169.0	175.7		0.4	4.0	
November	167.9	169.5	176.6		1.0	4.2	
December	167.5	170.0	177.5		1.5	4.4	

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