

Barbados Statistical Service
Statistical Bulletin
Retail Price Index
April 2019
(Base: July 2001=100)

The Retail Price Index for April 2019 decreased by 0.3% in comparison to March 2019, moving from 187.4 to 186.9 index points.

Amongst the major groups: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased by 4.0 points or 1.6%.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics decreased by 0.9 of a point or 0.4%.

Clothing and Footwear decreased by 1.9 points or 2.3%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels increased by 2.0 points or 1.2%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance decreased by 0.9 of a point or 0.6%.

Health remained constant.

Transport increased by 6.5 points or 4.0%.

Communication remained constant.

Recreation and Culture decreased by 0.2 of a point or 0.2%.

Education remained constant.

Restaurants and Hotels decreased by 8.2 points or 2.7%.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services decreased by 0.5 of a point or 0.4%.

Major Group Indices By Month
Retail Price Index
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Table 1. Group Indices for April 2018 to April 2019

| 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 |
| 2018 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | 230.6 | 206.2 | 90.0 | 159.5 | 154.6 | 209.4 | 160.3 | 158.2 | 97.7 | 450.3 | 284.4 | 125.3 | 181.6 |
| May | 231.4 | 207.2 | 88.8 | 156.4 | 160.0 | 212.9 | 164.4 | 158.2 | 97.1 | 453.5 | 286.7 | 123.9 | 182.3 |
| June | 228.9 | 207.8 | 88.9 | 162.1 | 162.4 | 212.9 | 169.5 | 158.2 | 97.3 | 453.6 | 288.5 | 127.1 | 183.8 |
| July | 230.1 | 207.8 | 82.6 | 163.2 | 161.1 | 212.8 | 176.7 | 158.2 | 99.3 | 453.6 | 289.7 | 126.1 | 185.1 |
| August | 231.4 | 208.5 | 82.9 | 163.8 | 160.6 | 211.4 | 173.5 | 158.4 | 99.2 | 277.6 | 290.2 | 129.9 | 184.3 |
| September | 231.8 | 207.2 | 82.6 | 161.5 | 159.1 | 211.4 | 173.8 | 158.4 | 98.9 | 277.6 | 293.3 | 129.4 | 184.0 |
| October | 235.2 | 205.0 | 81.7 | 158.1 | 158.4 | 211.3 | 174.2 | 158.4 | 99.3 | 277.6 | 295.6 | 128.6 | 184.3 |
| November | 238.5 | 203.7 | 80.0 | 162.5 | 160.4 | 212.3 | 176.0 | 167.7 | 98.4 | 277.6 | 286.0 | 128.8 | 186.4 |
| December | 242.1 | 202.2 | 79.7 | 159.5 | 159.8 | 212.3 | 170.9 | 167.7 | 98.1 | 277.6 | 286.7 | 129.1 | 186.2 |
| 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 238.3 | 198.6 | 81.4 | 157.5 | 160.5 | 212.2 | 164.3 | 167.7 | 98.3 | 277.6 | 292.8 | 128.5 | 184.0 |
| February | 241.1 | 200.0 | 82.1 | 164.2 | 160.7 | 217.7 | 163.2 | 177.6 | 102.6 | 277.6 | 295.6 | 127.4 | 186.6 |
| March | 240.9 | 200.9 | 82.7 | 165.7 | 162.0 | 217.4 | 164.3 | 177.6 | 103.2 | 277.6 | 303.9 | 127.6 | 187.4 |
| April | 237.0 | 200.0 | 80.8 | 167.7 | 161.1 | 217.4 | 170.8 | 177.6 | 103.0 | 277.6 | 295.7 | 127.1 | 186.9 |

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Table 2. Monthly Group Movements
APRIL 2019

| Groups | Weights | % of Basket Weight | Index Mar 2019 | Index Apr 2019 | Change Over Mar 2019 | |
|--|--------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | Points | % |
| 01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | 3011 | 30.1 | 240.9 | 237.0 | -4.0 | -1.6 |
| 02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS | 373 | 3.7 | 200.9 | 200.0 | -0.9 | -0.4 |
| 03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 332 | 3.3 | 82.7 | 80.8 | -1.9 | -2.3 |
| 04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS | 1735 | 17.4 | 165.7 | 167.7 | 2.0 | 1.2 |
| 05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE | 857 | 8.6 | 162.0 | 161.1 | -0.9 | -0.6 |
| 06. HEALTH | 278 | 2.8 | 217.4 | 217.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 07. TRANSPORT | 1338 | 13.4 | 164.3 | 170.8 | 6.5 | 4.0 |
| 08. COMMUNICATION | 383 | 3.8 | 177.6 | 177.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 09. RECREATION AND CULTURE | 383 | 3.8 | 103.2 | 103.0 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| 10. EDUCATION | 64 | 0.6 | 277.6 | 277.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 314 | 3.1 | 303.9 | 295.7 | -8.2 | -2.7 |
| 12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES | 932 | 9.3 | 127.6 | 127.1 | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| ALL ITEMS | 10000 | 100 | 187.4 | 186.9 | -0.5 | -0.3 |

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

| Month | All Items index | | | | Percentage Change | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|------|------|
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| January | 166.1 | 174.2 | 183.4 | 184.0 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 0.3 |
| February | 164.9 | 173.5 | 184.6 | 186.6 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 1.1 |
| March | 164.9 | 172.9 | 183.6 | 187.4 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 2.1 |
| April | 165.6 | 172.0 | 181.6 | 186.9 | 3.9 | 5.6 | 2.9 |
| May | 169.5 | 173.4 | 182.3 | | 2.3 | 5.1 | |
| June | 169.6 | 174.3 | 183.8 | | 2.8 | 5.5 | |
| July | 173.5 | 176.5 | 185.1 | | 1.7 | 4.9 | |
| August | 173.0 | 179.4 | 184.3 | | 3.7 | 2.7 | |
| September | 173.5 | 181.3 | 184.0 | | 4.5 | 1.5 | |
| October | 172.6 | 183.9 | 184.3 | | 6.5 | 0.2 | |
| November | 174.2 | 184.9 | 186.4 | | 6.1 | 0.8 | |
| December | 173.6 | 185.0 | 186.2 | | 6.6 | 0.6 | |
| Annual Averages | 170.0 | 177.5 | 184.1 | 186.2 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 1.1 |

Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period

| Month | Average All Items Index | | | | Inflation | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------|
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| January | 167.3 | 170.7 | 178.3 | 184.2 | 2.0 | 4.4 | 3.3 |
| February | 167.2 | 171.4 | 179.2 | 184.3 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 2.9 |
| March | 167.2 | 172.1 | 180.1 | 184.7 | 2.9 | 4.7 | 2.5 |
| April | 167.2 | 172.7 | 180.9 | 185.1 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 2.3 |
| May | 167.4 | 173.0 | 181.7 | | 3.4 | 5.0 | |
| June | 167.5 | 173.4 | 182.5 | | 3.5 | 5.3 | |
| July | 168.9 | 173.6 | 183.2 | | 2.8 | 5.5 | |
| August | 168.2 | 174.2 | 183.6 | | 3.5 | 5.4 | |
| September | 168.6 | 174.8 | 183.9 | | 3.7 | 5.2 | |
| October | 169.0 | 175.7 | 183.9 | | 4.0 | 4.7 | |
| November | 169.5 | 176.6 | 184.0 | | 4.2 | 4.2 | |
| December | 170.0 | 177.5 | 184.1 | | 4.4 | 3.7 | |

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