

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

The Retail Price Index for August 2018 decreased by 0.4% in comparison to July 2018, moving from 185.1 to 184.3 index points.

Amongst the major groups: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 1.3 points or 0.6%.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics increased by 0.7 of a point or 0.3%.

Clothing and Footwear increased by 0.3 of a point or 0.4%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels increased by 0.6 of a point or 0.4%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance decreased by 0.5 of a point or 0.3%.

Health decreased by 1.4 points or 0.7%.

Transport decreased by 3.2 points or 1.8%.

Communication increased by 0.2 of a point or 0.1%.

Recreation and Culture decreased by 0.1 of a point or 0.1%.

Education decreased by 176.0 points or 38.8%.

Restaurants and Hotels increased by 0.5 of a point or 0.2%.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services increased by 3.8 points or 3.0%.

Major Group Indices By Month
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Table 1. Group Indices for August 2017 to August 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													
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
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

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Table 2. Monthly Group Movements
JULY 2018

Groups	Weights	% of Basket Weight	Index July 2018	Index August 2018	Change Over July 2018	
					Points	%
01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	3011	30.1	230.1	231.4	1.3	0.6
02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	373	3.7	207.8	208.5	0.7	0.3
03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	332	3.3	82.6	82.9	0.3	0.4
04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	1735	17.4	163.2	163.8	0.6	0.4
05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	857	8.6	161.1	160.6	-0.5	-0.3
06. HEALTH	278	2.8	212.8	211.4	-1.4	-0.7
07. TRANSPORT	1338	13.4	176.7	173.5	-3.2	-1.8
08. COMMUNICATION	383	3.8	158.2	158.4	0.2	0.1
09. RECREATION AND CULTURE	383	3.8	99.3	99.2	-0.1	-0.1
10. EDUCATION	64	0.6	453.6	277.6	-176.0	-38.80
11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	314	3.1	289.7	290.2	0.5	0.2
12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	932	9.3	126.1	129.9	3.8	3.0
ALL ITEMS	10000	100	185.1	184.3	-0.8	-0.4

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	181.6	-0.3	3.9	5.6
May	167.1	169.5	173.4	182.3	1.4	2.3	5.1
June	168.5	169.6	174.3	183.8	0.7	2.8	5.5
July	168.6	173.5	176.5	185.1	2.9	1.7	4.9
August	168.8	173.0	179.4	184.3	2.5	3.7	2.7
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	183.6	1.5	4.4	3.4

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	180.9	-1.2	3.3	4.8
May	169.1	167.4	173.0	181.7	-1.0	3.4	5.0
June	169.0	167.5	173.4	182.5	-0.9	3.5	5.3
July	168.9	168.9	173.6	183.2	0.0	2.8	5.5
August	168.7	168.2	174.2	183.6	-0.3	3.5	5.4
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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