

**Statistical Bulletin
Retail Price Index
(Base: July 2001= 100)
AUGUST 2019**

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The Retail Price Index for August 2019 increased by 1.9% in comparison to July 2019, moving from 190.7 to 194.4 index points.

Amongst the major groups: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 12.4 points or 5.2%.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics increased by 5.3 points or 2.6%.

Clothing and Footwear increased by 2.8 points or 3.4%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels decreased by 1.6 points or 1.0%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance increased by 4.8 points or 3.0%.

Health increased by 4.1 points or 1.9%.

Transport decreased by 4.6 points or 2.3%.

Communication remained constant.

Recreation and Culture increased by 3.2 points or 3.1%.

Education remained constant.

Restaurants and Hotels decreased by 3.1 points or 1.1%.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services increased by 0.1 of a point or 0.1%.

Major Group Indices By Month
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Table 1. Group Indices for August 2018 to August 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													
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
May	236.1	204.5	80.3	163.4	160.9	217.3	198.2	177.6	101.1	279.6	293.9	124.4	189.4
June	235.8	203.9	81.3	163.9	160.8	217.3	201.2	177.6	100.8	279.6	295.2	123.2	189.7
July	239.6	202.4	82.8	163.8	158.5	217.2	202.1	177.6	102.7	279.6	294.1	123.0	190.7
August	252.0	207.7	85.6	162.2	163.3	221.3	197.5	177.6	105.9	279.6	291.0	123.1	194.4

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

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	189.4	2.3	5.1	3.9
June	169.6	174.3	183.8	189.7	2.8	5.5	3.2
July	173.5	176.5	185.1	190.7	1.7	4.9	3.0
August	173.0	179.4	184.3	194.4	3.7	2.7	5.5
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	188.6	4.4	3.7	2.4

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	185.7	3.4	5.0	2.2
June	167.5	173.4	182.5	186.2	3.5	5.3	2.0
July	168.9	173.6	183.2	186.6	2.8	5.5	1.9
August	168.2	174.2	183.6	187.5	3.5	5.4	2.1
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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