

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

The Retail Price Index for March 2019 increased by 0.4% in comparison to February 2019, moving from 186.6 to 187.4 index points.

Amongst the major groups: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased by 0.1 of a point or 0.1%.

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

Clothing and Footwear increased by 0.6 of a point or 0.7%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels increased by 1.5 points or 0.9%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance increased by 1.3 points or 0.8%.

Health decreased by 0.3 of a point or 0.1%.

Transport increased by 1.1 points or 0.7%.

Communication remained constant.

Recreation and Culture increased by 0.6 of a point or 0.6%.

Education remained constant.

Restaurants and Hotels increased by 8.3 points or 2.8%.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services increased by 0.2 of a point or 0.2%.

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

**Table 1. Group Indices for March 2018 to March 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
<b>2018</b>													
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
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
<b>2019</b>													
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

**Source: Barbados Statistical Service**

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**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements**  
**MARCH 2019**

Groups	Weights	% of Basket Weight	Index Feb 2019	Index Mar 2019	Change Over Feb 2019	
					Points	%
01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	3011	30.1	241.1	240.9	-0.1	-0.1
02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	373	3.7	200.0	200.9	0.9	0.5
03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	332	3.3	82.1	82.7	0.6	0.7
04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	1735	17.4	164.2	165.7	1.5	0.9
05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	857	8.6	160.7	162.0	1.3	0.8
06. HEALTH	278	2.8	217.7	217.4	-0.3	-0.1
07. TRANSPORT	1338	13.4	163.2	164.3	1.1	0.7
08. COMMUNICATION	383	3.8	177.6	177.6	0.0	0.0
09. RECREATION AND CULTURE	383	3.8	102.6	103.2	0.6	0.6
10. EDUCATION	64	0.6	277.6	277.6	0.0	0.0
11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	314	3.1	295.6	303.9	8.3	2.8
12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	932	9.3	127.4	127.6	0.2	0.2
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>186.6</b>	<b>187.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>

**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		3.9	5.6	
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	186.0	4.4	3.7	1.0

**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		3.3	4.8	
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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## ALL ITEMS INDEX

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