

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

The Retail Price Index for November 2018 increased by 1.1% in comparison to October 2018, moving from 184.3 to 186.4 index points.

Amongst the major groups: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 3.3 points or 1.4%.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics decreased by 1.3 points or 0.6%.

Clothing and Footwear decreased by 1.7 points or 2.1%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels increased by 4.4 points or 2.8%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance increased by 2.0 points or 1.3%.

Health increased by 1.0 point or 0.5%.

Transport increased by 1.8 points or 1.0%.

Communication increased by 9.3 points or 5.9%.

Recreation and Culture decreased by 0.9 of a point or 0.9%.

Education remained constant.

Restaurants and Hotels decreased by 9.6 points or 3.2%.

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

Major Group Indices By Month
Retail Price Index
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Table 1. Group Indices for November 2017 to November 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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Table 2. Monthly Group Movements
NOVEMBER 2018

| Groups | Weights | % of Basket Weight | Index October 2018 | Index Nov 2018 | Change Over October 2018 | |
|--|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------|
| | | | | | Points | % |
| 01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | 3011 | 30.1 | 235.2 | 238.5 | 3.3 | 1.4 |
| 02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS | 373 | 3.7 | 205.0 | 203.7 | -1.3 | -0.6 |
| 03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 332 | 3.3 | 81.7 | 80.0 | -1.7 | -2.1 |
| 04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS | 1735 | 17.4 | 158.1 | 162.5 | 4.4 | 2.8 |
| 05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE | 857 | 8.6 | 158.4 | 160.4 | 2.0 | 1.3 |
| 06. HEALTH | 278 | 2.8 | 211.3 | 212.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| 07. TRANSPORT | 1338 | 13.4 | 174.2 | 176.0 | 1.8 | 1.0 |
| 08. COMMUNICATION | 383 | 3.8 | 158.4 | 167.7 | 9.3 | 5.9 |
| 09. RECREATION AND CULTURE | 383 | 3.8 | 99.3 | 98.4 | -0.9 | -0.9 |
| 10. EDUCATION | 64 | 0.6 | 277.6 | 277.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 314 | 3.1 | 295.6 | 286.0 | -9.6 | -3.2 |
| 12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES | 932 | 9.3 | 128.6 | 128.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| ALL ITEMS | 10000 | 100 | 184.3 | 186.4 | 2.1 | 1.1 |

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 | 184.0 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 1.5 |
| October | 167.9 | 172.6 | 183.9 | 184.3 | 2.8 | 6.5 | 0.2 |
| November | 167.6 | 174.2 | 184.9 | 186.4 | 3.9 | 6.1 | 0.8 |
| 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 | 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 | 183.9 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 5.2 |
| October | 168.3 | 169.0 | 175.7 | 183.9 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 4.7 |
| November | 167.9 | 169.5 | 176.6 | 184.0 | 1.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| December | 167.5 | 170.0 | 177.5 | | 1.5 | 4.4 | |

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