

**Barbados Statistical Service**  
**Statistical Bulletin**  
**Retail Price Index**  
**MARCH 2020**  
**(Base: July 2001=100)**

The Retail Price Index for March 2020 increased by 0.2% in comparison to February 2020, moving from 195.1 to 195.4 index points.

Amongst the major groups: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 3.5 points or 1.4%.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics decreased by 0.4 of a point or 0.2%.

Clothing and Footwear increased by 0.2 of a point or 0.3%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels increased by 0.3 of a point or 0.2%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance decreased by 1.7 points or 1.1%.

Health decreased by 0.1 of a point or 0.04%.

Transport decreased by 3.3 points or 1.7%.

Communication remained constant.

Recreation and Culture increased by 0.7 of a point or 0.7%.

Education remained constant.

Restaurants and Hotels decreased by 8.6 points or 2.7%.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services increased by 0.4 of a point or 0.3%.

**Major Group Indices By Month**  
**Retail Price Index**  
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**Table 1. Group Indices for March 2019 to March 2020**

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	301.1	373	332	1735	857	278	1338	383	383	64	314	932	10000
2019													
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
September	260.2	207.9	84.0	162.3	163.5	221.2	195.1	177.6	104.5	279.6	281.9	123.8	196.3
October	263.0	208.6	82.7	160.5	164.8	221.2	192.9	177.6	103.8	279.6	298.0	124.2	197.1
November	267.1	205.6	78.7	162.5	166.8	225.9	191.0	178.0	103.1	279.6	286.0	123.7	198.1
December	272.1	203.8	78.3	163.6	161.5	226.0	190.0	178.0	105.3	279.6	298.0	124.0	199.6
2020													
January	266.3	206.1	77.3	164.3	162.2	226.2	188.6	178.0	104.9	279.6	303.1	124.2	198.1
February	252.6	207.0	73.9	164.0	161.8	227.3	189.9	178.0	105.2	279.1	319.0	130.2	195.1
March	256.1	206.6	74.1	164.3	160.1	227.2	186.6	178.0	105.9	279.1	310.4	130.6	195.4

**Source: Barbados Statistical Service**

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**Table 2. Monthly Group Movements**  
**MARCH 2020**

Groups	Weights	% of Basket Weight	Index February 2020	Index March 2020	Change Over February 2020	
					Points	%
01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	3011	30.1	252.6	256.1	3.5	1.4
02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	373	3.7	207.0	206.6	-0.4	-0.2
03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	332	3.3	73.9	74.1	0.2	0.3
04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	1735	17.4	164.0	164.3	0.3	0.2
05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	857	8.6	161.8	160.1	-1.7	-1.1
06. HEALTH	278	2.8	227.3	227.2	-0.1	-0.04
07. TRANSPORT	1338	13.4	189.9	186.6	-3.3	-1.7
08. COMMUNICATION	383	3.8	178.0	178.0	0.0	0.0
09. RECREATION AND CULTURE	383	3.8	105.2	105.9	0.7	0.7
10. EDUCATION	64	0.6	279.1	279.1	0.0	0.0
11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	314	3.1	319.0	310.4	-8.6	-2.7
12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	932	9.3	130.2	130.6	0.4	0.3
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>195.1</b>	<b>195.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>

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

Month	All Items index				Percentage Change			
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020
January	174.2	183.4	184.0	198.1	4.9	5.3	0.3	7.7
February	173.5	184.6	186.6	195.1	5.2	6.4	1.1	4.6
March	172.9	183.6	187.4	195.4	4.9	6.2	2.1	4.3
April	172.0	181.6	186.9		3.9	5.6	2.9	
May	173.4	182.3	189.4		2.3	5.1	3.9	
June	174.3	183.8	189.7		2.8	5.5	3.2	
July	176.5	185.1	190.7		1.7	4.9	3.0	
August	179.4	184.3	194.4		3.7	2.7	5.5	
September	181.3	184.0	196.3		4.5	1.5	6.7	
October	183.9	184.3	197.1		6.5	0.2	6.9	
November	184.9	186.4	198.1		6.1	0.8	6.3	
December	185.0	186.2	199.6		6.6	0.6	7.2	
Annual Averages	177.5	184.1	191.6		4.4	3.7	4.1	

**Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period**

Month	Average All Items Index				Inflation			
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020
January	170.7	178.3	184.2	192.8	2.0	4.4	3.3	4.7
February	171.4	179.2	184.3	193.5	2.5	4.5	2.9	5.0
March	172.1	180.1	184.7	194.2	2.9	4.7	2.5	5.2
April	172.7	180.9	185.1		3.3	4.8	2.3	
May	173.0	181.7	185.7		3.4	5.0	2.2	
June	173.4	182.5	186.2		3.5	5.3	2.0	
July	173.6	183.2	186.6		2.8	5.5	1.9	
August	174.2	183.6	187.5		3.5	5.4	2.1	
September	174.8	183.9	188.5		3.7	5.2	2.5	
October	175.7	183.9	189.5		4.0	4.7	3.1	
November	176.6	184.0	190.5		4.2	4.2	3.5	
December	177.5	184.1	191.6		4.4	3.7	4.1	

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