

Barbados Statistical Service
Statistical Bulletin
Retail Price Index
AUGUST 2023
(Base: July 2018=100)

The Retail Price Index for August 2023 increased by 0.4% over July 2023, moving up from 113.6 to 114.1 index points.

Please note revisions have been made to February 2019 to July 2023 due to a processing error; these can be seen in the following tables: Division Indices; Monthly Division Movements; Point to Point Percentage Change in the All Items Index and Averages for the Twelve Month Period.

Amongst the divisions:	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 0.4 of a point or 0.3%.
	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics increased by 0.2 of a point or 0.2%.
	Clothing and Footwear decreased by 0.8 of a point or 0.8%.
	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels increased by 1.7 points or 1.6%.
	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance decreased by 0.3 of a point or 0.3%.
	Health increased by 4.0 points or 3.5%.
	Transport decreased by 1.8 points or 1.4%.
	Communication did not change.
	Recreation and Culture decreased by 1.0 point or 0.9%.
	Education did not change.
	Restaurants and Hotels increased by 2.1 points or 1.6%.
	Miscellaneous Goods and Services increased by 1.7 points or 1.5%.

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Division Indices
August 2023

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 AND HOTELS	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	ALL ITEMS
Weight	2193	241	266	1547	546	361	1353	432	399	970	922	770	10000
2022													
August	107.6	101.0	95.6 ^R	110.2	109.6	111.1	125.9	117.9	115.1	80.0 ^R	126.5 ^R	104.6	109.8 ^R
September	108.0	101.3	95.2 ^R	110.6	109.9	110.9	123.3	118.0	115.0	80.0 ^R	123.2 ^R	104.5	109.3 ^R
October	108.7	101.6	96.6 ^R	110.1	110.1	110.9	121.7	117.9	115.2	80.0 ^R	115.9 ^R	104.4	108.5 ^R
November	109.4	101.8	96.3 ^R	109.7	110.8	114.9	124.2	117.9	113.5	79.9 ^R	125.6 ^R	102.9	109.8 ^R
December	109.5	101.6	96.4 ^R	110.0	112.0	114.9	123.4	117.9	113.2	79.9 ^R	125.2 ^R	102.9 ^R	109.8 ^R
2023													
January	111.2	102.8	95.1 ^R	108.7	113.0	114.9	118.7	118.0	112.1	79.9 ^R	128.2 ^R	104.0	109.7 ^R
February	111.7	102.1	96.7 ^R	108.3	113.5	117.2	121.5	117.7	115.3	79.1 ^R	129.9 ^R	108.6	110.8 ^R
March	113.2	102.7	96.7 ^R	108.7	113.5	117.2	125.1	117.4	115.8	79.1 ^R	130.1 ^R	108.7	111.8 ^R
April	113.8	103.5	97.1 ^R	108.5	114.1	117.1	120.6	117.1	116.6	79.1 ^R	134.0 ^R	109.2	111.7 ^R
May	115.2	103.1	97.7 ^R	108.8	115.0	114.9	122.2	115.7	116.4	83.1 ^R	135.7 ^R	113.1	113.1 ^R
June	116.1	103.1	96.6 ^R	109.1	114.7	114.9	123.6	115.6	117.0	83.1 ^R	135.8 ^R	113.0	113.5 ^R
July	116.5	102.8	97.1 ^R	108.8	115.0	114.8	124.4	115.8	117.3	83.1 ^R	134.8 ^R	113.4	113.6 ^R
August	116.9	103.0	96.3 ^R	110.5	114.7	118.8	122.6	115.8	116.3	83.1 ^R	136.9 ^R	115.1	114.1 ^R

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

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Monthly Division Movements

August 2023

Divisions	Weights	% of Basket Weight	Index July 2023	Index August 2023	Change Over July 2023	
					Points	%
01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2193	21.9	116.5	116.9	0.4	0.3
02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	241	2.4	102.8	103.0	0.2	0.2
03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	266	2.7	97.1 ^R	96.3	-0.8	-0.8
04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	1547	15.5	108.8	110.5	1.7	1.6
05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	546	5.5	115.0	114.7	-0.3	-0.3
06. HEALTH	361	3.6	114.8	118.8	4.0	3.5
07. TRANSPORT	1353	13.5	124.4	122.6	-1.8	-1.4
08. COMMUNICATION	432	4.3	115.8	115.8	0.0	0.0
09. RECREATION AND CULTURE	399	4.0	117.3	116.3	-1.0	-0.9
10. EDUCATION	970	9.7	83.1 ^R	83.1	0.0	0.0
11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	922	9.2	134.8 ^R	136.9	2.1	1.6
12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	770	7.7	113.4	115.1	1.7	1.5
ALL ITEMS	10000	100.0	113.6^R	114.1	0.5	0.4

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Point to Point Percentage Change in the All Items Index

Month	All Items index						Percentage Change				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	98.3	98.8	101.4 ^R	101.7 ^R	104.1 ^R	109.7 ^R	0.5	2.6 ^R	0.3	2.4 ^R	5.4
February	99.2	99.4 ^R	101.8 ^R	NA	104.0 ^R	110.8 ^R	0.2 ^R	2.4	NA	NA	6.5 ^R
March	99.1	99.7 ^R	101.6 ^R	101.8 ^R	105.1 ^R	111.8 ^R	0.6 ^R	1.9	0.2	3.2	6.4
April	98.3	99.9 ^R	NA	101.9 ^R	105.9 ^R	111.7 ^R	1.6 ^R	NA	NA	3.9	5.5
May	98.5	101.1 ^R	100.1 ^R	101.3 ^R	108.1 ^R	113.1 ^R	2.6 ^R	-1.0	1.2	6.7	4.6
June	99.4	101.4 ^R	99.8 ^R	101.8 ^R	108.5 ^R	113.5 ^R	2.0 ^R	-1.6	2.0 ^R	6.6	4.6
July	100.0	101.5 ^R	99.9 ^R	102.4 ^R	109.0 ^R	113.6 ^R	1.5 ^R	-1.6	2.5	6.4	4.2 ^R
August	98.4	100.9 ^R	101.0 ^R	103.1 ^R	109.8 ^R	114.1	2.5 ^R	0.1 ^R	2.1	6.5	3.9
September	98.3	100.4 ^R	101.0 ^R	103.3 ^R	109.3 ^R		2.1 ^R	0.6 ^R	2.3 ^R	5.8 ^R	
October	98.4	100.9 ^R	101.4 ^R	103.6 ^R	108.5 ^R		2.5 ^R	0.5	2.2 ^R	4.7 ^R	
November	99.2	100.9 ^R	101.1 ^R	103.9 ^R	109.8 ^R		1.7 ^R	0.2 ^R	2.8	5.7 ^R	
December	99.0	101.3 ^R	101.7 ^R	103.9 ^R	109.8 ^R		2.3 ^R	0.4	2.2	5.7	
Annual Averages	98.8	100.5 ^R	101.0 ^R	102.6 ^R	107.6 ^R	112.3	1.7 ^R	0.5	1.6	4.9	4.3

Averages for the Twelve Month Period

Month	Average All Items Index						Inflation				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	96.5	98.9	100.7 ^R	101.0 ^R	102.8 ^R	108.1 ^R	2.5 ^R	1.9 ^R	0.3	1.8	5.1 ^R
February	96.8	98.9 ^R	100.9 ^R	NA	102.9 ^R	108.7 ^R	2.2 ^R	2.1 ^R	NA	NA	5.6
March	97.2	99.0 ^R	101.1 ^R	100.9 ^R	103.2 ^R	109.2 ^R	1.8 ^R	2.2 ^R	-0.1	2.2	5.9
April	97.5	99.1 ^R	NA	101.0 ^R	103.5 ^R	109.7 ^R	1.6 ^R	NA	NA	2.5 ^R	6.0
May	97.8	99.3 ^R	101.1 ^R	101.1 ^R	104.1 ^R	110.1 ^R	1.5 ^R	1.8 ^R	0.0	2.9	5.8 ^R
June	98.2	99.5 ^R	101.0 ^R	101.3 ^R	104.6 ^R	110.6 ^R	1.3 ^R	1.5 ^R	0.4 ^R	3.3	5.7
July	98.6	99.6 ^R	100.8 ^R	101.6 ^R	105.2 ^R	110.9 ^R	1.0 ^R	1.2 ^R	0.7	3.6	5.5
August	98.7	99.8 ^R	100.8 ^R	101.7 ^R	105.7 ^R	111.3	1.1 ^R	1.0 ^R	0.9	3.9	5.2
September	98.8	100.0 ^R	100.9 ^R	102.0 ^R	106.2 ^R		1.2 ^R	0.9 ^R	1.1 ^R	4.2	
October	98.8	100.2 ^R	100.9 ^R	102.2 ^R	106.7 ^R		1.4 ^R	0.7 ^R	1.2	4.4	
November	98.8	100.3 ^R	100.9 ^R	102.4 ^R	107.1 ^R		1.5 ^R	0.6 ^R	1.4	4.6 ^R	
December	98.8	100.5 ^R	101.0 ^R	102.6 ^R	107.6 ^R		1.7 ^R	0.5	1.6	4.9	

PLEASE NOTE, due to restrictions put in place during April 2020 and February 2021 to manage the COVID 19 pandemic, the collections for these months could not be completed. As a result, the indices for April 2020 and February 2021 could not be calculated.

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ALL ITEMS INDEX

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