

Barbados Statistical Service
Statistical Bulletin
Retail Price Index
August 2024
(Base: July 2018=100)

The Retail Price Index for August 2024 decreased by 0.1% over July 2024, moving down from 112.4 to 112.3 index points.

Amongst the divisions:	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased by 0.1 of a point or 0.1%.
	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics increased by 0.7 of a point or 0.6%.
	Clothing and Footwear increased by 0.2 of a point or 0.2%.
	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels decreased by 0.2 of a point or 0.2%.
	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance decreased by 2.4 points or 2.1%.
	Health decreased by 0.2 of a point or 0.2%.
	Transport increased by 0.3 of a point or 0.2%.
	Communication did not change.
	Recreation and Culture decreased by 0.9 of a point or 0.8%.
	Education increased by 0.1 of a point or 0.1%.
	Restaurants and Hotels decreased by 0.1 of a point or 0.1%.
	Miscellaneous Goods and Services increased by 0.6 of a point or 0.5%.

Retail Price Index
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Division Indices
August 2024

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
2023													
August	116.3	103.0	96.9	110.2	117.4	118.8	122.5	115.1	111.9	79.5	119.5	109.8	111.5
September	117.1	102.7	96.7	111.0	116.9	118.7	122.1	115.1	111.5	79.5	118.3	109.5	111.6
October	118.1	103.1	96.9	111.4	119.0	118.7	122.0	114.3	110.6	79.5	118.1	109.8	111.9
November	118.0	103.2	98.3	110.7	117.9	117.5	122.6	99.1	110.6	79.8	119.9	110.4	111.3
December	118.9	103.0	98.4	110.2	121.2	117.5	122.7	98.9	111.0	79.8	118.4	110.8	111.6
2024													
January	120.0	103.3	97.1	108.8	120.6	117.5	122.0	98.6	109.3	79.8	119.3	110.9	111.4
February	119.7	104.4	97.5	109.5	118.8	119.3	120.9	119.5	110.8	79.8	119.2	113.0	112.5
March	119.4	104.6	98.2	109.9	117.5	120.1	121.2	119.5	107.6	79.8	116.7	112.9	112.1
April	119.0	107.5	98.1	109.8	118.5	120.2	121.8	119.5	107.7	79.8	115.3	113.1	112.1
May	118.7	109.0	95.6	108.6	117.9	121.4	123.1	119.4	106.4	80.6	115.2	114.5	112.1
June	118.8	108.0	94.9	108.9	117.3	121.4	125.5	119.4	108.3	80.6	117.3	114.5	112.7
July	119.8	108.7	95.2	108.6	116.6	121.5	121.9	119.3	107.6	80.6	117.7	114.3	112.4
August	119.7	109.4	95.4	108.4	114.2	121.3	122.2	119.3	106.7	80.7	117.6	114.9	112.3

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

RETAIL PRICE INDEX
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Monthly Division Movements
August 2024

Divisions	Weights	% of Basket Weight	Index July 2024	Index August 2024	Change Over July 2024	
					Points	%
01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2193	21.9	119.8	119.7	-0.1	-0.1
02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	241	2.4	108.7	109.4	0.7	0.6
03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	266	2.7	95.2	95.4	0.2	0.2
04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	1547	15.5	108.6	108.4	-0.2	-0.2
05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	546	5.5	116.6	114.2	-2.4	-2.1
06. HEALTH	361	3.6	121.5	121.3	-0.2	-0.2
07. TRANSPORT	1353	13.5	121.9	122.2	0.3	0.2
08. COMMUNICATION	432	4.3	119.3	119.3	0.0	0.0
09. RECREATION AND CULTURE	399	4.0	107.6	106.7	-0.9	-0.8
10. EDUCATION	970	9.7	80.6	80.7	0.1	0.1
11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	922	9.2	117.7	117.6	-0.1	-0.1
12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	770	7.7	114.3	114.9	0.6	0.5
ALL ITEMS	10000	100.0	112.4	112.3	-0.1	-0.1

Source: Barbados Statistical Service

Point to Point Percentage Change in the All Items Index

Month	All Items Index						Percentage Change				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	98.8	101.7	101.8	104.2	108.0	111.4	2.9	0.1	2.4	3.6	3.1
February	99.4	102.0	NA	104.6	109.1	112.5	2.6	NA	NA	4.3	3.1
March	99.7	101.8	101.9	105.5	110.0	112.1	2.1	0.1	3.5	4.3	1.9
April	99.9	NA	102.0	106.3	109.9	112.1	NA	NA	4.2	3.4	2.0
May	101.1	100.8	101.6	108.1	110.5	112.1	-0.3	0.8	6.4	2.2	1.4
June	101.4	100.3	102.0	108.4	110.9	112.7	-1.1	1.7	6.3	2.3	1.6
July	101.5	100.7	102.6	109.0	111.1	112.4	-0.8	1.9	6.2	1.9	1.2
August	100.9	101.1	103.4	108.4	111.5	112.3	0.2	2.3	4.8	2.9	0.7
September	100.4	101.1	103.6	107.9	111.6		0.7	2.5	4.2	3.4	
October	100.9	101.5	103.8	107.7	111.9		0.6	2.3	3.8	3.9	
November	100.9	101.2	104.0	108.2	111.3		0.3	2.8	4.0	2.9	
December	101.3	101.7	104.1	108.1	111.6		0.4	2.4	3.8	3.2	
Annual Averages	100.5	101.3	102.8	107.2	110.6	112.2	0.7	1.5	4.3	3.2	1.4

Averages for the Twelve Month Period

Month	Average All Items Index						Inflation				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	98.9	100.8	101.3	103.0	107.5	110.9	1.9	0.5	1.7	4.4	3.2
February	98.9	101.0	NA	103.1	107.9	111.2	2.1	NA	NA	4.6	3.1
March	99.0	101.1	101.2	103.4	108.3	111.4	2.2	0.1	2.2	4.7	2.9
April	99.1	NA	101.3	103.8	108.6	111.5	NA	NA	2.5	4.6	2.7
May	99.3	101.2	101.4	104.3	108.8	111.7	1.9	0.1	2.9	4.2	2.7
June	99.5	101.1	101.5	104.9	109.0	111.8	1.7	0.4	3.3	3.9	2.6
July	99.6	101.1	101.7	105.4	109.1	111.9	1.5	0.6	3.7	3.6	2.6
August	99.8	101.1	101.9	105.8	109.4	112.0	1.3	0.8	3.9	3.4	2.4
September	100.0	101.1	102.1	106.2	109.7		1.2	1.0	4.0	3.3	
October	100.2	101.2	102.3	106.5	110.1		1.0	1.1	4.1	3.3	
November	100.3	101.2	102.6	106.9	110.3		0.9	1.3	4.2	3.2	
December	100.5	101.3	102.8	107.2	110.6		0.7	1.5	4.3	3.2	

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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