

Barbados Statistical Service
Statistical Bulletin
Retail Price Index
May 2026
(Base: July 2018=100)

The Retail Price Index for May 2026 increased by 0.4% over April 2026, moving up from 114.4 to 114.9 index points.

Amongst the divisions: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 0.2 of a point or 0.2%.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics increased by 0.9 of a point or 0.8%.

Clothing and Footwear decreased by 1.2 points or 1.3%.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels increased by 0.8 of a point or 0.7%.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance increased by 0.4 of a point or 0.3%.

Health increased by 0.5 of a point or 0.4%.

Transport increased by 2.6 points or 2.2%.

Communication increased by 0.2 of a point or 0.2%

Recreation and Culture decreased by 1.2 points or 1.1%

Education recorded no change.

Restaurants and Hotels recorded no change.

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

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Monthly Division Movements

May 2026

Divisions	Weights	% of Basket Weight	Index April 2026	Index May 2026	Change Over April 2026	
					Points	%
01. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2193	21.9	124.5	124.7	0.2	0.2
02. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	241	2.4	110.8	111.7	0.9	0.8
03. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	266	2.7	90.3	89.1	-1.2	-1.3
04. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	1547	15.5	108.8	109.6	0.8	0.7
05. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	546	5.5	116.2	116.6	0.4	0.3
06. HEALTH	361	3.6	127.7	128.2	0.5	0.4
07. TRANSPORT	1353	13.5	119.0	121.6	2.6	2.2
08. COMMUNICATION	432	4.3	121.0	121.2	0.2	0.2
09. RECREATION AND CULTURE	399	4.0	104.5	103.3	-1.2	-1.1
10. EDUCATION	970	9.7	82.6	82.6	0.0	0.0
11. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	922	9.2	124.2	124.2	0.0	0.0
12. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	770	7.7	120.5	120.7	0.2	0.2
ALL ITEMS	10000	100.0	114.4	114.9	0.5	0.4

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Point to Point Percentage Change in the All Items Index

Month	All Items Index						Percentage Change				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	101.8	104.2	108.0	111.4	112.1	113.6	2.4	3.6	3.1	0.6	1.3
February	NA	104.6	109.1	112.5	112.2	113.7	NA	4.3	3.1	-0.3	1.3
March	101.9	105.5	110.0	112.1	112.6	114.3	3.5	4.3	1.9	0.4	1.5
April	102.0	106.3	109.9	112.1	112.3	114.4	4.2	3.4	2.0	0.2	1.9
May	101.6	108.1	110.5	112.1	112.6	114.9	6.4	2.2	1.4	0.4	2.0
June	102.0	108.4	110.9	112.7	113.4		6.3	2.3	1.6	0.6	
July	102.6	109.0	111.1	112.4	113.5		6.2	1.9	1.2	1.0	
August	103.4	108.4	111.5	112.3	113.7		4.8	2.9	0.7	1.2	
September	103.6	107.9	111.6	112.3	113.6		4.2	3.4	0.6	1.2	
October	103.8	107.7	111.9	112.4	114.0		3.8	3.9	0.4	1.4	
November	104.0	108.2	111.3	112.3	114.2		4.0	2.9	0.9	1.7	
December	104.1	108.1	111.6	112.0	113.8		3.8	3.2	0.4	1.6	
Annual Averages	102.8	107.2	110.6	112.2	113.2	114.2	4.3	3.2	1.5	0.9	0.9

Averages for the Twelve Month Period

Month	Average All Item Index						Inflation				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	101.3	103.0	107.5	110.9	112.3	113.3	1.7	4.4	3.2	1.3	0.9
February	NA	103.1	107.9	111.2	112.2	113.4	NA	4.6	3.1	0.9	1.1
March	101.2	103.4	108.3	111.4	112.3	113.5	2.2	4.7	2.9	0.8	1.1
April	101.3	103.8	108.6	111.5	112.3	113.7	2.5	4.6	2.7	0.7	1.2
May	101.4	104.3	108.8	111.7	112.3	113.9	2.9	4.2	2.7	0.5	1.4
June	101.5	104.9	109.0	111.8	112.4		3.3	3.9	2.6	0.5	
July	101.7	105.4	109.1	111.9	112.5		3.7	3.6	2.6	0.5	
August	101.9	105.8	109.4	112.0	112.6		3.9	3.4	2.4	0.5	
September	102.1	106.2	109.7	112.1	112.7		4.0	3.3	2.1	0.5	
October	102.3	106.5	110.1	112.1	112.9		4.1	3.3	1.8	0.7	
November	102.6	106.9	110.3	112.2	113.0		4.2	3.2	1.7	0.7	
December	102.8	107.2	110.6	112.2	113.2		4.3	3.2	1.5	0.9	

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
May 2025 - May 2026

