



Antigua and Barbuda

Monthly Release of the Consumer Price Index (CPI)



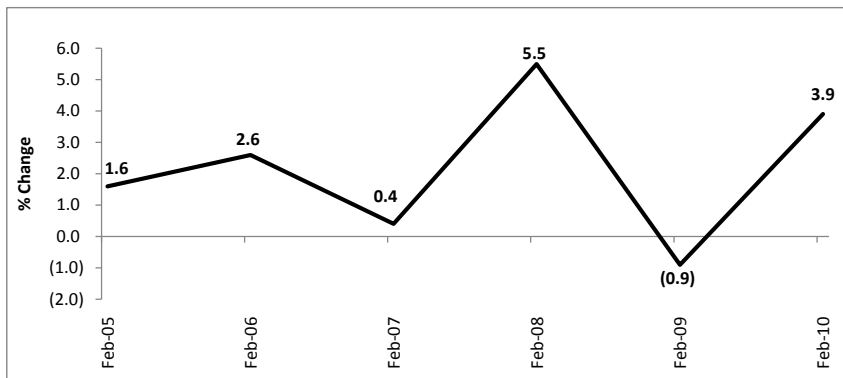
Expenditure Categories	Jan 2001 weights	Feb-2010 Inflation Rate			3.9%	
		Consumer Price Indices			Year-on-Year % Change	Month-to-Month % Change
		Feb-2010	Jan-2010	Feb-2009	Feb-2010	Feb-2010
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All Items	1000.0	120.81	120.39	116.24	3.9	0.3
Food	214.2	130.41	131.39	124.59	4.7	(0.7)
Alcoholic Drink and Tobacco	1.6	130.09	130.46	126.95	2.5	(0.3)
Clothing and Footwear	110.6	104.46	104.46	100.77	3.7	-
Accommodation	218.3	109.68	109.68	110.30	(0.6)	-
Furnishings, Supplies and Operations	126.0	113.29	113.24	115.54	(1.9)	-
Fuel and Light	63.9	138.24	130.39	96.09	43.9	6.0
Transportation and Communication	153.5	120.11	120.11	119.18	0.8	-
Medical Expenses	27.6	113.51	113.51	113.55	-	-
Education	23.4	160.96	160.96	145.34	10.7	-
Personal Services	43.0	154.48	154.48	154.48	-	-
Other (Misc)	17.9	116.26	117.45	108.88	6.8	(1.0)
<i>All Items LESS Food</i>		<i>118.19</i>	<i>117.57</i>	<i>113.96</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>All Items LESS Energy</i>		<i>117.15</i>	<i>118.96</i>	<i>117.15</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(1.5)</i>
<i>All Items LESS Food and Energy</i>		<i>115.17</i>	<i>115.20</i>	<i>114.90</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-</i>

Energy includes: Fuel & Light (Electricity ; LPG/Cooking Gas) and Gasoline

- means zero

0.0 means negligible

All Items Year-on-Year % Change



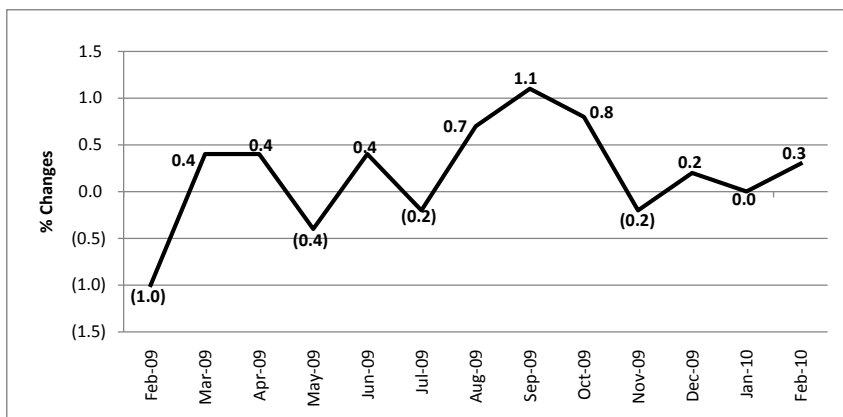
Key Highlights for Feb-2010

The annual rate of inflation was measured at 3.9% for Feb 2010. Fuel and Light category had the largest increase of 43.9% over the twelve month period from Feb 2009. This was primarily due to an increase in the fuel variation rate from 33 cents in Feb 2009 to 65 cents in Feb 2010, and an increase in the 20lb cylinder of LPG cooking gas from \$21.00 in Feb 2009 to \$31.00 in Feb 2010.

Amongst the eleven expenditure categories, Education recorded the second largest increase of 10.7% following Fuel and Light. This increase was attributed to an increase in tuition fees in Sep 2009. Additional increases were recorded for three categories - Food, Clothing and Footwear, Alcoholic Drink and Tobacco. Declines were also recorded for Furnishing, Supplies and Operations, and Accommodation.

An increase of 6% was also measured for the Fuel and Light category for Feb 2010 compared to Jan 2010. This was also attributed to an increase in the fuel variation rate from 59 cents in Jan 2010 to 65 cents in Feb 2010. The cost of the basket of goods and services increased by 0.3% between Jan 2010 and Feb 2010. This is shown by the increase in the All Items index from 120.39 to 120.81. This basket of goods and services in February 2010 cost just over 20% more compared to 2001.

All Items Month-to-Month % Changes



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