

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ANNUAL REVIEW 2008

ALL JAMAICA 'ALL DIVISIONS – ALL ITEMS' CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
Headline Inflation - 16.8%
 Mean Annual Index 2008 - 130.2
 Mean Annual Index 2007 - 106.7
 Fiscal Year to Date
 Mar – Dec 2008 - +11.0%
 Mar – Dec 2007 - +14.0%

For the 2008 calendar year, the inflation rate was 16.8 per cent based on the All Jamaica 'All Divisions' Consumer Price Index. A similar 16.8 per cent inflation rate was recorded for the 2007 calendar year. The mean annual index for the 2008 calendar year was 130.2, a 22.0 per cent increase over the 106.7 that was recorded for the 2007 calendar year. *See Table i Consumer Price Index Annual Percentage Change by Regions and Divisions 2007 - 2008 and Table ii Consumer Price Index Mean Annual Index by Regions and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

For the fiscal year to date, March 2008 to December 2008, the rate of inflation was 11.0 per cent. This movement was 3.0 percentage points lower than the 14.0 per cent increase that was recorded for the same nine-month period in 2007. *See Table iii Consumer Price Index Fiscal Year-to-Date Percentage Change by Regions and Divisions: March 2007 – December 2008*

Table i
Consumer Price Index Annual Percentage Change by Regions and Divisions 2007 – 2008

DIVISIONS	2008				2007			
	AJ	GKMA	OUC	RA	AJ	GKMA	OUC	RA
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	16.8	17.0	16.8	16.6	16.8	17.4	16.4	16.6
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	24.0	24.3	22.9	24.0	24.7	28.7	22.0	23.3
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	27.0	37.3	17.4	25.0	16.0	15.7	18.2	15.4
03 Clothing and Footwear	14.4	24.8	6.0	11.8	15.4	19.9	10.9	14.8
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	9.3	12.2	8.4	6.9	21.0	14.9	26.4	24.5
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	16.3	20.0	17.5	13.0	17.0	18.1	15.7	16.8
06 Health	9.1	8.7	10.1	9.0	3.4	2.2	3.2	4.2
07 Transport	9.6	1.0	14.4	13.1	6.8	5.9	7.3	7.2
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.8	1.9	3.0
09 Recreation and Culture	12.8	10.7	9.2	15.8	9.9	8.5	14.0	9.3
10 Education	16.5	13.3	19.1	19.0	6.1	6.5	5.7	5.8
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	13.8	16.9	20.6	8.0	15.3	15.6	15.4	15.0
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	17.7	20.5	18.4	15.4	9.8	12.2	7.1	9.3

Table ii

Consumer Price Index Mean Annual Index by Regions and Divisions 2007 - 2008

DIVISIONS	2008				2007			
	AJ	GKMA	OUC	RA	AJ	G KMA	OUC	RA
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	130.2	131.7	130.0	129.3	106.7	107.2	106.9	106.3
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	142.3	147.8	139.1	140.2	108.9	111.3	108.3	107.7
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	136.0	144.6	131.3	133.1	108.8	107.3	110.1	109.1
03 Clothing and Footwear	126.7	140.7	114.6	124.0	106.3	106.9	106.5	106.0
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	136.7	130.9	141.0	140.7	106.3	104.3	108.7	107.1
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	128.8	133.0	127.8	126.1	110.4	111.0	111.1	109.6
06 Health	110.2	107.9	110.6	111.3	101.8	101.5	101.3	102.2
07 Transport	116.3	111.9	120.6	117.4	103.1	102.9	103.5	103.1
08 Communication	102.7	102.9	102.0	103.0	102.0	102.1	101.4	102.2
09 Recreation and Culture	117.5	116.0	119.5	118.0	105.6	104.1	109.1	105.5
10 Education	116.2	115.9	116.5	116.5	102.0	102.2	101.8	101.8
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	125.2	128.0	130.5	120.4	109.6	109.2	109.8	109.8
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	122.2	127.7	119.8	119.5	104.5	105.3	103.7	104.4

Table iii

Consumer Price Index Fiscal Year-to-Date Percentage Change by Regions and Divisions: March – December 2008

DIVISIONS	2008				2007			
	AJ	GKMA	OUC	RA	AJ	GKMA	OUC	RA
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	11.0	8.5	9.3	11.9	14.0	14.1	13.2	14.2
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	15.7	13.1	12.9	16.8	20.5	22.6	18	20.2
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	21.7	26.0	15.5	20.9	12.2	12.3	13.2	11.7
03 Clothing and Footwear	7.2	10.7	4.1	5.8	12.1	15.7	4.8	13.0
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	5.4	4.6	3.1	3.9	23.3	16.7	28.3	27.7
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	9.2	9.9	9.1	7.8	7.9	7.9	6.3	8.6
06 Health	5.3	6.6	3.3	4.5	2.4	1.0	3.0	3.0
07 Transport	7.8	-2.3	9.6	12.5	5.8	4.7	5.5	6.5
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.2	1.5	2.3
09 Recreation and Culture	9.8	4.8	6.4	14.1	6.9	6.7	7.0	6.9
10 Education	10.3	6.2	11.9	13.5	6.0	6.3	5.7	5.8
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	9.7	10.9	12.2	6.4	8.5	10.4	8.0	7.1
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	10.1	7.9	8.0	9.8	7.0	9.4	5.0	6.3

Factors Affecting the Rate of Inflation

MONTHLY AVERAGE J\$ EXCHANGE RATE VS US\$		
JANUARY	\$71.08	The inflation rate of 16.8 per cent was the combination of local and international factors. The movement in world oil prices, international commodity prices for grains and cereals, fluctuations in the rate of exchange of the J\$ against its US counterpart all impacted on the movement of prices throughout 2008. Another factor affecting prices was the reduction in supply of certain agricultural products. This was the result of the continued effects of hurricane Dean in August 2007 and prolonged heavy rainfall in October and November 2007 as well as the passage of tropical storm Gustav in August 2008, which hampered the recovery of the Agricultural industry.
FEBRUARY	\$71.62	
MARCH	\$71.23	The price of oil was one of the main contributors to inflation in 2008. Prices were high in the first half of the year due to increased demand for oil in emerging markets, particularly China and the Middle East, supply shortage and geopolitical concerns with respect to tensions in the Middle East which could possible affect future supply. As demand fell in the second half of the year and inventories grew, the price of oil fell .
APRIL	\$71.10	
MAY	\$71.38	A look at the West Texas Intermediate weekly spot prices indicated that oil prices started the year in the first week of January averaging approximately US\$98.17 per barrel of crude. It peaked in the first week of July at \$142.52 and ended the year with the lowest price recorded in 2008, US\$32.98.
JUNE	\$71.70	The result of the fluctuations of the oil prices on the world market, translated into fluctuations in prices on the Jamaican market particularly for petroleum and petroleum related products, electricity which is dependent on oil to be generated water and sewage.
JULY	\$72.17	International commodity prices for grains and cereals also had an impact on inflation in 2008. Prices rose as there was increased demand and low supply due to the use of commodities such as corn in the manufacture of bio-fuels.
AUGUST	\$72.02	
SEPTEMBER	\$72.24	The exchange rate also impacted price movements during the period under review. Throughout the year the monthly average rate as reported by the Bank of Jamaica, fluctuated. The year began with the rate at J\$71.08 to the US\$ in January peaking at J\$76.93 in November and ending the year in December at J\$76.61. The average exchange rate for the year was Jamaican \$72.92 to 1 US dollar. In 2007, this rate was J\$69.06. Thus the exchange rate recorded a movement of approximately 5.6 per cent for 2008 when compared to 2007.
OCTOBER	\$74.03	
NOVEMBER	\$76.93	
DECEMBER	\$76.61	

Source: The Bank of Jamaica

¹Source: Prices quoted reflect the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) average weekly price per barrel of crude oil.

Price Movements

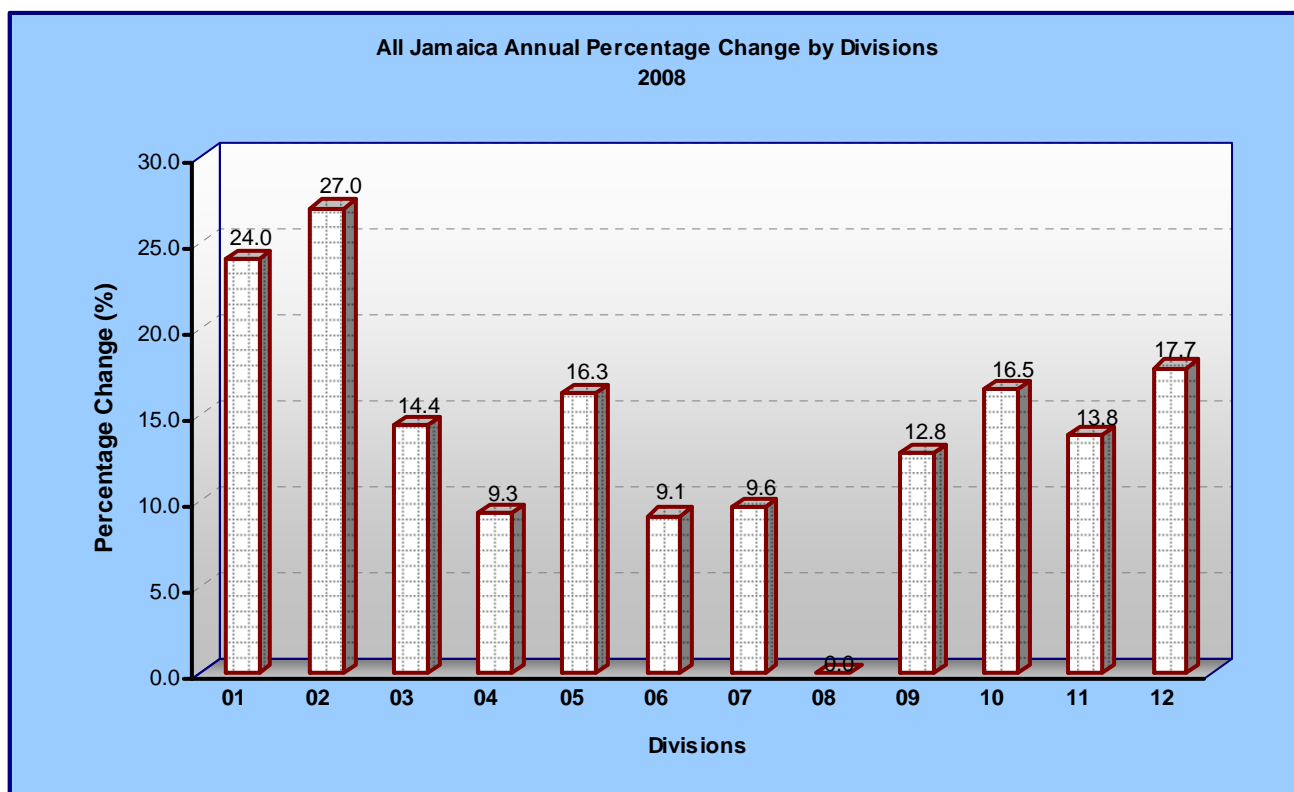
ALL JAMAICA: DIVISIONS ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)	
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (24.0%)
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (27.0%)
03	Clothing and Footwear (14.4%)
04	Housing, Water, Electricity Gas and Other Fuels (9.3%)
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (16.3%)
06	Health (9.1%)
07	Transport (9.6%)
08	Communication (0.0%)
09	Recreation and Culture (12.8%)
10	Education (16.5%)
11	Restaurants & Accommodation Services (13.8%)
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services (17.7%)

Eight of the twelve divisions making up the All Jamaica ‘All Divisions – All Items’ Consumer Price Index recorded increases of over ten per cent. Despite the division recording the highest movement being ‘Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco’ which rose by 27.0 per cent, the divisional movement having the greatest impact on the overall index was the division with the second highest movement, ‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’, which increased by 24.0 per cent. This division carries the highest weight in the computation of the index. Other divisions recording double-digit inflation were ‘Miscellaneous Goods and Services’ up by 17.7 per cent, ‘Education’ by 16.5 per cent, ‘Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance’ by 16.3 per cent, ‘Clothing and Footwear’ 14.4 per cent, ‘Restaurants and Accommodation Services’ moved upwards by 13.8 per cent and ‘Recreation and Culture’ by 12.8 per cent.

Single-digit increases were recorded for Transport’ (9.6 per cent), ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’ (9.3 per cent) and ‘Health’ (9.1 per cent). The division ‘Communication’ recorded no increase.

See Table i All Jamaica Annual Percentage Change by Regions and Divisions 2007 - 2008 and Table 1.2 Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January - December 2008

Chart I



ALL JAMAICA 'ALL DIVISIONS' CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)	
JANUARY	+2.2%
FEBRUARY	+1.8%
MARCH	+1.2%
APRIL	+1.5%
MAY	+2.4%
JUNE	+2.0%
JULY	+2.8%
AUGUST	+1.2%
SEPTEMBER	+0.6%
OCTOBER	+0.3%
NOVEMBER	-0.3%
DECEMBER	0.0%
POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
Jan - Mar 2008	+5.2%
Apr - Jun 2008	+6.0%
Jul - Sep 2008	+4.8%
Oct - Dec 2008	0.0%
HALF-YEARLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
Jan - Jun 2008	+11.5%
Jul - Dec 2008	+ 4.8%
POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE:	
Jan - Mar 2007	+2.5%
Apr - Jun 2007	+2.5%
Jul - Sep 2007	+3.6%
Oct - Dec 2007	+7.3%
HALF-YEARLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE:	
Jan - Jun 2007	+5.1%
Jul - Dec 2007	+11.2%

In January 2008 the inflation rate stood at 2.2 per cent, decelerating from 3.2 per cent in November 2007 and 2.5 per cent in December 2007. All divisions recorded increases in January. Divisions recording the highest increases were 'Education' rising by 5.6 per cent largely the result of increased tuition fees and 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' 3.0 per cent. All classes within this division recorded increases. The index for the class 'Milk, Cheese and Eggs' recorded the highest increase of 8.0 per cent. The inflation rate continued on a downward path in February and March moving 1.8 per cent and 1.2 per cent respectively. Contributing to the downturn, were the rates recorded for the division 'Transport' which moved 0.7 per cent in February and 0.4 per cent in March. This division carries a weight of approximately 12.8 per cent in the compilation of the index. The division 'Education' also contributed to the slow down, as the index recorded no movement for the two months compared to the 5.6 per cent recorded in January. In March also the division 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' recorded a fall of 0.9 per cent the result of reduced prices being paid for Water and Light. Although lower rates were recorded for 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' 1.9 per cent in February and 2.1 per cent in March, in comparison to the 3.0 per cent recorded in January, these rates were higher than the movement in the 'All Divisions' All Items index for these two months.

The index inched up by 1.5 per cent in April as higher rates were recorded for the divisions 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' 2.5 per cent and 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' 1.8 per cent. The month of May also saw another increase of 2.4 per cent in the index. Factors contributing to the rise were increased prices being paid for oil, wheat and grains on the international market, as well as increases in the taxes related to motor vehicles, drivers' licenses and the special consumption tax on cigarettes. This resulted in increases in the divisions 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' 2.6 per cent, 'Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco' 13.1 per cent, 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' 4.6 per cent and 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' 2.8 per cent.

The index fell from the 2.4 per cent increase recorded for May to 2.0 per cent in June 2008. In July 2008 however inflation peaked at 2.8 per cent. This was 1.8 per cent higher than the 1.0 per cent recorded for July 2007. The rise in oil prices translated into higher prices being paid for bus fares in the Rural and Other Urban Centres impacting the index for the division 'Transport' which recorded a 9.9 per cent upward movement and higher electricity cost impacting on the division 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' which rose by 6.9 per cent.

With the fall in oil prices on the world market from August 2008, inflation started slowing down recording lower rates of increases for the remaining portion of the year. In August the rate of inflation was 1.2 per cent, September 0.6 per cent and October 0.3 per cent. The lowest rate for 2008 was in November when a negative 0.3 per cent was recorded. This was the first negative growth recorded since November 2006 when the rate fell 0.2 per cent. The divisions recording declines that impacted the All Jamaica index were 'Transport' and 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels', which fell by 2.8 and 8.1 per cent respectively. However, the movement in the index for the division 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' was 2.3 per cent moving up from the 0.9 per cent that was recorded for the month of October. In November the Jamaican dollar depreciated in value by 3.9 per cent.

In December the index recorded no movement. The division carrying the highest weight in the index 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' increased by 0.9 per cent, this was however tempered by the declines in the index for the divisions 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' 2.7 per cent and 'Transport' 2.0 per cent. *See Table 1.2 Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January – December 2008*

Semi – Annual Movements

For the period January to June 2008 there was an 11.5 per cent upward movement in the All Jamaica 'All Divisions – All Items' index. This rate of movement slowed in the second half of the calendar year to 4.8 per cent largely the result of the fall in oil prices on the world market.

These semi-annual movements were the opposite of what was obtained in the 2007 calendar year when the lower movement was recorded for the period January to June 2007 as there was a 5.1 per cent increase. The second half, July to December 2007 recorded an 11.2 per cent movement. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Quarterly Movements

The quarterly inflation rates indicate that for the first quarter the rate of inflation was 5.2 per cent. In the second quarter the rate increased 0.8 percentage point to 6.0 per cent. In the third quarter of 2008, there was a 4.8 per cent increase. However, the last quarter of 2008 recorded a 0.0 per cent movement. *See Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Table iv

Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008

DIVISIONS	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:							
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008	Mar 2007	Jun 2007	Sep 2007	Dec 2007
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	5.2	6.0	4.8	0.0	2.5	2.5	3.6	7.3
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.2	6.6	4.2	4.2	3.5	2.1	4.7	12.8
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.4	16.6	3.0	1.4	3.4	5.4	2.7	3.7
03 Clothing and Footwear	6.7	2.7	2.5	1.8	3.0	2.6	1.9	7.2
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.7	10.2	7.1	-10.7	-1.9	5.0	10.1	6.8
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.5	2.4	3.9	2.6	8.5	1.6	1.9	4.1
06 Health	3.7	3.4	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.6	1.1
07 Transport	1.7	5.2	9.8	-6.7	1.0	2.4	-0.1	3.3
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.0	0.1	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	2.8	4.0	3.2	2.3	2.8	2.1	2.8	1.9
10 Education	5.6	0.9	9.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	5.7	0.2
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	3.8	5.1	3.0	1.3	6.3	4.1	1.5	2.6
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	6.9	5.0	2.4	2.4	2.5	1.5	1.2	4.2

Table v

Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008

DIVISIONS	Percentage Change for 6 months ending:			
	Jun 2007	Dec 2007	Jun 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	5.1	11.2	11.5	4.8
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.6	18.0	14.3	8.6
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	9.0	6.4	21.7	4.4
03 Clothing and Footwear	5.6	9.3	9.6	4.4
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.0	17.5	14.3	-4.3
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	10.2	6.1	9.1	6.6
06 Health	1.8	1.6	7.2	1.8
07 Transport	3.5	3.2	7.0	2.5
08 Communication	2.6	0.1	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	5.0	4.7	6.8	5.6
10 Education	0.1	6.0	6.5	9.3
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	10.7	4.2	9.0	4.4
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.1	5.5	12.2	4.9

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

ALL JAMAICA 'FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES' DIVISION

MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)

JANUARY	+3.0%
FEBRUARY	+1.9%
MARCH	+2.1%
APRIL	+1.8%
MAY	+2.6%
JUNE	+2.1%
JULY	+1.2%
AUGUST	+1.4%
SEPTEMBER	+1.5%
OCTOBER	+0.9%
NOVEMBER	+2.3%
DECEMBER	+0.9%

POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Mar 2008	+7.2%
Apr - Jun 2008	+6.6%
Jul - Sep 2008	+4.2%
Oct - Dec 2008	+4.2%

SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Jun 2008	+14.3%
Jul - Dec 2008	+8.6%

The All Jamaica CPI for the division 'Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages' recorded an increase of 24.0 per cent for the 2008 calendar year. This was 0.7 percentage point lower than the 24.7 per cent recorded for 2007. This division's contribution to the overall movement in the rate of inflation of 16.8 per cent was approximately 40 per cent. The groups within the division, 'Food' and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages', recorded increases of 24.7 and 13.1 per cent respectively. *See Table xiii Consumer Price Index Annual Percentage Change by Regions, Divisions, Groups and Classes 2007 - 2008*

The highest monthly movement for this division for the period under review, was recorded in January, when there was a 3.0 per cent inflation rate. This was 0.5 percentage point lower than the 3.5 per cent recorded for December 2007 and 1.7 percentage points higher than the 1.3 per cent recorded for January 2007. In this month the division 'Food' increased by 3.0 per cent and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' by 2.9 per cent. Within the 'Food' group the main contributors to the movement in the index were increased prices for 'Bread and Cereals', 'Milk, Cheese and Eggs', 'Oils and Fats', 'Fruit' and 'Vegetables and Starchy Foods'. Within the 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' group 'Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices' and 'Coffee Tea and Cocoa' all recorded higher prices.

February saw the index moving at the lower rate of 1.9 per cent with the group 'Food' recording a similar increase of 1.9 per cent and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' 1.5 per cent. By March, the index inched upwards by 2.1 per cent, with 'Food' increasing by 2.2 per cent and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' 0.8 per cent. For the month of April, the index decelerated to 1.8 per cent with 'Food' moving by 1.9 per cent and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' by 0.9 per cent. The movement in the index for May was the second highest movement for the year, 2.6 per cent. For this month 'Food' rose by 2.7 per cent and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' at the lower rate of 1.1 per cent. In this month 'Bread and Cereals' had the highest increase for the year of 8.0 per cent. 'Oils and Fats' also increased significantly, moving by 4.2 per cent.

In June the index rose by 2.1 per cent, with 'Food' again recording the higher increase of 2.2 per cent. 'Bread and Cereals' and 'Oils and fats' recorded movements of 5.7 and 2.7 respectively. 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' rose by 1.3 per cent. In July the index fell to 1.2 per cent, with 'Food' moving similar to the movement in the division and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' 1.0 per cent. In August there was a slight upward movement of 1.4 per cent. The index for the group 'Food' increased by 1.4 per cent while 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' increased by 0.9 per cent. In September, the index for the division inched up to 1.5 per cent 'Food' recording 1.6 per cent as higher prices were reflected for all areas particularly 'Vegetables and Starchy Foods' which moved the highest by 2.0 per cent. 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' increased by 0.6 per cent.

October saw the lowest increase in the index for the year of 0.9 per cent as six of the classes in the group reflected movements of less than one per cent. November had the third highest increase in the index for the year of 2.3 per cent, despite an overall fall in the All Jamaica 'All Divisions' index of 0.3 per cent. 'Vegetables and Starchy Foods' reflected the significant increase of 8.8 per cent. 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' rose by 0.1 per cent. By December, the index returned to the October level of 0.9 per cent, with 'Food' moving 1.0 per cent and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' 0.7 per cent. *See Table 1.2 Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January – December 2008*

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (cont'd)

Point-to-Point quarterly inflation rates showed that the first quarter increased by 7.2 per cent, while in the second quarter there was a 6.6 per cent rise. The third and fourth quarters recorded a similar 4.2 per cent. *Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

A comparison of the figures for the six-month periods, indicate that in January to June the higher movement of 14.3 per cent was recorded. July to December recorded an increase of 8.6 per cent. In contrast, for the 2007 calendar year, the higher movement of 18.0 per cent was recorded for the period July to December while, for the period January to June there was a 5.6 per cent increase. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart II

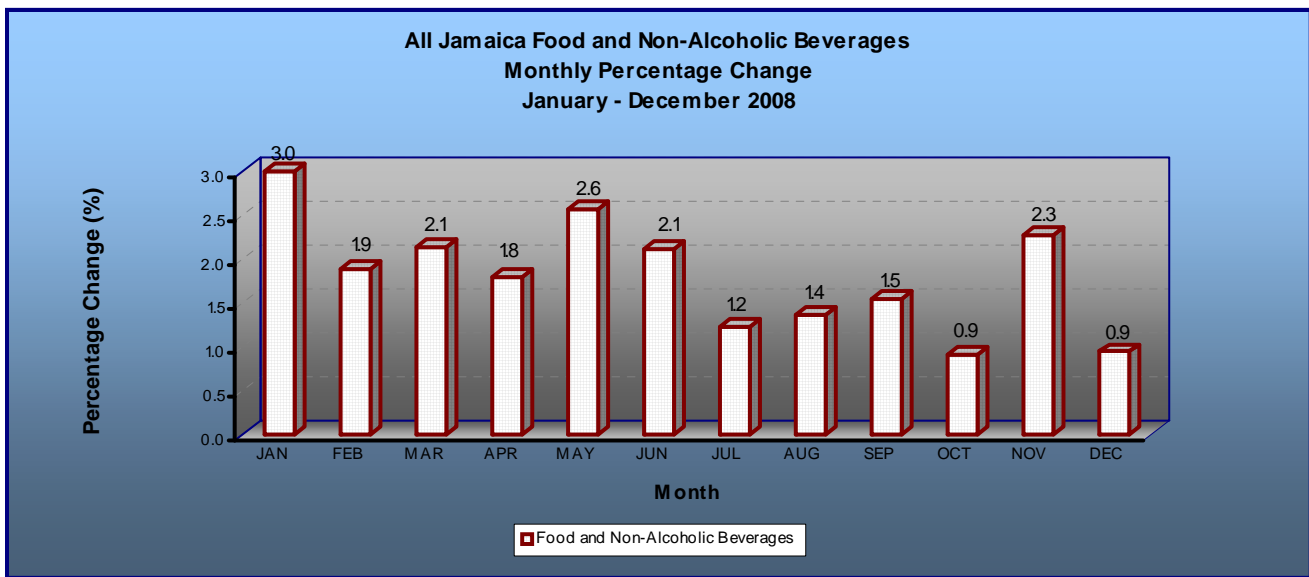


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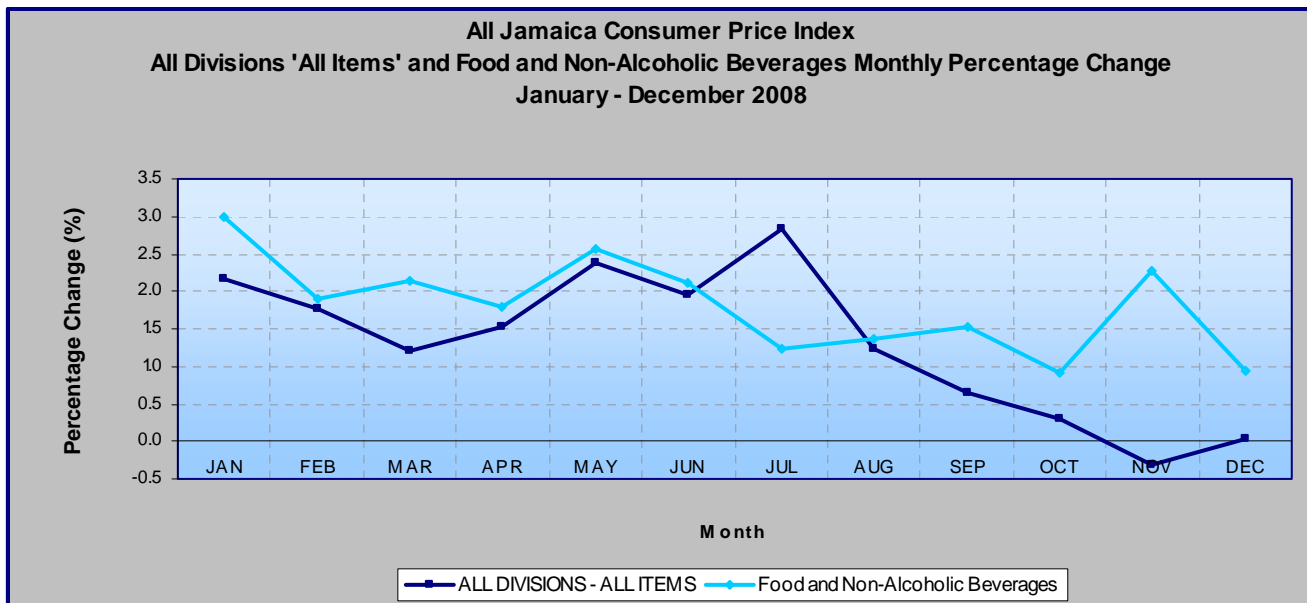


Table vi

Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Division, Groups and Classes 2007 - 2008

DIVISIONS	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:							
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sept 2008	Dec 2008	Mar 2007	Jun 2007	Sept 2007	Dec 2007
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	5.2	6.0	4.8	0.0	2.5	2.5	3.6	7.3
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.2	6.6	4.2	4.2	3.5	2.1	4.7	12.8
Food	7.3	6.8	4.3	4.4	3.3	1.9	4.9	13.4
Bread and Cereals (ND)	6.4	18.1	4.2	1.9	3.0	2.8	3.0	20.0
Meat (ND)	3.9	3.1	4.6	3.4	6.7	3.1	1.9	10.3
Fish and Seafood (ND)	5.8	2.9	3.8	4.1	3.3	3.4	3.0	6.2
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	13.1	5.1	2.9	1.5	5.9	3.0	3.6	7.2
Oils and Fats (ND)	12.3	11.3	9.0	5.3	3.4	2.6	2.6	11.2
Fruit (ND)	9.6	2.7	2.4	-1.3	1.9	0.7	5.6	13.5
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	8.0	4.6	4.3	10.1	-1.0	-2.2	14.6	23.6
Vegetables	7.1	4.3	5.1	18.0	0.9	-1.0	10.7	22.6
Starchy Foods	9.1	5.2	2.9	-6.6	-4.8	-4.9	23.4	25.7
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	9.1	4.5	3.4	2.1	3.7	2.5	2.3	4.7
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	9.4	5.5	4.0	3.7	3.2	2.5	1.7	6.3
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.4	3.3	2.6	1.3	5.6	4.3	1.8	4.1
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	3.0	2.2	1.4	1.4	2.7	3.7	1.9	5.2
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	6.2	3.8	3.0	1.3	6.7	4.5	1.8	3.7

Table vii

Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Division, Groups and Classes 2007 - 2008

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 6 months ending:			
	Jun 2008	Dec 2008	Jun 2007	Dec 2007
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	11.5	4.8	5.1	11.2
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.3	8.6	5.6	18.0
Food	14.6	8.8	5.3	18.9
Bread and Cereals (ND)	25.7	6.2	5.9	23.6
Meat (ND)	7.1	8.1	10.0	12.5
Fish and Seafood (ND)	8.9	8.1	6.8	9.4
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	18.8	4.5	9.0	11.1
Oils and Fats (ND)	24.9	14.8	6.1	14.1
Fruit (ND)	12.6	1.1	2.6	19.8
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	12.9	14.9	-3.2	41.6
Vegetables	11.6	24.0	-0.1	35.7
Starchy Foods	14.7	-3.9	-9.5	55.1
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	14.0	5.5	6.3	7.1
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	15.4	7.8	5.8	8.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.9	3.9	10.1	6.0
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	5.2	2.8	6.5	7.2
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	10.3	4.3	11.5	5.6

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

ALL JAMAICA 'ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO' DIVISION

MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)

JANUARY	+2.0%
FEBRUARY	+1.5%
MARCH	+0.7%
APRIL	+0.4%
MAY	+13.1%
JUNE	+2.6%
JULY	+1.5%
AUGUST	+1.2%
SEPTEMBER	+0.3%
OCTOBER	+0.2%
NOVEMBER	+0.3%
DECEMBER	+0.9%

POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Mar 2008	+4.4%
Apr - Jun 2008	+16.6%
Jul - Sep 2008	+3.0%
Oct - Dec 2008	+1.4%

SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Jun 2008	+21.7%
Jul - Dec 2008	+4.4%

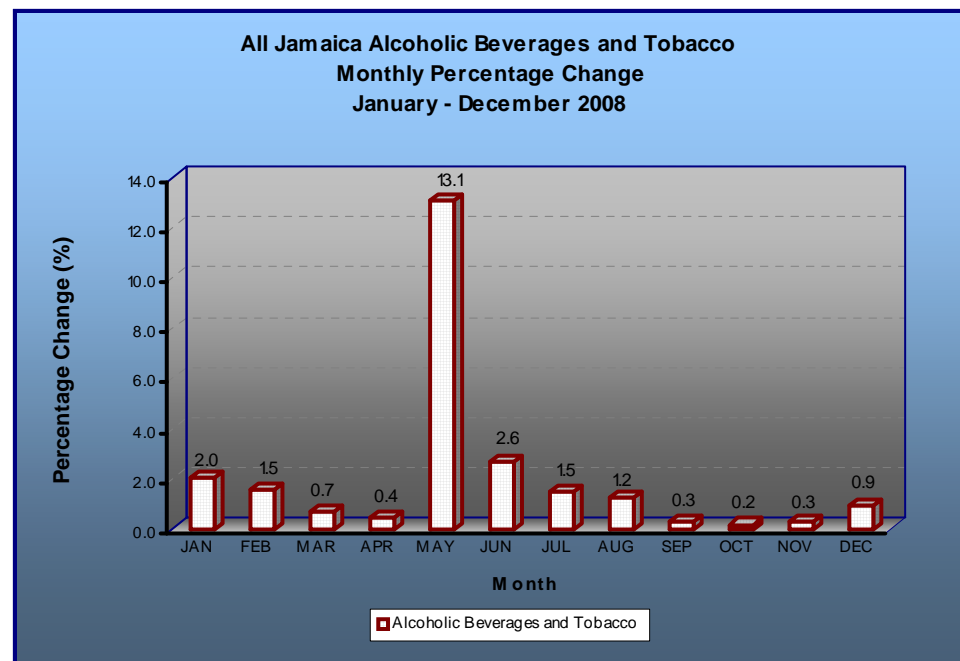
Of the twelve COICOP divisions that make up the CPI, the index for the division 'Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco' recorded the highest inflation rate of 27.0 per cent in 2008. In the calendar year 2007, the index for this division increased by 16.0 per cent, and was then the division recording the fourth highest movement. The main contributors to the movement in 2008 were the increased prices for spirits and cigarettes. The highest movement for this division was recorded in the month of May, with the only double digit inflation for the year of 13.1 per cent being recorded. This was largely the result of the reform of the tax structure for tobacco and its related products which saw an increase in the Special Consumption Tax (SCT) on these products as of May 1st, 2008.

Increases of over 1 per cent were recorded for five months of the year, namely June 2.6 per cent, January 2.0 per cent, February and July both rising by 1.5 per cent and August 1.2 per cent. *See Table 1.2 Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January – December 2008*

The index moved the highest, the second quarter of the year, increasing by 16.6 per cent. It had increased by 4.4 per cent in the first quarter of the year, with the rate of increase slowing to 3.0 per cent in the third quarter and 1.4 per cent in the fourth. *See Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

The half yearly figures showed the first half of the year increasing by 21.7 per cent and the second half by 4.4 per cent. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart IV



Clothing and Footwear

ALL JAMAICA 'CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR' DIVISION	
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)	
JANUARY	+2.6%
FEBRUARY	+3.1%
MARCH	+0.8%
APRIL	+0.8%
MAY	+0.9%
JUNE	+1.0%
JULY	+1.0%
AUGUST	+1.1%
SEPTEMBER	+0.4%
OCTOBER	+0.6%
NOVEMBER	+0.7%
DECEMBER	+0.6%
POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
Jan - Mar 2008	+6.7%
Apr - Jun 2008	+2.7%
Jul - Sep 2008	+2.5%
Oct - Dec 2008	+1.8%
SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
Jan - Jun 2008	+9.6%
Jul - Dec 2008	+4.4%

During the period under review, the All Jamaica index for the division 'Clothing and Footwear' reflected an annual increase of 14.4 per cent. This was 1.0 per cent lower than the 15.4 per cent recorded for the calendar year 2007. The two groups making up this division had increases in their index. 'Footwear' rose by 19.5 per cent and 'Clothing' increased by 11.2 per cent.

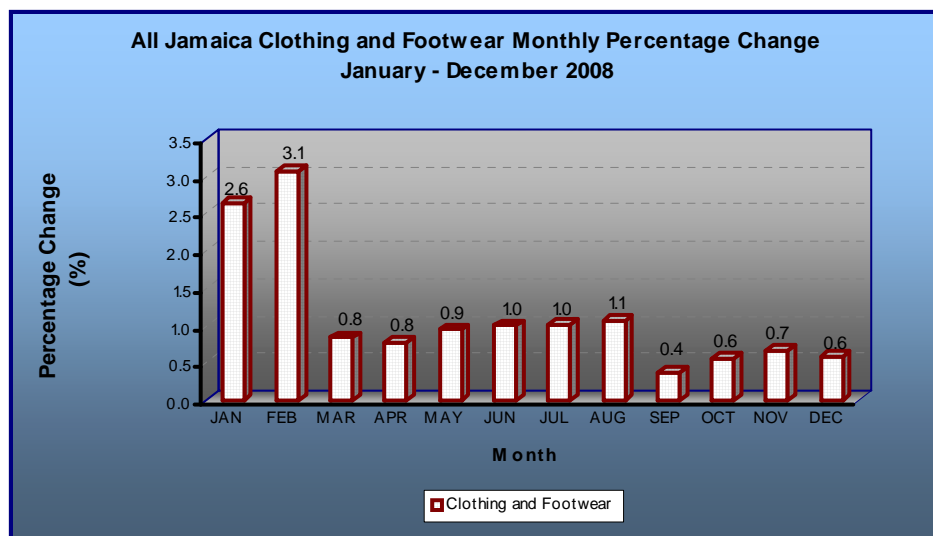
The main contributors to the movement in the index for the division were higher prices for clothing materials, underwear, socks, jeans, shirts for men, dry cleaning, nightgowns, pants and skirt suits.

The index for the division recorded upward movements for every month during the calendar year, ranging from a high of 3.1 per cent in February to a low of 0.4 per cent in September. Relatively moderate upward movements were recorded for August 1.1 per cent, while June and July had a similar 1.0 per cent increase. *See Table 1.2 Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January - December 2008*

The quarterly movements for this division showed that inflation was lowest in the fourth quarter of the year when the index for the division rose by 1.8 per cent. An increase of 6.7 per cent was recorded in the first quarter followed by slower advances in the movement of prices for the second and third quarters; 2.7 and 2.5 per cent respectively. *See Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

An examination of the half-yearly index showed that the first half of the year recorded the higher increase of 9.6 per cent. A 4.4 per cent increase was recorded for the second half of the year. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart V



Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

ALL JAMAICA 'HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS' DIVISION

MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)

JANUARY	+1.9%
FEBRUARY	+2.7%
MARCH	-0.9%
APRIL	+2.5%
MAY	+4.6%
JUNE	+2.8%
JULY	+6.9%
AUGUST	+2.6%
SEPTEMBER	-2.4%
OCTOBER	-0.1%
NOVEMBER	-8.1%
DECEMBER	-2.7%

POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Mar 2008	+3.7%
Apr - Jun 2008	+10.2%
Jul - Sep 2008	+7.1%
Oct - Dec 2008	-10.7%

SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Jun 2008	+14.3%
Jul - Dec 2008	-4.3%

For the division 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' an inflation rate of 9.3 per cent was recorded for 2008. The main contributor to the fluctuations in the movement of this index throughout the period was the price of fuel as well as fluctuations in the exchange rate. The four groups that make up the division recorded the following increases: 'Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling' (35.6 per cent), 'Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling' (18.0 per cent), 'Rentals for Housing' (8.3 per cent), and 'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (4.7 per cent).

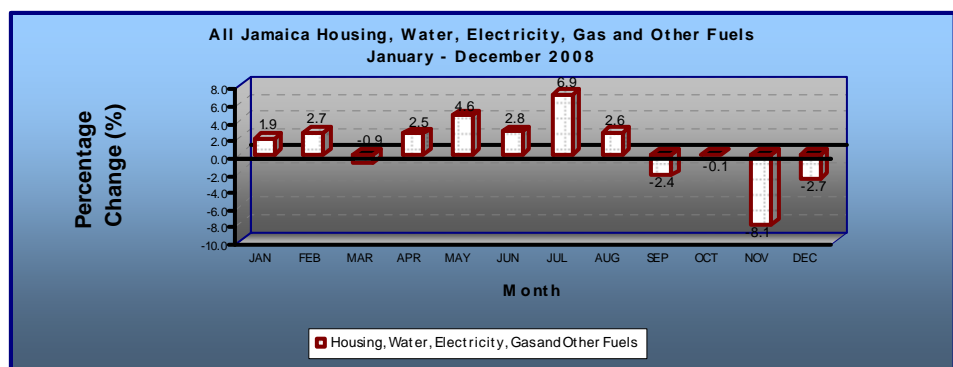
The year began with an increase of 1.9 per cent in the index for January, and ended with a decline of 2.7 per cent in December. An increase of 6.9 per cent in the index for the division in July represented the most significant monthly movement for the period under review. The main contributor was the 11.6 per cent increase in 'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' due mainly to the increase in the price of electricity, the result of high prices for oil on the world market. *See Table 1.2 Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January - December 2008*

Upward movements were also recorded in May (4.6 per cent), June (2.8 per cent), February (2.7 per cent) and August (2.6 per cent). As oil prices fell, so too did the index for the division which moved downwards during the last four months of the calendar year. The index declined by 2.4 per cent in September, 0.1 per cent in October, 8.1 per cent in November and 2.7 per cent in December.

The quarterly movements showed that inflation was lowest in the fourth quarter of the year when there was a 10.7 per cent decline. The second and third quarters reflected the highest movements of 10.2 and 7.1 per cent respectively. An increase of 3.7 per cent was recorded in the first quarter. *See Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions December 2007 - 2008*

For the first half of the year a price increase of 14.3 per cent was recorded for the division. For the second half however there was a 4.3 per cent decline. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart VI



Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

ALL JAMAICA 'FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE' DIVISION	
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)	
JANUARY	+1.7%
FEBRUARY	+4.0%
MARCH	+0.7%
APRIL	+0.7%
MAY	+0.5%
JUNE	+1.2%
JULY	+1.9%
AUGUST	+1.3%
SEPTEMBER	+0.7%
OCTOBER	+0.9%
NOVEMBER	+0.6%
DECEMBER	+1.1%
POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
Jan - Mar 2008	+6.5%
Apr - Jun 2008	+2.4%
Jul - Sep 2008	+3.9%
Oct - Dec 2008	+2.6%
SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
Jan - Jun 2008	+9.1%
Jul - Dec 2008	+6.6%

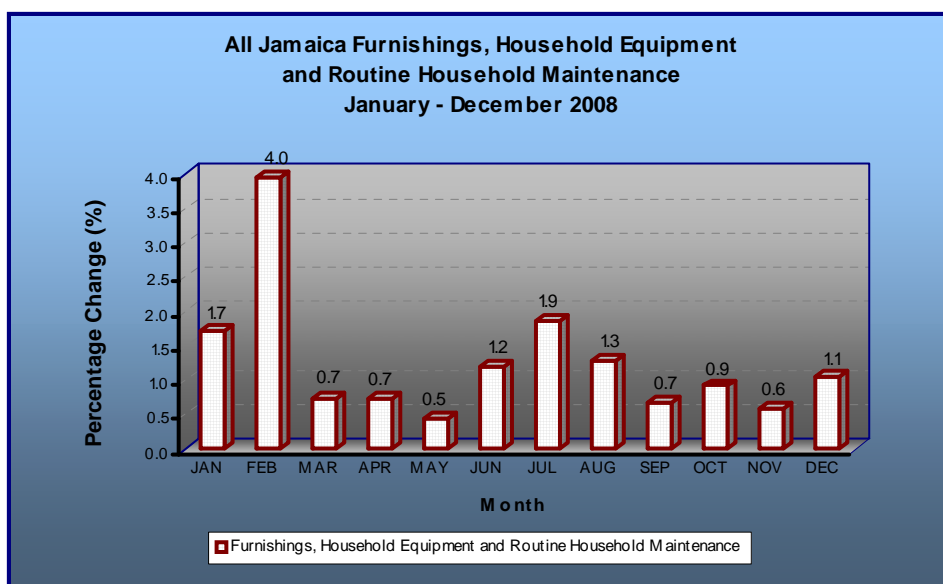
The All Jamaica index for the division 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' reflected a 16.3 per cent increase. The six groups that make up the division also recorded double-digit increases. 'Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)' and 'Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils' had the highest upward movements of 21.1 per cent and 17.9 per cent, respectively, followed by 'Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance', with 16.5 per cent. 'Household Textiles' increased by 14.1 per cent, 'Household Appliances' (11.7 per cent) and 'Tools and Equipment' (11.1 per cent).

As obtained in the 2007 calendar year, this division had the highest increase in February. The major contributors to the 4.0 per cent movement were increased wages for domestic helpers, 'days' workers, gardeners, carpenters, masons, plumbers, painters and electricians. The other months that increased by more than one per cent were January 1.7 per cent, June 1.2 per cent, July 1.9 per cent, August 1.3 per cent and December 1.1 per cent. *See Table 1.2 Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January - December 2008*

Inflation for this division when compared quarterly was highest at the end of the first quarter with an increase of 6.5 per cent. Second and third quarter upward movements of 2.4 and 3.9 per cent were recorded, while in the fourth quarter prices increased by 2.6 per cent. *See Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

The semi-annual percentage change for the first half of the year was 9.1 per cent. This was followed by an increase of 6.6 per cent for the second half. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart VII



Health

ALL JAMAICA 'HEALTH' DIVISION	
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)	
JANUARY	2.9%
FEBRUARY	+0.5%
MARCH	+0.3%
APRIL	+1.3%
MAY	+1.5%
JUNE	+0.6%
JULY	+0.3%
AUGUST	+0.3%
SEPTEMBER	+0.2%
OCTOBER	+0.3%
NOVEMBER	+0.3%
DECEMBER	+0.4%
POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
Jan - Mar 2008	+3.7%
Apr - Jun 2008	+3.4%
Jul - Sep 2008	+0.8%
Oct - Dec 2008	+1.0%
SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
Jan - Jun 2008	+7.2%
Jul - Dec 2008	+1.8%

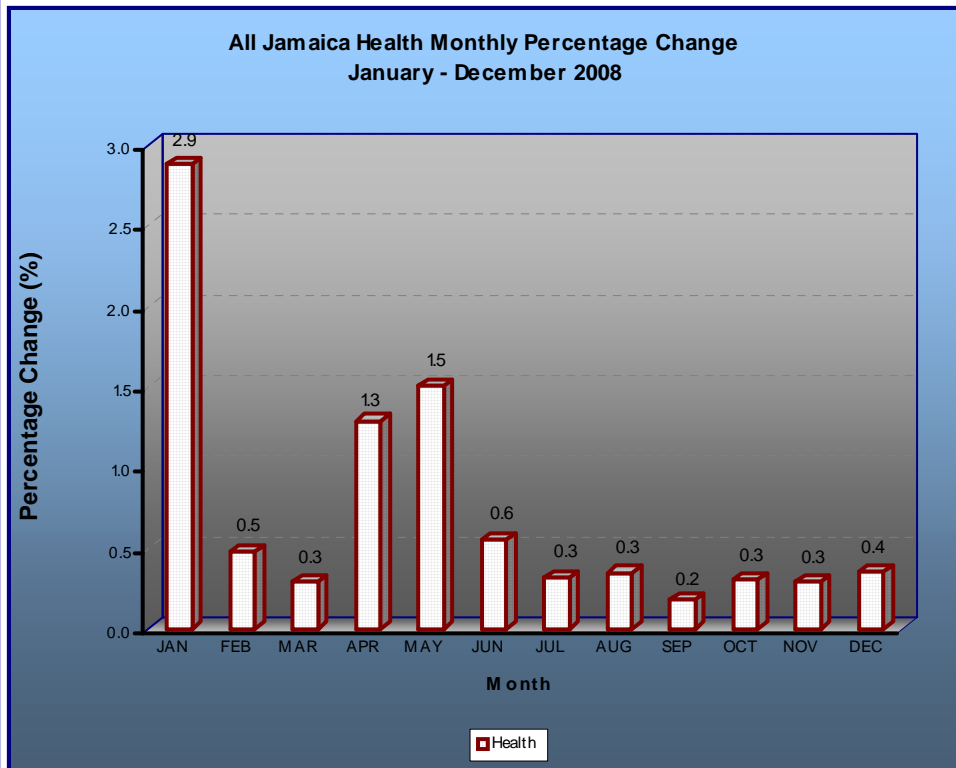
Goods and services classified under the division 'Health' recorded a 9.1 per cent rise in prices for the 2008 calendar year. This increase reflected advances in prices for medical products, appliances and equipment.

The most significant monthly movement of 2.9 per cent occurred in January followed by increases of 1.5 and 1.3 per cent in May and April. The other months in 2008 saw inflation ranging from a high of 0.6 per cent in June to a low of 0.2 per cent in September. *See Table 1.2 Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January – December 2008*

There was an increase of 3.7 per cent in the first quarter of 2008, this was followed by upward movements of 3.4 per cent and 0.8 per cent in the second and third quarters, respectively. In the fourth quarter there was an increase of 1.0 per cent. *See Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Half yearly inflation of 7.2 per cent was recorded for the first half of the year and 1.8 per cent was recorded for the second half. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart VIII



Transport

ALL JAMAICA 'TRANSPORT' DIVISION

MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)

JANUARY	+0.6%
FEBRUARY	+0.7%
MARCH	+0.4%
APRIL	+0.8%
MAY	+1.4%
JUNE	+2.9%
JULY	+9.9%
AUGUST	+0.3%
SEPTEMBER	-0.4%
OCTOBER	-2.1%
NOVEMBER	-2.8%
DECEMBER	-2.0%

POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Mar 2008	+1.7%
Apr - Jun 2008	+5.2%
Jul - Sep 2008	+9.8%
Oct - Dec 2008	-6.7%

SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Jun 2008	+7.0%
Jul - Dec 2008	+2.5%

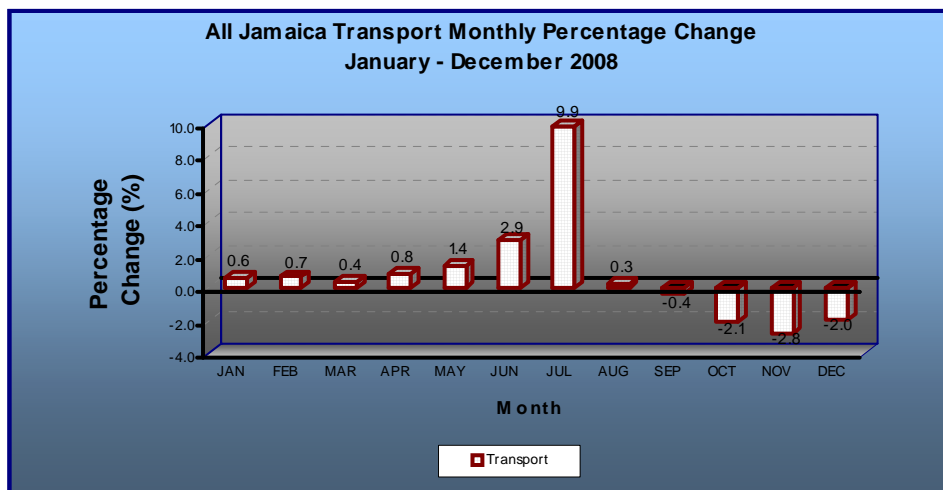
The division 'Transport' had an annual inflation rate of 9.6 per cent, contributing to this movement were fluctuations in the prices of petroleum, its related products and airfares throughout the year.

Inflation rates for this division peaked at 9.9 per cent in July. Increases of greater than one per cent were also recorded in May (1.4 per cent) and June (2.9 per cent). Increases of less than one per cent were recorded for April (0.8 per cent), February (0.7 per cent), January (0.6 per cent), March (0.4 per cent) and for August (0.3 per cent). The index for the division recorded declines from September to December of 0.4, 2.1, 2.8 and 2.0 per cent, respectively. *See Table 1.2 Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January - December 2008*

Quarterly movements in the first three quarters of the year were 1.7 per cent, 5.2 per cent and 9.8 per cent respectively. In the fourth quarter the index for the division registered a downward movement of 6.7 per cent. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

For the first half of the year, the index for the division rose by 7.0 per cent and by 2.5 per cent in the second half. *See Table vi Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart IX



Communication

ALL JAMAICA 'COMMUNICATION' DIVISION

MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE FOR EACH MONTH (2008)

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 0.0%

For the 2008 calendar year the index for 'Communication' was the only division that recorded no movement, in comparison to the 2.7 per cent recorded for 2007. Items such as postal services, telephone equipment and services are included in the division.

Recreation and Culture

ALL JAMAICA 'RECREATION AND CULTURE' DIVISION

MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)

JANUARY	+1.5%
FEBRUARY	+0.3%
MARCH	+0.9%
APRIL	+0.5%
MAY	+0.9%
JUNE	+2.6%
JULY	+1.6%
AUGUST	+0.5%
SEPTEMBER	+1.1%
OCTOBER	+0.3%
NOVEMBER	+1.6%
DECEMBER	+0.5%

POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Mar 2008	+2.8%
Apr - Jun 2008	+4.0%
Jul - Sep 2008	+3.2%
Oct - Dec 2008	+2.3%

SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE

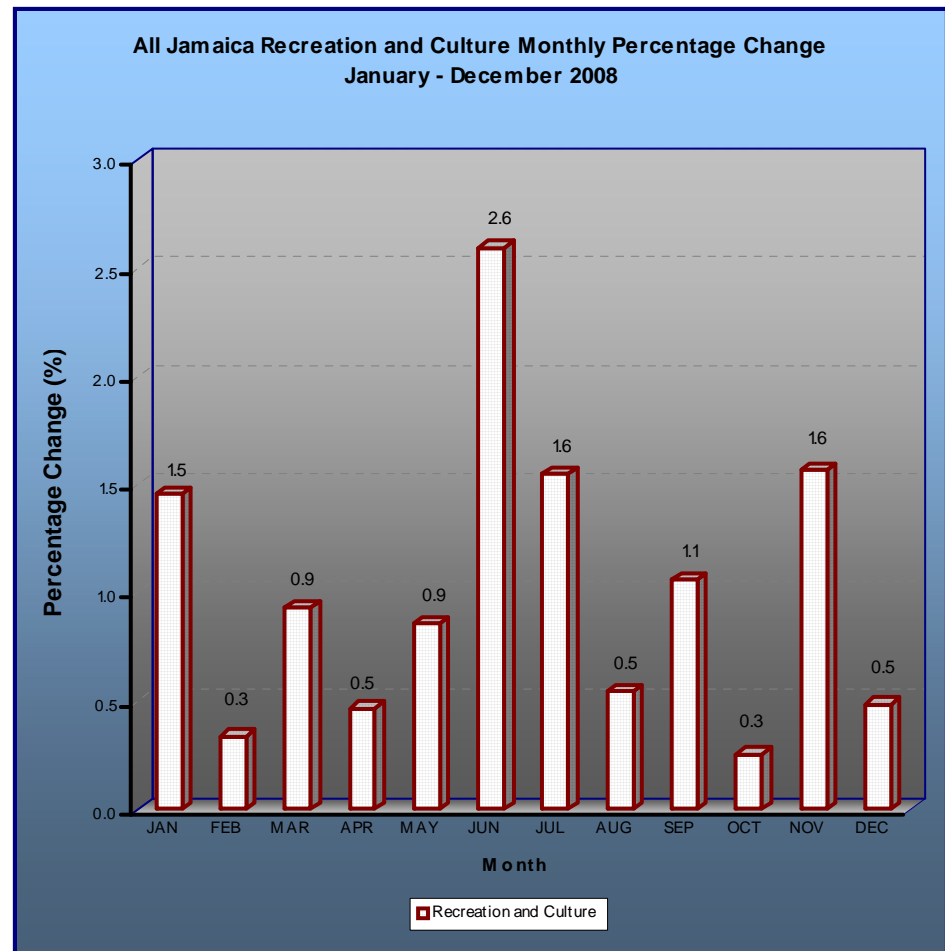
Jan - Jun 2008	+6.8%
Jul - Dec 2008	+5.6%

There was an annual inflation rate of 12.8 per cent for the division 'Recreation & Culture'. For the 2007 calendar year the increase in the index was 9.9 per cent. The main contributors to the movement in 2008 were increased prices for admission to plays, cinemas and concerts, electrical appliances used for entertainment, school books and other related materials, newspapers and magazines.

First quarter movements reflected a 2.8 per cent movement in the index. The 4.0 per cent recorded for the second quarter was the highest movement for the year. This was followed by a 3.2 and 2.3 per cent increase for the third and fourth quarters respectively. *See Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

A look at half-yearly movements indicate that there was a 6.8 per cent increase for the period January to June 2008. However, by the second half of the year, the movement was 1.2 percentage points less at 5.6 per cent. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart X



Education

ALL JAMAICA 'EDUCATION' DIVISION

MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)

JANUARY	+5.6%
APRIL	+0.9%
SEPTEMBER	+9.2%
NOVEMBER	+0.1%
DECEMBER	+0.0%

POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Mar 2008	+5.6%
Apr - Jun 2008	+0.9%
Jul - Sep 2008	+9.2%
Oct - Dec 2008	+0.1%

SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE:

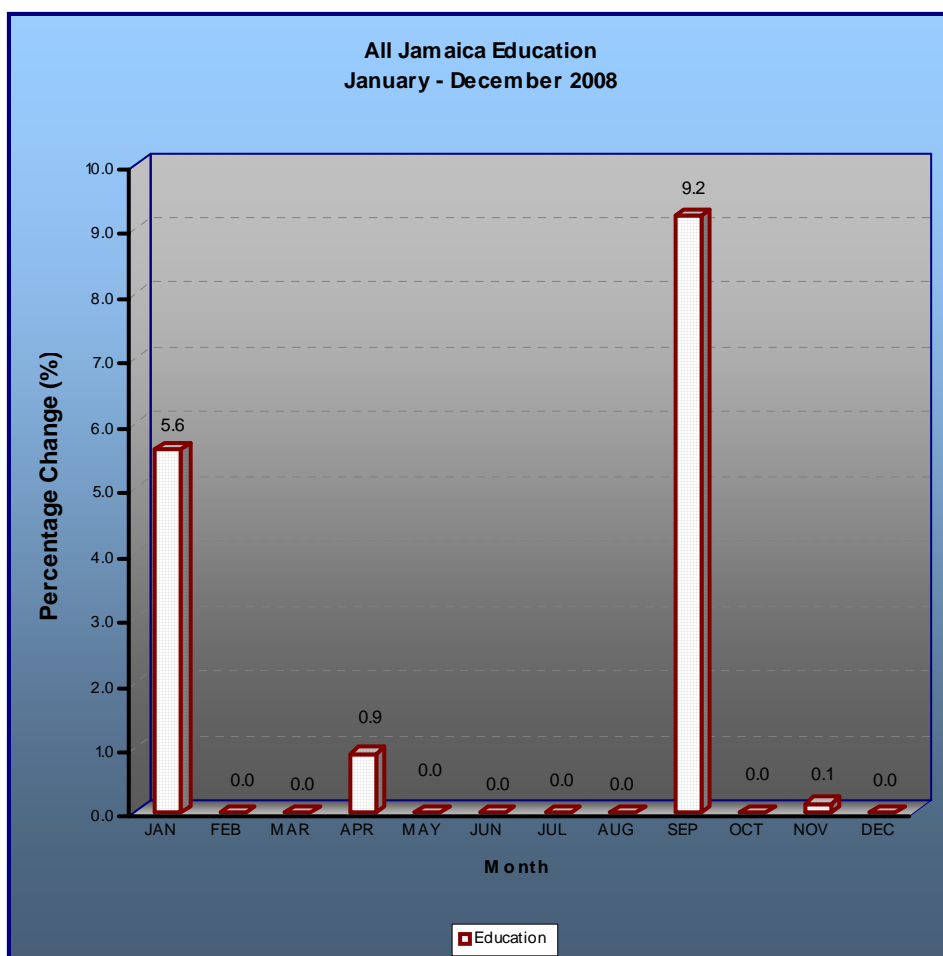
Jan - Jun 2008	+6.5%
Jul - Dec 2008	+9.3%

The All Jamaica index for the division 'Education' reflected an annual inflation rate of 16.5 per cent for the period under review. This movement represents a 10.4 percentage point increase over the 6.1 per cent that was recorded in the 2007 calendar year.

The largest quarterly increase of 9.2 per cent was recorded for the third quarter and reflects increased tuition fees at the start of the academic year. For the first quarter, the rate of inflation was 5.6 per cent while the second and fourth quarters recorded increases of 0.9 and 0.1 per cent respectively. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

For the period January to June 2008 there was a 6.5 per cent movement in the index for the division. A higher movement of 9.3 per cent was obtained in the second half of the year. *See Table vi Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart XI



Restaurants and Accommodation Services

ALL JAMAICA 'RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES' DIVISION

MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)

JANUARY	+1.7%
FEBRUARY	+1.7%
MARCH	+0.4%
APRIL	+1.0%
MAY	+2.8%
JUNE	+1.2%
JULY	+0.5%
AUGUST	+1.0%
SEPTEMBER	+1.5%
OCTOBER	+0.5%
NOVEMBER	+0.3%
DECEMBER	+0.5%

POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Mar 2008	+3.8%
Apr - Jun 2008	+5.1%
Jul - Sep 2008	+3.0%
Oct - Dec 2008	+1.3%

SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE

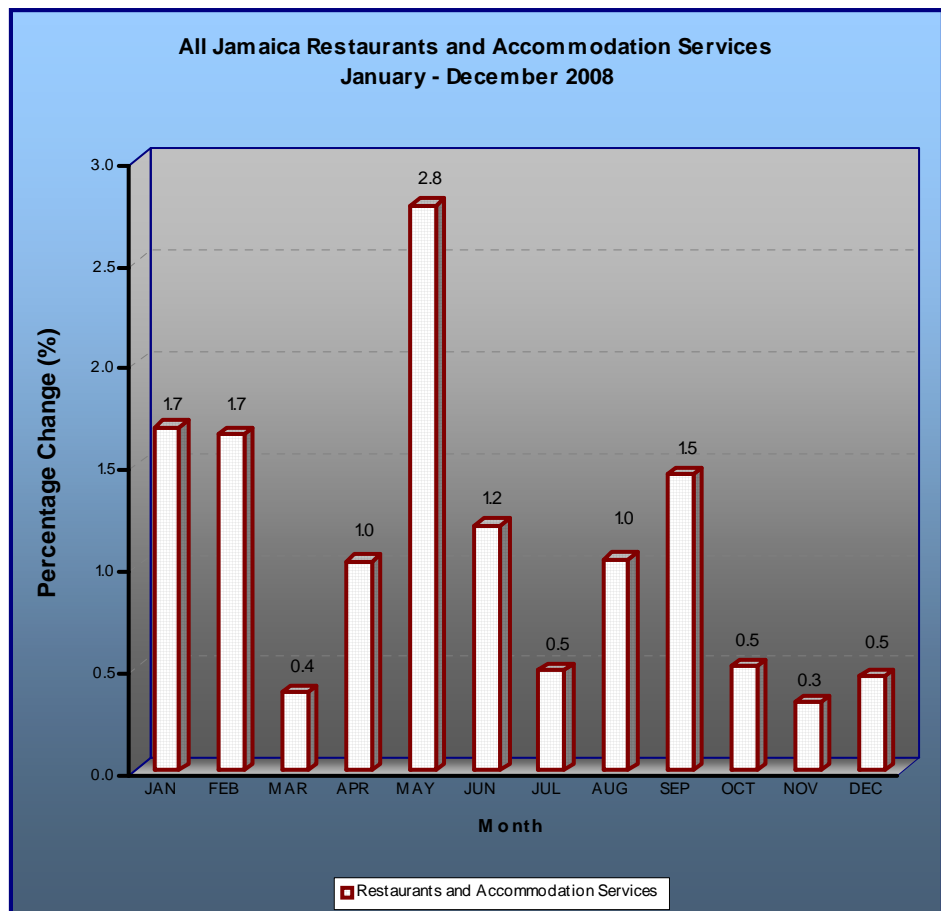
Jan - Jun 2008	+9.0%
Jul - Dec 2008	+4.4%

For the period under review the index for the division 'Restaurants & Accommodation Services' increased by 13.8 per cent. The items that contributed to the movement included; meals from fast – food outlets; other meals consumed away from home such as curried mutton, oxtail, chicken and fish that are served with dumplings, rice, rice and peas or ground provisions such as yam. A look at the monthly movements indicates that for five months the index for the division rose above one per cent. The highest increase of 2.8 per cent was recorded in May. *See Table 1.2 Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January – December 2008*

The highest quarterly movement was 5.1 per cent recorded in the quarter ending June 2008. The first, third and fourth quarters reflected rates of 3.8, 3.0 and 1.3 per cent respectively. *See Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

The first half of the year had a 9.0 per cent increase and the second had a 4.4 per cent movement. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart XII



Miscellaneous Goods and Services

ALL JAMAICA 'MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES' DIVISION

MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)

JANUARY	+1.5%
FEBRUARY	+1.7%
MARCH	+3.6%
APRIL	+2.0%
MAY	+1.5%
JUNE	+1.4%
JULY	+0.7%
AUGUST	+0.9%
SEPTEMBER	+0.8%
OCTOBER	+0.8%
NOVEMBER	+0.7%
DECEMBER	+0.9%

POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Jan - Mar 2008	+6.9%
Apr - Jun 2008	+5.0%
Jul - Sep 2008	+2.4%
Oct - Dec 2008	+2.4%

SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE

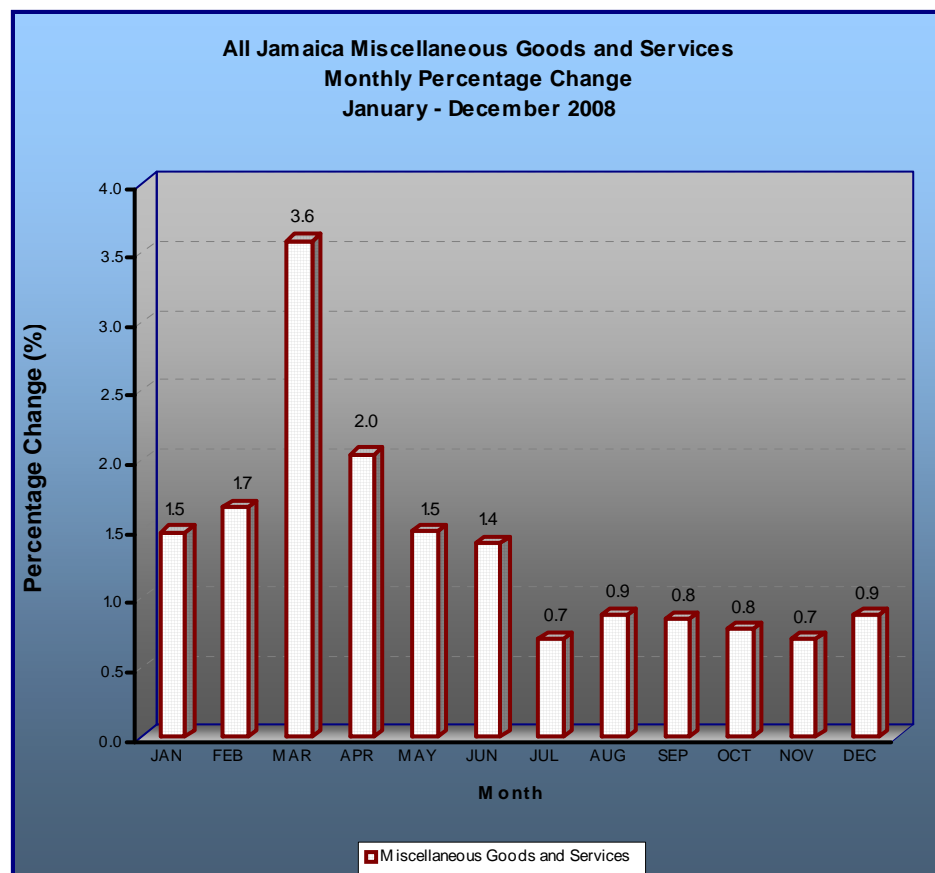
Jan - Jun 2008	+12.2%
Jul - Dec 2008	+4.9%

For the 2008 calendar year, there was a 17.7 per cent increase in the index for the division 'Miscellaneous Goods & Services'. This division consists of items for personal care, personal effects, social protection, insurance and other services that are not elsewhere classified such as legal services, visa fees; marriage, birth and death certificates. In 2007, there was a 9.8 per cent upward movement.

The highest quarterly movement was recorded in the first quarter of 2008 when there was a 6.9 per cent increase. By the second quarter there was a 1.9 percentage point fall to 5.0 per cent. The third and fourth quarters each recorded a similar 2.4 per cent increase. *See Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Half yearly figures indicate that the index rose by 12.2 per cent in the first half of the year and 4.9 per cent in the second. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Chart XIII



REGIONAL INDEX

Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area

GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN AREA	
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)	
JANUARY	+2.8%
FEBRUARY	+2.2%
MARCH	+1.4%
APRIL	+1.2%
MAY	+2.2%
JUNE	+2.5%
JULY	+1.6%
AUGUST	+1.7%
SEPTEMBER	+0.8%
OCTOBER	+0.1%
NOVEMBER	-0.8%
DECEMBER	+0.2%
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE BY DIVISIONS (2008)	
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	(24.3 %)
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	(37.3 %)
03 Clothing and Footwear	(24.8%)
04 Housing, Water, Electricity Gas and Other Fuels	(12.2%)
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	(20.0%)
06 Health	(8.7%)
07 Transport	(1.0%)
08 Communication	(0.0%)
09 Recreation and Culture	(10.7%)
10 Education	(13.3%)
11 Restaurants & Accommodation Services	(16.9%)
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	(20.5%)

The 2008 calendar year inflation rate for the Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area was 17.0 per cent. This movement was 0.2 percentage point above the overall All Jamaica 'All Divisions' inflation rate of 16.8 per cent and 0.4 percentage point below the 17.4 per cent that was recorded in the 2007 calendar year. *See Table i Consumer Price Index Annual Percentage Change by Regions and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

An examination of the movement for the divisions indicated that 'Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages' increased by 24.3 per cent. The index for the group 'Food' moved up by 24.4 per cent while 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' recorded a 22.4 per cent increase.

The division that recorded the highest movement in the region was 'Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco' which rose by 37.3 per cent. 'Clothing & Footwear' followed with a 24.8 per cent movement. Other increases included, 12.2 per cent for the division 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels', 20.0 per cent for 'Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance', 8.7 per cent for 'Health' and 1.0 per cent for 'Transport'. There was also a 10.7 per cent increase for the division, 'Recreation & Culture', 13.3 per cent for 'Education', 16.9 per cent for 'Restaurants & Accommodation Services' while 'Miscellaneous Goods & Services' moved upwards by 20.5 per cent. *See Table xiv Consumer Price Index Annual Percentage Change by Regions, Divisions, Groups and Classes 2008*

Monthly Movements

The 2008 calendar year for this region started with a monthly inflation rate of 2.8 per cent. By February the movement was 2.2 per cent, a rate that was obtained in May. In June the movement was 2.5 per cent. The lowest rate was the 0.8 per cent decline that was recorded in November. *See Table 2.2 Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January - December 2008*

Quarterly Movements

For the Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area, the largest quarterly movement was recorded in the quarter ending March 2008 when there was a 6.5 per cent increase. In the second quarter there was a 6.1 per cent movement while in the third quarter the rate of inflation was 4.1 per cent. However, by the fourth quarter there was a decline of 0.6 per cent. *See Table viii: Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Semi-Annual Movements

The semi – annual movements for the Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area revealed a 13.0 per cent inflation rate for the first half of the year. This was 7.4 percentage points lower than the 5.6 per cent that obtained for the same period in 2007. For the period July to December 2008 there was a 3.5 per cent movement. A comparison of the same period in 2007 indicated an 11.2 per cent increase. *See Table ix: Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Table viii

Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008

DIVISIONS	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:							
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008	Mar 2007	Jun 2007	Sep 2007	Dec 2007
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	6.5	6.1	4.1	-0.6	2.9	2.6	3.7	7.2
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.4	5.9	5.1	3.1	5.0	2.9	5.6	12.8
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	8.5	19.6	4.8	1.0	3.0	3.7	2.0	6.2
03 Clothing and Footwear	12.1	4.6	4.0	2.4	3.6	2.1	1.4	11.8
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	5.2	9.7	6.0	-8.2	-1.5	3.5	7.1	5.3
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	8.7	2.3	5.8	2.1	9.5	1.3	1.5	4.9
06 Health	1.7	5.4	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
07 Transport	2.4	7.4	1.1	-9.2	1.1	2.5	-0.5	2.7
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.1	0.1	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	4.8	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.2	2.8
10 Education	6.5	0.2	6.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	6.1	0.1
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	4.5	7.3	3.0	1.2	4.7	4.7	2.6	2.7
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	9.2	5.1	2.5	2.4	2.6	1.4	1.3	6.4

Chart XIV

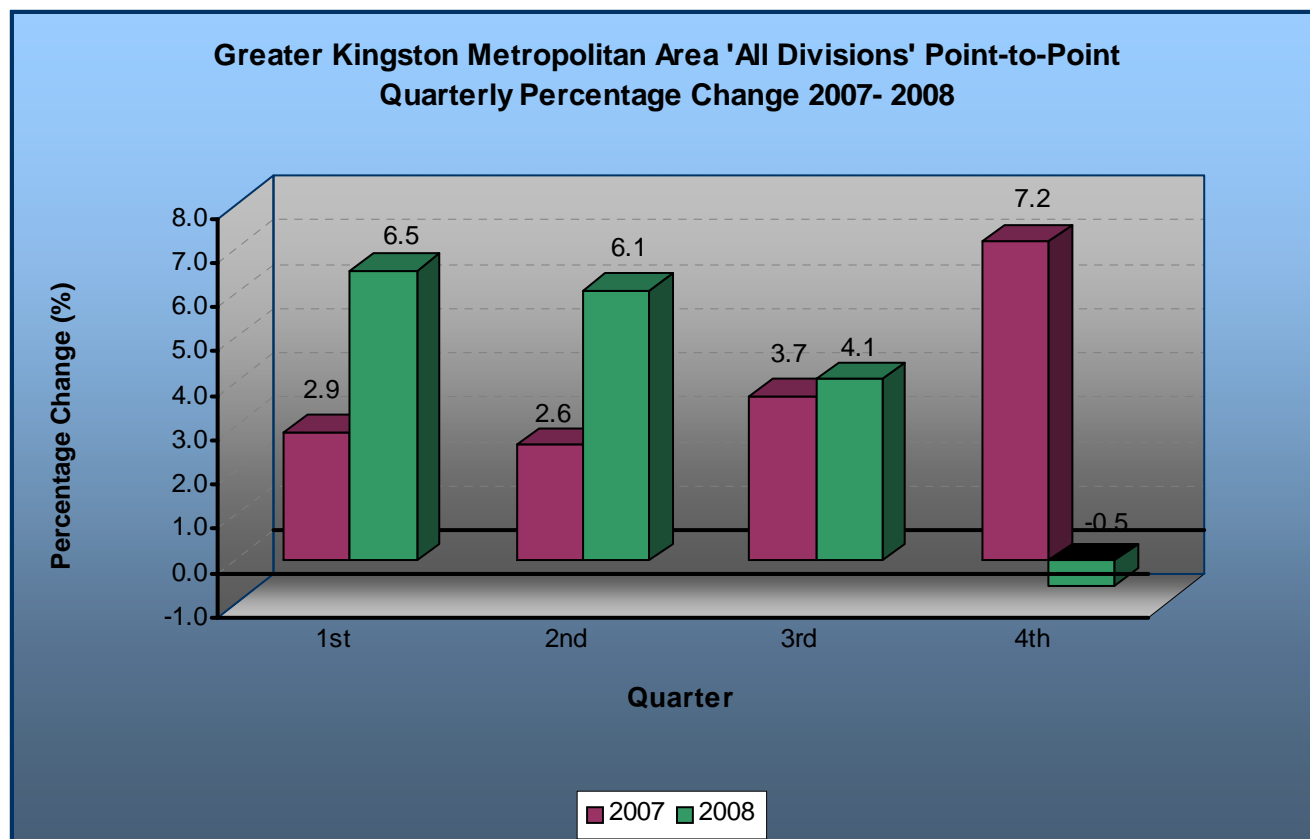
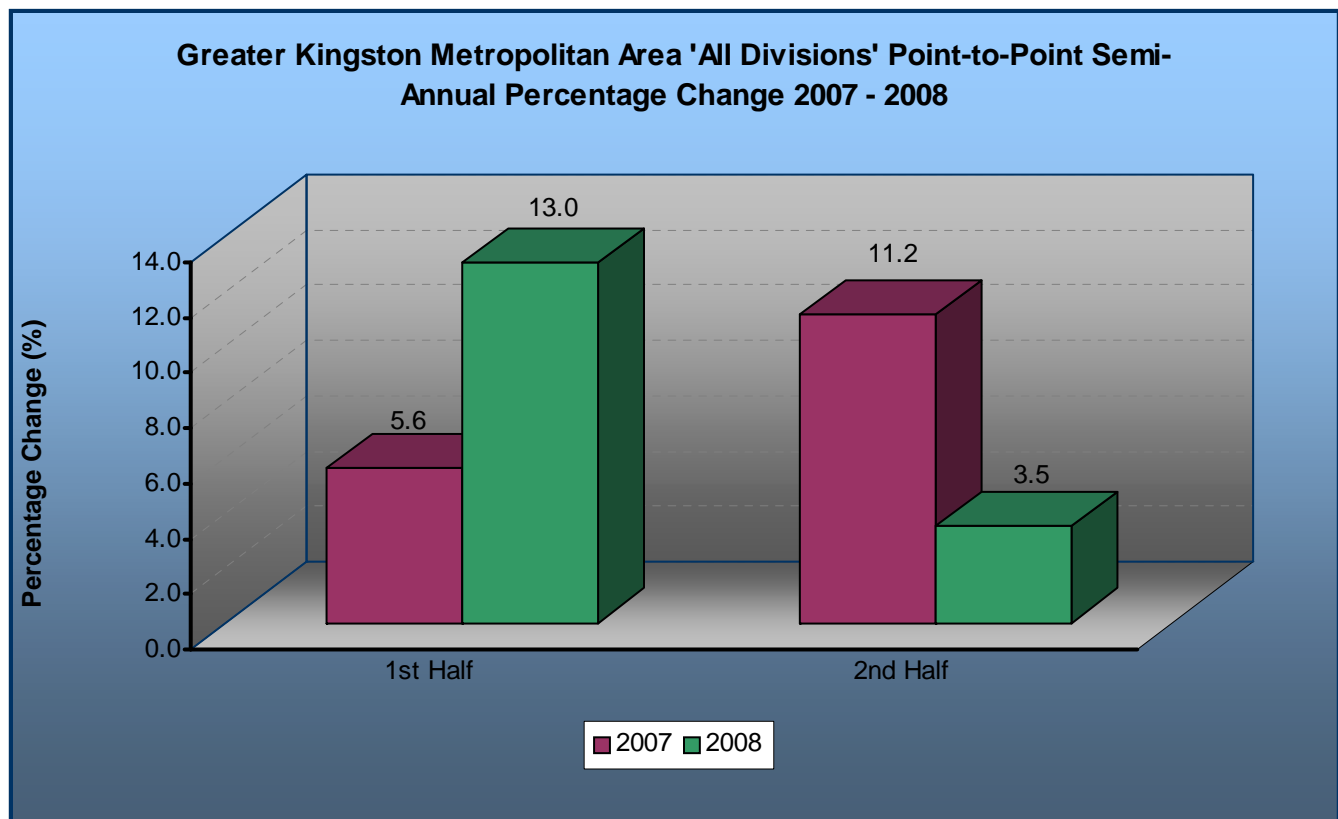


Table ix

Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008

DIVISIONS	Percentage Change for 6 months ending:			
	Jun 2008	Dec 2008	Jun 2007	Dec 2007
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	13.0	3.5	5.6	11.2
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.8	8.3	8.0	19.1
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	29.8	5.8	6.8	8.4
03 Clothing and Footwear	17.2	6.5	5.8	13.4
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	15.4	-2.7	1.9	12.8
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	11.1	8.0	10.9	6.5
06 Health	7.1	1.4	1.5	0.7
07 Transport	10.0	-8.2	3.6	2.2
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.1
09 Recreation and Culture	7.0	3.4	3.3	5.0
10 Education	6.7	6.2	0.2	6.3
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	12.2	4.2	9.7	5.4
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	14.8	5.0	4.1	7.8

Chart XV



Other Urban Centres

OTHER URBAN CENTRES	
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)	
JANUARY	+2.0%
FEBRUARY	+1.6%
MARCH	+1.6%
APRIL	+1.5%
MAY	+2.3%
JUNE	+1.9%
JULY	+3.4%
AUGUST	+1.4%
SEPTEMBER	+0.8%
OCTOBER	+0.1%
NOVEMBER	-0.9%
DECEMBER	-0.1%
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE BY DIVISIONS (2008)	
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	(22.9 %)
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	(17.4 %)
03 Clothing and Footwear	(6.0%)
04 Housing, Water, Electricity Gas and Other Fuels	(8.4%)
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	(17.5%)
06 Health	(10.1%)
07 Transport	(14.4%)
08 Communication	(0.0%)
09 Recreation and Culture	(9.2%)
10 Education	(19.1%)
11 Restaurants & Accommodation Services	(20.6%)
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	(18.4%)

For the Other Urban Centres the inflation for the calendar year to date was 16.8 per cent. This movement was similar to the movement that was recorded for the All Jamaica 'All Divisions' index. The 22.9 per cent inflation rate observed for the calendar year to date in this region for 'Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages' was the largest increase for any of the twelve divisions. 'Restaurants & Accommodation Services' followed with a 20.6 per cent increase. There was a 19.1 per cent increase in the index for the division 'Education'. *See Table xiv Consumer Price Index Annual Percentage Change by Regions, Divisions, Groups and Classes 2008*

Monthly Movements

The most significant monthly inflation rate for Other Urban Centres was the 2.3 per cent recorded in May. Declines in the index for the region were recorded in the months of November (0.9 per cent) and December (0.1 per cent). *See Table 3.2 Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January - December 2008*

Quarterly Movements

A review of the quarterly movements indicates that an inflation rate of 5.2 per cent was recorded. By the second quarter there was a 5.9 per cent increase. There was a reduction in the rate of increase to 5.7 per cent in the third quarter. By the fourth quarter this slowing down in the rate of inflation resulted in a -0.9 per cent movement. *See Table x Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Semi-Annual Movements

In Other Urban Centres the rate of inflation was 11.4 per cent for the first half the year. However, for the latter half of the year the movement was 4.8 per cent. For the corresponding periods in 2007, the increases were 5.2 and 10.6 per cent respectively. *See Table xi Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Table x

Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 – 2008

DIVISIONS	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:							
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008	Mar 2007	Jun 2007	Sep 2007	Dec 2007
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	5.2	5.9	5.7	-0.9	2.8	2.3	4.3	6.1
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.1	6.8	5.1	2.2	3.4	1.5	4.9	10.7
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.0	14.4	1.4	0.2	4.4	5.5	3.9	3.3
03 Clothing and Footwear	1.4	1.1	2.9	0.4	5.8	0.3	1.9	2.6
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.6	9.6	7.5	-10.3	-1.5	5.7	14.0	6.4
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.9	2.3	3.4	4.0	8.8	2.2	1.8	2.2
06 Health	5.0	2.3	0.9	1.7	0.2	1.3	0.4	1.2
07 Transport	3.5	5.3	12.6	-6.7	1.7	2.0	-0.1	3.5
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.4	0.1	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.4	6.6	2.1	1.9	2.8
10 Education	4.9	1.5	11.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.2
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	7.2	4.2	6.2	1.7	6.8	4.3	1.0	2.5
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	7.0	5.3	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.0	2.4

Chart XVI

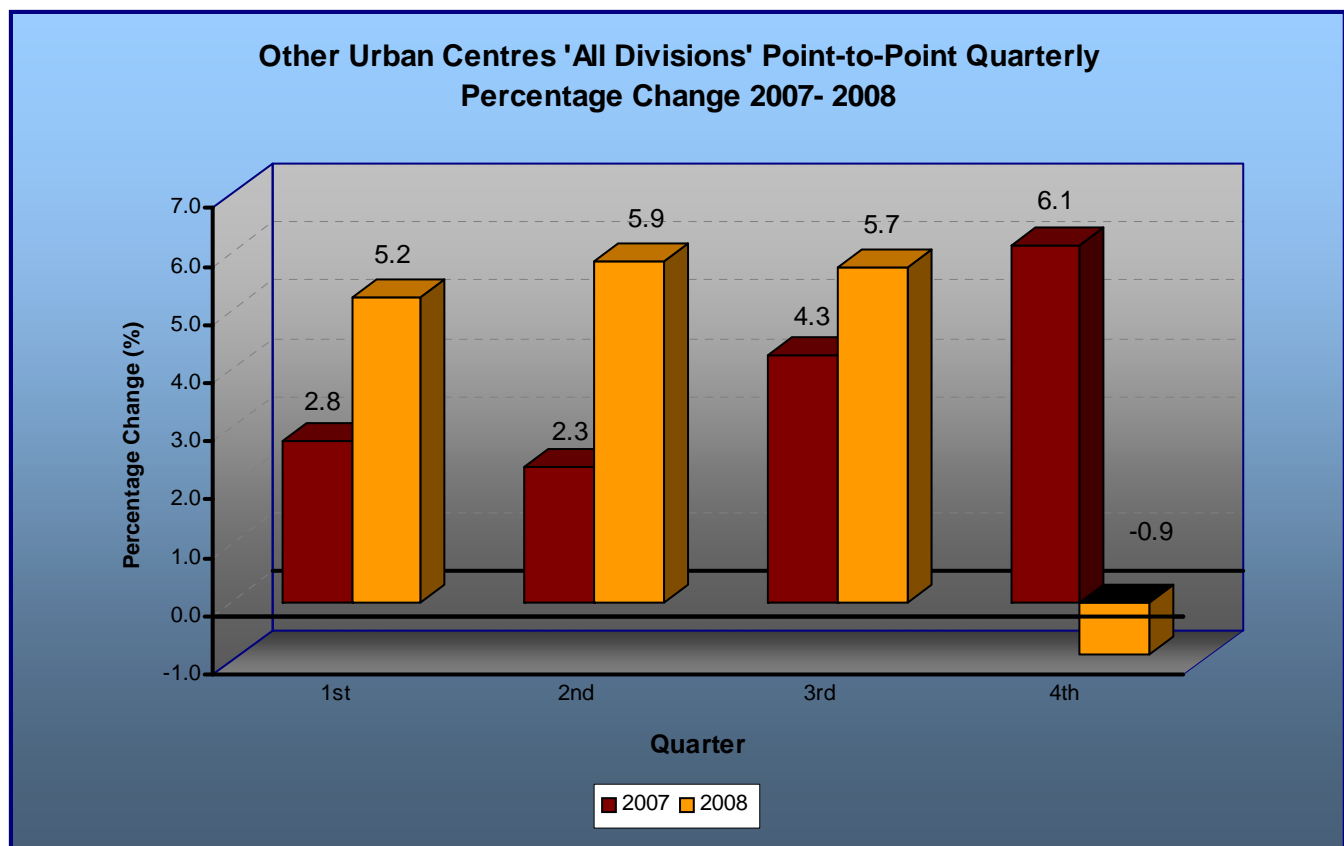
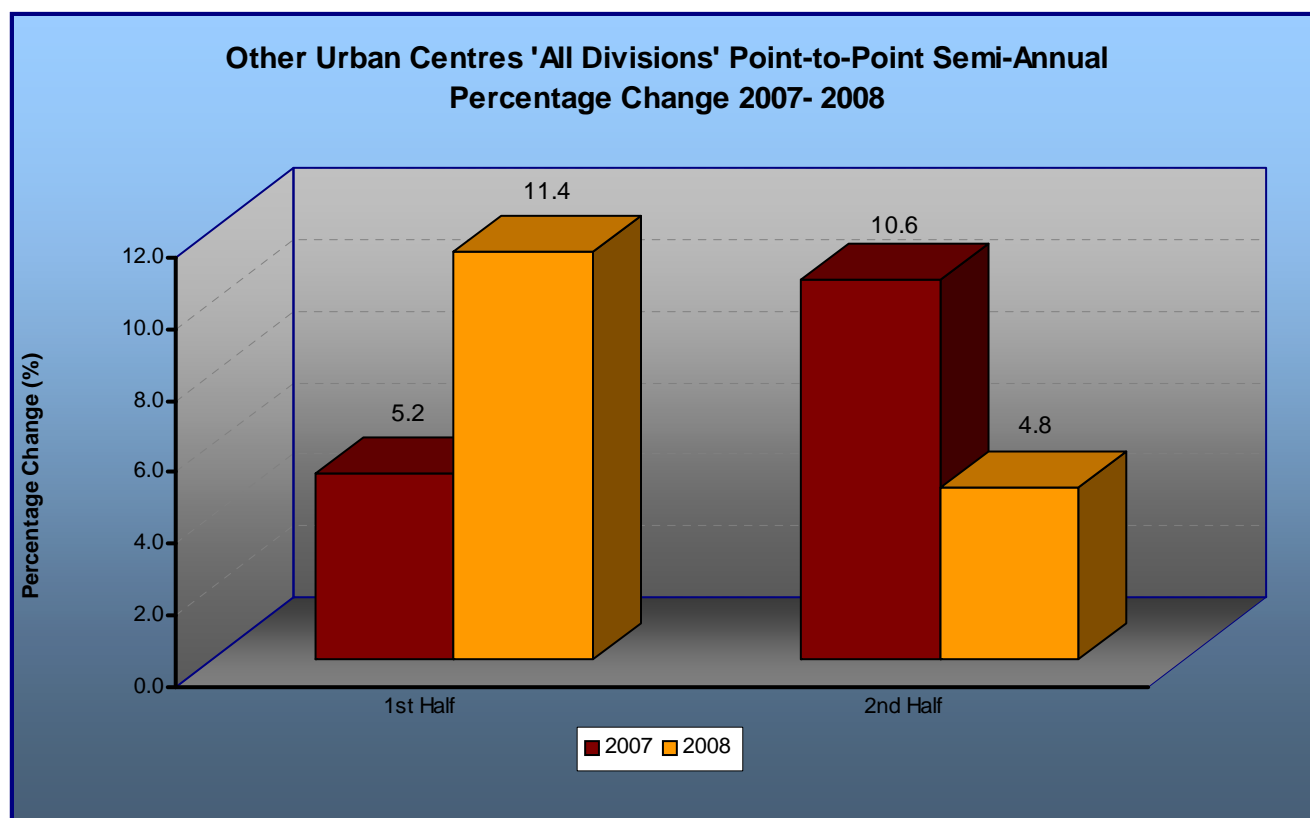


Table xi

Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 – 2008

DIVISIONS	Percentage Change for 6 months ending:			
	Jun 2008	Dec 2008	Jun 2007	Dec 2007
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	11.4	4.8	5.2	10.6
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.4	7.4	5.0	16.2
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	15.5	1.7	10.2	7.3
03 Clothing and Footwear	2.6	3.4	6.1	4.5
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	12.4	-3.6	4.2	21.3
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	9.3	7.5	11.2	4.0
06 Health	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6
07 Transport	8.9	5.0	3.8	3.4
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.1
09 Recreation and Culture	4.1	4.8	8.9	4.7
10 Education	6.5	11.9	0.0	5.7
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	11.7	8.0	11.5	3.5
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	12.7	5.1	3.7	3.3

Chart XVII



Rural Areas

RURAL AREAS	
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)	
JANUARY	+1.7%
FEBRUARY	+1.6%
MARCH	+0.9%
APRIL	+1.8%
MAY	+2.5%
JUNE	+1.6%
JULY	+3.5%
AUGUST	+0.8%
SEPTEMBER	+0.4%
OCTOBER	+0.5%
NOVEMBER	+0.3%
DECEMBER	0.0%
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE BY DIVISIONS (2008)	
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (24.0 %)	
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (25.0 %)	
03 Clothing and Footwear (11.8%)	
04 Housing, Water, Electricity Gas and Other Fuels (6.9%)	
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (13.0%)	
06 Health (9.0%)	
07 Transport (13.1%)	
08 Communication (0.0%)	
09 Recreation and Culture (15.8%)	
10 Education (19.0%)	
11 Restaurants & Accommodation Services (8.0%)	
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services (15.4%)	

The annual inflation for 2008 in the Rural Areas was 16.6 per cent. For the 2007 calendar year there was a similar 16.6 per cent movement. Double-digit inflation rates were recorded for the following divisions: 'Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco' (25.0 per cent), 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' (24.0 per cent), 'Education' (19.0 per cent), 'Recreation & Culture' (15.8 per cent), 'Miscellaneous Goods & Services' (15.4 per cent), 'Transport' (13.1 per cent), 'Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance' (13.0 per cent) and 'Clothing and Footwear' (11.8 per cent). *See Table xiv Consumer Price Index Annual Percentage Change by Regions, Divisions, Groups and Classes 2008*

Monthly Movements

In the Rural Areas the highest monthly movement was recorded in July 2008 when the rate of inflation was 3.5 per cent. The month of May followed with an upward movement of 2.5 per cent while in April and January the movements were 1.8 and 1.7 per cent respectively. The months of February and June both recorded a 1.6 per cent increase. Less than one per cent upward movements were recorded in inflation rates for the months of March (0.9 per cent), August (0.8 per cent), October (0.5 per cent), September (0.4 per cent) and November (0.3 per cent) while December closed the year at 0.0 per cent. *See Table 4.2 Consumer Price Index Rural Areas Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes January - December 2008*

Quarterly Movements

In the second quarter of 2008, the Rural Areas recorded the highest quarterly movement of 5.9 per cent, following a 4.2 per cent movement in the first quarter. In the third quarter there was a 4.8 per cent increase while in the fourth quarter there was a tapering to 0.8 per cent. *See Table xii Consumer Price Index Rural Areas Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Semi-Annual Movements

Half yearly figures indicated that in the first half of the year inflation was 10.4 per cent for this region. As with the other regions the movement slowed to 5.7 per cent in the second half of the year. *See Table xiii Consumer Price Index Rural Areas Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

Table xii

Consumer Price Index Rural Areas Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 – 2008

DIVISIONS	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:							
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008	Mar 2007	Jun 2007	Sep 2007	Dec 2007
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	4.2	5.9	4.8	0.8	2.1	2.5	3.3	7.9
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.1	7.0	3.2	5.8	2.5	1.8	3.9	13.7
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.4	15.7	2.5	2.0	3.3	6.3	2.5	2.5
03 Clothing and Footwear	5.7	2.3	1.4	2.0	1.6	3.7	2.2	6.6
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.9	11.0	8.2	-13.5	-2.5	6.1	10.9	8.6
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.8	2.6	2.7	2.4	7.5	1.6	2.3	4.5
06 Health	4.3	2.7	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.7	1.4
07 Transport	0.5	3.7	14.5	-5.2	0.7	2.6	0.2	3.6
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.2	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	1.5	6.2	4.6	2.8	2.3	2.4	3.5	0.8
10 Education	4.8	1.5	11.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	5.4	0.3
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	1.5	3.6	1.5	1.3	7.4	3.6	0.9	2.5
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.1	4.8	2.3	2.4	2.8	1.4	1.2	3.6

Chart XVIII

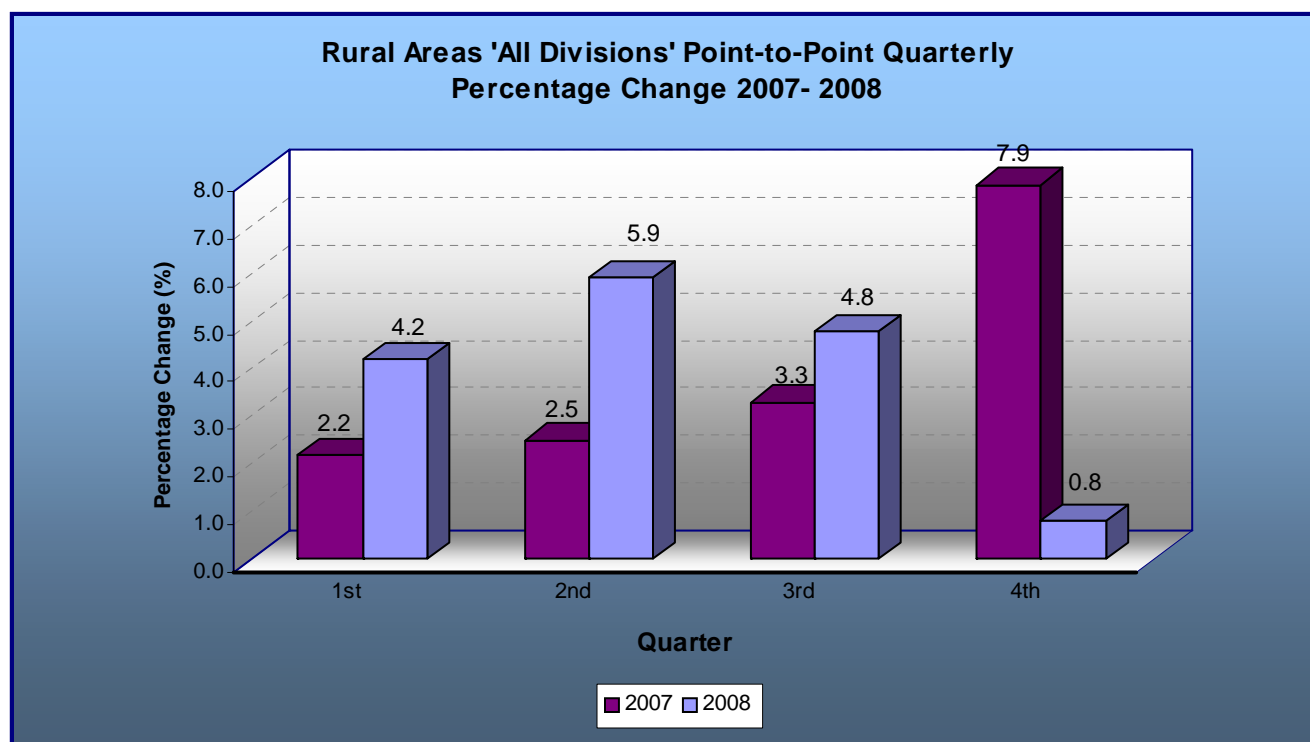
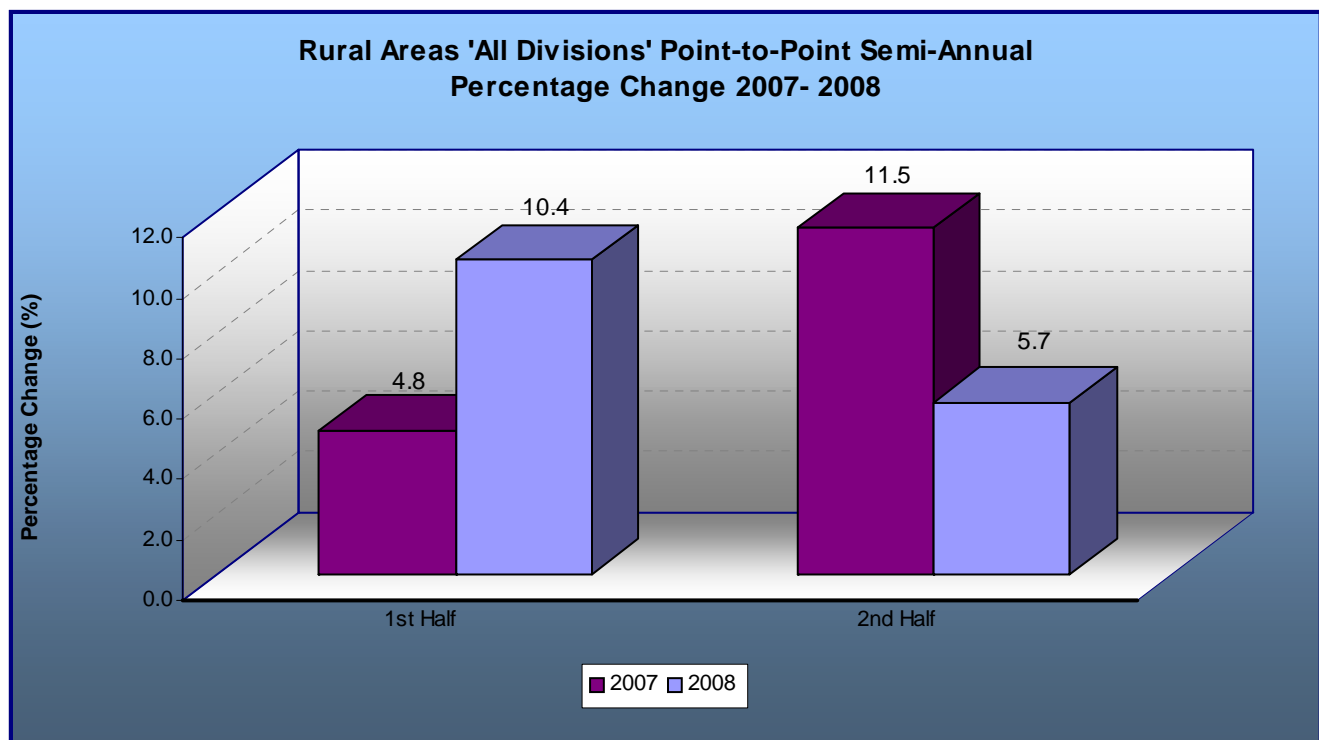


Table xiii

Consumer Price Index Rural Areas Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 – 2008

DIVISIONS	Percentage Change for 6 months ending:			
	Jun 2008	Dec 2008	Jun 2007	Dec 2007
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	10.4	5.7	4.7	11.4
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.6	9.2	4.4	18.1
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	19.6	4.5	9.8	5.1
03 Clothing and Footwear	8.1	3.4	5.4	9.0
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.2	-6.4	3.4	20.4
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	7.5	5.1	9.3	6.9
06 Health	7.1	1.7	2.0	2.1
07 Transport	4.2	8.5	3.3	3.8
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.1
09 Recreation and Culture	7.7	7.5	4.7	4.4
10 Education	6.4	11.8	0.0	5.8
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	5.2	2.7	11.2	3.4
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	10.2	4.7	4.2	4.8

Chart XIX



Summary

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE (2008)	
ALL JAMAICA	+16.8%
GKMA	+17.0%
OUC	+16.8%
RURAL AREAS	+16.6%

QUARTERLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
AJ	5.2	6.0	4.8	0.0
GKMA	6.5	6.1	4.1	-0.6
OUC	5.2	5.9	5.7	4.8
RA	4.2	5.9	4.8	0.8

SEMI-ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE				
REGION	2007		2008	
	1 st Half	2 nd Half	1 st Half	2 nd Half
AJ	5.1	11.2	11.5	4.8
GKMA	5.6	11.2	13.0	3.5
OUC	5.2	10.6	11.4	4.8
RA	4.8	11.5	10.4	5.7

The rate of inflation for the 2008 calendar year was 16.8 per cent. A similar 16.8 per cent increase was recorded for the same period in 2007.

Among the factors contributing to the rate of inflation were the movement in world oil prices, international commodity prices for grains and cereals, fluctuations in the rate of exchange of the J\$ against its US counterpart and the reduction in supply of certain agricultural products due to adverse weather conditions.

The index numbers for all divisions except 'Communication' showed increases over the 2007 calendar year. The largest upward movement was recorded for the division 'Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco' (27.0 per cent) followed by 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' (24.0 per cent). *See Table i Consumer Price Index Annual Percentage Change by Regions and Divisions 2008*

The first quarter had a 5.2 per cent rise, while the second quarter moved up 0.8 percentage point to 6.0 per cent. In the third quarter there was a 4.8 per cent rise. However, no change was observed in the fourth quarter of 2008. *See Table iv Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Quarterly Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

The semi-annual movements indicated that there was an 11.5 per cent increase for the six-month period January to June 2008 while for July to December there was a 4.8 per cent rise. *See Table v Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change for 'All Divisions' and Divisions 2007 - 2008*

An examination of the indices for the Regions show that the largest movement was the 17.0 per cent that was recorded for the Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area. Other Urban Centres had an increase of 16.8 per cent while the Rural Areas rose by 16.6 per cent. *See Table xiv Consumer Price Index Annual Percentage Change by Regions, Divisions, Groups and Classes 2007 - 2008*

Chart XX

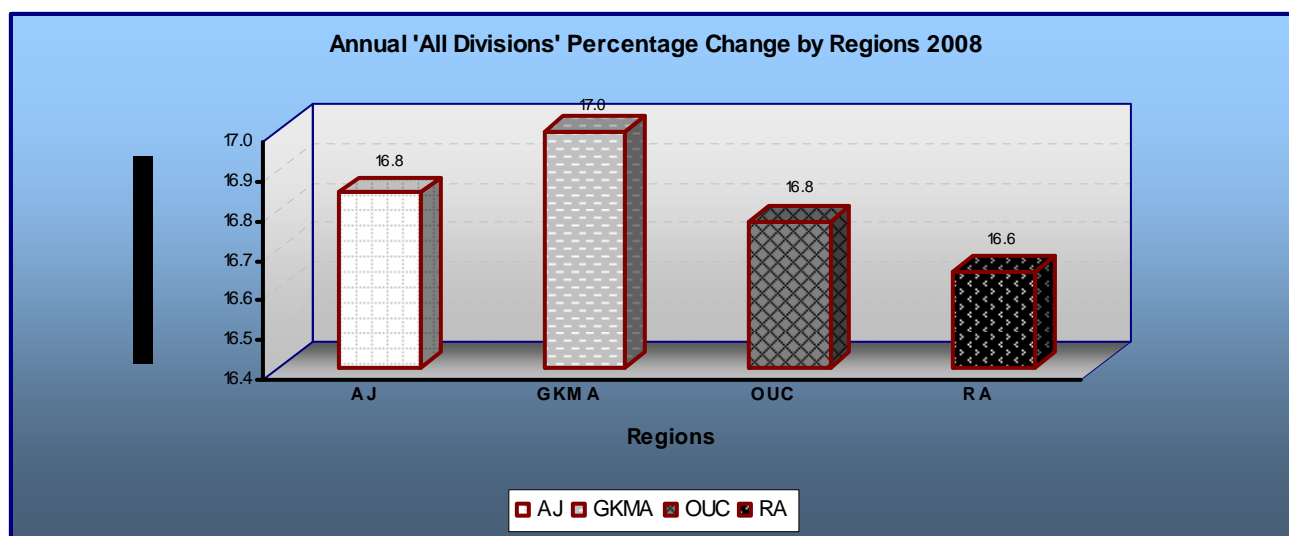


Table xiv

Consumer Price Index Annual Percentage Change by Regions, Divisions, Groups and Classes 2008

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES		AJ	GKMA	OUC	RA
'ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS'		16.8	17.0	16.8	16.6
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	24.0	24.3	22.9	24.0
	Food	24.7	24.4	23.9	24.9
	Bread and Cereals (ND)	33.5	29.2	35.9	34.9
	Meat (ND)	15.8	19.4	15.4	13.7
	Fish and Seafood (ND)	17.6	18.4	17.3	17.3
	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	24.2	31.8	22.3	20.0
	Oils and Fats (ND)	43.4	55.1	42.5	38.0
	Fruit (ND)	13.7	19.5	12.3	6.0
	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	29.7	23.1	24.8	35.5
	Vegetables	38.4	26.9	28.3	50.5
	Starchy Foods	10.2	16.1	17.6	2.4
	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	20.3	26.1	18.8	18.1
	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	24.5	22.3	23.9	26.2
	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.1	22.4	9.2	9.7
	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	8.2	15.1	7.8	5.1
	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	15.0	24.9	9.6	11.7
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	27.0	37.3	17.4	25.0
03	Clothing and Footwear	14.4	24.8	6.0	11.8
	Clothing	11.2	12.9	5.2	12.4
	Footwear	19.5	43.3	7.4	10.8
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	9.3	12.2	8.4	6.9
	Rentals for Housing	8.3	13.4	1.3	1.3
	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	18.0	21.4	16.8	16.7
	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	35.6	35.6	35.6	35.6
	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels and Routine	4.7	4.8	6.0	4.1
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	16.3	20.0	17.5	13.0
	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	21.1	18.7	21.8	22.9
	Household Textiles	14.1	14.0	18.0	12.3
	Household Appliances	11.7	12.2	11.9	11.0
	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	17.9	30.2	10.3	12.9
	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	11.1	10.4	9.5	11.5
	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	16.5	22.3	18.0	11.2
06	Health	9.1	8.7	10.1	9.0
	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	10.6	6.2	12.2	12.9
	Health Services	8.2	10.4	8.9	6.8
07	Transport	9.6	1.0	14.4	13.1
08	Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09	Recreation and Culture	12.8	10.7	9.2	15.8
10	Education	16.5	13.3	19.1	19.0
11	Restaurants and Accommodation Services	13.8	16.9	20.6	8.0
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	17.7	20.5	18.4	15.4

Section 1
ALL JAMAICA

Table 1.1

**Consumer Price Index All Jamaica by Divisions, Groups and Classes by Month
December 2007 - December 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	2007	2008					
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	116.8	119.4	121.5	122.9	124.8	127.8	130.3
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	124.7	128.4	130.8	133.6	136.0	139.5	142.5
Food	125.2	129.0	131.4	134.3	136.8	140.5	143.5
Bread and Cereals (ND)	130.9	135.1	137.9	139.2	144.1	155.6	164.5
Meat (ND)	123.7	125.1	126.5	128.5	130.1	131.2	132.5
Fish and Seafood (ND)	116.8	117.7	119.3	123.5	124.4	125.5	127.1
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	121.1	130.8	134.3	136.9	139.8	142.1	143.9
Oils and Fats (ND)	121.0	126.5	130.9	135.9	141.3	147.3	151.2
Fruit (ND)	122.8	130.1	133.1	134.7	135.9	137.4	138.2
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	137.1	140.8	143.6	148.0	150.2	152.6	154.8
Vegetables	135.5	137.8	139.9	145.1	147.1	148.8	151.3
Starchy Foods	140.4	146.1	150.5	153.2	155.6	159.6	161.1
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	113.8	119.3	122.2	124.2	126.1	128.4	129.7
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	114.3	119.4	122.6	125.0	127.6	129.9	132.0
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	116.7	120.1	122.0	123.0	124.1	125.4	127.1
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	114.1	116.5	117.2	117.6	118.1	119.5	120.1
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	117.7	121.5	123.8	125.1	126.4	127.7	129.8
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	116.0	118.4	120.2	121.1	121.6	135.7	141.2
03 Clothing and Footwear	115.4	118.5	122.1	123.2	124.1	125.3	126.5
Clothing	111.9	114.6	116.9	117.9	118.7	119.6	120.6
Footwear	125.5	125.3	113.2	132.4	133.6	135.1	136.8
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	121.0	123.3	126.6	125.5	128.7	134.6	138.3
Rentals for Housing	119.8	123.9	124.8	160.0	126.0	128.7	128.8
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	112.6	115.1	122.3	123.2	125.1	126.2	127.5
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	106.4	106.7	108.7	160.7	102.8	102.5	139.9
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	125.3	127.0	131.3	130.0	135.2	144.4	143.8
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	117.0	119.0	123.7	124.6	125.6	126.1	127.7
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	120.0	125.1	125.8	127.2	129.2	129.9	134.3
Household Textiles	114.0	116.0	117.3	118.3	120.0	121.5	123.2
Household Appliances	120.8	122.7	123.3	126.1	127.7	127.8	128.7
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	116.8	120.5	123.9	126.1	127.4	128.4	130.1
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	119.9	121.6	123.8	123.9	124.6	126.4	127.2
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	115.8	117.2	124.0	124.5	124.9	125.4	126.4
06 Health	103.4	106.4	106.9	107.2	108.6	110.2	110.8
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	103.7	109.7	110.2	110.7	110.9	111.3	111.9
Health Services	103.2	104.8	104.9	105.2	107.2	109.6	110.2
07 Transport	106.8	107.5	108.2	108.7	109.6	111.1	114.3
08 Communication	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7
09 Recreation and Culture	109.9	111.5	111.9	112.9	113.4	114.4	117.4
10 Education	106.1	112.0	112.0	112.0	113.0	113.0	113.0
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	115.3	117.3	119.2	119.7	120.9	124.2	125.7
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	109.8	111.4	113.2	117.3	119.7	121.5	123.2

**Consumer Price Index All Jamaica by Divisions, Groups and Classes by Month
December 2007 - December 2008**

2008						DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
134.0	135.6	136.5	136.9	136.4	136.5	ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS
144.2	146.2	148.4	149.8	153.2	154.7	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
145.3	147.3	149.6	151.1	154.7	156.2	Food
166.5	168.6	171.4	172.8	173.4	174.7	Bread and Cereals (ND)
133.6	136.2	138.5	139.8	140.7	143.2	Meat (ND)
127.8	130.1	132.0	133.6	135.0	137.4	Fish and Seafood (ND)
144.9	146.5	148.1	148.1	149.6	150.3	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)
155.4	161.8	164.9	168.6	170.4	173.5	Oils and Fats (ND)
139.3	140.6	141.6	141.6	142.4	139.7	Fruit (ND)
157.6	158.3	161.5	162.9	177.3	177.9	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)
153.8	155.6	158.9	164.1	185.1	187.6	Vegetables
164.4	162.9	165.8	158.8	158.3	154.8	Starchy Foods
132.0	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.2	136.9	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)
133.9	135.4	137.2	138.7	140.8	142.3	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)
128.4	129.6	130.3	130.8	131.0	132.0	Non-Alcoholic Beverages
120.6	121.2	121.8	122.2	122.7	123.5	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)
131.4	132.9	133.6	134.2	134.3	135.3	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)
143.2	145.0	145.4	145.6	146.0	147.3	02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
127.8	129.2	129.7	130.4	131.3	132.0	03 Clothing and Footwear
121.6	122.8	123.2	123.6	123.7	124.5	Clothing
138.6	140.3	140.9	142.3	144.4	145.2	Footwear
147.9	151.7	148.1	148.0	136.0	132.3	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
129.1	129.1	129.1	129.5	129.5	129.8	Rentals for Housing
128.4	129.9	130.6	131.5	132.6	132.9	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling
141.2	150.0	152.3	150.6	151.3	144.3	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling
120.6	165.7	158.7	158.4	136.7	131.2	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
130.0	131.7	132.6	133.9	134.7	136.1	05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance
138.4	141.7	143.5	144.6	145.0	145.4	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)
125.2	126.1	127.3	127.8	128.7	130.1	Household Textiles
131.6	132.6	132.8	134.1	134.3	134.8	Household Appliances
133.3	134.7	135.4	136.8	137.0	137.7	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils
129.7	130.5	130.8	131.2	132.3	133.2	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden
128.4	129.9	130.8	132.1	133.1	135.0	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance
111.2	111.6	111.8	112.1	112.4	112.8	06 Health
112.1	112.9	113.0	113.3	113.8	114.7	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment
110.7	110.8	111.0	111.4	111.6	111.7	Health Services
125.6	127.9	125.5	122.9	119.5	117.1	07 Transport
102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	08 Communication
119.2	119.8	121.1	121.4	123.3	123.9	09 Recreation and Culture
113.0	113.0	123.4	123.4	123.6	123.6	10 Education
126.4	127.7	129.5	130.2	130.6	131.2	11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services
124.0	125.1	126.2	127.2	128.1	129.2	12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Table 1.2

**Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes
January - December 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	2008					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	2.2	1.8	1.2	1.5	2.4	2.0
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.0	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.6	2.1
Food	3.0	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.7	2.2
Bread and Cereals (ND)	3.3	2.0	1.0	3.5	8.0	5.7
Meat (ND)	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.2	0.9	1.0
Fish and Seafood (ND)	0.8	1.4	3.5	0.7	0.9	1.3
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	8.0	2.7	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.3
Oils and Fats (ND)	4.5	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.2	2.7
Fruit (ND)	5.9	2.3	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.6
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	2.7	2.0	3.1	1.5	1.6	1.5
Vegetables	1.7	1.5	3.7	1.4	1.1	1.7
Starchy Foods	4.0	3.0	1.8	1.6	2.6	1.0
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	4.8	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.0
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	4.4	2.6	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.6
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.9	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.3
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	2.1	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.2	0.5
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	3.2	1.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.6
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.0	1.5	0.7	0.4	13.1	2.6
03 Clothing and Footwear	2.6	3.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
Clothing	2.4	2.0	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Footwear	3.1	4.7	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.2
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.9	2.7	-0.9	2.5	4.6	2.8
Rentals for Housing	3.5	0.7	0.9	0.0	2.2	0.1
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	2.2	6.3	0.8	1.6	0.8	1.1
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	0.3	1.8	-6.5	1.1	-0.3	36.6
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.4	3.4	-1.0	4.0	6.7	-0.4
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	1.7	4.0	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.2
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	4.2	0.6	1.0	1.6	0.5	3.4
Household Textiles	1.7	1.2	0.8	1.5	1.2	1.4
Household Appliances	1.6	0.5	2.3	1.3	0.1	0.7
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	3.2	2.8	1.7	1.1	0.8	1.3
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	1.4	1.8	0.1	0.6	1.4	0.6
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	1.1	5.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8
06 Health	2.9	0.5	0.3	1.3	1.5	0.6
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	5.2	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5
Health Services	1.5	0.1	0.2	1.9	2.2	0.6
07 Transport	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.4	2.9
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	1.5	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.9	2.6
10 Education	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	1.7	1.7	0.4	1.0	2.8	1.2
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.5	1.7	3.6	2.0	1.5	1.4

**Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Monthly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes
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2008						DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
2.8	1.2	0.6	0.3	-0.3	0.0	ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS
1.2	1.4	1.5	0.9	2.3	0.9	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
1.2	1.4	1.6	0.9	2.4	1.0	Food
1.3	1.2	1.7	0.8	0.4	0.8	Bread and Cereals (ND)
0.9	1.9	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.8	Meat (ND)
0.6	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.8	Fish and Seafood (ND)
0.7	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)
2.8	4.2	1.9	2.3	1.1	1.8	Oils and Fats (ND)
0.8	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.5	-1.9	Fruit (ND)
1.8	0.5	2.0	0.9	8.8	0.3	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)
1.7	1.1	2.2	3.2	12.8	1.4	Vegetables
2.1	-0.9	1.8	-3.7	-0.9	-2.2	Starchy Foods
1.8	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.5	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)
1.4	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.0	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)
1.0	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.7	Non-Alcoholic Beverages
0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)
1.3	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.8	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)
1.5	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.9	02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
1.0	1.1	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	03 Clothing and Footwear
0.8	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	Clothing
1.3	1.2	0.4	1.0	1.5	0.5	Footwear
6.9	2.6	-2.4	-0.1	-8.1	-2.7	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	Rentals for Housing
0.6	1.2	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.2	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling
0.9	6.2	1.5	-1.1	0.4	-4.6	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling
11.6	3.2	-4.2	-0.2	-13.7	-4.0	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
1.9	1.3	0.7	0.9	0.6	1.1	05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance
3.0	2.4	1.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)
1.6	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.7	1.1	Household Textiles
2.2	0.7	0.2	1.0	0.1	0.4	Household Appliances
2.5	1.1	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.5	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils
2.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden
1.5	1.2	0.6	1.0	0.7	1.4	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance
0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	06 Health
0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.8	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment
0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	Health Services
9.9	0.3	-0.4	-2.1	-2.8	-2.0	07 Transport
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	08 Communication
1.6	0.5	1.1	0.3	1.6	0.5	09 Recreation and Culture
0.0	0.0	9.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	10 Education
0.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services
0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Table 1.3

Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Mean Quarterly Index by Divisions, Groups and Classes 2008

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:			
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	121.3	127.6	135.4	136.6
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	131.0	139.3	146.3	152.5
Food	131.6	140.3	147.4	154.0
Bread and Cereals (ND)	137.4	154.7	168.8	173.7
Meat (ND)	126.7	131.2	136.1	141.3
Fish and Seafood (ND)	120.2	125.7	130.0	135.3
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	134.0	141.9	146.5	149.6
Oils and Fats (ND)	131.1	146.6	160.7	170.9
Fruit (ND)	132.6	137.2	140.5	141.2
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	144.1	152.5	159.1	172.7
Vegetables	140.9	149.1	156.1	178.9
Starchy Foods	149.9	158.8	164.4	157.6
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	121.9	128.1	133.1	136.1
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	122.3	129.8	135.5	140.6
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	121.7	125.5	129.4	131.3
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	117.1	119.2	121.2	122.8
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	123.5	128.0	132.6	134.6
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	119.9	133.4	144.5	146.3
03 Clothing and Footwear	121.3	125.3	128.9	131.2
Clothing	116.4	119.6	122.5	123.9
Footwear	129.6	135.2	140.0	144.0
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	125.1	133.8	149.2	138.7
Rentals for Housing	124.9	127.8	129.1	129.6
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	120.2	126.3	129.6	132.3
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	105.7	115.1	147.8	148.7
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	129.4	141.1	161.6	142.1
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	122.5	126.4	131.5	134.9
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	126.0	131.1	141.2	145.0
Household Textiles	117.2	121.5	126.2	128.8
Household Appliances	124.0	128.1	132.3	134.4
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	123.5	128.6	134.5	137.2
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	123.1	126.1	130.3	132.2
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	121.9	125.6	129.7	133.4
06 Health	106.8	109.9	111.5	112.5
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	110.0	111.4	112.7	113.9
Health Services	105.0	109.0	110.8	111.6
07 Transport	108.1	111.6	125.7	119.8
08 Communication	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7
09 Recreation and Culture	112.1	115.1	120.1	122.9
10 Education	112.0	113.0	116.5	123.5
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	118.7	123.6	127.9	130.7
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	114.0	121.4	125.1	128.1

Table 1.4

**Consumer Price Index All Jamaica
Quarterly Percentage Change by Divisions,
Groups and Classes 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:			
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	5.2	6.0	4.8	0.0
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.2	6.6	4.2	4.2
Food	7.3	6.8	4.3	4.4
Bread and Cereals (ND)	6.4	18.1	4.2	1.9
Meat (ND)	3.9	3.1	4.6	3.4
Fish and Seafood (ND)	5.8	2.9	3.8	4.1
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	13.1	5.1	2.9	1.5
Oils and Fats (ND)	12.3	11.3	9.0	5.3
Fruit (ND)	9.6	2.7	2.4	-1.3
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	8.0	4.6	4.3	10.1
Vegetables	7.1	4.3	5.1	18.0
Starchy Foods	9.1	5.2	2.9	-6.6
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	9.1	4.5	3.4	2.1
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	9.4	5.5	4.0	3.7
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.4	3.3	2.6	1.3
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	3.0	2.2	1.4	1.4
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	6.2	3.8	3.0	1.3
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.4	16.6	3.0	1.4
03 Clothing and Footwear	6.7	2.7	2.5	1.8
Clothing	5.3	2.3	2.1	1.0
Footwear	8.9	3.4	3.0	3.0
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.7	10.2	7.1	-10.7
Rentals for Housing	5.1	2.2	0.2	0.5
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	9.4	3.5	2.4	1.7
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	-4.4	37.6	8.8	-5.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.8	10.7	10.3	-17.3
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.5	2.4	3.9	2.6
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	5.9	5.6	6.9	1.3
Household Textiles	3.7	4.1	3.4	2.2
Household Appliances	4.4	2.1	3.2	1.5
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	8.0	3.2	4.1	1.7
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	3.3	2.6	2.9	1.8
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	7.5	1.6	3.4	3.2
06 Health	3.7	3.4	0.8	1.0
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	6.7	1.1	1.0	1.5
Health Services	1.9	4.8	0.7	0.6
07 Transport	1.7	5.2	9.8	-6.7
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	2.8	4.0	3.2	2.3
10 Education	5.6	0.9	9.2	0.1
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	3.8	5.1	3.0	1.3
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	6.9	5.0	2.4	2.4

Table 1.5

**Consumer Price Index All Jamaica Semi-Annual Percentage Change by Divisions,
Groups and Classes 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 6 months ending:	
	Jun 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	11.5	4.8
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.3	8.6
Food	14.6	8.8
Bread and Cereals (ND)	25.7	6.2
Meat (ND)	7.1	8.1
Fish and Seafood (ND)	8.9	8.1
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	18.8	4.5
Oils and Fats (ND)	24.9	14.8
Fruit (ND)	12.6	1.1
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	12.9	14.9
Vegetables	11.6	24.0
Starchy Foods	14.7	-3.9
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	14.0	5.5
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	15.4	7.8
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.9	3.9
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	5.2	2.8
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	10.3	4.3
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	21.7	4.4
03 Clothing and Footwear	9.6	4.4
Clothing	7.8	3.2
Footwear	12.6	6.1
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.3	-4.3
Rentals for Housing	7.5	0.8
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	13.3	4.2
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	31.5	3.1
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.8	-8.8
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	9.1	6.6
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	11.9	8.3
Household Textiles	8.0	5.6
Household Appliances	6.6	4.8
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	11.4	5.9
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	6.1	4.8
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	9.2	6.7
06 Health	7.2	1.8
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	7.9	2.5
Health Services	6.8	1.4
07 Transport	7.0	2.5
08 Communication	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	6.8	5.6
10 Education	6.5	9.3
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	9.0	4.4
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	12.2	4.9

Section 2

GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN AREA

Table 2.1

**Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area by Divisions, Groups and Classes
by Month December 2007 - December 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	2007	2008					
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	117.4	120.6	123.2	125.0	126.6	129.4	132.6
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	128.7	133.5	136.2	139.6	141.5	144.0	147.8
Food	129.3	133.8	136.6	140.1	142.0	144.5	148.3
Bread and Cereals (ND)	130.5	136.7	139.0	140.1	141.7	149.3	155.8
Meat (ND)	128.3	130.7	131.8	133.6	135.9	136.6	140.1
Fish and Seafood (ND)	119.5	121.1	122.3	124.2	125.3	126.4	128.4
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	126.3	141.9	146.8	151.1	154.1	156.6	159.0
Oils and Fats (ND)	124.0	136.6	144.0	151.2	156.4	160.3	169.2
Fruit (ND)	127.4	133.9	139.4	144.7	145.7	147.3	151.3
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	142.8	144.5	147.2	153.2	155.0	156.8	160.3
Vegetables	140.0	137.4	138.9	144.6	146.3	147.8	150.7
Starchy Foods	148.3	158.5	163.3	170.1	171.8	174.5	179.2
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	115.2	119.2	125.9	130.1	132.1	133.5	135.8
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	122.4	125.4	129.8	134.6	135.8	137.5	141.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	119.3	127.6	130.0	131.6	132.7	135.3	138.7
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	116.7	124.1	125.7	126.4	126.7	131.0	131.7
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	120.3	128.8	131.5	133.5	134.8	136.8	141.1
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	115.7	121.5	122.9	125.6	126.1	146.8	150.2
03 Clothing and Footwear	119.9	126.8	132.2	134.4	135.1	137.5	140.5
Clothing	113.3	117.7	119.0	120.6	121.0	121.6	122.8
Footwear	131.9	143.3	156.1	159.4	160.7	166.3	172.6
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	114.9	118.2	121.5	120.9	123.4	128.5	132.6
Rentals for Housing	107.0	112.7	114.0	115.8	115.8	120.0	120.0
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	114.8	116.8	125.5	126.8	129.4	130.3	132.1
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	107.3	107.6	109.6	102.5	103.7	103.2	141.1
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	125.5	127.1	132.5	130.8	136.3	144.5	144.0
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	118.1	120.5	126.6	128.3	128.9	129.4	131.2
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	123.4	126.7	128.1	129.0	129.0	130.1	131.8
Household Textiles	115.1	117.9	119.5	121.2	122.1	122.3	123.8
Household Appliances	123.2	125.0	126.1	130.9	133.2	133.3	134.1
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	109.4	115.5	119.4	125.4	126.7	128.3	132.6
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	115.6	116.9	120.7	120.9	120.9	121.1	122.7
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	116.3	118.6	127.2	128.4	128.8	129.3	131.3
06 Health	102.2	103.5	103.6	103.9	104.1	109.3	109.5
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	102.0	103.3	103.6	104.3	104.6	105.2	105.3
Health Services	102.3	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.8	112.1	112.3
07 Transport	105.9	106.3	107.7	108.4	109.4	110.9	116.5
08 Communication	102.8	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9
09 Recreation and Culture	108.5	110.8	111.7	113.7	114.5	114.7	116.1
10 Education	106.5	113.4	113.4	113.4	113.6	113.6	113.6
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	115.6	117.4	120.8	120.9	121.9	126.7	129.7
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	112.2	115.3	117.9	122.6	125.3	127.1	128.8

**Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area by Divisions, Groups and Classes
by Month December 2007 - December 2008**

2008						DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
134.8	137.0	138.1	138.2	137.1	137.3	ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS
148.9	152.4	155.3	156.3	158.2	160.1	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
149.4	152.9	156.0	157.0	159.0	160.9	Food
156.9	160.4	165.0	166.7	167.0	168.6	Bread and Cereals (ND)
141.3	144.8	148.7	148.5	148.5	153.2	Meat (ND)
128.9	133.8	137.7	139.3	140.5	141.6	Fish and Seafood (ND)
159.8	163.4	164.0	164.4	165.8	166.5	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)
172.7	178.7	183.0	183.4	185.6	192.3	Oils and Fats (ND)
152.5	156.0	155.3	154.8	156.4	152.3	Fruit (ND)
161.4	163.8	166.4	168.0	174.9	175.8	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)
151.4	153.9	157.8	164.9	174.4	177.7	Vegetables
181.0	183.2	183.3	174.1	175.7	172.2	Starchy Foods
137.0	140.5	141.6	143.1	144.6	145.2	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)
141.6	144.1	146.6	148.2	148.5	149.6	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)
141.1	143.0	143.7	144.4	145.1	146.1	Non-Alcoholic Beverages
131.9	132.2	133.6	134.1	134.2	134.4	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)
144.3	146.7	147.2	148.0	148.9	150.2	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)
152.8	156.9	157.4	157.8	158.4	158.9	02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
143.7	145.7	146.2	148.6	148.6	149.6	03 Clothing and Footwear
124.8	126.0	126.1	127.1	127.1	127.9	Clothing
177.8	181.4	182.5	187.5	187.5	189.0	Footwear
140.3	143.4	140.6	140.8	131.7	129.0	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
120.6	120.6	120.6	121.3	121.3	121.4	Rentals for Housing
134.5	135.4	136.4	138.1	138.7	139.3	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling
142.5	151.3	153.6	151.9	152.5	145.5	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling
161.5	166.6	158.9	158.9	136.5	131.6	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
134.5	137.0	138.8	139.6	140.1	141.6	05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance
138.7	141.6	146.0	146.2	146.5	146.6	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)
124.9	126.1	127.9	128.2	128.8	131.3	Household Textiles
134.2	134.3	134.9	137.7	137.8	138.2	Household Appliances
138.5	139.8	140.7	141.8	141.8	142.5	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils
123.3	125.7	126.2	126.5	126.9	127.6	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden
134.5	137.5	138.9	139.5	140.1	142.2	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance
109.6	110.0	110.1	110.2	110.3	111.0	06 Health
105.5	106.2	106.2	106.6	106.9	108.3	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment
112.4	112.7	112.7	112.7	112.7	112.9	Health Services
117.4	118.1	117.7	113.7	109.5	106.9	07 Transport
102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	08 Communication
116.8	117.4	118.1	118.4	119.5	120.0	09 Recreation and Culture
113.6	113.6	120.6	120.6	120.7	120.7	10 Education
129.7	131.2	133.6	134.4	134.4	135.1	11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services
129.6	131.2	132.0	133.2	133.5	135.2	12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Table 2.2

**Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area Monthly Percentage Change
by Divisions, Groups and Classes
January - December 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	2008					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	2.8	2.2	1.4	1.2	2.2	2.5
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.7	2.1	2.5	1.4	1.8	2.6
Food	3.5	2.1	2.5	1.4	1.7	2.6
Bread and Cereals (ND)	4.7	1.7	0.8	1.1	5.4	4.4
Meat (ND)	1.9	0.8	1.4	1.7	0.5	2.5
Fish and Seafood (ND)	1.3	0.9	1.6	0.9	0.8	1.6
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	12.3	3.5	2.9	2.0	1.7	1.5
Oils and Fats (ND)	10.2	5.4	5.0	3.4	2.5	5.6
Fruit (ND)	5.1	4.1	3.8	0.7	1.1	2.7
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	1.2	1.8	4.1	1.1	1.2	2.2
Vegetables	-1.9	1.1	4.1	1.2	1.0	2.0
Starchy Foods	6.9	3.1	4.2	1.0	1.6	2.7
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	3.4	5.7	3.3	1.6	1.0	1.7
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	2.5	3.5	3.7	0.9	1.2	2.6
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.9	1.9	1.2	0.8	1.9	2.5
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	6.3	1.3	0.5	0.3	3.4	0.6
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	7.1	2.1	1.5	1.0	1.5	3.2
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.0	1.1	2.2	0.4	16.4	2.3
03 Clothing and Footwear	5.8	4.2	1.7	0.5	1.7	2.2
Clothing	3.9	1.0	1.4	0.3	0.5	1.0
Footwear	8.7	8.9	2.1	0.8	3.5	3.8
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.8	2.9	-0.5	2.0	4.2	3.2
Rentals for Housing	6.3	1.3	1.6	0.0	3.6	0.0
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	7.1	2.1	1.0	2.1	0.7	1.4
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	0.3	1.8	-6.5	1.1	-0.4	36.7
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.3	4.3	-1.2	4.2	6.0	-0.4
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	2.0	5.1	1.3	0.5	0.4	1.4
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	2.6	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.8	1.3
Household Textiles	2.4	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.1	1.3
Household Appliances	1.5	0.9	3.8	1.7	0.1	0.6
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	5.5	3.4	5.0	1.0	1.3	3.4
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	1.2	3.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	1.4
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	1.9	7.3	0.9	0.3	0.4	1.5
06 Health	1.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	5.0	0.1
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.1
Health Services	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	8.0	0.1
07 Transport	0.4	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.3	5.1
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	2.1	0.8	1.8	0.7	0.1	1.2
10 Education	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	1.6	2.9	0.1	0.8	4.0	2.4
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.8	2.2	4.0	2.2	1.4	1.3

**Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area Monthly Percentage Change
by Divisions, Groups and Classes
January - December 2008**

2008						DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
1.6	1.7	0.8	0.1	-0.8	0.2	ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS
0.8	2.3	1.9	0.6	1.3	1.2	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
0.7	2.4	2.0	0.6	1.3	1.2	Food
0.7	2.2	2.9	1.1	0.1	1.0	Bread and Cereals (ND)
0.9	2.5	2.7	-0.1	0.0	3.2	Meat (ND)
0.4	3.7	3.0	1.1	0.9	0.8	Fish and Seafood (ND)
0.5	2.3	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.4	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)
2.1	3.5	2.4	0.2	1.2	3.6	Oils and Fats (ND)
0.8	2.3	-0.4	-0.3	1.0	-2.6	Fruit (ND)
0.7	1.5	1.6	1.0	4.1	0.6	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)
0.5	1.6	2.5	4.5	5.7	1.9	Vegetables
1.0	1.2	0.1	-5.0	1.0	-2.0	Starchy Foods
0.9	2.5	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.4	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)
0.3	1.7	1.7	1.1	0.3	0.7	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)
1.7	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	Non-Alcoholic Beverages
0.1	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)
2.2	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.9	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)
1.7	2.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
2.2	1.4	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.7	03 Clothing and Footwear
1.6	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.6	Clothing
3.0	2.0	0.6	2.7	0.0	0.8	Footwear
5.8	2.2	-2.0	0.1	-6.4	-2.1	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
0.5	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	Rentals for Housing
1.8	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.5	0.5	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling
0.9	6.2	1.5	-1.1	0.4	-4.6	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling
12.2	3.2	-4.7	0.0	-14.1	-3.6	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
2.5	1.9	1.3	0.6	0.3	1.1	05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance
5.3	2.1	3.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)
0.9	1.0	1.5	0.2	0.5	1.9	Household Textiles
0.1	0.1	0.4	2.1	0.1	0.3	Household Appliances
4.4	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.4	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils
0.4	2.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden
2.5	2.2	1.0	0.5	0.4	1.5	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance
0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.6	06 Health
0.2	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.3	1.3	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment
0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	Health Services
0.8	0.6	-0.3	-3.5	-3.7	-2.3	07 Transport
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	08 Communication
0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.4	09 Recreation and Culture
0.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	10 Education
0.0	1.1	1.8	0.6	0.0	0.6	11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services
0.6	1.2	0.6	0.9	0.3	1.3	12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Table 2.3

**Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area Mean Quarterly Index
by Divisions, Groups and Classes 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:			
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	123.0	129.5	136.6	137.5
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	136.4	144.4	152.2	158.2
Food	136.8	144.9	152.8	159.0
Bread and Cereals (ND)	138.6	148.9	160.7	167.4
Meat (ND)	132.0	137.5	144.9	150.1
Fish and Seafood (ND)	122.5	126.7	133.5	140.5
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	146.6	156.6	162.4	165.5
Oils and Fats (ND)	144.0	161.9	178.1	187.1
Fruit (ND)	139.3	148.1	154.6	154.5
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	148.3	157.4	163.9	172.9
Vegetables	140.3	148.3	154.4	172.3
Starchy Foods	164.0	175.2	182.5	174.0
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	125.1	133.8	139.7	144.3
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	130.0	138.1	144.1	148.8
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	129.7	135.6	142.6	145.2
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	125.4	129.8	132.6	134.2
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	131.3	137.6	146.1	149.0
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	123.3	141.0	155.7	158.4
03 Clothing and Footwear	131.1	137.7	145.2	148.9
Clothing	119.1	121.8	125.6	127.4
Footwear	152.9	166.5	180.6	188.0
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	120.2	128.2	141.3	133.7
Rentals for Housing	114.2	118.6	120.4	121.1
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	123.0	130.6	135.4	138.7
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	106.6	116.0	149.1	150.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	130.1	141.6	162.3	142.3
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	125.1	129.8	136.8	140.4
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	127.9	130.3	142.1	146.4
Household Textiles	119.5	122.7	126.3	129.4
Household Appliances	127.3	133.5	134.4	137.9
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	120.1	129.2	139.6	142.0
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	119.5	121.6	125.1	127.0
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	124.7	129.8	137.0	140.6
06 Health	103.7	107.6	109.9	110.5
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	103.7	105.0	106.0	107.2
Health Services	103.6	109.4	112.6	112.8
07 Transport	107.5	112.3	117.8	110.0
08 Communication	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9
09 Recreation and Culture	112.1	115.1	117.4	119.3
10 Education	113.4	113.6	115.9	120.6
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	119.7	126.1	131.5	134.6
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	118.6	127.1	131.0	134.0

Table 2.4

**Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area
Quarterly Percentage Change by Divisions,
Groups and Classes 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:			
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	6.5	6.1	4.1	-0.6
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.4	5.9	5.1	3.1
Food	8.3	5.9	5.2	3.1
Bread and Cereals (ND)	7.4	11.2	5.9	2.2
Meat (ND)	4.1	4.8	6.1	3.1
Fish and Seafood (ND)	3.9	3.4	7.3	2.8
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	19.6	5.2	3.1	1.5
Oils and Fats (ND)	22.0	11.9	8.1	5.1
Fruit (ND)	13.6	4.5	2.7	-2.0
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	7.3	4.6	3.8	5.7
Vegetables	3.3	4.2	4.7	12.6
Starchy Foods	14.7	5.3	2.3	-6.0
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	12.9	4.4	4.3	2.5
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	10.0	4.8	3.9	2.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	10.3	5.4	3.6	1.7
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	8.3	4.2	1.4	0.6
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	11.0	5.7	4.3	2.0
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	8.5	19.6	4.8	1.0
03 Clothing and Footwear	12.1	4.6	4.0	2.4
Clothing	6.4	1.8	2.7	1.4
Footwear	20.9	8.3	5.7	3.5
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	5.2	9.7	6.0	-8.2
Rentals for Housing	8.2	3.6	0.5	0.7
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	10.4	4.2	3.2	2.2
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	-4.4	37.6	8.8	-5.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	4.3	10.0	10.4	-17.2
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	8.7	2.3	5.8	2.1
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	4.5	2.2	10.8	0.4
Household Textiles	5.3	2.2	3.3	2.6
Household Appliances	6.3	2.4	0.6	2.5
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	14.6	5.8	6.0	1.3
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	4.6	1.5	2.8	1.2
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	10.4	2.2	5.8	2.4
06 Health	1.7	5.4	0.6	0.9
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	2.2	1.0	0.8	1.9
Health Services	1.3	8.3	0.4	0.2
07 Transport	2.4	7.4	1.1	-9.2
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	4.8	2.1	1.7	1.7
10 Education	6.5	0.2	6.1	0.1
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	4.5	7.3	3.0	1.2
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	9.2	5.1	2.5	2.4

Table 2.5

**Consumer Price Index Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area
Semi-Annual Percentage Change by Divisions,
Groups and Classes 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 6 months ending:	
	Jun 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	13.0	3.5
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.8	8.3
Food	14.7	8.5
Bread and Cereals (ND)	19.4	8.2
Meat (ND)	9.2	9.4
Fish and Seafood (ND)	7.4	10.3
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	25.8	4.7
Oils and Fats (ND)	36.4	13.7
Fruit (ND)	18.7	0.7
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	12.3	9.7
Vegetables	7.6	17.9
Starchy Foods	20.8	-3.9
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	17.8	7.0
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	15.3	6.0
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	16.2	5.4
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	12.9	2.0
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	17.3	6.5
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	29.8	5.8
03 Clothing and Footwear	17.2	6.5
Clothing	8.4	4.2
Footwear	30.9	9.5
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	15.4	-2.7
Rentals for Housing	12.1	1.2
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	15.1	5.4
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	31.5	3.1
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.7	-8.6
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	11.1	8.0
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	6.7	11.2
Household Textiles	7.5	6.1
Household Appliances	8.8	3.1
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	21.2	7.4
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	6.2	4.0
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	12.9	8.3
06 Health	7.1	1.4
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	3.3	2.8
Health Services	9.8	0.5
07 Transport	10.0	-8.2
08 Communication	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	7.0	3.4
10 Education	6.7	6.2
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	12.2	4.2
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	14.8	5.0

Section 3

OTHER URBAN CENTRES

Table 3.1

**Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres by Divisions, Groups and Classes by Month
December 2007 - December 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	2007	2008					
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	116.4	118.7	120.6	122.5	124.3	127.2	129.7
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	122.0	124.9	126.7	130.7	132.8	136.9	139.6
Food	122.5	125.4	127.2	131.5	133.7	138.0	140.8
Bread and Cereals (ND)	130.8	132.6	135.7	138.3	144.2	157.7	167.6
Meat (ND)	118.0	119.4	121.2	125.1	126.0	127.3	128.4
Fish and Seafood (ND)	111.5	111.6	112.3	117.4	118.5	120.1	123.1
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	119.6	126.8	129.9	133.1	135.0	138.7	140.9
Oils and Fats (ND)	119.1	126.0	128.2	134.0	140.1	149.2	152.0
Fruit (ND)	131.1	148.2	148.1	147.8	148.7	149.0	142.2
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	132.6	134.7	136.2	143.3	143.9	146.3	146.8
Vegetables	132.4	131.9	132.5	141.5	141.4	142.8	144.8
Starchy Foods	133.1	140.4	143.7	146.8	149.0	153.6	150.9
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	113.8	119.1	120.4	121.8	123.3	125.3	126.6
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	113.7	116.0	116.6	119.4	121.8	122.8	125.4
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	116.0	117.7	119.5	120.3	122.3	122.9	123.7
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	111.4	113.0	113.7	114.1	115.2	115.4	115.6
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	117.4	119.2	121.3	122.2	124.5	125.2	126.2
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	118.2	118.4	119.2	119.4	120.2	130.7	136.6
03 Clothing and Footwear	110.9	111.0	111.7	112.4	112.9	113.1	113.7
Clothing	108.7	108.8	109.7	110.0	110.6	110.7	111.7
Footwear	114.5	114.8	115.1	116.4	116.7	117.0	117.1
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	126.4	128.0	131.1	129.6	132.9	137.6	142.1
Rentals for Housing	143.8	145.2	145.2	145.2	145.2	145.2	145.5
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	111.6	112.0	119.5	121.8	123.2	125.4	126.3
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	105.6	106.0	107.9	101.0	102.1	101.7	139.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	124.9	127.1	131.3	129.9	135.3	143.5	143.1
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	115.7	118.3	123.3	123.6	124.5	125.0	126.5
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	122.8	129.2	130.4	130.8	133.7	135.2	140.0
Household Textiles	111.3	115.9	117.2	117.5	118.5	118.8	123.3
Household Appliances	119.6	121.8	122.7	123.9	125.5	125.7	126.5
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	111.6	113.1	114.0	114.0	114.3	114.9	116.2
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	113.8	116.6	117.1	117.4	118.9	119.8	121.0
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	114.3	116.2	123.0	123.2	123.7	124.0	124.6
06 Health	103.2	107.0	108.0	108.3	110.0	110.2	110.7
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	103.0	107.9	110.0	110.3	110.3	110.4	110.9
Health Services	103.3	106.5	106.9	107.2	109.8	110.1	110.7
07 Transport	107.3	108.7	110.4	111.0	112.0	114.0	116.9
08 Communication	101.9	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0
09 Recreation and Culture	114.0	115.1	115.5	116.4	117.0	118.0	118.8
10 Education	105.7	110.9	110.9	110.9	112.5	112.5	112.5
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	115.4	121.6	122.4	123.7	124.1	127.2	128.9
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	107.1	108.4	110.8	114.6	117.5	118.7	120.7

**Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres by Divisions, Groups and Classes by Month
December 2007 - December 2008**

2008						DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
134.1	136.0	137.1	137.3	136.0	135.9	ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS
141.6	143.6	146.7	147.2	148.7	150.0	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
142.9	145.0	148.3	148.7	150.5	151.8	Food
169.7	171.1	174.9	176.1	177.4	177.7	Bread and Cereals (ND)
129.2	131.3	133.9	135.3	134.7	136.1	Meat (ND)
123.9	126.1	127.3	128.2	129.1	130.7	Fish and Seafood (ND)
141.9	143.3	145.2	145.9	145.9	146.3	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)
153.8	162.3	165.4	167.9	168.7	169.7	Oils and Fats (ND)
144.6	146.5	151.1	147.6	146.7	147.1	Fruit (ND)
151.1	153.0	158.7	157.1	163.1	165.5	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)
148.6	150.8	155.7	157.7	166.3	170.0	Vegetables
156.0	157.5	165.0	155.9	156.5	156.5	Starchy Foods
129.7	130.6	132.9	133.2	134.5	135.2	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)
128.1	129.5	132.6	134.4	139.2	141.0	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)
124.8	126.2	127.1	127.2	126.0	126.6	Non-Alcoholic Beverages
116.6	117.6	118.4	119.0	119.0	120.1	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)
127.3	128.9	129.7	129.8	128.2	128.6	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)
137.8	138.5	138.6	138.6	138.7	138.9	02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
114.6	116.5	117.1	117.3	117.5	117.6	03 Clothing and Footwear
112.6	113.4	113.6	113.9	114.2	114.3	Clothing
117.9	121.6	122.9	123.0	123.0	123.0	Footwear
151.9	156.2	152.6	152.5	140.2	136.9	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
145.7	145.7	145.7	145.7	145.7	145.8	Rentals for Housing
126.4	127.5	128.7	129.2	130.1	130.3	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling
140.3	149.0	151.2	149.6	150.2	143.3	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling
160.3	165.9	159.0	159.0	136.8	132.4	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
128.3	130.0	130.7	133.1	134.8	135.9	05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance
142.5	146.2	146.6	148.1	148.7	149.5	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)
126.6	127.8	127.9	129.2	130.4	131.4	Household Textiles
130.8	132.3	132.4	133.0	133.2	133.8	Household Appliances
117.5	118.5	119.5	121.5	122.7	123.1	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils
122.9	123.6	123.9	124.2	124.6	124.7	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden
125.7	127.3	128.3	131.2	133.5	134.8	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance
111.2	111.3	111.7	112.3	113.2	113.6	06 Health
111.3	111.5	111.9	112.4	114.6	115.6	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment
111.2	111.3	111.6	112.2	112.5	112.5	Health Services
132.3	132.5	131.5	129.5	125.6	122.7	07 Transport
102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	08 Communication
120.1	120.9	121.6	122.5	124.0	124.5	09 Recreation and Culture
112.5	112.5	125.8	125.8	125.9	125.9	10 Education
130.9	134.4	136.8	137.4	138.9	139.2	11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services
121.9	123.2	124.0	125.0	125.6	126.8	12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Table 3.2

**Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres Monthly Percentage Change
by Divisions, Groups and Classes
January - December 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	2008					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.5	2.3	1.9
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.3	1.5	3.1	1.7	3.1	2.0
Food	2.4	1.5	3.3	1.7	3.2	2.0
Bread and Cereals (ND)	1.4	2.4	1.9	4.3	9.3	6.3
Meat (ND)	1.2	1.5	3.3	0.7	1.1	0.8
Fish and Seafood (ND)	0.1	0.7	4.5	0.9	1.3	2.6
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	6.0	2.4	2.5	1.5	2.7	1.6
Oils and Fats (ND)	5.8	1.7	4.6	4.5	6.5	1.9
Fruit (ND)	13.1	0.0	-0.2	0.6	0.2	-4.5
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	1.5	1.1	5.2	0.4	1.7	0.3
Vegetables	-0.4	0.5	6.8	-0.1	1.0	1.4
Starchy Foods	5.5	2.4	2.2	1.5	3.1	-1.8
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	4.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.0
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	1.9	0.5	2.4	2.0	0.9	2.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.5	1.5	0.7	1.6	0.5	0.6
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	1.4	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.2
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	1.5	1.7	0.8	1.8	0.6	0.8
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.7	8.7	4.5
03 Clothing and Footwear	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.6
Clothing	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.9
Footwear	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.3	2.4	-1.1	2.5	3.6	3.2
Rentals for Housing	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	0.3	6.7	1.9	1.1	1.8	0.7
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	0.3	1.8	-6.5	1.1	-0.4	36.7
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.8	3.3	-1.0	4.1	6.1	-0.3
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	2.3	4.2	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.1
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	5.2	0.9	0.3	2.2	1.2	3.5
Household Textiles	4.2	1.1	0.2	0.8	0.3	3.8
Household Appliances	1.9	0.7	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.7
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	1.3	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.1
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	2.4	0.4	0.3	1.2	0.8	1.0
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	1.6	5.9	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5
06 Health	3.7	1.0	0.2	1.5	0.2	0.5
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	4.7	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.5
Health Services	3.2	0.4	0.2	2.4	0.3	0.5
07 Transport	1.3	1.6	0.6	0.9	1.8	2.5
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	1.0	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.7
10 Education	4.9	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	5.4	0.7	1.0	0.3	2.5	1.3
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.2	2.2	3.5	2.5	1.0	1.7

**Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres Monthly Percentage Change
by Divisions, Groups and Classes
January - December 2008**

2008						DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
3.4	1.4	0.8	0.1	-0.9	-0.1	ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS
1.4	1.4	2.2	0.3	1.0	0.8	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
1.5	1.5	2.3	0.3	1.2	0.9	Food
1.2	0.8	2.3	0.7	0.7	0.2	Bread and Cereals (ND)
0.7	1.6	2.0	1.0	-0.5	1.1	Meat (ND)
0.7	1.7	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.2	Fish and Seafood (ND)
0.7	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.3	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)
1.2	5.5	1.9	1.5	0.5	0.6	Oils and Fats (ND)
1.7	1.3	3.2	-2.3	-0.7	0.3	Fruit (ND)
2.9	1.3	3.7	-1.0	3.8	1.5	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)
2.7	1.4	3.2	1.3	5.4	2.2	Vegetables
3.4	1.0	4.7	-5.5	0.4	0.0	Starchy Foods
2.4	0.7	1.8	0.2	1.0	0.5	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)
2.2	1.1	2.4	1.3	3.6	1.3	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)
0.9	1.2	0.6	0.2	-1.0	0.5	Non-Alcoholic Beverages
0.8	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.9	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)
0.9	1.3	0.6	0.1	-1.3	0.3	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)
0.9	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
0.8	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	03 Clothing and Footwear
0.8	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	Clothing
0.7	3.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	Footwear
6.9	2.8	-2.3	-0.1	-8.1	-2.3	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	Rentals for Housing
0.0	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.2	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling
0.9	6.2	1.5	-1.1	0.4	-4.6	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling
12.0	3.5	-4.2	0.0	-13.9	-3.2	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
1.4	1.4	0.5	1.8	1.3	0.8	05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance
1.8	2.6	0.3	1.1	0.4	0.5	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)
2.7	0.9	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	Household Textiles
3.4	1.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	Household Appliances
1.2	0.8	0.8	1.7	0.9	0.4	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils
1.6	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden
0.9	1.3	0.7	2.3	1.7	1.0	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance
0.4	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.3	06 Health
0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.9	0.9	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment
0.5	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	Health Services
13.2	0.2	-0.7	-1.6	-3.0	-2.2	07 Transport
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	08 Communication
1.1	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.2	0.4	09 Recreation and Culture
0.0	0.0	11.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	10 Education
1.5	2.7	1.8	0.5	1.1	0.2	11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services
1.0	1.1	0.6	0.8	0.5	1.0	12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Table 3.3

**Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres Mean Quarterly Index
by Divisions, Groups and Classes 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:			
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	120.6	127.1	135.8	136.4
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	127.4	136.4	144.0	148.6
Food	128.1	137.5	145.4	150.3
Bread and Cereals (ND)	135.6	156.5	171.9	177.1
Meat (ND)	121.9	127.2	131.5	135.4
Fish and Seafood (ND)	113.8	120.6	125.8	129.4
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	129.9	138.2	143.5	146.0
Oils and Fats (ND)	129.4	147.1	160.5	168.8
Fruit (ND)	148.0	146.6	147.4	147.2
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	138.0	145.7	154.3	161.9
Vegetables	135.3	143.0	151.7	164.7
Starchy Foods	143.6	151.2	159.5	156.3
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	120.4	125.1	131.1	134.3
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	117.3	123.3	130.1	138.2
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	119.2	122.9	126.0	126.6
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	113.6	115.4	117.5	119.4
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	120.9	125.3	128.7	128.9
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	119.0	129.2	138.3	138.7
03 Clothing and Footwear	111.7	113.2	116.0	117.4
Clothing	109.5	111.0	113.2	114.1
Footwear	115.5	116.9	120.8	123.0
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	129.6	137.5	153.6	143.2
Rentals for Housing	145.2	145.3	145.7	145.7
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	117.7	125.0	127.5	129.9
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	105.0	114.2	146.8	147.7
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	129.4	140.6	161.7	142.8
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	121.7	125.3	129.7	134.6
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	130.1	136.3	145.1	148.8
Household Textiles	116.9	120.2	127.5	130.3
Household Appliances	122.8	125.9	131.8	133.3
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	113.7	115.1	118.5	122.4
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	117.1	119.9	123.5	124.5
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	120.8	124.1	127.1	133.2
06 Health	107.8	110.3	111.4	113.0
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	109.4	110.5	111.5	114.2
Health Services	106.9	110.2	111.4	112.4
07 Transport	110.0	114.3	132.1	125.9
08 Communication	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0
09 Recreation and Culture	115.7	117.9	120.9	123.7
10 Education	110.9	112.5	116.9	125.8
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	122.6	126.7	134.0	138.5
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	111.3	119.0	123.0	125.8

Table 3.4

Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres
Quarterly Percentage Change by Divisions, Groups and Classes 2008

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:			
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	5.2	5.9	5.7	-0.9
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.1	6.8	5.1	2.2
Food	7.3	7.1	5.3	2.4
Bread and Cereals (ND)	5.8	21.2	4.4	1.6
Meat (ND)	6.1	2.6	4.3	1.6
Fish and Seafood (ND)	5.3	4.9	3.4	2.7
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	11.3	5.8	3.1	0.8
Oils and Fats (ND)	12.5	13.4	8.8	2.6
Fruit (ND)	12.8	-3.8	6.3	-2.6
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	8.0	2.4	8.2	4.3
Vegetables	6.9	2.3	7.5	9.2
Starchy Foods	10.3	2.8	9.4	-5.1
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	7.1	3.9	5.0	1.7
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	5.0	5.0	5.8	6.3
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.7	2.8	2.7	-0.4
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	2.4	1.3	2.4	1.4
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	4.1	3.2	2.8	-0.9
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.0	14.4	1.4	0.2
03 Clothing and Footwear	1.4	1.1	2.9	0.4
Clothing	1.2	1.5	1.7	0.6
Footwear	1.7	0.6	4.9	0.1
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.6	9.6	7.5	-10.3
Rentals for Housing	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	9.1	3.7	1.9	1.2
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	-4.4	37.6	8.8	-5.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	4.0	10.2	11.1	-16.7
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.9	2.3	3.4	4.0
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	6.5	7.0	4.7	2.0
Household Textiles	5.6	5.0	3.7	2.7
Household Appliances	3.7	2.1	4.6	1.0
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	2.1	1.9	2.8	3.1
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	3.2	3.0	2.4	0.6
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	7.8	1.2	2.9	5.1
06 Health	5.0	2.3	0.9	1.7
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	7.0	0.6	0.9	3.3
Health Services	3.8	3.3	0.9	0.8
07 Transport	3.5	5.3	12.6	-6.7
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.4
10 Education	4.9	1.5	11.7	0.1
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	7.2	4.2	6.2	1.7
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	7.0	5.3	2.7	2.3

Table 3.5

**Consumer Price Index Other Urban Centres
Semi-Annual Percentage Change by Divisions,
Groups and Classes 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 6 months ending:	
	Jun 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	11.4	4.8
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.4	7.4
Food	15.0	7.8
Bread and Cereals (ND)	28.2	6.0
Meat (ND)	8.8	6.0
Fish and Seafood (ND)	10.5	6.2
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	17.8	3.9
Oils and Fats (ND)	27.6	11.6
Fruit (ND)	8.5	3.5
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	10.7	12.8
Vegetables	9.3	17.4
Starchy Foods	13.4	3.7
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	11.2	6.8
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	10.2	12.5
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.6	2.4
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	3.7	3.9
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	7.5	1.9
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	15.5	1.7
03 Clothing and Footwear	2.6	3.4
Clothing	2.8	2.3
Footwear	2.2	5.1
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	12.4	-3.6
Rentals for Housing	1.2	0.2
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	13.2	3.2
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	31.5	3.1
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6	-7.5
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	9.3	7.5
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	14.0	6.8
Household Textiles	10.8	6.5
Household Appliances	5.8	5.7
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	4.0	6.0
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	6.3	3.1
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	9.1	8.2
06 Health	7.3	2.6
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	7.6	4.2
Health Services	7.2	1.6
07 Transport	8.9	5.0
08 Communication	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	4.1	4.8
10 Education	6.5	11.9
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	11.7	8.0
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	12.7	5.1

Section 4
THE RURAL AREAS

Table 4.1

**Consumer Price Index Rural Areas by Divisions, Groups and Classes by Month
December 2007 - December 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	2007	2008					
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	116.7	118.7	120.6	121.7	123.8	126.8	128.9
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	123.6	126.8	129.3	131.2	134.0	137.8	140.4
Food	124.1	127.4	130.0	132.0	134.9	138.9	141.6
Bread and Cereals (ND)	131.1	135.3	138.1	139.1	145.3	158.1	167.8
Meat (ND)	122.9	123.7	125.1	126.6	128.0	128.9	129.3
Fish and Seafood (ND)	117.3	118.1	120.4	125.6	126.2	127.1	127.9
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	118.5	125.7	128.6	130.0	133.2	134.8	136.0
Oils and Fats (ND)	120.4	121.8	125.7	129.3	134.6	140.4	142.3
Fruit (ND)	112.0	114.8	116.2	113.8	115.6	117.8	118.7
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	136.7	140.8	144.4	146.3	149.6	152.3	154.5
Vegetables	136.1	141.3	144.5	147.4	150.7	152.6	155.1
Starchy Foods	138.3	139.9	144.4	144.0	147.0	151.6	152.9
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	113.1	119.4	121.0	122.2	124.4	127.1	128.0
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	109.8	117.3	120.8	121.8	125.3	128.4	129.4
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	115.6	117.2	118.7	119.5	120.2	121.2	122.3
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	114.0	114.4	114.6	114.9	115.3	115.8	116.5
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	116.4	118.4	120.6	121.6	122.4	123.6	124.9
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	115.4	116.7	119.1	119.2	119.7	135.0	138.0
03 Clothing and Footwear	114.8	117.0	120.9	121.5	122.7	123.6	124.2
Clothing	112.4	115.1	118.5	119.4	120.5	121.9	122.8
Footwear	119.1	120.3	125.0	125.0	126.6	126.6	126.6
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	124.5	126.2	129.5	128.1	132.1	139.4	142.2
Rentals for Housing	143.0	144.3	144.3	144.3	144.3	144.3	144.6
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	111.9	115.6	121.9	122.0	123.7	124.2	125.6
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	105.6	106.0	107.9	101.0	102.1	101.7	139.0
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	125.3	126.9	130.6	129.5	134.6	144.7	144.1
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	116.8	118.2	121.8	122.4	123.5	124.1	125.5
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	116.3	122.4	122.4	124.4	127.7	127.7	134.1
Household Textiles	114.6	114.9	116.1	116.9	119.5	122.2	122.7
Household Appliances	119.3	121.1	121.1	122.9	124.2	124.2	125.2
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	123.4	126.3	130.2	130.4	132.2	132.8	132.8
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	121.6	123.2	125.4	125.4	126.1	128.3	128.8
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	116.2	116.5	121.9	122.1	122.5	123.0	123.5
06 Health	104.2	107.8	108.3	108.7	110.6	110.8	111.7
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	105.1	113.4	114.7	115.0	115.3	115.6	116.6
Health Services	103.8	104.8	104.9	105.3	108.1	108.1	109.0
07 Transport	107.2	107.7	107.6	107.8	108.6	109.9	111.8
08 Communication	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0
09 Recreation and Culture	109.3	110.6	110.6	110.9	112.1	112.8	117.8
10 Education	105.8	110.9	110.9	110.9	112.6	112.6	112.6
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	115.0	115.1	116.3	116.7	118.6	120.8	121.0
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	109.3	110.0	111.2	114.9	116.8	118.9	120.4

**Consumer Price Index Rural Areas by Divisions, Groups and Classes by Month
December 2007 - December 2008**

2008						DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
133.4	134.5	135.1	135.8	136.2	136.2	ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS
142.4	143.4	144.9	146.9	152.0	153.3	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
143.7	144.7	146.3	148.3	153.8	155.1	Food
170.3	171.9	173.4	174.6	175.2	176.8	Bread and Cereals (ND)
130.5	132.7	133.9	136.0	138.2	139.7	Meat (ND)
128.7	129.5	130.4	132.4	134.0	137.5	Fish and Seafood (ND)
137.2	137.5	139.7	140.7	141.3	142.2	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)
147.7	153.7	156.1	161.9	163.9	166.1	Oils and Fats (ND)
118.7	116.9	117.9	120.6	121.3	118.8	Fruit (ND)
157.9	156.8	159.1	161.9	185.9	185.3	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)
158.5	159.4	161.5	166.6	203.4	204.8	Vegetables
156.5	150.9	153.7	151.3	146.7	141.6	Starchy Foods
130.6	130.9	131.0	132.3	132.9	133.6	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)
131.8	132.8	133.7	135.1	137.0	138.6	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)
123.1	123.8	124.5	125.1	125.7	126.8	Non-Alcoholic Beverages
116.9	117.5	117.7	118.1	118.8	119.8	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)
126.0	126.7	127.6	128.3	128.8	130.0	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)
140.1	140.9	141.4	141.6	141.9	144.2	02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
124.7	125.6	126.0	126.0	127.6	128.5	03 Clothing and Footwear
123.3	124.7	125.3	125.3	125.5	126.5	Clothing
127.1	127.1	127.1	127.2	131.3	131.9	Footwear
153.9	158.4	153.8	153.3	138.2	133.1	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
144.8	144.8	144.8	144.8	144.8	144.9	Rentals for Housing
125.9	128.0	128.3	129.0	130.4	130.6	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling
140.3	149.0	151.2	149.6	150.2	143.3	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling
160.1	165.0	158.4	157.8	136.7	130.4	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
127.5	128.5	128.9	129.9	130.5	132.0	05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance
136.5	140.2	140.4	141.9	142.5	143.0	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)
124.7	125.3	126.6	126.9	127.8	128.7	Household Textiles
129.7	131.2	131.2	131.6	131.9	132.4	Household Appliances
135.0	136.6	137.1	138.3	138.4	139.3	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils
131.7	132.4	132.7	133.1	134.3	135.5	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden
124.8	125.2	125.6	126.7	127.4	129.3	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance
112.1	112.5	112.7	113.1	113.3	113.6	06 Health
116.7	117.9	117.9	118.0	118.1	118.6	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment
109.5	109.6	109.9	110.5	110.8	110.9	Health Services
128.0	128.2	127.9	126.1	123.3	121.3	07 Transport
103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0	08 Communication
120.7	121.3	123.2	123.3	126.0	126.6	09 Recreation and Culture
112.6	112.6	125.6	125.6	125.9	125.9	10 Education
121.4	121.6	122.7	123.3	123.6	124.3	11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services
121.2	122.2	123.1	124.0	125.4	126.1	12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Table 4.2

**Consumer Price Index Rural Areas Monthly Percentage Change
by Divisions, Groups and Classes
January - December 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	2008					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	1.7	1.6	0.9	1.8	2.5	1.6
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.6	2.0	1.5	2.1	2.8	1.9
Food	2.6	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.9	1.9
Bread and Cereals (ND)	3.2	2.1	0.7	4.4	8.8	6.1
Meat (ND)	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.3
Fish and Seafood (ND)	0.7	1.9	4.4	0.5	0.7	0.7
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	6.1	2.3	1.1	2.4	1.2	0.9
Oils and Fats (ND)	1.2	3.2	2.9	4.1	4.3	1.4
Fruit (ND)	2.5	1.1	-2.0	1.5	1.9	0.7
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	3.0	2.6	1.3	2.2	1.9	1.4
Vegetables	3.8	2.3	2.0	2.3	1.3	1.6
Starchy Foods	1.2	3.2	-0.2	2.1	3.2	0.9
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	5.6	1.3	1.0	1.7	2.2	0.7
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	6.8	3.0	0.8	2.9	2.5	0.7
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.9
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	1.8	1.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.1
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.2	2.1	0.1	0.4	12.8	2.2
03 Clothing and Footwear	1.8	3.3	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.5
Clothing	2.3	3.0	0.7	0.9	1.2	0.7
Footwear	1.1	3.9	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.4	2.6	-1.0	3.1	5.5	2.0
Rentals for Housing	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	3.3	5.4	0.1	1.5	0.4	1.1
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	0.3	1.8	-6.5	1.1	-0.4	36.7
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.3	2.8	-0.8	3.9	7.5	-0.4
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	1.2	3.0	0.5	0.9	0.5	1.1
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	5.2	0.0	1.6	2.7	0.0	5.1
Household Textiles	0.2	1.1	0.7	2.2	2.3	0.4
Household Appliances	1.5	0.1	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.8
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	2.4	3.1	0.2	1.3	0.5	0.0
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	1.3	1.8	0.0	0.6	1.7	0.4
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	0.3	4.6	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
06 Health	3.5	0.5	0.3	1.8	0.1	0.8
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	7.9	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8
Health Services	1.0	0.1	0.3	2.7	0.0	0.8
07 Transport	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.8	1.2	1.7
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	1.2	0.0	0.3	1.1	0.6	4.4
10 Education	4.8	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.1	1.1	0.3	1.6	1.9	0.1
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.7	1.0	3.3	1.7	1.7	1.3

**Consumer Price Index Rural Areas Monthly Percentage Change
by Divisions, Groups and Classes**

2008						DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
3.5	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS
1.4	0.7	1.0	1.4	3.5	0.8	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
1.5	0.7	1.0	1.4	3.7	0.8	Food
1.5	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	Bread and Cereals (ND)
0.9	1.7	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.1	Meat (ND)
0.6	0.6	0.7	1.6	1.2	2.7	Fish and Seafood (ND)
0.9	0.2	1.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)
3.8	4.0	1.6	3.7	1.2	1.3	Oils and Fats (ND)
0.1	-1.5	0.9	2.3	0.6	-2.1	Fruit (ND)
2.2	-0.7	1.5	1.8	14.8	-0.3	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)
2.2	0.6	1.4	3.2	22.1	0.7	Vegetables
2.4	-3.6	1.8	-1.6	-3.0	-3.5	Starchy Foods
2.0	0.3	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.5	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)
1.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.1	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)
0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.9	Non-Alcoholic Beverages
0.3	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.8	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)
0.8	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.9	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)
1.5	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.2	1.6	02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
0.4	0.7	0.3	0.0	1.3	0.7	03 Clothing and Footwear
0.4	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.8	Clothing
0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.2	0.5	Footwear
8.3	2.9	-2.9	-0.3	-9.8	-3.7	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	Rentals for Housing
0.3	1.6	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.1	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling
0.9	6.2	1.5	-1.1	0.4	-4.6	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling
11.1	3.1	-4.0	-0.4	-13.4	-4.6	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
1.6	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.5	1.1	05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance
1.8	2.6	0.2	1.1	0.4	0.3	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)
1.6	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.7	0.7	Household Textiles
3.6	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.5	Household Appliances
1.6	1.2	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.6	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils
2.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.9	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden
1.1	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.5	1.5	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance
0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	06 Health
0.1	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment
0.5	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.1	Health Services
14.5	0.2	-0.2	-1.4	-2.2	-1.6	07 Transport
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	08 Communication
2.4	0.5	1.6	0.0	2.2	0.5	09 Recreation and Culture
0.0	0.0	11.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	10 Education
0.4	0.1	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.5	11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services
0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.5	12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Table 4.3

**Consumer Price Index Rural Areas Mean Quarterly Index by Divisions,
Groups and Classes 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:			
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	120.3	126.5	134.3	136.0
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	129.1	137.4	143.6	150.7
Food	129.8	138.5	144.9	152.4
Bread and Cereals (ND)	137.5	157.0	171.9	175.6
Meat (ND)	125.2	128.7	132.4	138.0
Fish and Seafood (ND)	121.4	127.1	129.5	134.6
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	128.1	134.6	138.1	141.4
Oils and Fats (ND)	125.6	139.1	152.5	164.0
Fruit (ND)	115.0	117.4	117.9	120.2
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	143.9	152.1	157.9	177.7
Vegetables	144.4	152.8	159.8	191.6
Starchy Foods	142.8	150.5	153.7	146.5
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	120.9	126.5	130.8	132.9
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	120.0	127.7	132.8	136.9
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	118.4	121.2	123.8	125.8
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	114.6	115.9	117.4	118.9
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	120.2	123.7	126.8	129.0
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	118.4	130.9	140.8	142.6
03 Clothing and Footwear	119.8	123.5	125.4	127.4
Clothing	117.7	121.7	124.4	125.8
Footwear	123.5	126.6	127.1	130.1
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	127.9	137.9	155.4	141.5
Rentals for Housing	144.3	144.4	144.8	144.8
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	119.8	124.5	127.4	130.0
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	105.0	114.2	146.8	147.7
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	129.0	141.1	161.2	141.6
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	120.8	124.4	128.3	130.8
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	123.0	129.8	139.0	142.5
Household Textiles	116.0	121.5	125.6	127.8
Household Appliances	121.7	124.5	130.7	132.0
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	129.0	132.6	136.2	138.7
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	124.7	127.8	132.3	134.3
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	120.2	123.0	125.2	127.8
06 Health	108.3	111.0	112.4	113.4
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	114.3	115.8	117.5	118.3
Health Services	105.0	108.4	109.7	110.7
07 Transport	107.7	110.1	128.1	123.6
08 Communication	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0
09 Recreation and Culture	110.7	114.3	121.7	125.3
10 Education	110.9	112.6	116.9	125.8
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	116.1	120.1	121.9	123.7
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	112.0	118.7	122.2	125.2

Table 4.4

**Consumer Price Index Rural Areas
Quarterly Percentage Change by Divisions,
Groups and Classes 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 3 months ending:			
	Mar 2008	Jun 2008	Sep 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	4.2	5.9	4.8	0.8
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.1	7.0	3.2	5.8
Food	6.3	7.3	3.3	6.0
Bread and Cereals (ND)	6.1	20.6	3.4	1.9
Meat (ND)	3.0	2.1	3.6	4.3
Fish and Seafood (ND)	7.1	1.8	1.9	5.5
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	9.7	4.6	2.7	1.8
Oils and Fats (ND)	7.4	10.1	9.7	6.4
Fruit (ND)	1.6	4.2	-0.6	0.7
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	7.0	5.6	3.0	16.4
Vegetables	8.3	5.3	4.1	26.8
Starchy Foods	4.2	6.2	0.5	-7.9
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	8.0	4.7	2.3	1.9
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	10.9	6.2	3.3	3.6
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.3	2.4	1.8	1.9
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.8
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	4.5	2.8	2.1	1.9
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.4	15.7	2.5	2.0
03 Clothing and Footwear	5.7	2.3	1.4	2.0
Clothing	6.1	2.9	2.0	1.0
Footwear	5.0	1.2	0.4	3.8
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.9	11.0	8.2	-13.5
Rentals for Housing	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	9.0	3.0	2.2	1.7
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	-4.4	37.6	8.8	-5.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.4	11.3	9.9	-17.7
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.8	2.6	2.7	2.4
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	6.9	7.9	4.6	1.9
Household Textiles	2.0	4.9	3.2	1.7
Household Appliances	3.0	1.8	4.8	1.0
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	5.7	1.8	3.2	1.6
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.1
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	5.0	1.2	1.7	2.9
06 Health	4.3	2.7	1.0	0.7
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	9.5	1.4	1.2	0.6
Health Services	1.5	3.5	0.9	0.8
07 Transport	0.5	3.7	14.5	-5.2
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	1.5	6.2	4.6	2.8
10 Education	4.8	1.5	11.6	0.2
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	1.5	3.6	1.5	1.3
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.1	4.8	2.3	2.4

Table 4.5

**Consumer Price Index Rural Areas
Semi-Annual Percentage Change by Divisions,
Groups and Classes 2008**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	Percentage Change for 6 months ending:	
	Jun 2008	Dec 2008
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	10.4	5.7
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.6	9.2
Food	14.1	9.5
Bread and Cereals (ND)	28.0	5.4
Meat (ND)	5.2	8.1
Fish and Seafood (ND)	9.1	7.5
Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	14.8	4.6
Oils and Fats (ND)	18.2	16.7
Fruit (ND)	5.9	0.1
Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	13.0	20.0
Vegetables	14.0	32.0
Starchy Foods	10.6	-7.5
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	13.2	4.3
Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	17.8	7.1
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.8	3.7
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	2.2	2.8
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	7.4	4.1
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	19.6	4.5
03 Clothing and Footwear	8.1	3.4
Clothing	9.1	3.0
Footwear	6.3	4.2
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.2	-6.4
Rentals for Housing	1.1	0.2
Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	12.2	4.0
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	31.5	3.1
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	15.0	-9.5
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	7.5	5.1
Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	15.3	6.6
Household Textiles	7.0	4.9
Household Appliances	4.9	5.8
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	7.7	4.9
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	6.0	5.2
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	6.2	4.7
06 Health	7.1	1.7
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	11.0	1.8
Health Services	5.0	1.7
07 Transport	4.2	8.5
08 Communication	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	7.7	7.5
10 Education	6.4	11.8
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	5.2	2.7
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	10.2	4.7

APPENDIX I

METHODOLOGY FOR COMPUTATION OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The compilation of the Consumer Price Index is done in three stages:-

- ✦ Price Collection
- ✦ Editing and Averaging
- ✦ Index Computation

Price Collection

The CPI is designed to measure price changes for a fixed basket of goods and services. Price movements must be monitored in several retail outlets from which households do their shopping and also from various business organizations which provide services to households. Monthly, quarterly and annual pricing surveys are carried out at outlets such as: grocery stores, markets, clothing and footwear stores, furniture and appliance shops, garages, doctors, dentists, law offices, schools, insurance companies and beauty and barber salons.

Additionally, price data for labour rates, telephone and electricity charges, and education and hospital fees are collected from the appropriate authorities. In total, over 10,000 individual price quotations are either collected and/or reviewed each month to compile the Consumer Price Index.

Editing and Averaging

Once the prices for goods and services have been collected, they are examined individually to ensure the validity of the data being used in the CPI calculations. Prices are compared with the previous month's data in an effort to monitor price fluctuations and maintain consistency from month to month. Based on the recommendations of the ILO outlined in the CPI Manual 2004, the geometric mean is used to arrive at average prices; as opposed to the arithmetic mean used in the previous series. The geometric mean formula (G_M) requires the computation of the n th root of the product of the various prices collected for each elementary item in any given month. For example:

$$G_M = \sqrt[n]{p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3 \times \dots \times p_n}$$

, where p represents the price for each variety of the item for which prices have been collected this period.

The old CPI used the Dutot method for calculating the elementary item indices in which the arithmetic average of the prices in the current period was divided by the arithmetic average of the same varieties' prices in the base period.

Adjustment for missing prices

The price of an item may not be collected in some period because the item is missing temporarily or because it has permanently disappeared. The two classes of missing prices require different treatment. In the case of temporarily missing observations, the New ILO CPI Manual recommends one of four actions:

1. Omit the item for which the price is missing so that a matched sample is maintained (like is compared with like) even though the sample is depleted.
2. Impute the missing price by the average price change for the prices that are available in the elementary aggregate; i.e. where the geometric mean prices are computed.

3. Impute the missing price by the price change for a particular comparable item from another similar outlet.
4. Carry forward the last observed price (this will only be used as a last resort).

Quality Adjustment

A quality change in an item occurs when the change in specification has resulted in a significant difference in the functionality (utility) to the consumer between the new variety of the good or service and the one that had previously been selected. A quality adjustment is therefore defined as a procedure for making an allowance for the quality change by increasing or reducing the observed price by a factor that is equivalent to the quality change.

In keeping with the international guidelines, quality adjustments methods will be applied when there is need for:

Imputation – where no information is available to allow reasonable estimates to be made of the effect on price of a quality change. The price changes of all items, or of more or less similar items, are assumed to be the same as that for the missing item;

Overlap – used where no information is available to allow reasonable estimates to be made of the effect on price of a quality change, but where a replacement item exists in the same period as the old item. The price difference between the old item and its replacement in the overlap period is then used as a measure of the quality difference;

Direct comparison – if another item is directly comparable, that is, it is so similar that it can be assumed to have had more or less the same quality characteristics as the missing one, its price replaces the unavailable price. Any difference in price level between the new and old is assumed to arise from price changes and not quality differences;

Explicit quality adjustment – where there is a substantial difference between the quality of the old and replacement items, estimates of the effect of quality differences on prices are made to enable quality-adjusted price comparisons to be made.

Computation of the CPI

The computation of the monthly CPI involves calculating a series of index numbers at the detailed level of the index and adding them to derive an aggregate index number.

Index Computation

This is the final stage in the calculation of the index which utilizes the short-term price relative version of the Laspeyres price index. The Laspeyres index measures by how much percent would expenditure change if people bought this year the same selected goods and services that were bought in the base period.

The first step is to calculate the price index for each elementary item. A price relative is calculated comparing the current month (t) geometric average price with the previous month (t - 1) geometric average price. This price relative is then used to move the previous month elementary index forward to the current month, starting with the new base price period of December 2006. The mathematical formula for calculating an elementary index is:

$$I_i^t = \frac{P_i^t}{P_i^{t-1}} \times I_i^{t-1}, \text{ where}$$

I_i^t is the price index for elementary item i in period t ;

\bar{p}^t is the geometric mean of the various variety prices collected in period t ;

\bar{p}^{t-1} is the geometric mean of the prices collected in period $t - 1$ for the same varieties as in period t ; and

I_i^{t-1} is the price index for elementary item i in period $t - 1$.

This approach allows for the replacement of missing items and introduction of new items in the basket of goods and services.

Price indices are next computed for the higher level indices such as groups, divisions, and all items by aggregating the elementary item indices and weighting them by their relative importance in the CPI basket. The mathematical formula for calculating an aggregate index is:

$$I_A^t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n I_i^t \times w_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}, \text{ where}$$

I_A^t is the aggregate price index for the n elementary item indices included in the aggregate, and

w_i is the relative importance (expenditure share) of the elementary item index i in the CPI basket.

Using this formula, price indices are computed for each class e.g. Meat, Fish and Seafood, Vegetables and Starchy Foods, etc. These index numbers are then combined to obtain the aggregate index number for each division. Once indices have been derived for each of the twelve divisions of the CPI, they are weighted together to give an average price movement that represents all goods and services in the CPI basket.

Indices are computed for each geographic region, namely Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area, Other Urban Centres and the Rural Areas. These indices are then aggregated to arrive at an All Jamaica "All-items" CPI.



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