

## July 2001

The July Consumer Price Index Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that the All Jamaica "All Group" Consumer Price Index for July 2001 was 1418.5 an increase of 1.0 per cent. This compares with 1.7 per cent for June and 0.8 per cent for May.

The rate of inflation for the fiscal year to date is 4.0 per cent a 0.7 percentage point above the 3.3 per cent for the corresponding period in 2000.

A look at the regional indices shows increases for all three regions "Kingston Metropolitan Area" 0.8 per cent "Other Towns" 1.1 per cent and 'Rural Areas' 1.2 per cent.

For the month of July all the groups recorded higher indices than in June except 'Transportation'. The index for the group 'Miscellaneous Expenses' showed a 3.9 per cent increase, due to the increase in postal rates.

The Consumer Price Index Bulletin further outlines additional information and may be obtained from our Distribution Office of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica located at 9 Swallowfield Road, Kingston 5.