

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX November 2005

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The November Consumer Price Index Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that the All Jamaica 'All Group' Consumer Price Index for November 2005 was 2292.3 showing a 0.3 percent increase over the index for October. The rate of inflation for the month of October was 0.6 percent, while for September it was 2.6 percent. The rate of inflation for the period November 2004 to November 2005 was 13.5 percent. For the calendar year to date, December 2004 to November 2005, the rate of inflation was 12.8 percent. The rate of inflation for the fiscal year to date was 11.2 percent.

A look at the regional indices shows increases for two of the three regions: "Kingston Metropolitan Area up by 0.8 percent, "Other Towns" up by 0.3 percent and "Rural Areas" down by 0.4 percent.

For the Month of November 2005 All Groups recorded higher indices except the index for the group 'Transportation' (-1.4 percent). The index for the group 'Food and Drink' recorded a 0.1 percent increase. The sub-groups that recorded increases were, 'Meals Away From Home' 1.1 percent, 'Meat, Poultry and Fish' up by 2.2 percent, Dairy Products, Oils and Fats (1.0 percent), Baked Products, Cereals and Breakfast Drinks' (0.9 percent), 'Vegetables and Fruit' (6.2 percent) and 'Other Food and Beverages, (0.3 percent).

The Index for the group 'Fuels and Other Household Supplies' recorded a 1.2 percent increase. There was a 1.3 percent increase in the index for the group 'Housing and other Housing Expenses'. 'Household Furnishings and Furniture' (1.1 percent) was another group that recorded an increase of over 1.0 percent.

The Consumer Price Index Bulletin November 2005 further outlines additional information and may be obtained from the Distribution Office of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica located at 7 Cecelio Avenue, Kingston 10.