

September 2002

The Consumer Price Index Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that the all Jamaica "All Group" Consumer Price Index for September 2002 was 1528.0 showing an increase of 0.4 per cent over the index recorded for August. This compares with 0.4 per cent for August and 1.5 per cent July. Additionally the rate of inflation for the fiscal year to date is 4.1 per cent.

A look at the regional indices shows increases for all three regions 'Kingston Metropolitan Area' 0.1 per cent 'Other Towns' 0.7 per cent and 'Rural Areas' 0.7 per cent.

For the Month of September, all groups recorded higher indices than August except the index 'Food and Drink' and 'Transportation.' The Index for the group 'Transportation' declined by 2.0 percent largely the result of a reduction in the price of airfares.

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.