

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
June 2002

The June Consumer Price Index Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that the All Jamaica "All Group" Consumer Price Index for June 2002 was 1492.8, showing an increase of 0.9 per cent over the index for May 2002. This compares with 0.3 per cent for May and 0.5 per cent for April. Additionally the rate of inflation for the fiscal year to date is 1.7 per cent.

A look at the regional indices shows increases for three regions 'Kingston Metropolitan Area' 0.7 per cent, 'Other Towns' 1.1 per cent and 'Rural Areas' 0.9 per cent.

For the month of June all the groups 'recorded higher indices than in May. There was a 1.3 per cent increase in the index for the group "Food and Drink". The main contributors to this were increased prices for items in the Sub-groups 'Starchy Foods' (4.9 per cent) and 'Vegetables and Fruit' (3.0 per cent).

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.