

**PRESS RELEASE  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
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The September Consumer Price Index Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that the All Jamaica 'All Group' Consumer Price Index for September 2005 was 2272.4 showing a 2.6 per cent increase over the index for August. The rate of inflation for the month of August was 0.1 per cent, while for July it was 1.6 per cent. The rate of inflation for the period September 2004 to September 2005 was 19.0. For the calendar year to date, December 2004 to September 2005, the rate of inflation was 11.8 per cent. The rate of inflation for the fiscal year to date was 10.2 per cent.

A look at the regional indices shows increases for all three regions: "Kingston Metropolitan Area 3.3 per cent, "Other Towns" 1.5 per cent and "Rural Areas" 2.3 per cent.

For the month of September 2005 all groups recorded increases over August. There was a 25.6 per cent increase reflected in the index for the group 'Transportation'. This movement was largely the result of increases in bus fares Island wide and petroleum.

'Housing and Other Housing Expenses', increased 3.7 per cent and 'Miscellaneous Expenses' (by 3.4 per cent). Among the main contributors to the increase in the index for this group were increased tuition fees.

**The Consumer Price Index Bulletin September 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.