



News Release

Consumer Price Index

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The **All Jamaica** 'All Divisions' Consumer Price Index of 161.3 for **July 2010** represented an inflation rate of **0.4 per cent**. A similar movement occurred in August 2009. The inflation rate for the calendar year to date was 7.2 per cent. This was 2.2 percentage points higher than the 5.0 per cent that was recorded for the comparative period last year. The increase for the period July 2009 to July 2010 (point-to-point) was 12.6 per cent while, the fiscal year to date recorded an increase of 3.0 per cent.

Upward movement in the index for the division, 'Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages' (1.1 per cent) was the main contributor to the increase. The lowest movements were recorded for the divisions 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels' (-0.1 per cent) and 'Transport' which moved downward by -0.6 per cent in its index. The main contributors to the fall in the transport index were reduced prices for petroleum and its related products.

The **All Jamaica** index showed movements in the following divisions: 'Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1 per cent, 'Clothing and Footwear 0.7 per cent, 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' by 0.3 per cent, 'Health' 0.2 per cent, 'Recreation and Culture' 0.8 per cent, 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' 0.2 per cent, and 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' 0.4 per cent. There was no movement for the divisions 'Communication' and 'Education'.

The regional indices showed increases for all three regions, the '**Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area**' up by 0.5 per cent, '**Other Urban Centres**' 0.8 per cent and '**Rural Areas**' up by 0.2 per cent.

The **Consumer Price Index Bulletin June 2010** further outlines additional information and may be obtained from the Distribution office of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica 7 Cecelio Avenue, Kingston 10. Data are also available on the STATIN website at www.statinja.gov.jm

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