



## News Release

# Consumer Price Index

## September 2010

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For the month of September 2010, the **All Jamaica** 'All Divisions' Consumer Price Index was **162.8**. This represents an inflation rate of **0.5 per cent** an increase of 0.1 percentage point over the 0.4 per cent that was recorded for the month of August. The calendar year to date recorded an upward movement of 8.2 per cent. The fiscal year to date increased by 4.0 per cent and the point to point inflation rate was 11.3 per cent.

The division recording the highest increase was 'Education' which went up by 4.6 per cent. The rise in the cost of tuition fees for the new school term was the main contributor to the movement. However, this was moderated by the decline of 0.1 per cent in the index for 'Transport'. In September 2009, there was a 3.9 per cent movement in the index for the division 'Education'.

The **All Jamaica** index showed movements in the following divisions: 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' 0.4 per cent, 'Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco' 0.2 per cent, 'Clothing and Footwear' 0.5 per cent, 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' 1.2 per cent, 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' up by 0.4 per cent, 'Health' 0.4 per cent, 'Recreation and Culture' 0.8 per cent, 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' 0.2 per cent, and 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' 0.5 per cent. There was no movement in the index for the division 'Communication'.

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

The **Consumer Price Index Bulletin September 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](http://www.statinja.gov.jm)

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