

**News Release**  
**Consumer Price Index**  
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The All Jamaica '**All Divisions**' Consumer Price Index for the month of May 2008 was **124.8**, this represents a **1.5** per cent increase over the index for March 2008. This movement indicates a 0.3 percentage point increase over the 1.2 per cent recorded in March 2008. For the calendar year to date, the rate of inflation was 6.8 per cent. Point-to-point inflation for the April 2007 to April 2008 stood at 21.3 per cent. The Fiscal year to date inflation was 1.5 per cent. A look at the regional indices showed increases for all three regions '**Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area**' up by 1.2 per cent, '**Other Urban Centres**' up by 1.5 per cent and '**Rural Areas**' by 1.7 per cent.

There were increases in the index over the previous month were recorded for all the divisions during the month of April 2008, with the exception of '**Communication**'. The index for the '**Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages**' increased by 1.8 per cent, '**Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco**' moved up by 0.4 per cent, '**Clothing and Footwear**' up by 0.8 per cent, '**Housing, Water Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels**' 2.5 per cent '**Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance**' up by 0.7 per cent, '**Health**' up by 1.3 per cent, '**Transport**' up by 0.8 per cent '**Recreation and Culture**' up by 0.5 per cent, '**Education**' 0.9 '**Restaurant and Accommodation Services**' up by 1.0 per cent and '**Miscellaneous Goods and Services**' increased by 2.0 per cent.

The **Revised Consumer Price Index Bulletin May 2008** further outlines additional information and may be obtained from the Distribution Office of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica 7 Cecelio Avenue, Kingston 10. Data is also available on the STATIN website at [www.statinja.com](http://www.statinja.com)