

August 2001

The August Consumer Price Index Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that the All Jamaica "All Group" Consumer Price Index for August 2001 was 1430.9 an increase of 0.9 percent. This compares with 1.0 percent for July and 1.7 percent for June.

The rate of inflation for the period August 2000 to August 2001 is 7.1 percent a 1.1 percentage point below the 8.2 percent for the corresponding period in 2000.

A look at the regional indices shows increases for all three regions "Kingston Metropolitan Area 0.8 percent "Other Towns 1.2 percent and 'Rural Areas' 0.7 Percent. For the month of August all the groups 'recorded higher indices than in July except 'Transportation'. The index for the group 'Miscellaneous Expense' showed a 1.5 percent increase, due to the increase in cinema fares and school supplies.

The Consumer Price Index Bulletin further outlines additional information and may be obtained from the Sales Office of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica, 9 Swallowfield Road, Kingston 5.