



News Release

Consumer Price Index

July 2009

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for **All Jamaica** 'All Divisions' all items was 143.3 an increase of **1.0 per cent** over the index for July 2009. This upward movement was 0.4 percentage point lower than the 1.4 per cent that was recorded in June. For the fiscal year to date the movement was 3.7 per cent. The point-to-point inflation rate, July 2008 to July 2009, was 7.0 per cent. The calendar year to date inflation rate was 5.0 per cent. This movement was 9.7 percentage points lower than the 14.7 per cent that was recorded for the corresponding period last year.

The index for the following divisions recorded the largest increases, 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' 5.7 per cent and 'Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco' 2.4 per cent. The increase in 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' was the result of higher electricity and water rates. The index for the division "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages" recorded a negligible movement in its index.

The regional indices showed increases for all three regions, the '**Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area**' up by 0.7 per cent, '**Other Urban Centres**' 1.7 percent and '**Rural Areas**' up by 0.8 per cent.

The **Revised Consumer Price Index Bulletin July 2009** 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.com
