

Press Release

Consumer Price Index August 2026

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KINGSTON, September 15, 2026: The All-Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) for August 2026 increased by 0.6 per cent as released today by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN). The rate was driven primarily by a 1.5 per cent increase in the index for the **‘Food and ‘Non-Alcoholic Beverages’** division. Higher prices for some agricultural produce such as Irish potato, sweet potato, cabbage, tomato and pumpkin contributed to a 1.6 per cent increase in the index for the ‘Food’ group.

Additionally, the **‘Transport’** division increased by 0.7 per cent. This was attributed to higher petrol prices and toll rates. These increases were tempered by a 0.7 per cent decline in the index for the **‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’** division, driven mainly by lower electricity rates.

The point-to-point inflation rate (**August 2025 - August 2026**) was **7.9** per cent. This was influenced mainly by the point-to-point inflation rates for the divisions: **‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’** (10.2%), **‘Transport’** (14.6%) and **‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’** (4.8%).

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures changes in the general level of prices for consumer goods and services purchased by private households. The **August 2026 Consumer Price Index Bulletin** outlines additional information and may be obtained from the Statistical Institute of Jamaica website at www.statinja.gov.jm or the Information Section at (876) 630-1619. Visit the Institute’s Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram pages @STATINJA for the **August 2026** CPI infographic.

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