

Press Release

Consumer Price Index September 2026

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KINGSTON, October 15, 2026: The All-Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) for September 2026 increased by 1.5 per cent as released today by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN). The increase was driven primarily by a 2.9 per cent increase in the index for the **‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’** division. This was due mainly to a 10.5 per cent increase in the index for the class *‘Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses’*. This was driven by higher prices for agricultural produce such as tomato, carrot, lettuce, pumpkin, Irish potato and sweet potato.

Additionally, the **‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’** division increased by 0.7 per cent. This was due mainly to increases in electricity and household rental rates. There was also a 4.0 per cent upward movement in the index for the **‘Education’** division, reflecting higher tuition fees for private schools at the primary level for the new school term.

The point-to-point inflation rate (**September 2025 - September 2026**) was 8.6 per cent. This was influenced mainly by the point-to-point inflation rates for the divisions: **‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’** (12.4%), **‘Transport’** (14.6%) and **‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’** (4.5%).

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures changes in the general level of prices for consumer goods and services purchased by private households. The **September 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) 630-1600. Visit the Institute’s Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram pages @STATINJA for the **September 2026** CPI infographic.

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