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Press Release

Consumer Price Index
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KINGSTON, November 16, 2026: The All–Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) for October 2026 increased by 0.3 per cent, moving to 156.4 from 155.8 in September 2026. The increase was primarily driven by a 1.3 per cent rise in the index for the **'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'** division, due mainly to higher electricity and water supply and sewage rates.

Additionally, the '**Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** division increased by 0.2 per cent. This increase was largely due to a 0.5 per cent rise in the index of the *'Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals'* class and a 0.9 per cent increase in the index of the class *'Fish and Seafood'*. There was also a 0.4 per cent upward movement in the index for the **'Information and Communication'** division, due to higher telecommunications rates.

The point-to-point inflation rate (**October 2025** - **October 2026**) was 8.2 per cent. This was mainly influenced by the point-to-point inflation rates for the divisions: '**Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** (10.9%), **'Transport'** (15.0%) and **'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'** (4.9%).

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures changes in the general level of prices for consumer goods and services purchased by private households. The **October 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 **October 2026** CPI infographic.

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