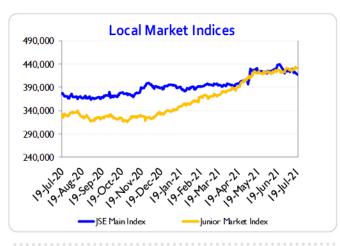
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# Jamaica's Point-to-Point Inflation Stood at 4.3% in June

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), the All-Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) recorded a 0.7% increase in June 2021 following a 1.2% increase in May. June's inflation movement was primarily due to 1.9% increase in the heavily weighted 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' division as a result of higher prices for agriculture produce. The other notable increases were from divisions 'Restaurant and Accommodation Services' and the 'Transport' up by 5.9% and 0.4%, respectively. Restaurant and Accommodation Services' increase was due to an uptick in prices within the category 'Restaurant, cafes and the like' while the Transport division's price jump was due to higher petrol prices. The calendar year-to-date, fiscal-year-to date and point-to-point inflation rates were recorded at 2.4%, 1.9%, and 4.3% respectively, as of June 2021.

Jamaica's point-to-point inflation at 4.3% is within the Bank of Jamaica's target range of between four and six per cent. Over the ensuring months it is anticipated that there could be an uptick in inflation supported by higher demand as the economy reopens, shortages in agricultural items, as well as effect possible supply disruptions could have in increasing costs. Notwithstanding, the ongoing COVID-19 virus remains a major downside risk as tighter restrictions could stifle consumer demand and lead to even higher levels of unemployment.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	l 9-Jul	l 6-Jul	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$				
USD:JMD	154.97	155.00	-0.02%	8.64%				
GBP:JMD	213.24	209.39	I.84%	12.2%				
CAD:JMD	122.59	122.85	-0.22%	II.0%				

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's real plummeted 1.5% on Monday, leading losses across Latin American currencies on rising inflation expectations, while Chile's peso rose after moderate candidates emerged as top contenders after the country's presidential primaries.

#### USA & Canada

 The Dow sank more than 2% on Monday as fears a spike in COVID-19 cases would halt a broader economic recovery pummeled economically sensitive and travel stocks and pushed bond yields to five-month lows.

#### **Europe**

 European shares sank more than 2% on Monday, their worst session in nine months on worries that the fast-spreading Delta coronavirus variant could slow the global economic recovery.

#### <u>Asia</u>

 Asian shares stumbled to a one-week low on Monday and perceived safe haven yen edged higher amid a relentless surge in coronavirus cases and fears of rising inflation while oil prices fell on oversupply worries.

	Local	Equity M	arket			
Stock Index	Today's close	DoD $\Delta$	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	
JSE Combined Index	420,190.49	-2,852.11	-0.67%	7.07%	12.62%	
JSE Index	416,932.75	-3,138.91 -0.75%		5.39%	10.90%	
All Jamaican Composite Inde	× 454,485.34	-3,626.92	- <b>0.79</b> %	4.84%	10.23%	
JSE Select Index	10,295.71	10,295.71 - <b>38.37</b>		5.68%	11.02%	
Junior Market Index	3,406.40	5.67	0.17%	28.87%	34.68%	
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ADV.		DECLINERS				
SSLVC 22	.50%		JP	<b>-9.27</b> %		
KREMI 16	.03%		AFS	<b>-8.92</b> %		
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Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **81** stocks, of which **31** advanced, **39** declined and **11** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets				International Currency Market					
Index	l 9-Jul	<b>DoD</b> % $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	l 9-jul	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	ΥΤΟ% Δ	YoY%
S&P 500	4,258.80	-1.58%	31.82%	32.07%	Guirency	i y jui			101/02
Dow Jones	33,962.04	-2.09%	19.00%	27.33%	EUR: USD	1.1798	-0.07%	5.22%	3.24%
FTSE All Share	3,909.88	-2.32%	-6.83%	12.59%	GBP: USD	1.37	-0.70%	3.12%	8.77%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,928.53	<b>-2.66</b> %	4.90%	16.73%		1.07	1.0/0/	1.070/	<b>6 1 2</b> 0/
Nikkei 225	27,652.74	-1.25%	16.89%	21.84%	USD: CAD	1.27	1.06%	-1.87%	-6.13%
MSCI World Index	706.11	-1.82%	24.92%	28.84%	USD: JPY	109.49	-0.53%	0.81%	2.31%
	Global	Interest Rat	es			Co	ommodities	5	
Rates	19-	Jul DoD 🛆	ps YTD Abps	S YoY ∆bps	Commodity	i 9-jul	<b>DoD % A</b>	YTD% 🛆	<b>YoY%</b>
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond I.I	9% <b>-9.98</b>	-72.70	56.39	Crude Oil	66.34	-7.62%	8.65%	63.44%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.5	0.56% -6.60	-26.20	39.70	Gold	1,811.59	-0.03%	19.40%	0.06%
				Silver	25.14	<b>-2.06</b> %	40.80%	30.05%	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.4	4% <b>0.60</b>	-41.60	-123.60	Aluminium	2,425.50	-2.53%	34.01%	45.98%

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com



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Yield **YTD Growth** 12 Months (Estimated Yearly **JN Mutual Funds NAV Price Growth Rate** Rate Income) **Global Diversified Income** \$14.0499 3.21% 1.51% 1.99% 14.93% 8.11% **Global Equity** \$16.2766 0.00% **Global Fixed Income** 2.95% \$13.0300 4.76% 5.40% Global Money Market (US\$) 3.55% 1.90% 2.40% US\$10.8202 Global Fixed Income (US\$) US\$11.2131 7.93% 1.81% 3.21% Local Money Market **]**\$11.3817 4.83% 3.18% 4.13% **Global Money Market Local Money Market Global Diversified Global Fixed Income Funds Global Equity Fund** Fund Fund Income Fund To preserve capital whilst To preserve capital whilst To achieve an attractive total To provide long-term To provide long-term capital Objective providing US dollar (US\$) providing Jamaican Dollar return through capital injection and investment growth through growth and risk exposure to a diversified diversification. money market returns (|\$) money market returns income growth. This is offered through two separate Funds: range of asset classes. (i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and (ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund. To invest in local and global To invest in fixed income, Strategy To invest in local and global To invest in regional, sovereign To invest in the shares of money market instruments money market instruments debt securities, local and high dividend yielding stocks, local and international **REITs** and structured products for safety, liquidity and for safety and liquidity and international corporate bonds. companies which offer yield yield. strong growth possibilities and consistent income

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