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## TEXTBOOK SURVEY

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This year's annual textbook survey was conducted by the Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) between August 8 - 12, 2022. Data was obtained from every parish, except Hanover, where no known bookstore was identified. A sample of Forty-nine (49) bookstores or $72 \%$ of 68 known bookstores were visited: 12 were in the Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area (GKMR) ${ }^{1}$ and 37 in Rural Towns islandwide. In addition, an online survey was conducted on the websites of three (3) major book chains with an online presence: Kingston Bookshop, Sangster's Book Stores and Bryan's Bookstore.

A total of 173 popular textbooks were surveyed, consisting of one hundred and four (104) secondary level, fifty-seven (57) primary level and twelve (12) infant level textbooks covering nineteen (19) subject areas.

Data analysis involved the calculation of the average, maximum and minimum price for each textbook as well as availability. Point to point comparative analysis included 147 books common to the two survey periods (2021 and 2022).

## Summary of Findings:

On average, the prices of school textbooks increased by $\mathbf{8 . 5 1 \%}$ overall. The average price increase in the GKMR was $6.79 \%$ and $11.25 \%$ among rural towns. Most (58\%) price increases were between $1 \%$ and $10 \%$, followed by $24 \%$ of textbooks which increased between $11 \%$ and $20 \%$. Average price reductions (between $0.1 \%$ and $10 \%$ ) were observed in $11 \%$ of school textbooks. As it relates to availability, it was observed that Infant Level books were more readily available in August 2022 when compared to July 2021. Generally, it was observed that other texts were less available in August 2022. Some bookstores however indicated that they would be receiving new stock soon. As such, the availability of books is expected to increase by late August or the first week in September 2022.

On average, there was a 36\% difference between the highest and lowest price observed for textbooks islandwide, except for literature novels, where the average was 84\%. This was due to differences in the cover (hard /soft), publishers and sources. Within the GKMR and among Rural Towns however, the average difference was $21 \%$ and $33 \%$ respectively, among all textbooks,

[^0]except for literature novels, where the difference between the highest and lowest price was on average $56 \%$ and $65 \%$ respectively.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted some bookstores in terms of delayed restocking and increased use of technology such as WhatsApp messaging. Consumers were also directed to their social media and webpages for order placement; with the option to either collect the books at the store or have them delivered.

Parents and guardians are therefore encouraged to use the online options available to them.

## OVERVIEW OF TEXTBOOK SURVEY PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND INFLATION

The analysis of the Consumer Affairs Commission's (CAC's) Annual Textbook Survey must be interpreted, bearing in mind the trends in the local and global economy which impact the pricing and availability of these textbooks. Among these are the rate of inflation and the movement in the foreign exchange rate.

The latest data from the Statistical Institute of Jamaica on inflation indicate that the Point-to-Point inflation rate for the period of July 2021 - July 2022 was $10.2 \%^{2}$.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Since the last survey in July 2021, the Jamaican dollar has undergone fluctuations against its major counterparts ${ }^{3}$. It ultimately appreciated by $0.89 \%$ when compared to the US Dollar, moving from a monthly average rate of J\$154.27: US\$1.00 to J\$152.89: US\$1.00. Similarly, in comparison to the British Pound, the Jamaican Dollar appreciated in value by $13.4 \%$, moving from a monthly average rate of $J \$ 212.47$ : GBP £1.00 to $J \$ 183.99$ : GBP $£ 1.00$


FIGURE 1 MOVEMENT OF JA\$ AGAINST US\$ BETWEEN JULY 2021 AND JULY 2022

[^1]

FIGURE 2 MOVEMENT OF JA\$ AGAINST GBP BETWEEN JULY 2021 AND JULY 2022

## SURVEY: BRIEF INTRODUCTION

This year's annual textbook survey was conducted by the Consumer Affairs Commission (CAC) between August 8 and 12, 2022. The survey is geared towards providing consumers with information that will assist them to costeffectively discharge their responsibilities as parents/guardians; and presents researched evidence concerning textbooks as critical consumer items to key stakeholders.

Of the 49 known bookstores visited, price and availability data were obtained from 46 bookstores (92\%) islandwide, except for Hanover: 12 in the Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area (Kingston, St. Andrew, Portmore and Spanish Town) and 34 in Rural Town in 11 parishes. A total of 173 popular textbooks were surveyed, consisting of one hundred and four (104) secondary level, fiftyseven (57) primary level and twelve (12) infant level textbooks covering nineteen (19) subject areas.

## METHODOLOGY

In keeping with the implementation of the National Standards Curriculum (NSC), the Ministry of Education and Youth's (MoEY) policy directive stipulates that the MoEY Supplementary List should comprise not more than ten books for each grade level per subject. ${ }^{4}$ These guidelines are intended to minimize the

[^2]number of books parents need to purchase for their children. The rubric is outlined in Table 1 below:

## TABLE 1 MOEY'S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE TYPE OF BOOKS APPROVED FOR PURCHASE BY PARENTS

| Grade <br> Level | Types of Books |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1 - 3}$ | No more than two (2) supplementary titles including a reader and a text <br> /workbook for Language Arts |
| $\mathbf{4 - 6}$ | No more than five supplementary titles: only workbooks for core subject areas <br> such as Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science |
| $\mathbf{7 - 9}$ | No more than two additional books for each subject area. |
| $\mathbf{1 0 - 1 \mathbf { 1 }}$ | Schools have the autonomy to select supplementary resources based on the <br> subject area and the individual needs of the students. |

The MOEY's guidelines further indicate that parents should expect to purchase what was termed as Additional Materials Required. These include items such as geometry set, graph books, technical equipment and other materials that are specific to specialized areas such as Home Economics, Visual Arts and Industrial Education; and resources such as Bible, Atlas, Dictionaries, The Students' Companion, New Junior English Revised and Illustrated First Aid in English.

In keeping with the MOEY's principle of school-based management, schools are required to select and submit for approval the supplementary textbooks they deemed most suitable for their students. These books are selected from the 2022-2023 Supplementary Textbook Lists provided by the MOEY. The book lists are submitted to the Evaluation \& Utilization /Media Services Unit of the MOEY for approval. Each year, the CAC relies on this Unit to provide information on the most popular texts on the book lists submitted by schools islandwide, to update its survey instrument.

As is customary, the 2022 biennial review exercise was undertaken with the guidance of the Evaluation \& Utilization /Media Services Unit. Consequently, the CAC removed 4 English Literature novels, since these had completed their cycle as CXC (CSEC) Literature texts. Nine (9) secondary level books and 6 primary level titles were added due to their popularity. Additionally, 6 secondary level books had been revised. These changes represented a $7 \%$ increase (162 in 2021 to 173 in 2022) in the number of books surveyed
(Secondary $\uparrow 5 \%$; Primary $\uparrow 12 \%$ ). Once a draft survey instrument was designed, it was submitted to the MOEY's Evaluation \& Utilization /Media Services Unit to ensure that the texts selected were in line with their guidelines. The remainder of the survey instrument was left mostly unchanged to facilitate comparative analysis.

The CAC's survey officers were provided with a list of the books along with their respective International Standard Book Number (ISBN)5 and specific information to facilitate the correct identification of the book being surveyed (that is, a picture of the book, names of authors and editions). Data was captured and submitted using SurveytoGo, a mobile data collection application. The CAC research staff reviewed the prices and confirmed selected book prices with retailers.

## ANALYSIS

Data analysis involved the calculation of the average ${ }^{6}$, maximum and minimum price for each textbook as well as availability. Availability refers to the number of stores that had the textbook in stock at the time of the survey. Thus, the term 'readily available' signifies that the book was found in at least $50 \%$ of the bookstores surveyed.

For comparative analysis, 147 textbooks common to the two survey periods (2021 and 2022) were used. Unlike previous years, the analysis included common titles which had been revised as this represents one of the reasons for the changes in price and availability of textbooks at the time of the survey.

[^3]
## PUBLICATION FACTORS AND PRICE VARIATIONS

There are several factors which could account for price dispersion among outlets. Some of these factors originate with the publisher and could include:
a) Book Design
$\checkmark$ Illustrative component (e.g., colour vs. black \& white)
$\checkmark$ Method of binding (e.g., cased sewn vs. spiral bound)
$\checkmark$ Quality of paper
$\checkmark$ Type of cover (e.g., hardcover vs. paperback)
b) Print Quantity
$\checkmark$ This determines unit production costs
c) Print Centre
$\checkmark$ Some of the Print Centres are located in China, India and Singapore
$\checkmark$ They utilize more modern technologies and tend to be more economical
d) Edition
$\checkmark$ Reprint vs. new edition.

## e) Fluctuations in Exchange Rates overtime <br> $\checkmark$ This may be further complicated by dollar versus sterling sources.

f) The retailer may also introduce
$\checkmark$ Variations in the cost of delivery
$\checkmark$ Bulk vs. special delivery
$\checkmark$ Variations in mark up

## LIMITATIONS

- Essentially, limitations in resources - money, manpower and time meant that the number of texts to be surveyed needed to be representative yet at a manageable level. The CAC's methodology includes selecting the most popularly requested text based on a review of the booklists of the schools. Furthermore, the texts must fall within the guidelines of the MOEY. This means that certain popular additional texts may have been excluded from the sample, although they are not prohibited by the MOEY. The selection of CSEC/CAPE texts was limited, as schools do not have to submit these for review by the MOEY. With the guidance of the MOEY, the CAC carried forward most of the texts used in previous years, with some amendments.
- A $72 \%$ sample of (68) known bookstores was targeted this year. This included one outlet from 3 major book chains (Kingston Bookshop, Sangster's Book Stores and Bryan's Bookstore) which were visited and compared with the prices on their websites. Consequently, the CAC's availability data is limited to outlets visited only and does not to speak to availability in the 3 major book chains.
- Some texts were unavailable at the time of the survey as some texts were recently revised or the books were out of stock or not sold by the outlet.
- Some novels were available from various publishers. In instances where multiple versions of the novel were present in the outlet, the CAC recorded the least expensive copy of the text.
- Some outlets sold used texts as well as new ones. For uniformity, only the price data of new books was reported and analysed.


## DATA SUMMARY <br> AUGUST 2022 TEXTBOOK PRICE OBSERVATIONS

Availability

The Annual School Textbook Survey was conducted at a time when most bookstores were expected to have received their new stock but would still have residual stock from previous years. The dates were selected based on the recommendation of the Book Industry Association of Jamaica (BIAJ) with whom the CAC had consulted. Observations revealed that while Infant and Primary Level texts were readily available in most outlets visited, the availability of other texts was generally low. This was explained by some outlets reporting that they had not yet received their new stocks at the time of the survey. Other bookstores indicated that they had delayed ordering their new stocks due to the uncertainties experienced in the education sector because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Prices

On average, there was a 36\% difference between the highest and lowest price observed for textbooks islandwide, except for literature novels, where the average difference was $84 \%$. In some instances, the difference between the highest and lowest prices of literature novels exceeded 100 percent, for example, the Silver Sword recorded a 189\% difference between its highest and lowest price. This was due to differences in the cover (hard /soft), publishers and sources.

Within the GKMR however, the average difference in prices was $21 \%$ among all texts, except for literature novels, where the difference between the highest and lowest price was on average $56 \%$. Across Rural Towns, the average difference was $33 \%$ among all texts, except for literature novels, where the average difference between the highest and lowest price was $65 \%$. This implies that in geographic locations where there is a larger concentration of bookstores, books tend to be more competitively priced. Prices generally vary across parish lines.

The major observations on textbook prices based on geographic location and grade levels are summarized below:

## ALL ISLAND

## - Infant School texts

- Average price J\$1,572.58
- Highest price observed J\$2,300.00
- Lowest price observed J\$843.00


## - Primary School texts

## Grade 1

- Average price J\$1,842.62
- Highest price observed J\$2,700.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,365.00


## Grade 2

- Average price J\$2,031.92
- Highest price observed J\$3,000.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,210.00


## Grade 3

- Average price J\$2,074.18
- Highest price observed J\$3,000.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,378.00


## Grade 4

- Average cost J\$2,013.61
- Highest price observed J\$3,402.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,300.00


## Grade 5

- Average cost J\$2,363.01
- Highest price observed J\$3,690.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,320.00


## Grade 6

- Average cost J\$2,221.93
- Highest price observed J\$3,095.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,367.00


## PEP Textbooks

- Average cost J\$2,131.09
- Highest price observed J\$2,975.00
- Lowest price observed J\$850.00
- Grades 7-9 texts
- Average cost J\$2,473.39
- Highest price observed J\$5,960.00
- Lowest price observed J\$960.00
- CSEC/CAPE texts
- Average cost J\$4,078.07
- Highest price observed J\$11,792.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,258.00
- Literature Novels
- Average cost J\$2,777.22
- Highest price observed J\$3,840.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,180.00


## GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN REGION (GKMR)

- Infant School texts
- Average cost J\$1,582.09
- Highest price observed J\$2,000.00
- Lowest price observed J\$895.00


## - Primary School texts

## Grade 1

- Average cost J\$1,860.29
- Highest price observed J\$2,550.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,550.00


## Grade 2

- Average cost J\$2,079.82
- Highest price observed J\$3,000.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,300.00


## Grade 3

- Average cost J\$2,114.67
- Highest price observed J\$3,000.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,550.00


## Grade 4

- Average cost J\$1,948.86
- Highest price observed J\$3,050.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,500.00


## Grade 5

- Average cost J\$2,362.32
- Highest price observed J\$3,530.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,512.00


## Grade 6

- Average cost J\$2,131.09
- Highest price observed J\$3,050.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,367.00


## PEP Textbooks

- Average cost J\$2,136.12
- Highest price observed J\$2,800.00
- Lowest price observed J\$900.00


## - Grades 7-9 texts

- Average cost J\$2,490.17
- Highest price observed J\$5,212.00.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,062.00


## - CSEC/CAPE texts

- Average cost J\$4,032.73
- Highest price observed J\$11,792.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,258.00


## - Literature Novels

- Average cost J\$2,811.02
- Highest price observed J\$3,840.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,180.00


## RURAL TOWNS

- Infant School texts
- Average cost J\$1,568.21
- Highest price observed J\$2,300.00
- Lowest price observed J\$843.00


## - Primary School texts

## Grade 1

- Average cost J\$1,889.02
- Highest price observed J\$2,700.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,365.00


## Grade 2

- Average cost J\$2,010.37
- Highest price observed J\$2,200.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,210.00


## Grade 3

- Average cost J\$2,056.24
- Highest price observed J\$2,280.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,378.00


## Grade 4

- Average cost J\$2,008.27
- Highest price observed J\$3,402.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,300.00


## Grade 5

- Average cost J\$2,343.67
- Highest price observed J\$3,690.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,320.00


## Grade 6

- Average cost J\$2,210.23
- Highest price observed J\$3,095.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,370.00


## PEP Textbooks

- Average cost J\$2,127.86
- Highest price observed J\$2,975.00
- Lowest price observed J\$850.00
- Grades 7-9 texts
- Average cost J\$2,520.22
- Highest price observed J\$5,960.00
- Lowest price observed J\$960.00


## - CSEC/CAPE texts

- Average cost J\$3,693.39
- Highest price observed J\$8,750.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1,350.00


## - Literature Novels

- Average cost J\$2,767.33
- Highest price observed cost J\$3,840.00
- Lowest price observed J\$1300.00

Table 2 Price Observations for 2022

| Region | Level | Average Price | Max (Highest Price Observed) |  | Min (Lowest Price Observed) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | J\$ | J\$ | TEXT | J\$ | TEXT |
| ALL ISLAND <br> (46 outlets) | Infant | 1,572.58 | 2,300.00 | INFANT INTEGRATED <br> PHONICS WORKBOOK 3 by L. <br> Fearon and M. McLean <br> INFANT INTEGRATED <br> MATHEMATICS WORKBOOK 3 <br> by M. McLean and L. Fearon <br> INFANT INTEGRATED STUDIES WORKBOOK 3 by M. McLean and L. Fearon | 843.00 | RIGHT START INTEGRATED READER by Valrie Brown |
|  | Primary | 2,110.37 | 3,690.00 | NEW JUNIOR ENGLISH REVISED (New Caribbean Edition) by Haydn Richards, Pamela Mordecai and Grace Walker Gordon | 850.00 | HOW SMART ARE YOU? <br> REASONING \& PROBLEMSOLVING by B.B. Anders \& S.E. Bennett |
|  | Grade 7-9 | 2,473.39 | 5,960.00 | OXFORD MATHEMATICS FOR THE CARIBBEAN (Sixth Edition) BOOK 1 (With online support) by N. Goldberg (with N. CameronEdwards) | 960.00 | ENCORE TRICOLORE 2: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor \& H. Mascie-Taylor <br> ENCORE TRICOLORE 3: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor, H. Mascie-Taylor \& M. Spencer |
|  | CSEC/CAPE | 4,078.07 | 11,792.00 | SOCIOLOGY, THEMES AND PERSPECTIVES (Eighth Edition) by Michael Haralambos \& Martin Holborn | 1,258.00 | OXFORD SCHOOL SPANISH DICTIONARY (Revised 2017) by Oxford Dictionaries |


| Region | Level | Average Price | Max (Highest Price Observed) |  | Min (Lowest Price Observed) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | J\$ | J\$ | TEXT | J\$ | TEXT |
|  | Literature Novels | 2,777.22 | 3,840.00 | ANIMAL FARM by George Orwell <br> THE ENCHANTED ISLAND by Ian Serrailier <br> ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY by Mildred D. Taylor | 1,180.00 | MACBETH by William Shakespeare |
| GKMR <br> (12 outlets) | Infant | 1,582.09 | 2,000.00 | INFANT INTEGRATED PHONICS WORKBOOK 3 by L. <br> Fearon and M. McLean <br> INFANT INTEGRATED STUDIES WORKBOOK 3 by M. McLean and L. Fearon | 895.00 | RIGHT START INTEGRATED READER by Valrie Brown <br> RIGHT START LANGUAGE ARTS INTEGRATED <br> WORKBOOK (Series B) by Valrie Brown <br> RIGHT START MATHEMATICS INTEGRATED WORKBOOK (Series B) by Valrie Brown |
|  | Primary | 2,097.13 | 3,530.00 | NEW JUNIOR ENGLISH REVISED (New Caribbean Edition) by Haydn Richards, Pamela Mordecai and Grace Walker Gordon | 900.00 | HOW SMART ARE YOU? <br> REASONING \& PROBLEMSOLVING by B.B. Anders \& S.E. Bennett |


| Region | Level | Average Price | Max (Highest Price Observed) |  | Min (Lowest Price Observed) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | J\$ | J\$ | TEXT | J\$ | TEXT |
|  | Grade 7-9 | 2,490.17 | 5,212.00 | RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR JAMAICA: IDENTITY BOOK 1 <br> (Second Edition) by Michael Keene, Dawn James, and Dennis McKoy <br> RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR JAMAICA: WORSHIP BOOK 2 (Second Edition) by Michael Keene, Catherine House, Grace Peart, Dawn James, and Dennis McKoy <br> RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR JAMAICA: STEWARDSHIP BOOK 3 (Second Edition) by Michael Keene, Catherine House, Grace Peart, Dawn James, and Dennis McKoy | 1,062.00 | ENCORE TRICOLORE 1: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor \& H. Mascie-Taylor |
|  | CSEC/CAPE | 4,032.73 | 11,792.00 | SOCIOLOGY, THEMES AND PERSPECTIVES (Eighth Edition) by Michael Haralambos \& Martin Holborn | 1,258.00 | OXFORD SCHOOL SPANISH DICTIONARY (Revised 2017) by Oxford Dictionaries |
|  | Literature Novels | 2,811.02 | 3,840.00 | ANIMAL FARM by George Orwell <br> THE ENCHANTED ISLAND by Ian Serrailier <br> ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY <br> CRY by Mildred D. Taylor | 1,180.00 | MACBETH by William Shakespeare |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | J\$ | J\$ | TEXT | J\$ | TEXT |
| RURAL TOWNS <br> (34 outlets) | Infant | 1,568.21 | 2,300.00 | INFANT INTEGRATED <br> PHONICS WORKBOOK 3 by L. <br> Fearon and M. McLean <br> INFANT INTEGRATED <br> MATHEMATICS WORKBOOK 3 <br> by M. McLean and L. Fearon <br> INFANT INTEGRATED STUDIES WORKBOOK 3 by M. McLean and L. Fearon | 843.00 | RIGHT START INTEGRATED READER by Valrie Brown |
|  | Primary | 2,107.88 | 3,690.00 | NEW JUNIOR ENGLISH REVISED (New Caribbean Edition) by Haydn Richards, Pamela Mordecai and Grace Walker Gordon | 850.00 | HOW SMART ARE YOU? <br> REASONING \& PROBLEMSOLVING by B.B. Anders \& S.E. Bennett |
|  | Grade 7-9 | 2,520.22 | 5,960.00 | OXFORD MATHEMATICS FOR THE CARIBBEAN (Sixth Edition) BOOK 1 (With online support) by N. Goldberg (with N. CameronEdwards) | 960.00 | ENCORE TRICOLORE 2: <br> NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor \& H. Mascie-Taylor <br> ENCORE TRICOLORE 3: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor, H. Mascie-Taylor \& M. Spencer |


| Region | Level | Average Price | Max (Highest Price Observed) |  | Min (Lowest Price Observed) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | J\$ | J\$ | TEXT | J\$ | TEXT |
|  | CSEC/CAPE | 3,693.39 | 8,750.00 | SOCIOLOGY, THEMES AND PERSPECTIVES (Eight Edition) by Michael Haralambos \& Martin Holborn | 1,350.00 | OXFORD SCHOOL FRENCH DICTIONARY (2017 Edition) by Oxford Dictionaries <br> OXFORD SCHOOL SPANISH DICTIONARY (Revised 2017) by Oxford Dictionaries <br> LEST YOU FORGET - A STUDY AND REVISION GUIDE FOR CXC CARIBBEAN HISTORY: ADJUSTMENTS TO EMANCIPATION 1838-1876 by Doris Hamilton-Willie |
|  | Literature Novels | 2,767.33 | 3,840.00 | THE ENCHANTED ISLAND by Ian Serrailier <br> ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY by Mildred D. Taylor | 1,300.00 | MACBETH by William Shakespeare |

## PRICE AND AVAILABILITY MOVEMENT

Against the background of a $10.2 \%$ inflation between July 2021 and July 2022 and the $0.9 \%$ appreciation in the JMD to its US counterpart for the period July 2021 to July 2022, an $8.5 \%$ increase in average textbook prices was observed.

Comparative data was available for 147 books: 12 Infant, 50 Primary, 28 Grade 7-9, 39 CSEC /CAPE and 18 Literature novels. Observations of movements in availability was limited, because the 2022 sample excluded most of the outlets within 3 major book chains: Kingston Bookshop, Sangster's Book Stores and Bryan's Book Stores. Price data was however obtained from their online stores and verified with the data collected at one store branch of each store chain.

Notwithstanding this limitation, it was generally observed that Infant Level books were more readily available in August 2022 when compared to July 2021. Moreover, this analysis represents an accurate reflection/representation of data captured by our survey officers on textbook prices for various outlets located islandwide.

## Price Changes Observed

- Most books (58\% or 85) recorded price increases between $1 \%$ and $10 \%$. This was followed by Thirty-five (24\%) books which recorded price increases between $11 \%$ and $20 \%$.
- This was true across grade levels, revealing that, except for Infant texts, the average price of most texts at the Primary (70\%), CSEC/CAPE (62\%), Grades 7-9 (50\%) levels and Literature novels (44\%) increased between $1 \%$ and $10 \%$. Most ( $67 \%$ ) of Infant level texts increased between $11 \%$ and 20\% (see Figure 4 below).
- There were 5 books that recorded price increases ranging from $21 \%$ to $30 \%$. These books were all in the high school categories (Grade 7-9, CSEC/CAPE and Literature Novels). Three books (3) had price increases over $50 \%$. These price increases were observed in the high school categories (CSEC/CAPE and Literature Novels).
- The highest average price change was $78 \%$ (J\$1,086.50), recorded by the Oxford School Dictionary (Fully Revised 2016, Pocket Size) written by

Oxford Dictionaries. This change could be explained by the fact that the book had been revised ${ }^{7}$.

- Some average prices recorded reductions in their average price. Sixteen books (16) recorded price declines ranging from $0 \%$ to $10 \%$. Except for the Infant level, these declines were seen in all other categories of books.
- Three books had price decreases, ranging from $11 \%$ to $30 \%$. It was noteworthy that these were all CSEC/CAPE books. Of note was the $21 \%$ ( $\$ 937.50$ ) reduction in the average price of one CSEC / CAPE Sociology text - Caribbean Sociology: Introductory Readings edited by Christine Barrow and Rhoda Reddock. This however could not be explained.
- The major observations in the movement of textbook prices based on geographic location and grade levels are summarized below:

[^4]Average Percentage Changes by Grade Levels (All Island)


FIGURE 3: AVERAGE PERCENTAGE CHANGE BY GRADE LEVEL (ALL ISLAND)

## ALL ISLAND

- Infant School texts
- Average price increase of J\$164.77 (10.87\%)
- The price change observed ranged from an increase of J\$30.68 (3.32\%) to an increase of J\$282.46 (17.41\%)
- Primary School texts
- Average price increase of J\$172.00 (8.68\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$59.38 (3.83\%) to an increase of J\$422.37 (19.08\%)
- Grade 7-9 School texts
- Average price increase of J\$191.89 (9.08\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$261.11 (6.56\%) to an increase of J\$248.44 (24.29\%)
- CSEC/CAPE texts
- Average price increase of J\$148.22 (6.8\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$937.50 (21.13\%) to an increase of J\$1,086.50 (77.89\%)
- Literature Novels
- Average price increase of J\$193.90 (9.29\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$254.33 (9.5\%) to an increase of J\$890.96 (58.92\%)


## GKMR

- Infant School texts
- Average price increase of J\$164.86 (10.83\%)
- The price change observed ranged from an increase of J\$32.94 (3.51\%) to an increase of J\$290.98 (17.78\%)
- Primary School texts
- Average price increase of J\$147.65 (7.32\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$23.33 (1.46\%) to an increase of J\$453.08 (20.22\%)
- Grade 7-9 School texts
- Average price increase of J\$169.66 (8.37\%)
- The price change observed ranged from reduction of J\$138.29 (2.67\%) to an increase of J\$282.33 (30.52\%)
- CSEC/CAPE texts
- Average price increase of J\$118.22 (4.53\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$864.50 (14.62\%) to an increase of J\$570.00 (54.81\%)
- Literature Novels
- Average price increase of J\$87.19 (4.68\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$381.00 (13.05\%) to an increase of J\$874.93 (57.59\%)


## RURAL

- Infant School texts
- Average price increase of J\$166.90 (11.07\%)
- The price change observed ranged from an increase of J\$34.39 (3.77\%) to an increase of J\$293.88 (18.22\%)
- Primary School texts
- Average price increase of J\$197.99 (10.28\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$60.29 (4\%) to an increase of J\$463.18 (21.88\%)
- Grade 7-9 School texts
- Average price increase of J\$247.71 (11.75\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$198.33 (5.33\%) to an increase of J\$367.16 (36.42\%)
- CSEC/CAPE texts
- Average price increase of J\$194.67 (8.56\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$596.67 (15.31\%) to an increase of J\$724.75 (62.55\%)
- Literature Novels
- Average price increase of J\$376.27 (18.5\%)
- The price change observed ranged from a reduction of J\$136.76 (4.54\%) to an increase of J\$1020.00 (72.08\%)

TABLE 3 PRICE CHANGE OBSERVATIONS 2021-2022

| Region | Level | Average Price Change (\%) | Range in Average Price Change (\%) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Lower End |  | Upper end |
| ALL ISLAND | Infant | 10.87\% | 3.32\% | RIGHT START MATHEMATICS <br> INTEGRATED WORKBOOK (Series B) by Valrie Brown | 17.41\% | INFANT INTEGRATED MATHEMATICS WORKBOOK 3 by M. McLean and L. Fearon |
|  | Primary | 8.68\% | -3.83\% | CHEETAH PEP ABILITY PRACTICE QUESTIONS by Dr. Paulette Trowers | 19.08\% | RAINBOW READERS: A JAMAICAN READING SERIES GRADE 3 by Roma Sinanan and Uriel Narinesingh |
|  | Grade 7-9 | 9.08\% | -6.56\% | GLENCOE LANGUAGE ARTS GRAMMAR AND LANGUAGE WORKBOOK GRADE 9 | 24.29\% | ENCORE TRICOLORE 1: NOUVELLE EDITION GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. Honnor \& H. Mascie-Taylor |
|  | CSEC/CAPE | 6.8\% | -21.13\% | CARIBBEAN SOCIOLOGY: <br> INTRODUCTORY <br> READINGS edited by Christine <br> Barrow and Rhoda Reddock | 77.89\% | OXFORD SCHOOL <br> DICTIONARY (Fully Revised 2016, Pocket Size) by Oxford Dictionaries |
|  | Literature Novels | 9.29\% | -9.5\% | FRANGIPANI HOUSE by Beryl Gilroy | 58.92\% | OF MICE AND MEN by John Steinbeck |


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| GKMR | Infant | 10.83\% | 3.51\% | RIGHT START <br> MATHEMATICS <br> INTEGRATED <br> WORKBOOK (Series B) by Valrie Brown | 17.78\% | INFANT INTEGRATED STUDIES WORKBOOK 3 by M. McLean and L. Fearon |
|  | Primary | 7.32\% | -1.46\% | CHEETAH PRIMARY EXIT PROFILE (PEP) MATH PRACTICE QUESTIONS by Dr. Paulette Trowers <br> CHEETAH PEP ABILITY PRACTICE QUESTIONS by Dr. Paulette Trowers | 20.22\% | RAINBOW READERS: A JAMAICAN READING SERIES GRADE 3 By Roma Sinanan and Uriel Narinesingh |
|  | Grade 7-9 | 8.37\% | -2.67\% | OXFORD <br> MATHEMATICS FOR THE CARIBBEAN (Sixth Edition) BOOK 1 (With online support) by N . Goldberg (with N. Cameron-Edwards) | 30.52\% | ENCORE TRICOLORE 3: <br> NOUVELLE EDITION <br> GRAMMAR IN ACTION by S. <br> Honnor, H. Mascie-Taylor \& M. Spencer |
|  | CSEC/CAPE | 4.53\% | -14.62\% | CARIBBEAN STUDIES FOR CAPE <br> EXAMINATIONS (Second Edition) by J. Mohammed | 54.81\% | OXFORD STUDENT'S THESAURUS (2016 Edition) |
|  | Literature Novels | 4.68\% | -13.05\% | FRANGIPANI HOUSE by Beryl Gilroy | 57.59\% | OF MICE AND MEN by John Steinbeck |


| Region | Level | Average Price Change (\%) | Range in Average Price Change (\%) |  |  |  |
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| RURAL | Infant | 11.07\% | 3.77\% | RIGHT START MATHEMATICS INTEGRATED <br> WORKBOOK (Series B) by Valrie Brown | 18.22\% | INFANT INTEGRATED MATHEMATICS <br> WORKBOOK 3 by M. McLean and L. Fearon |
|  | Primary | 10.28\% | -4\% | CHEETAH PEP ABILITY PRACTICE QUESTIONS by Dr. Paulette Trowers | 21.88\% | LEAPS AND BOUNDS IN LITERACY FOR JUNIORS: THE NEW INTEGRATED AND COMPREHENSIVE WORKBOOK FOR GRADE 4: READING \& COMPREHENSION SKILLS by Fayanne Elliott- Walker |
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|  | CSEC/CAPE | 8.56\% | -15.31\% | NEW EDITION <br> AGRICULTURE FOR <br> CSEC (Revision Course) by Sabaddeo Ragoonanan (Paperback) | 62.55\% | OXFORD STUDENT'S THESAURUS (2016 Edition) |
|  | Literature Novels | 18.5\% | -4.54\% | ANIMAL FARM by George Orwell | 72.08\% | OF MICE AND MEN by John Steinbeck |

## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS BETWEEN THE ONLINE STORES AND PHYSICAL STORES

Price data was obtained from three major book chains: Kingston Bookshop, Sangster's Book Stores and Bryan's Book Store. These prices were compared with the prices of the same textbooks in one branch of their physical store as well as the prices at other outlets islandwide.

## Online vs Branch Prices

Overall, there was little difference between the prices online and instore. Any significant differences observed was explained by the fact that some prices online were for old stock, while some books were revised, and the prices were not updated online.

## QUALITATIVE FINDINGS /OBSERVATIONS

- As had been observed increasingly within the last 3-4 years, Literature books were not placed in the open layout but were made available at the cashier counter. This strategy has been employed to reduce pilferage.
- Some outlets, predominantly the smaller retailers, did not have electronic pricing systems. Sometimes the prices were not placed on the books but were given to the customer verbally from a printed sheet or the vendor's memory.
- It was observed that bookstore chains and independent book suppliers had grown in their online presence: Facebook -/other social media and websites
- Some outlets offered their customers order and delivery or pick-up services via their website and WhatsApp. This was observed especially since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in Jamaica.
- One school, Mona Preparatory School, added a QR Code to their booklists which allowed the parents access to a website (Jampakbooks.com), which offered books for sale as well as to source the books currently not sold by the supplier.
- Some outlets also offered lay-away and credit arrangements. Others offered discounts and other specials.
- The Bryan's Bookstores Ltd. advised that they did not sell Oxford Dictionaries. They carried Collins Dictionaries exclusively.
- Many of the workbooks and student books have very similar designs except for a few slight differences in the colour or wording.


## CONCLUSION

Acquiring school textbooks remain an important feature of back-to-school preparation for most parents and guardians and continues to account for a large proportion of back-to-school budgets and spending. The CAC's annual school textbook survey revealed that many books were still not readily available at the time of the survey, due to the restocking delays arising from revision of some texts as well as uncertainty in the market regarding the demand for school textbooks during the pandemic era.

The prices observed showed that some outlets had stocks from last year and that the prices were less varied within the GKMR than they were across parish lines. Overall, infant level books cost on average $J \$ 1,572.58$, while the price of primary level texts ranged from $J \$ 850.00$ to $J \$ 3,690.00$ depending on grade and location of stores. Secondary texts for grades 7-9 cost an average of J\$2,473.39 while the average cost of CSEC/ CAPE texts was J\$4,078.07. Literature novels were available on average for $\mathrm{J} \$ 2,777.22$ relative to publisher and other factors.

The data revealed that the average price of most books increased in line with inflation, while some books recorded price reductions.

Books in the GKMR were as available as they were one year ago. Some bookstores had however indicated that they would be receiving new stock soon. As such, the availability of books was expected to increase by the end of August, but this could also mean increased prices.

It is worth noting that consumers do have several options available to source textbooks. Outside of the traditional option of visiting the store and purchasing books, the CAC is aware of independent distributors who have established relationships with schools to supply textbooks. There are also online sources
through which texts/ supplies can be sourced and parents are encouraged to explore these options.

As Jamaicans continue to adapt and learn to live with COVID 19, so too have the bookstores adjusted their business models so the sale of textbooks may continue without putting their staff and the public at risk. This is commendable.

The CAC also encourage consumers to shop around and take advantage of lower priced old stock and discounts where they exist. Parents are encouraged to check with the schools to ensure the books are still relevant, especially as it relates to the correct edition of each text and in keeping with the Primary Exit Profile (PEP) curriculum. They are also advised to closely examine workbooks and student books before purchase, to prevent purchasing the incorrect book.

Should parents and guardians choose to wait until September to make their purchases; we hope the results of our survey will assist them to make informed purchasing decisions.

## APPENDIX

## AVAILABILITY AMONG OUTLETS SURVEYED, AUGUST 2022

## Availability

Availability of textbooks was generally low (island average 39\%) among outlets surveyed. Within the GKMR, texts were generally more readily available (57\%) than in Rural Towns (35\%). Infant level books were the most available in stores (77\%), compared to Primary level books ( $51 \%$ ) and secondary books, which were available in $27 \%$ of bookstores surveyed. Of the latter, CSEC /CAPE texts for subject areas such as Metal Work and Communication Studies were not available in the bookstores surveyed, while others such as Agriculture Science (5\%), Economics (4\%) and Electrical Installation (2\%) were the least available. This may be due to low demand islandwide. See Figure 3 below.


FIGURE 3: AVERAGE AVAILABILITY OF TEXTBOOKS BY SUBJECT AREA, AUGUST 2022 (ALL ISLAND, AMONG OUTLETS SURVEYED)

## ALL ISLAND

- Infant School texts
- Observed in $77 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- Primary School texts

Grade 1

- Observed in $49 \%$ of stores surveyed.

Grade 2

- Observed in $56 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 3

- Observed in $53 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 4

- Observed in $50 \%$ of stores surveyed.

Grade 5

- Observed in $46 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 6

- Observed in $52 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## PEP Textbooks

- Observed in $51 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- Grades 7-9 texts
- Observed in $28 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- CSEC/CAPE texts
- Observed in $24 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- Literature Novels
- Observed in $32 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN REGION (GKMR)

- Infant School texts
- Observed in $90 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- Primary School texts

Grade 1

- Observed in $61 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 2

- Observed in $63 \%$ of stores surveyed.

Grade 3

- Observed in $63 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 4

- Observed in $76 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 5

- Observed in $64 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 6

- Observed in $72 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## PEP Textbooks

- Observed in $66 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- Grades 7-9 texts
- Observed in $45 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- CSEC/CAPE texts
- Observed in $44 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- Literature Novels
- Observed in $54 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## RURAL TOWNS

- Infant School texts
- Observed in 73\% of stores surveyed.
- Primary School texts

Grade 1

- Observed in $39 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 2

- Observed in $53 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 3

- Observed in $49 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 4

- Observed in $43 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 5

- Observed in $42 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## Grade 6

- Observed in $49 \%$ of stores surveyed.


## PEP Textbooks

- Observed in $46 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- Grades 7-9 texts
- Observed in $23 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- CSEC/CAPE texts
- Observed in $21 \%$ of stores surveyed.
- Literature Novels
- Observed in $24 \%$ of stores surveyed.

SUBJECT AREAS

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|  |  | Physics |
|  |  | Integrated Science |
|  |  | Primary level Science |
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|  |  | Food \& Nutrition |
| 6 | MATHEMATICS | Mathematics |
|  |  | Numeracy |
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|  |  | Poems |
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| 13 | SOCIOLOGY | Sociology |
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| A-Z Bookshop | Mid-Town Plaza, Santa Cruz |  |
| Andjos Data Processing | 1 Institution Drive, Santa Cruz |  |
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| Pill Box Pharmacy | 17 Lewis Street |  |
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| Chambers Bookstore | 3 Barracks Road, |  |
| Henderson Bookstore | 27 St. James Street, Montego Bay P.O. |  |


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| Trelawny Book Supplies \& Pharmacy | 19 Market Street |  |
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| Wakefield Bookstore | Wakefield | WAKEFIELD |
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| Brown's Town Books \& Stationery | 4 St. Hilda's Drive | BROWN'S TOWN |
| Direct Books \& Stationery | 34 Main Street |  |
| Catalyst Bookstore \& Stationery | Shop 44 Ocean Village Shopping Centre |  |
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| Highgate One Stop Bookshop | Main Street | HIGHGATE |
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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Kingston, St. Andrew, Spanish Town and Portmore

[^1]:    2 STATIN (2022) "New release: Consumer price index July 2022" retrieved from https://statinja.gov.jm/PressReleases.aspx. Retrieved August 26, 2022
    ${ }^{3}$ BOJ (2022) "Monthly Average Exchange Rate" retrieved on August 26, 2022 from https://boj.org.jm/market/foreign-exchange/historical-fx-rates/

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ MOEY (2019) - Bulletin 87/2019 "GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL’S EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES LIST FOR THE 2020 SCHOOL YEAR", p1

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ International Standard Book Number (ISBN) is a 10 or 13-digit number identifies a specific book, an edition of a book, or a book-like product (such as an audiobook).
    ${ }^{6}$ Arithmetic mean

[^4]:    ${ }^{7}$ OXFORD SCHOOL DICTIONARY (New Edition, 2011) by Oxford Dictionaries was the edition surveyed in 2021.

