

JAMAICA

Capital: Kingston

GEODATA

Area

10,991 km²

Major language

English (official)

Major religious groups

Protestant (61.3%),

Roman Catholic (4%)

Surrounding countries

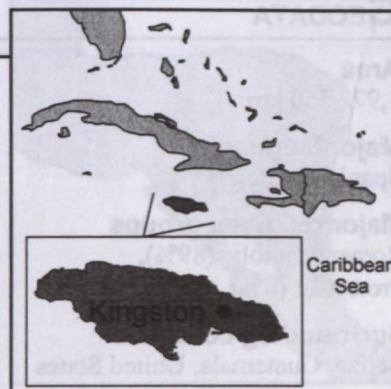
Cuba, Haiti

Population

2.6 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

0.8% (1990-1999 average)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives;
multiparty

Leaders

Governor General Sir Howard Cooke

Prime Minister Percival James Patterson

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Paul Robertson

Minister of Foreign Trade

Anthony Hylton

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Jamaica ranks 83rd among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$7.6 million (1999-2000)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$6.5 billion US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

0.4% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita

\$1,657 US (1999)

Inflation rate

6% (1999 est.)

Unemployment rate

15.8% (2000 est.)

Main exports

Alumina and bauxite, sugar, bananas, rum

Main imports

Machinery and transport equipment, construction materials, fuel, food, chemicals, fertilizers

Main exports to Canada

\$197.7 million (2000), including inorganic chemicals; rare metals; beverages; vegetables; preserved food; knit apparel; baking related products; fruit and nuts; food; fish and seafood; spices; coffee and tea

Main imports from Canada

\$99.8 million (2000), including fish and seafood; electrical machinery; paper and paperboard; machinery; aircraft and parts thereof; meat; pharmaceutical products; cereals; preserved food

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