

JAMAICA

Capital: Kingston

GEODATA

Area

10,991 km²

Official language

English

Major religious groups

Protestant (61.3%),
Roman Catholic (4%)

Surrounding countries

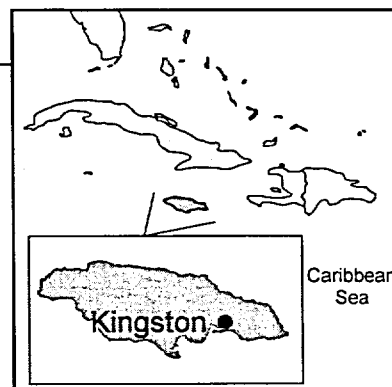
Cuba, Haiti

Population

2.65 million (July 2000 est.)

Population growth rate

0.46% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Representatives;
multiparty

Leaders

Governor General 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

GDP

\$6.7 billion US (1999 est.)

GDP growth rate

-0.4% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita

\$1,380 US (1998)

Main exports

Alumina and bauxite, sugar, bananas, rum

Main imports

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

Main exports to Canada

\$201 million (1999), including bauxite and alumina, rum, fruit and vegetables, clothing

Main imports from Canada

\$96.7 million (1999), including fish and seafood, newsprint and paper, telephone apparatus, medicines

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