

BASIC COUNTRY DATA

JAMAICA

Area: 4,411 square miles (11,424 square kilometers)

Population: 2,192 thousand (mid-1981), growth (1970-80) 1.4%

Main Cities: Kingston (Capital), Montego Bay

Head of Government: Prime Minister Edward Seaga

Exchange Rate: J \$1 = US \$.561

Gross Domestic Product (GDP): US \$2.980 m (1981)

GDP per Capita: US \$1,359 (1981)

International Economic and Political Affiliations: IMF, UN, IBRD, IADB, OAS, Caribbean Common Market (CARICOM), Caribbean Development Bank, International Bauxite Association.

External Public Debt: U.S. \$1435 million (end-1981)

Debt Service/Exports Ratio: 24.6% (1981)

(U.S. \$ millions)	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
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<u>Merchandise domestic imports (cif):</u>	746.8	864.7	1002.8	1172.6	1485.4
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<u>Merchandise domestic exports (fob):</u>	724.0	792.1	814.7	965.5	985.2
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Main Exports (1981): bauxite (17%), alumina (60%), sugar (5%), bananas (.4%)

Main Imports (1980): consumer goods 11% (of which foodstuffs totalled 6%); fuels 38%, raw materials 33%, capital goods 17%

Canadian-Jamaican Trade Relations: Trade is governed by the Canada-CARICOM Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement of January 20, 1979. Jamaican exports to Canada incur the Commonwealth Preferential, General Preferential, or Most Favoured Nation rate, depending on the tariff item. An agreement on foreign investment insurance was signed on November 2, 1971. A double taxation agreement is also in force.

(Cdn \$ millions)	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
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<u>Canadian Exports to Jamaica:</u>	37.9	50.3	61.6	62.5	80.7
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<u>Canadian Imports from Jamaica:</u>	55.3	70.5	50.1	49.9	97.5
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