

JAMAICA

Capital: Kingston

GEODATA

Area
10,991 km²

Population
2.53 million (1994)

Population growth
0.9% (1994)

Major languages
English (official), Jamaican Creole

Major religions
Protestant (70%), Roman Catholic (8%)

POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government
Parliamentary monarchy (E II)

Leader
Prime Minister Percival James Patterson

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
Seymour Mullings

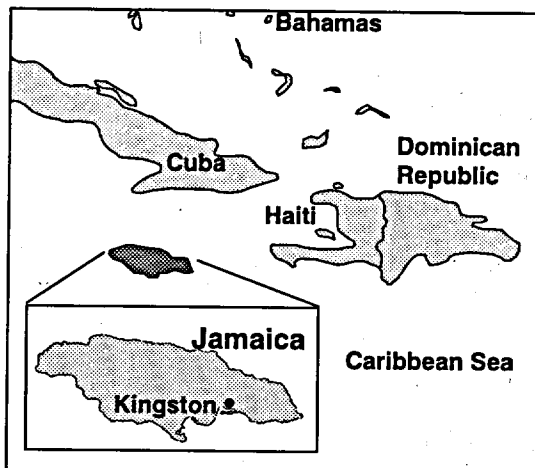
Democratic Institutions
Bicameral parliament, multiparty

UN Human Development Index
Jamaica ranks 88th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$3.9 billion US (1994)

GDP growth rate
1.2% (1995)

GDP per capita
\$1,575 US (1994)

Main exports
Alumina, bauxite, sugar, clothing, rum, bananas, coffee, cocoa, citrus fruits, and citrus products

Main imports
Petroleum, machinery, consumer goods, transport and electrical equipment, food, and construction goods

Main exports to Canada
\$211.45 million (1994), including bauxite and alumina, rum, fruits and vegetables (particularly sweet potatoes), clothing

Main imports from Canada
\$94.27 million (1994), including fertilizers, wheat, fine and corrugated paper, electrical equipment, fish and processed food products

Canadian bilateral assistance
\$21.43 million (1993-1994)