

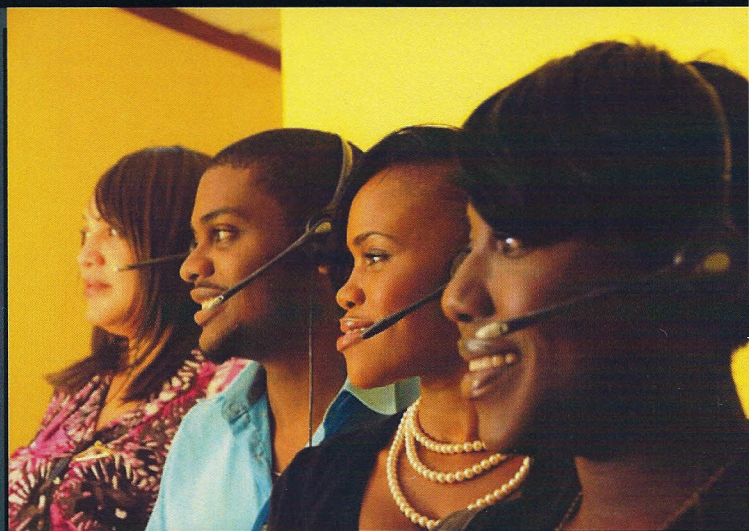


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JAMAICA Quick Facts

GENERAL

Official name	Jamaica
Total Area	10,991 sq km (4,244 sq. miles)
Capital city	Kingston
Climate	Consistently warm and tropical
Avg. annual temperature:	82°F (28°C)
Rainy seasons:	May-June & September-October
Dry seasons:	July-August & December-April
Avg. rainfall	78 inches annually
Time zone	Standard time zone: UTC/GMT -5 hours
Time zone abbreviation: -	Eastern Standard Time (EST)



PEOPLE

Population	2, 709, 300 (2011)
Languages	English, Creole (Jamaican Patois)
Ethnic groups	African 90.9%, East Indian 1.3%, Chinese 0.2%, White 0.2%, mixed 7.3%, other 0.1%.

TRANSPORTATION

Roadways	22,121 km
Inland transport	The country has a well-integrated transportation system consisting of public and private buses, taxis and minibuses.
Main airports	7
3 International	Norman Manley Int'l (NMIA) – Kingston Donald Sangster Int'l – Montego Bay Ian Fleming Int'l – Ocho Rios
4 Domestic	Tinson Pen Aerodrome – Kingston Negril Aerodrome – Negril Ken Jones Aerodrome - Port Antonio Marlboro Airport - Manchester
Seaports/terminals	14



HEALTH

No. of hospitals	39
Public	22
Private	17



ECONOMY/LABOUR

Labour force	1,256,000 (2012, July)
Total unemployed labour force	161,300 (2012, July)
Unemployment rate	12.8% (2012, June)
Unemployment, youth ages 15-24:	28.7%
Inflation rate	6.0% (2011)
GDP	14.71 US\$ billion (2011)
GDP per capita	5,431 US\$ (2011)
GDP – composition by sector:	
Agriculture:	5.8%
Industry:	29.5%
Services:	64.7%
Exchange Rates (Oct 2012)	
USD	90.64 JMD
CAN	90.18 JMD
GBP	140.96 JMD



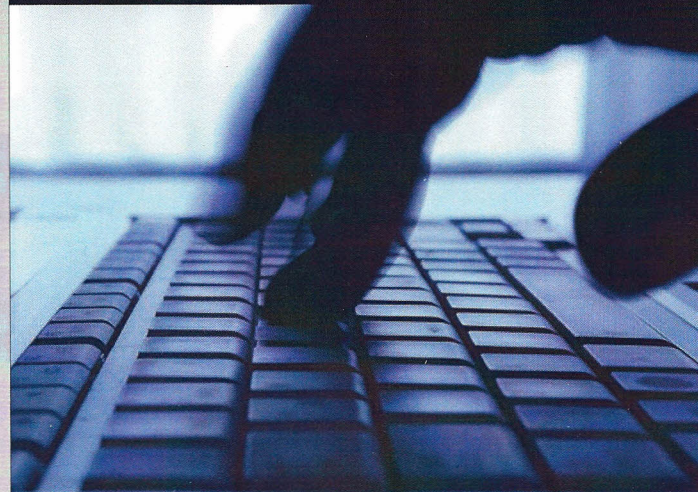
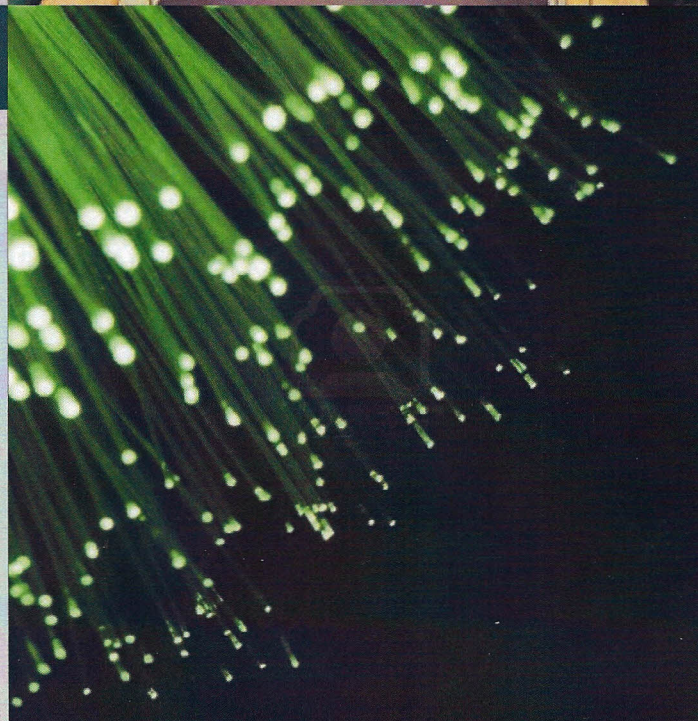
GOVERNMENT

Type	Constitutional parliamentary democracy.
Independence	August 6, 1962
Branches	Executive – Governor General (representing Queen Elizabeth II, chief of state), prime minister, cabinet. Legislative – Bicameral Parliament (21 appointed Senators, 63 elected Representatives). Judicial – Court of Appeal and courts of original jurisdiction.
Political parties	People's National Party (PNP), Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), National Democratic Movement (NDM), New Nation Coalition (NNC)



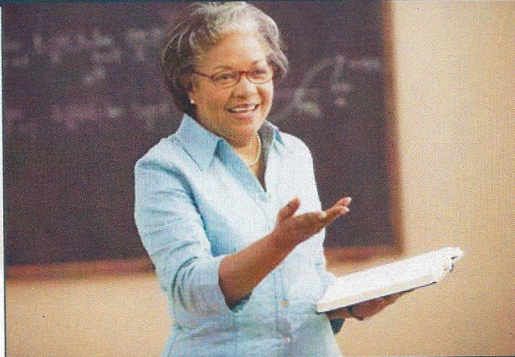
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Cellular teledensity	108.12% (2011)
Internet country code	.jm
Internet hosts	3,099 (2010)
Internet users	1.581 million (55.1% total population) (2011)
No. of cellular phones	3.103 million (2010)
International country code	876
International connectivity	CFX-1 cable connects directly to Boca Raton, USA. Fibralink cable, connects to the ARCOS via the Dominican Republic, which terminates in Miami Beach, USA. East-West cable connects to the Caribbean-Bermuda US, in the BVI, and terminates in New Jersey, USA.
Broadcast media	Privately-owned Radio Jamaica Limited and its subsidiaries operate multiple television stations, subscription cable services, and radio stations; 2 other privately-owned television stations broadcast; roughly 70 radio stations (2007)



EDUCATION

TERTIARY Institutions	147
Community and business colleges	5
Teachers' colleges	8
Universities	16
Private tertiary institutions	145
Tertiary institution enrolment 2010/11	68,993
No. of tertiary institution graduates 2009—11	15,030
SECONDARY Institutions	428
All Age (grades 7-9)	159
Primary & Junior High (Grades 7-9)	87
Secondary High	148
Technical High	14
Agricultural High	2
Independent Secondary (Private)	18
Secondary school enrolment 2010/11	260,371
PRIMARY Institutions	954
Primary	547
All Age	159
Primary & Junior High	87
Special Schools	29
Preparatory	132



DID YOU KNOW...

- Jamaica has emerged as the leading contact centre location in the English-speaking Caribbean
- Scotiabank's Jamaican facility won the 2012 Best Mid-sized Contact Centre in the Americas from Contact Center World
- Jamaica's Team Xormis are 2010 winners of the "Interoperability Award" at the Microsoft Imagine Cup
- Jamaica's e-learning project aims to transform education through technology across the school system
- Jamaica ranked 6th out of 151 countries in the 2012 Happy Planet Index

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