About

**Jimma** (JimmamOromo *Jimma*, Amharic: ጅማ), also spelled **Jima**, is the largest city in south-western Ethiopia. It is a special zone of the [Oromia Region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oromia_Region) and is surrounded by [Jimma Zone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimma_Zone). It has a latitude and longitude of [7°40′N 36°50′E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Jimma&params=7_40_N_36_50_E_region:ET_type:city%28159,009%29). The town was the capital of [Kaffa Province](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaffa_Province,_Ethiopia) until the province was dissolved. Prior to the 2007 census, Jimma was reorganized administratively as a special [Zone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zones_of_Ethiopia).

[Herbert S. Lewis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herbert_S._Lewis) states that in the early 1960s it was "the greatest market in all of south-western Ethiopia. On a good day in the dry season it attracts up to thirty thousand people."[[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimma#cite_note-1)

Based on the 2007 Census conducted by the [Central Statistical Agency](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Statistical_Agency_%28Ethiopia%29) of Ethiopia (CSA), this Zone has a total population of 120,960, of whom 60,824 are men and 60,136 women. With an area of 50.52 square kilometers, Jimma has a population density of 2,394.30 all are urban inhabitants. A total of 32,191 households were counted in this Zone, which results in an average of 3.76 persons to a household, and 30,016 housing units. The three largest ethnic groups reported in Jimma were the [Oromo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oromo_people) (46.71%), the [Amhara](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amhara_people) (17.14%) and the [Dawro](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dawro_people) (10.05%); all other ethnic groups made up 26.1% of the population. [Amharic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amharic_language) was spoken as a first language by 41.58% and 39.96% spoke [Afan Oromo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oromo_language); the remaining 18.46% spoke all other primary languages reported. The majority of the inhabitants said they practiced [Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethiopian_Orthodox_Christianity), with 46.84% of the population reporting they observed this belief, while 39.03% of the population were [Muslim](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_in_Ethiopia), and 13.06% were [Protestant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P%27ent%27ay).[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimma#cite_note-7)

PLACES TO

Palace of Abba Jifar

museum

Jimma University

several markets

Center specializes in agricultural research

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| **Elevation** | 1,780 m (5,840 ft) |
| **Population** (2012) | |
| **• Total** | 207,573 |