

# **JAMAICA**









## **GOVERNMENT**

#### **Chief of State**

Queen ELIZABETH II represented by Governor General Dr. Patrick L. ALLEN

#### **Head of Government**

President Andrew HOLNESS

# **Government Type**

parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

### Capital

Kingston

# Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (21 seats) and the House of Representatives (63 seats)

# **Judiciary**

Court of Appeal (consists of president of the court and a minimum of 4 judges; Supreme Court (40 judges organized in specialized divisions); note - appeals beyond Jamaica's highest courts are referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (in London)

#### **Ambassador to US**

Ambassador Audrey Patrice MARKS

#### **US Ambassador**

Ambassador (vacant); Charge d'Affaires Eric KHANT

# **GEOGRAPHY**

#### Area

Total: 10,991 sq km Land: 10,831 sq km Water: 160 sq km

## Climate

tropical; hot, humid; temperate interior

#### **Natural Resources**

bauxite, gypsum, limestone

# **ECONOMY**

#### **Economic Overview**

Jamaica derives 70% of its GDP from services, and most of its foreign exchange from tourism, remittances, and bauxite/ alumina exports; it has experienced slow growth due to corruption, redtape, high debt, and a bloated public sector

# **GDP** (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$26.06 billion (2017 est.)

# **GDP** per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$9,200 (2017 est.)

# **Exports**

\$1.31 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 39.1%, Netherlands 12.3%, Canada 8.4% (2017)

#### **Imports**

\$5.82 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 40.6%, Colombia 6.8%, Japan 5.8%, China 5.8%,

Trinidad and Tobago 4.7 (2017)

## **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

## **Population**

3 million (July 2017 est.)

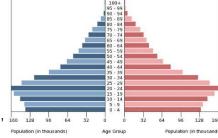
## **Population Growth**

0.68% (2017 est.)

# **Ethnicity**

black 92.1%, mixed 6.1%, Last Indian 0.8%, other

0.4%, unspecified 0.7% (2011 est.)



## Language

English, English patois

#### Religion

Protestant 64.8%, Roman Catholic 2.2%, Jehovah's Witness 1.9%, Rastafarian 1.1%, other 6.5%, none 21.3%, unspecified 2.3% (2011 est.)

#### Urbanization

urban population: 55.7% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.82% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

## Literacy

88.7% (2015 est.)

as of September 2018