

**United Nations Statistics Division: Demographic Yearbook**  
**Questionnaire on Metadata for Population and Housing Census**

Reporting country: [JAMAICA](#)

Population census date: [April 4, 2011](#)

Housing census date: [April 4, 2011](#)

**A. General population census information**

**1. Census information**

<b>Type of census</b>	
(a) Traditional census	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Register based census	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Combination	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Other, please specify <span style="background-color: #cccccc; display: inline-block; width: 50px; height: 1em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2. Type of population count and coverage**

<b>Type of population count</b>	
(a) De facto / population present	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) De jure / usual resident population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please specify whether the following population groups were enumerated in the census**

<b>Population group</b>	<b>Included</b>	<b>Excluded</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
(a) Nomads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Persons living in areas to which access is difficult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(e) Civilian residents who cross a frontier daily to work in another country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Civilian foreigners who do not cross a frontier daily and are in the country temporarily, including undocumented persons, or transients on ships in harbour at the time of the census	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(h) Civilian foreigners who cross a frontier daily to work in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(i) Refugees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
█	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
█	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 3. Estimated census completeness

Estimated completeness:	Both sexes	Male	Female
(a) Gross under-enumeration (specify unit: %)	18.10	17.75	17.93
(b) Gross over-enumeration (specify unit: █)	█	█	█
(c) Net error (specify unit: █)	█	█	█

Base denominator for this estimate is:	
(a) Enumerated population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Estimated "complete" population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Method(s) used in estimating completeness:	
(a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Date conducted: September 2011	
Size of sample (specify unit: %):	
For total area: %	5

For urban areas: %	5
For rural areas: %	5
Population groups excluded: <a href="#">institutional</a>	
(b) Demographic analysis, please specify: <a href="#">vital registration</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other methods, please specify: <span style="background-color: #cccccc; display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 1em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 4. Definition of urban/rural

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

In Jamaica, a place is classified as urban if it possesses a population of 2000 or more persons and provides a number of amenities and utilities that in Jamaica indicate modern living. The definition emphasizes population and land use and seeks to ensure that the urban landscape reflects a strong mix of commercial, industrial, residential and other urban land use functions. Urban areas consist of enumeration districts that when grouped together fit within the urban boundary.

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

[Any area not defined as urban.](#)

#### 5. Definition of cities

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

[Not defined](#)

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:

[Not defined](#)

#### 6. Definition of locality

The definition of a locality for this census is:

[Locality not defined but included here to represent areas termed 'Special Areas' There are three classes of Special Areas defined as :](#)

[Class A- all parish capitals and the Kingston Metropolitan Area, the official capital of Jamaica.](#)

[Class B- All urban \(as defined above\) centres, which are not parish capitals.](#)

[Class C: Rural areas of special interest.](#)

#### 7. Definition of literacy

The definition of “literate” and “illiterate” for this census is:

Not defined.

## **8. Educational attainment**

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Education (ISCED) for tabulating the population by educational attainment?

To a limited extent only and for current attendance only. The changing education system and a lack of a clear separation between formal and non-formal education makes it very complicated and would require a level of questioning not possible in the census.

If so, what revision?

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCED (specify revision number)?

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISCED (specify revision number).

## B. Economic characteristics

### 1. Activity status

What is the lower age limit for the collection of information on activity status in this census?

14 years

Is there a maximum age limit for collection of information on activity status for this census?

no

What reference period do you use to determine the economic activity of a person?

Past week

### 2. Definition of economically active population used in this census

Definition of economically active population	
(a) Usually active population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Currently active population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are the following groups considered economically active in the national tabulations?  
If not, please indicate how they are classified:

Economic group	Yes	No
(a) contributing (unpaid) family workers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) unemployed persons including those never previously employed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) armed forces;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) part-time workers even though they may spend most time at non-gainful activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) domestic servants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 3. Status in Employment

Do you follow the International Standard Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), for the classification of the Status in Employment in your country?

Yes. The only variation is with respect to the Contributing Family Worker whereby the category used is Unpaid Worker who may or may not be engaged in a family business.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ICSE-93?

If no, please point out the major deviations from ICSE-93.

#### **4. Occupation**

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Occupations (ISCO) for tabulating the employed population by occupation?

Yes.

If yes, what revision? 2008. For the 2011 census the classification for Jamaica was still in the developmental stage. Due to the stage of development at the time of the census, coding in many cases was restricted to the sub-major or minor group.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCO (specify revision number)?

If no, point out the major deviations from ISCO (specify revision number).

#### **5. Industry**

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) for tabulating the employed population by industry?

If so, what revision? REV 3

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISIC (specify revision number).

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISIC (specify revision number)..



## C. Household characteristics

### 1. Definitions

General definition of a household for this census is:

A household may consist of one person who lives alone or a group of persons who, as a unit, jointly occupy the whole or part of a dwelling unit, who have common arrangements for housekeeping, and who generally share at least one meal. The household may be composed of related persons only, of unrelated persons, or a combination of both.

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

Man and woman married or in consensual union living with one or more children of any age, married or unmarried, or man and woman married or in consensual union living without children of either.

Mother or father living with one or more children of any age, who may or may not be married.

### 2. Head of household / reference member

Definition	
Head of household, defined as follows: For census purposes, every household must have a head. The head is the person, man or woman, who generally carries the main responsibility in the affairs of the household. In any event, the person recognized by the respondent as the head, should be accepted as such, for census purposes. In the case of a group of unrelated persons sharing a dwelling on an equal basis, that member of the group whom the others acknowledge as such should be taken as the head. In a one-person household, that person is the head.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Reference member of household, defined as follows: Not defined	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other (for example: Joint head of household): Not defined	<input type="checkbox"/>



## D. Housing census characteristics

### 1. Housing information

What definition did you apply in this census for housing unit?

A Housing Unit is a building or buildings used for living purposes at the time of the census.

What definition did you apply in this census for conventional dwelling?

Conventional dwellings are those found in housing units classified as of the 'separate-detached' or 'attached' type.

#### ***Separate House-Detached***

This is the most common type of unit. This is the type usually constructed for occupation by a single household and which has open space on all four sides. Duplex houses separated by garages were included in this category.

#### ***Attached Units***

All units which are joined together by at least one wall. These include apartment buildings, townhouses, urbanas, quadrominiums etc.

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

No

What definition did you apply in this census for room?

The term 'room' is taken to include those used for general living purposes such as bedrooms, dining rooms, drawing rooms, family rooms, studios, helpers' rooms. Included also are rooms used for professional and business services. Excluded are garages, bathrooms, toilets, kitchens, verandahs, passages, closets, foyers, and the like. Where partitions of a durable nature are utilized the partitioned area is regarded as a room. Use of curtains to separate sections of a room is not considered however. Included in the count are all rooms as defined even if they were not all used on a regular basis.

This represents the total number of rooms occupied/accessed on a regular basis by the household. THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ROOMS IN A UNIT BUT RATHER THE NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR USE BY EACH HOUSEHOLD OCCUPYING THE UNIT.

### 2. Definition of cities

(as referred to in the Housing Census Questionnaire: City Data)

General definition of a city in the reporting country for this census

City not defined for census purposes. In Jamaica city status is conferred by an act of Parliament. Only two such cities exist-The Kingston Metropolitan Area (not to be

confused with parish Kingston) and Montego Bay, The two other places for which data are provided, Spanish Town and Portmore represent large urban centres with populations in excess of 100,000.



City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:



City 2 – Territory refers to:



City 3 – Territory refers to:



City 4 – Territory refers to:



## **E. Bibliography of Population and Housing Statistics**

Please list publications that contain results of your latest population census and your latest housing census:

Volume 1- General Report

Volume 2 – Age and Sex

Volume 3- Disability Indicators

Volume 4- Education

Volume 5- Birthplace, Residence and Migration

Upcoming (by September end)

Volume 8- Economic Activity

Volume 10 Parts A, B, C- Housing.