

Statistics Division - United Nations
Demographic Statistics Section-Questionnaire on Vital Statistics

QUALITY OF VITAL STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM CIVIL REGISTRATION

In order to check and bring up to date our information on the "basis of tabulation" and the "completeness of registration" of vital events in your country, and also to enable us to present in the Demographic Yearbook more details on the quality of your vital statistics, it would be appreciated if you would supply the following information by marking "X" in the appropriate column or specifying the year as requested:

	Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Late foetal deaths	Marriages	Divorces
I. Basis of tabulation						
Present basis of tabulation:						
date of occurrence	X	X	X		X	X
date of registration		X (BY MONTHS)				
How long has the present basis of tabulation been used?						
II. Estimated completeness of registration						
90 per cent or more	X				X	X
75-89 per cent		X				
50-74 per cent			X			
Under 50 per cent						
Please specify:						
(a) Year(s) to which completeness estimate refers	2002	1998	1998		2004	2004
(b) Basis of completeness estimate (*)						
-Demographic analysis						
-Dual record check		X	X			
-Questions in population census						
-Questions in sample surveys	X					
-Other (specify)						
-No evaluation						

QUALITY OF VITAL STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES

	Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Late foetal deaths	Marriages	Divorces
I. Basis of vital statistics estimates						
-Population censuses (date)						
-Sample surveys						
-Population registers						
-Dual record systems						
-Other (specify)						

(*) please include any published or unpublished reports describing completeness of registration and methods used in arriving at estimated completeness.

The data for births presented in all tables are as provided by the Civil Registration System. No adjustments have been made
The data for deaths presented in all tables have been adjusted for under-coverage as indicated above. The basis of these estimates of completeness is a study of Completeness of events occurring and registered in 1998 and 1999. The field work was conducted by The Statistical Institute of Jamaica and the University of the West Indies. The analysis was undertaken by the University of The West Indies. A description of the methodology and findings are contained in the report cited below:
McCaw-Binns et al Multi-Source Method for Determining Mortality in Jamaica: 1996 and 1998. Unpublished.