



# 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, red-tape, 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%, East 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.)

