

## JAMAICA

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**Capital:** Kingston **Time:** GMT - 5

**Background:** Jamaica gained full independence within the British Commonwealth in 1962. Deteriorating economic conditions during the 1970s led to recurrent violence and a dropoff in tourism. Elections in 1980 saw the democratic socialists voted out of office, and a more conservative government installed. Political violence marred elections during the 1990s.

**Location:** Caribbean, island in the Caribbean Sea, south of Cuba

**Map References:** Central America and the Caribbean

**Area:** total: 10,990 sq km land: 10,830 sq km water: 160 sq km

**Climate:** tropical; hot, humid; temperate interior

**Terrain:** mostly mountains, with narrow, discontinuous coastal plain

**Natural Resources:** bauxite, gypsum, limestone

**Population:** 2,652,689 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Jamaican(s) adjective: Jamaican

**Ethnic Groups:** black 90.9%, East Indian 1.3%, white 0.2%, Chinese 0.2%, mixed 7.3%, other 0.1%

**Religions:** Protestant 61.3% (Church of God 21.2%, Baptist 8.8%, Anglican 5.5%, Seventh-Day Adventist 9%, Pentecostal 7.6%, Methodist 2.7%, United Church 2.7%, Brethren 1.1%, Jehovah's Witness 1.6%, Moravian 1.1%), Roman Catholic 4%, other, including some spiritual cults 34.7%

**Languages:** English, Creole

**Economy:** Key sectors in this island economy are bauxite (alumina and bauxite account for more than half of exports) and tourism. Since assuming office in 1992, Prime Minister PATTERSON has eliminated most price controls, streamlined tax schedules, and privatized government enterprises. Continued tight monetary and fiscal policies have helped slow inflation - although inflationary pressures are mounting - and stabilize the exchange rate, but have resulted in the slowdown of economic growth (moving from 1.5% in 1992 to 0.5% in 1995). In 1996, GDP showed negative growth (-1.4%) and remained negative through 1999. Serious problems include: high interest rates; increased foreign competition; the weak financial condition of business in general resulting in receiverships or closures and downsizings of companies; the shift in investment portfolios to non-productive, short-term high yield instruments; a pressured, sometimes sliding, exchange rate; a widening merchandise trade deficit; and a growing internal debt for government bailouts to various ailing sectors of the economy, particularly the financial sector. Depressed economic conditions in 1999 led to increased civil unrest, including a mounting crime rate. Jamaica's medium-term prospects will depend upon encouraging investment in the productive sectors, maintaining a competitive exchange rate, stabilizing the labor environment, selling off reacquired firms, and implementing proper fiscal and monetary policies.

**Industries:** tourism, bauxite, textiles, food processing, light manufactures, rum, cement, metal, paper, chemical products

**Currency:** 1 Jamaican dollar (J\$) = 100 cents

**Railways:** total: 370 km standard gauge: 370 km 1.435-m gauge; note - 207 km belong to the Jamaica Railway Corporation in common carrier service, but are no longer operational; the remaining track is privately owned and used to transport bauxite

**Highways:** total: 18,700 km paved: 13,100 km unpaved: 5,600 km (1997 est.)

**Ports and Harbors:** Alligator Pond, Discovery Bay, Kingston, Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, Port Antonio, Rocky Point, Port Esquivel (Longwharf)

**Airports:** 36 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 11 2,438 to 3,047 m: 2 1,524 to 2,437 m: 1 914 to 1,523 m: 3 under 914 m: 5 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 25 914 to 1,523 m: 2 under 914 m: 23 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** not required from nationals of the EU, Commonwealth, Japan, and USA

**Duty Free:** goods permitted: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g of tobacco, 1 litre of spirit, 1 litre of wine, 240ml of eau de toilette, 150g of perfume.

**Health:** a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over 1 year of age coming from infected areas.

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