

# JAMAICA



## **BRIEF**

**Official Name:** Jamaica

**Area:** 10,991 sq. km. (4,244 sq. mi.).

**Capital:** Kingston (pop. 650,000).

**Population (2005 UN estimate)** 2, 673, 800

**Currency :** Jamaica Dollar

**Terrain:** Mountainous interior, with coastal plains.

**Climate:** Tropical

**Airport:** Norman Manley International Airport  
Donald Sangster International Airport

Source: *CRNM Information Unit 2008*

## **MAP**



Source: Yahoo Maps (2008)



## HEAD OF STATE:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II  
H. E. The Most Hon Sir Kenneth O. Hall, ON, GCMG, OJ  
(Governor-General)

## HEAD OF GOVERNMENT:

The Hon. O. Bruce Golding, MP  
(Prime Minister and Minister of Defence)

## Government

**Type:** Constitutional parliamentary democracy

**Independence:** 6<sup>th</sup> August 1962

**Branches:** ***Executive***--Governor General (chief of state, representing British monarch), Prime minister (head of government), cabinet.  
***Legislative***--bicameral Parliament (21 appointed senators, 60 elected representatives).  
***Judicial***—Privy Council in London, Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and resident magistrate's courts

### Administrative

**Subdivisions:** 14 parishes and 60 electoral constituencies

### Political

**Parties:** People's National Party (PNP), Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), National Democratic Movement (NDM), United Peoples Party (UPP)

## International Treaties and Trade Agreements

### TRADE AGREEMENTS IN FORCE

#### MULTILATERAL

[World Trade Organization \(WTO\) Agreements](#)

#### CUSTOMS UNIONS

[Caribbean Community \(CARICOM\)](#)



## FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Dominican Republic

## PARTIAL PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Colombia  
CARICOM – Venezuela

## TRADE AGREEMENTS SIGNED, BUT NOT IN FORCE

### PARTIAL PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Costa Rica

### BILATERAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Costa Rica

Source: [http://www.sice.oas.org/agreements\\_e.asp](http://www.sice.oas.org/agreements_e.asp)

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## Important Links

### GOVERNMENT PORTAL:

<http://www.e-jamaica.gov.jm>



Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM) Focal Point

## LINKS TO GOVERNMENT:

**Jamaica Information Service** – <http://www.jis.gov.jm>  
**Cabinet Office** – <http://www.cabinet.gov.jm>  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade** – <http://www.mfaft.gov.jm>  
**Ministry of Transport and Works** – <http://www.mtw.gov.jm>  
**Ministry of Environment** – <http://www.mle.gov.jm>  
**Ministry of Labour and Social Security** – <http://www.lmis-ele.org.jm>  
**Ministry of Commerce, Science and Technology** – <http://www.mct.gov.jm>  
**Ministry of Agriculture** – <http://www.agriculture.gov.jm>  
**Ministry of Education** – <http://www.moec.gov.jm>  
**Ministry of Health** – <http://www.moh.gov.jm>  
**Ministry of Finance and Planning** – <http://www.mof.gov.jm>  
**Ministry of Tourism** – <http://www.visitjamaica.com>  
**Jamaica Tourist Board** – <http://www.visitjamaica.com>  
**Jamaica Promotions Corporation** – <http://www.investjamaica.com>  
**Embassy of Jamaica in Washington, D. C. (USA)** – <http://www.jamaicanembassy.org>  
**Embassy of Jamaica in Berlin (Germany)** – <http://www.jamador.de>  
**Embassy of Jamaica in Tokyo (Japan)** – <http://www.jamaicaemb.jp>  
**Embassy of Jamaica in Beijing (China)** – <http://www.jamaicagov.cn>  
**Jamaican High Commission in London (UK)** – <http://www.jhcuk.org>  
**Jamaican High Commission in Pretoria (South Africa)** – <http://www.jhcpretoria.co.za>  
**Jamaican High Commission in Ottawa (Canada)** – <http://www.jhcottawa.ca>  
**Consulate-General of Jamaica in New York (USA)** – <http://www.congenjamaica-ny.org>  
**Consulate of Jamaica in Chicago (USA)** – <http://www.jamaicanconsulatechicago.org>  
**National Library of Jamaica** – <http://www.nlj.org.jm>  
**Bank of Jamaica** – <http://www.boj.org.jm>  
**Central Information Technology Office** – <http://www.cito.gov.jm>

## LINKS TO PRIVATE SECTOR:

**Private Sector Organization of Jamaica** – <http://www.psoj.org>  
**Jamaica Diaspora Organization** – <http://www.jamaicandiaspora.org>  
**Jamaica Exporters Association** – <http://www.exportja.org>  
**Jamaica Manufacturing Association** – <http://www.jma.com.jm>  
**University of the West Indies (Mona Campus)** – <http://www.uwimona.edu.jm>  
**University of Technology, Jamaica** – <http://www.utech.edu.jm>  
**Northern Caribbean University** – <http://www.ncu.edu.jm>  
**University College of the Caribbean** – <http://www.uccjm.com>

## WTOTRADE POLICY REVIEW:

Jamaica:

- [Secretariat report](#)
- [Government report](#)



## Media Institutions

**Jamaica Observer** – <http://www.jamaicaobserver.com>

**Jamaica Gleaner** – <http://www.jamaica-gleaner.com>

**Jamaica Herald** – <http://www.sunheraldjamaica.com>

**CVM Television** – <http://www.cvmtv.com>

**Television Jamaica (TVJ)** – <http://www.televisionjamaica.com>

