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**COUNTRY REPORT: JAMAICA**

AREA OF STATISTICS	DATA PRODUCTION (Tables etc.)	DATA DISSEMINATED	DATA GAPS	BEST PRACTICES/ CHALLENGES	RESOURCES REQUIRED (Technical Assistance Training Applied or Required)	USE OF TECHNOLOGY
<b>DEMOGRAPHIC &amp; SOCIAL STAISTICS</b>						
<b>Census 2011</b>	All subject reports (except for ethnicity) and all Parish Reports except for one parish were completed	All subject reports released. Data available in digital format and on web site.				SPSS, Excel, Word
<b>Demographic Statistics</b>	Tables on population size and composition, births, deaths, migration, marriages, divorces and family planning	Data released in the annual Demographic Report. Data available in digital format and on web site		STATIN has signed an MOU with the Passport Immigration and Citizenship Agency for the sharing of electronic data sets on passenger movements through the international airports. This should improve data on migration statistics.		SPSS, SAS, Word, Excel, Statin's Data base Management System (DMS)
<b>Labour Force Statistics</b>	Main Labour Force statistics such as employment and unemployment, industry, occupation, status in employment, participation rate, duration of employment, duration of unemployment, reason for not being in the labour force, employment in the informal sector etc.	Data released in quarterly bulletins and an annual report. Released via press release. Data available on web site, in digital or hard copy		Timeliness currently does not meet SDDS requirements of quarterly release, three months after the reference period. Currently being released 4 months after the reference period.		Microsoft Visual Studio.Net Framework, sql server database used in the data collection, editing and coding process. CSPRO used for edit checks SAS used to run the tables
<b>Survey of Living Conditions</b>	A joint effort between the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) and STATIN. Tables on topics such as household consumption, education,	Data released in annual Survey of Living Conditions	2	Improvement on timeliness of the report is required		Microsoft Visual Studio.Net Framework, sql server database

	health, nutrition, housing and demographic characteristics. Data are used to monitor and evaluate national policies for measuring the standard of living of the Jamaican people.					used in the data collection, editing and coding process. CSPRO used for edit checks SAS used to run the tables
<b>School to Work Transition Survey</b>	Conducted in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security. Provides data on the transition of youth from school to work	This survey was undertaken in 2013 and published and released in hard copy. Also available on STATIN's website				
<b>Other Social Statistics</b>	Report currently in development to provide data on education, health, crime					Excel

## ECONOMIC STATISTICS

### NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

<b>Annual National Accounts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GDP by expenditure at current and constant prices</li> <li>• GDP by income in current prices</li> <li>• Generation and use of disposable income</li> <li>• Capital accounts</li> <li>• Rest of the world accounts</li> <li>• GDP by industry in current and constant prices</li> </ul>	Released in National Income and Product Report 2013- released July 2014 Data available on web site, in digital or hard copy		Based on 1993 SNA and series linked back to 1990 Base year for the constant price series is 2007		SNA PC, Excel, Access, SAS
<b>Quarterly GDP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GDP by industry in current and constant prices</li> </ul>	Released via press release Quarterly GDP reports- released with 3 month lag Data available on web site, in		Disseminated according to IMF's SDDS guidelines Series from 1996 is available		Excel and MS Access, SAS

		digital or hard copy				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GDP by expenditure in current and constant prices under construction</li> </ul>					Excel and MS Access, SAS
<b>Supply and Use and Input/output tables</b>	2011 under construction based on 2008 SNA	Last release was 2007 tables published level 57 commodity groups, 53 industries				SNA PC, Excel and MS Access, SAS
<b>Implementation of 2008 SNA</b>	Work is on-going on the implementation of the SNA 2008				Technical assistance on introduction of some concepts	
<b>Tourism Satellite Account</b>	Tables from 2007 to 2012		Employment in tourism industries	All recommended tables except for tourism capital formation	Working with CTO/regional project	SNA PC, Excel, SAS
<b>INDICES</b>						
<b>Consumer Price Index</b>	All Jamaica and three regional indices produced	Monthly bulletins and annual report Released via press release Data available on web site, in digital or hard copy		Disseminated according to IMF's SDDS guidelines		Microsoft Visual Studio.Net Framework, sql server database used in the data collection, editing and coding process Excel and MS Publisher used in preparing the tables
<b>Producer Price Index</b>	Output price index for Mining & Quarrying and Manufacturing industries	Monthly bulletins and annual report Released via press release Data available on web site, in digital or hard copy		Disseminated according to IMF's SDDS guidelines		Excel and MS Publisher
	Development of PPI for the Agriculture industry underway					

<b>Trade Indices</b>	Monthly import and export unit value indices currently being developed				Technical assistance required	STATIN DMS, SAS, Excel and Access
<b>Production volume index</b>	Currently being developed for Mining & Quarrying and Manufacturing industries			Required as part of Jamaica subscribing to the IMF's SDDS by 2016	Technical assistance required	
<b>OTHER ECONOMIC STATISTICS</b>						
Employment, Earnings & Hours Worked	Quarterly tables produced	Annual report produced Data available on web site, in digital or hard copy		low response rate Timeliness currently does not meet SDDS requirements of quarterly release, three months after the reference period		Excel
<b>International Merchandise Trade</b>	Monthly and Annual Tables	Monthly bulletins and annual report Released via press release Data available on web site, in digital or hard copy		Timeliness currently does not meet SDDS requirements of 8 weeks after the reference period. Currently being produced 10-12 weeks after the reference period Lag in producing detailed tables		STATIN DMS, SAS, Excel and Access
<b>Trade in Services Statistics</b>	Currently being developed in conjunction with the Central Bank					SNA PC, Excel
<b>MULTI-DOMAIN STATISTICS</b>						
Environment Statistics	Energy Statistics; provided data on global reserves, production and consumption of energy resources and an analysis of available statistics on energy in Jamaica.	Data available in digital or hard copy				Excel, Word, Publisher
System of Environment Economic	Review of the Work Programme - to be linked with the SNA 2008				Technical Assistance needed	

Accounting						
<b>Information and Communication Technology (ICT) indicators</b>	Core ICT Access and Use indicators (for households and individuals)	Submitted to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in compliance with Jamaica's membership obligations				SPSS, Excel
<b>Business Register</b>	Establishment/Business Demography	Data produced upon request and utilized for the selection of establishment samples	The Business Register is weak especially for establishments employing under ten	A Large Establishment Survey scheduled for 2015 will provide a expansion of the Business Register	Technical Assistance needed to improve capture and maintenance of a Business Register; creating a unique identifier and time-stamping of business deaths.	D-Base2 relational database.; IBM's Web sphere Application Server (WAS) as the application interface to users. The application is integrated with SAS (Statistical Analysis Software) for conducting database queries

**Classification Systems:**

- **Jamaica Standard Occupational Classification (JSOC)** ; Detailed structure and 5-digit codes for all occupations have been created and definitions completed for all occupations. A consulting firm contracted was contracted by STATIN to do a verification of the definitions.
- **The Jamaica Industrial Classification (JIC)** ; This classification has been revised in accordance with ISIC Rev.4. Structure has been revised at the five digit level.