



POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2011



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THE 2011 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS...BE COUNTED...

Census takers will be in the field for another month to complete the count for the **2011 Population and Housing Census**.

Considerable progress has been made over the last two months of data collection but particular challenges remain for this complex undertaking. Access to gated premises, communities and apartment buildings continues to be problematic. Of concern as well have been the numerous return visits by some census takers to various households without positive response – and there have been individuals, on occasions, refusing to provide the required information.

The Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), the organization conducting the 2011 Census, is again appealing to the public to engage the census takers across the country and to provide honest answers to the questions being asked given the importance of this exercise to national development.

We must all be counted – as the information that is collected provides data on population size, age and sex composition, geographic distribution, housing characteristics and facilities that have crucial bearing on the social aspects of all households. It's therefore critical to both the public and private sector - providing the plan and platform for all areas of development.

By virtue of the **Statistics Act** the information collected is private and confidential. It can only be published in aggregated format that prevents the identification of any individual or business. Accordingly, each employee is required to take the **Oath of Secrecy** as prescribed by the said **Act**.

STATIN, for the period remaining, is appealing to occupants of apartments, town houses, strata units and other residences who have not yet been counted, to call the **Statistical Institute of Jamaica, 926-5311** or email **comcen@statinja.gov.jm**.

Let's all be counted – let's make it count!

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